



Costo Lake Trail # 425 → 2.2 MILES One Way

DIFFICULTY: Easy to Moderate

SEASON OF USE: Summer and fall

ELEVATION GAIN: 9,640 to 9,940 feet elevation

USGS MAP: Anthracite Range Quad

ACCESS #1: From the north, travel west 12 miles from Crested Butte to the Cliff Creek Trail head at Horse Ranch Park. Hike south on the Cliff Creek Trail #840, over Beckwith Pass, to the Lowline Trail #438. Continue south, cross Castle Creek and hike $\frac{1}{4}$ mile to the Costo Lake Trail. The trail begins just south of the Lowline and Mill-Castle trails junction. Costo Lake is 2.2 miles further.

ACCESS #2: From the east, travel north approximately 16 miles on the Ohio Creek Road #730 to the Swamy Pass/Pass Creek Trailhead. Hike west on the Swampy Trail #439 to the Pass Creek Trail #563. Hike south, then west to the Lowline Trail #438 in Castle Creek. Continue south, cross Castle Creek and hike $\frac{1}{4}$ mile to the Costo Lake Trail. One way it is 7 miles to Costo Lake Trail via this route. The trail begins just south of the Lowline and Mill-Castle Trails junction.

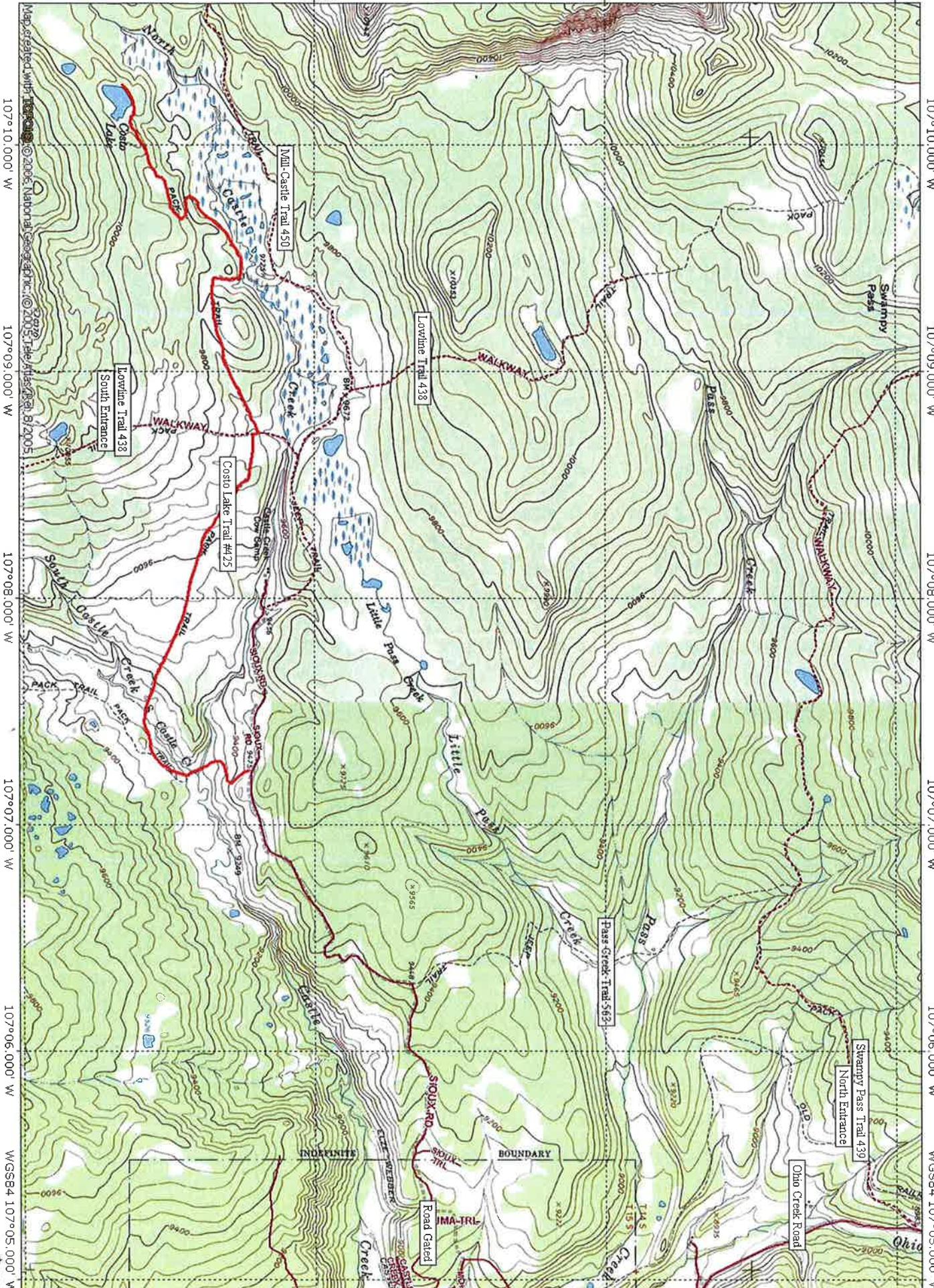
ACCESS #3: From the south, travel north approximately 8 miles on the Ohio Creek Road #730 to the Mill Creek Road #727. Travel west (turn left) on the Mill Creek Road 3.5 miles to the Lowline Trailhead #438, or 4.5 miles to the Mill-Castle Trailhead #450 (at the end of the road). Hike north on the Lowline Trail #438, 8 miles one-way to Costo Lake Trail or hike west then northeast on the Mill-Castle Trail #450, 11 miles one-way to the Costo Lake Trailhead.

ATTRACTIONS: Due to the different access points a wide variety of scenery can be viewed. Elevation varies along the route with often significant elevation gain / loss. When leaving the Costo Lake follow the same route that brought you there - as there is no other trail out.

CONSIDERATIONS: Costo Lake Trail is accessed only via other trails. There is no public access to Costo Lake Trailhead from the Castle Creek

Road # 728 because the road is gated off where it crosses through the Wilderness Streams subdivision. The trail is closed to all wheeled vehicle travel because of its location in the West Elk Wilderness Area. While at Costo Lake, please tether horses/pack stock and use existing campsites more than 200 feet from the lake's edge and out of view from others.





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107°10.000' W 107°09.000' W 107°08.000' W 107°07.000' W 107°06.000' W 107°05.000' W

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