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Arapaho Pass Trail #904

Difficulty: Moderate

Trail Use: Extremely Heavy

Length: Fourth of July Trailhead (TH) to Diamond Lake Trail - 1.2; Arapaho Glacier Trail - 2.1; Arapaho Pass - 3.3 miles. DISTANCES ARE ONE-WAY.

Elevation: 10,100 feet at the TH; 11,245 feet at Fourth of July Mine; 11,906 feet at Arapaho Pass.

Open To: Hiking. Groups of 12 or fewer. Pets must be on a hand-held leash at all times.

Access

- From Nederland, head south on Colorado Highway 119 for 0.5 miles. Turn west onto County Road 130 (Eldora Ski Resort sign). Stay on the main road and through the town of Eldora.
- Once the pavement ends continue another five miles to the Fourth of July TH. This portion of the road is rough and passable in a passenger car only during the summer months.
- This trailhead sees extremely high use, especially on weekends, and parking is limited.

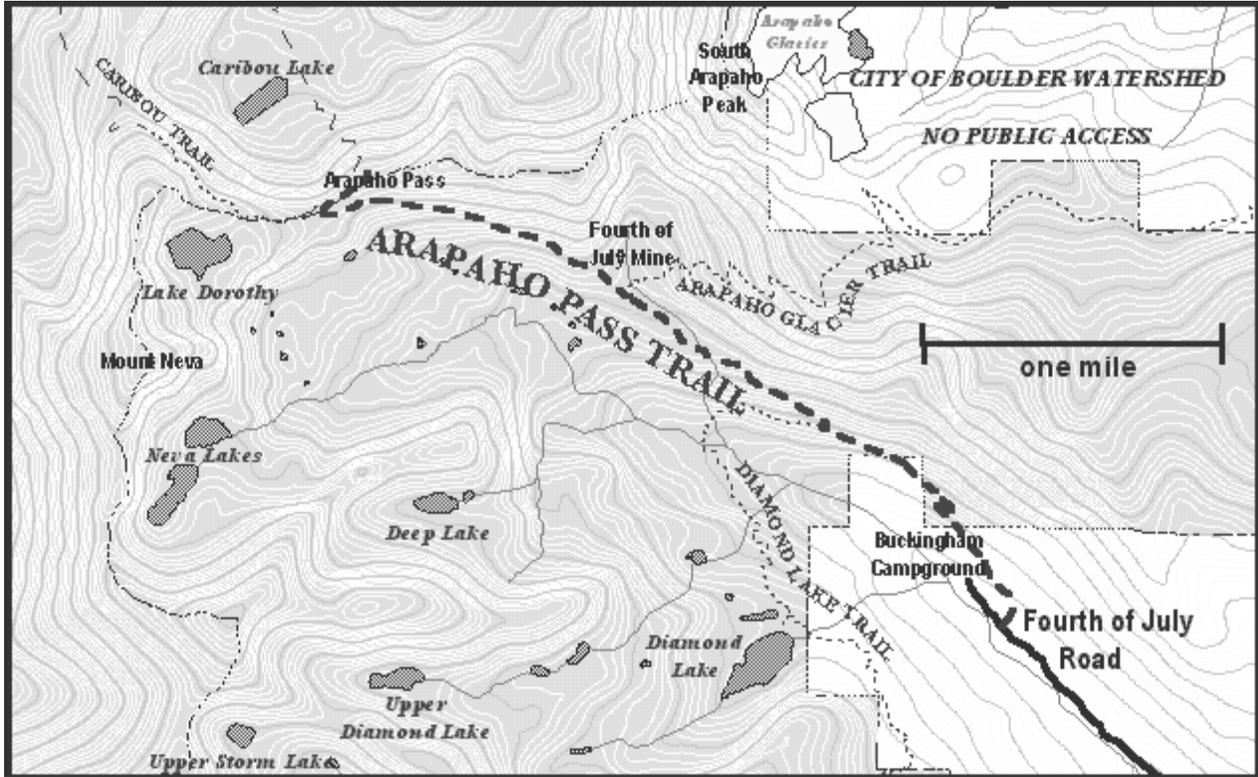
Trail Highlights

- From the Fourth of July TH, the Arapaho Pass Trail climbs the wooded, northern slope of the North Fork, Middle Boulder Creek drainage into the Indian Peaks Wilderness and intersects with the Diamond Lake Trail #975 before continuing onto the Fourth of July Mine (elevation 11,245 feet). In June and early July, significant snow fields and high water crossings exist along portions of this trail.
- At the mine, the Arapaho Glacier Trail #905 intersects. The Arapaho Pass Trail continues west 1.2 miles to Arapaho Pass (elevation 11,906 feet).
- For a side trip, continue west along the ridge for about 0.25 miles to visit Lake Dorothy (elevation 12,061 feet). The Caribou Trail continues on an impressive old road, blasted into a cliff, to Caribou Pass. Some parts of this trail are narrow and not for the faint of heart.
- The Arapaho Pass Trail continues north (right) and drops 750 feet down a series of switchbacks to Caribou Lake. From here, a nine-mile hike on this trail leads to Monarch Lake.

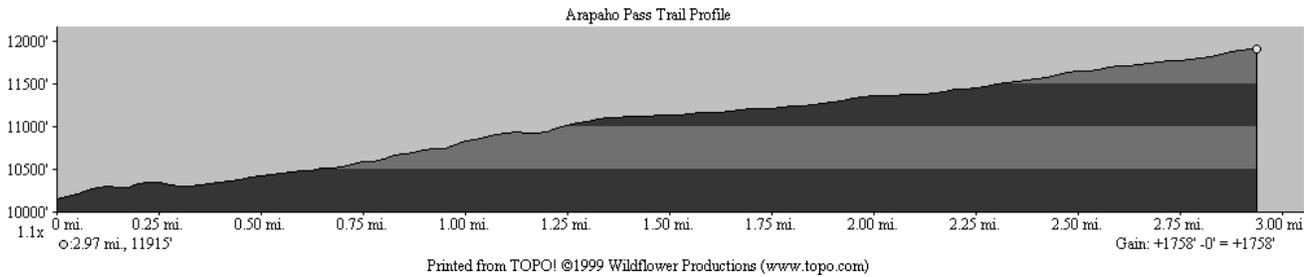
Important Information

- CAMPFIRES NOT ALLOWED IN MOST AREAS. PERMITS REQUIRED FOR OVERNIGHT STAYS INSIDE THE INDIAN PEAKS WILDERNESS FROM JUNE 1 - SEPTEMBER 15.
- Additional permit requirements exist for large (8-12 persons) and organized groups. Groups of more than 12 are not permitted. Packstock restrictions apply.
- Camping and campfires are prohibited within 0.25 miles of the centerline along the entire length of the Fourth of July Road. This route is open seasonally. The campground and facilities located at this trailhead is managed by the City of Boulder and no campfires are permitted.

Trail Map & Profile



This map is intended as a general guide only and not for actual land navigation.



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