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James Peak Lake Trail # 804 & Ute Trail # 803

Difficulty: Moderate

Trail Use: Low

Length: James Peak Lake Trailhead (TH) to James Peak Lake - 1.1 miles; to Little Echo Lake - 0.9 miles; to Rogers Pass - 5 miles. DISTANCES ARE ONE-WAY.

Elevation: 11,600 feet at the TH; 11,185 feet at Little Echo Lake; 12,400 feet at the Continental Divide; 11,860 feet at Rogers Pass; 13,294 feet at James Peak.

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

Access

- From Nederland, travel south 4.5 miles on Colorado Highway 119 to the town of Rollinsville.
- Turn west onto the gravel County Road 16 head west for approximately five miles.
- At the town site of Tolland, take a left onto County Road 4N.
- After 3.5 miles take a right onto National Forest System Road (NFSR) 353. This is a rough and narrow native surface road. High clearance vehicles with 4WD are recommended.
- Follow NFSR 353 west for 3.3 miles to the James Peak Lake TH.

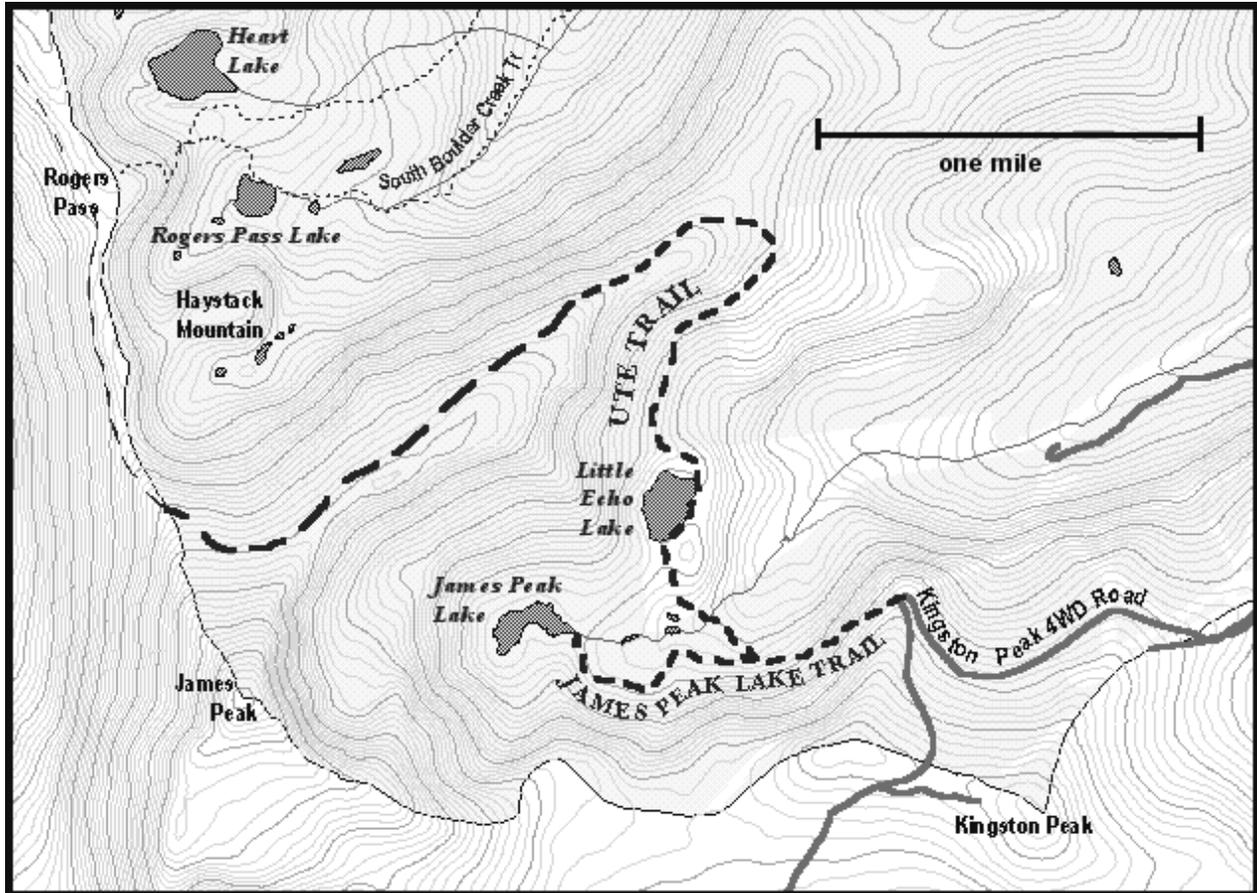
Trail Highlights

- The James Peak Lake TH lies above timberline. From the trailhead, the James Peak Lake Trail drops 500 feet over 0.5 miles to James Peak Lake, set below James Peak.
- At the bottom of the slope, near where it enters the trees, the Ute Trail forks to the right (north).
- To get to James Peak Lake, follow the left fork another 0.7 miles up the valley.
- Following the Ute Trail from its intersection with the James Peak Lake Trail, you will cross the valley and Mammoth Creek. A slight climb for a half mile leads to Little Echo Lake.
- The Ute Trail continues northward, slanting up the side of the ridge before taking a sharp turn to the west as it gains the ridgetop. On the ridge, the Ute Trail joins a closed road from Nebraska Hill. Three miles from Echo Lake, the trail reaches the Continental Divide.
- At this point, you can leave the Ute Trail to hike left (south) up the ridge to James Peak. The Ute Trail swings back northward to follow the Continental Divide for about a mile to Roger's Pass (11,860 feet). From here you can pick up the South Boulder Creek Trail #900.

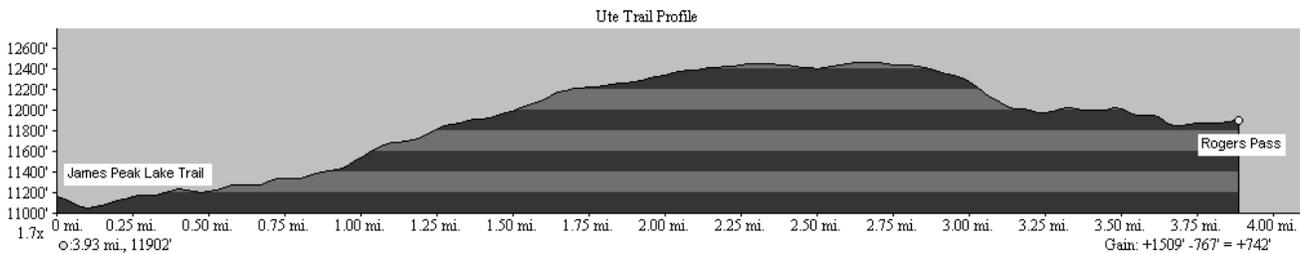
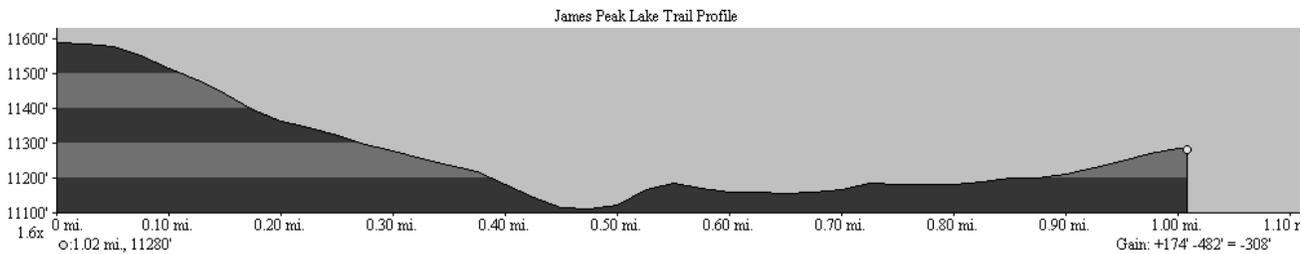
Important Information

- NFSR 353 is open seasonally. Because of the poor road conditions, this trail network is low use and often overgrown in the basin areas.
- CAMPFIRES ARE NOT ALLOWED. Permits are not required for overnight stays inside the James Peak Wilderness. However, other wilderness regulations apply.
- Little Echo Lake is located on private land. Please respect private property. Stay on the trail.

Trail Map & Profile



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



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