



CONUNDRUM TRAIL #1981 → 13.1 MILES ONE WAY

DIFFICULTY: Difficult

SEASON OF USE: Summer through fall.

ELEVATION GAIN: Trailhead is at 9,920', Triangle Pass is at 13,000', and the intersection with Copper Creek Trail #983 is at 11,400'.

USGS MAPS: Gothic, Maroon Bells, Hayden Peak

ACCESS: From Crested Butte, go north 6 miles on Gothic Road #317 to road #317.3A. Park two-wheel drive vehicles at the available parking near the intersection. Four-wheel drive vehicles can proceed up this road $\frac{1}{2}$ mile to the Copper Creek Trailhead. Follow Copper Creek Trail #983 for about 4.5 miles to the intersection with Conundrum Trail.

ATTRACTIONS: The main attraction on this route is the Conundrum Hot Springs. These 100° F pools are heavily used during the summer months. Be prepared to share your experience with many enthusiasts, including those who prefer to bath in the nude. The hot springs are approximately 9 miles from the trailhead.

CONSIDERATIONS: A permit is required for entry into the Maroon Bells-Snowmass Wilderness. These are free and can be found at the trailhead register boxes. The trail is accessible for foot and horse travel ONLY. There are many creek crossings! Be prepared for cold, swift, and possibly deep water. Group size is limited to 10 persons and 15 pack animals. Pets must be on a leash. Having fires, pets, or hitching pack or saddle animals is not allowed within $\frac{1}{4}$ mile of Conundrum Hot Springs or Copper Lake. Camping is not allowed within 100 feet of any water source, within $\frac{1}{4}$ mile of treeline or above treeline, or within $\frac{1}{4}$ mile of the hot springs and Copper Lake unless in a designated site. Only pelletized feed and rolled grains are acceptable livestock feed. Please use Leave No Trace ethics. This hike is more suitable for backpacking as it is a long walk for a day hike.



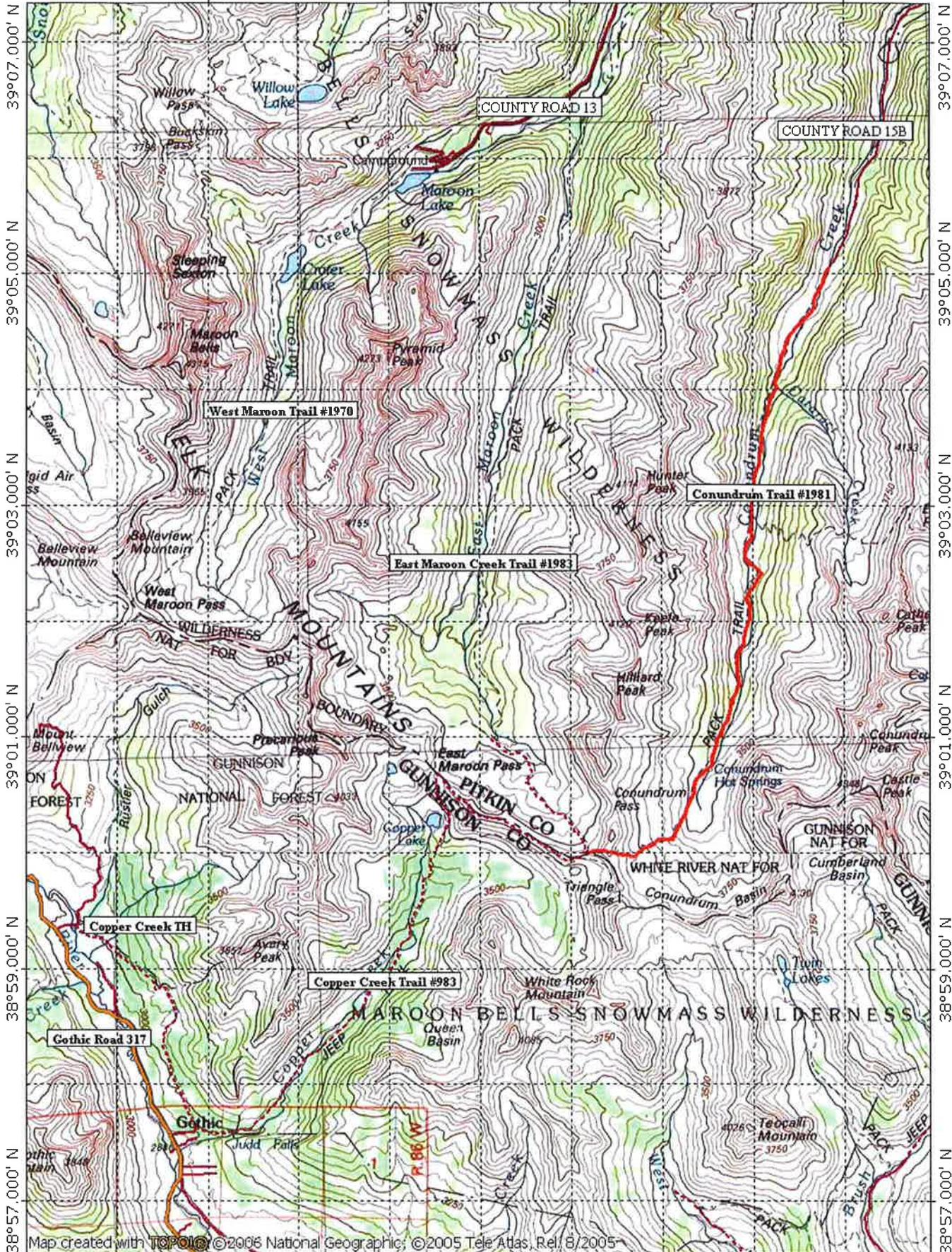
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