



Browns Lake Trail (#941)

Canyon Lakes Ranger District
Arapaho & Roosevelt National Forests
2150 Centre Ave., Bldg. E, Ft. Collins, CO 80526
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Wilderness: Comanche Peak

Difficulty Rating: strenuous

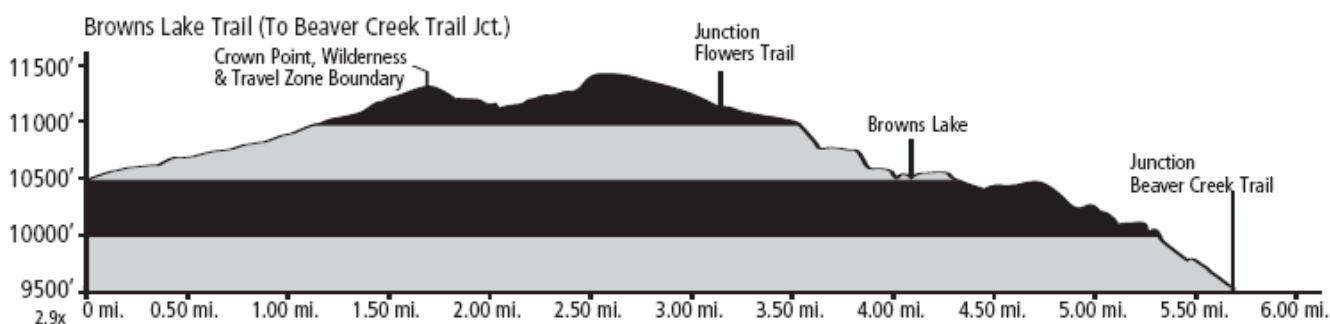
One-way Length: 5.7 miles

Use: heavy

Beginning Elevation: 10,480 feet

Quadrangle Maps: Kinikinik and
Comanche Peak

Peak Elevation: 11,430 feet



Access: Travel 11 miles northwest of Fort Collins on U.S. Highway 287 to Colorado Highway 14. Turn left on CO 14, and travel 26 miles to County Road 63E, Pingree Park Road. Turn left and travel 5 miles to Forest Road 139, Crown Point Road. Turn right and travel 12 miles to the trailhead parking on the right side of the road.

Trail Information: The trail is south across the road from the trailhead parking lot. The trail ascends to a ridge just west of the Crown Point summit at the boundary of the Comanche Peak Wilderness and the northern edge of the Browns Lake travel zone. From here the Mummy Range can be seen to the south, the Medicine Bow range to the west, and the Snowy Range in Wyoming to the north. After a mile through a tundra valley and over another crest, the trail descends, crosses the Flowers Trail (#939) near the remains of an old shepherd's cabin, and continues down to Browns Lake. The trail passes between Browns Lake and Timberline Lake then continues descending for 1½ miles before intersecting the Beaver Creek Trail (#942).

Trail Regulations

- Dogs must be on a hand held leash

General Wilderness Regulations

- No motorized or mechanized equipment
- Camps, campfires, and stock, where allowed, at least 200 feet from water and trails
- Group size limited to 12 people or stock animals combined

Wilderness Travel Zone Regulations

- Camping allowed only in designated sites
- No campfires – stoves only
- Overnight stock use prohibited