

Rawah Trail (#961)



Lost Lake (#982), Sandbar Lakes (#972), Twin Crater Lakes (#962)

Canyon Lakes Ranger District

Arapaho & Roosevelt National Forests

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Wilderness: Rawah

Difficulty Rating: strenuous

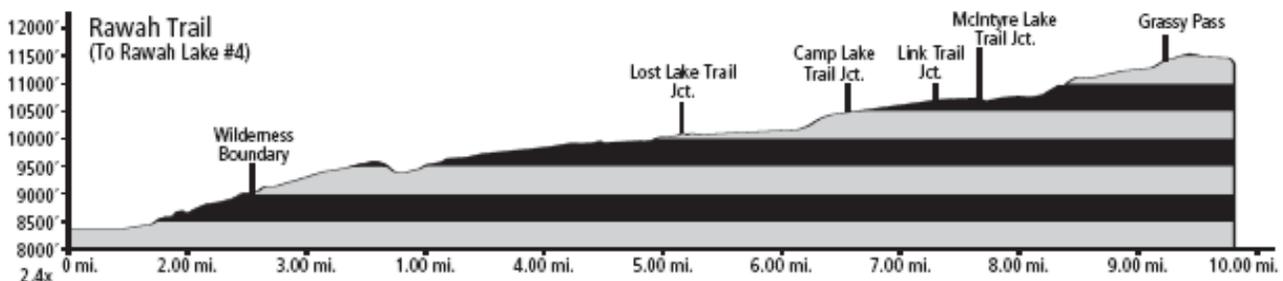
One-way Length: 13.1 miles

Use: moderate

Beginning Elevation: 8,377 feet

Quadrangle Map: Rawah Lakes

Peak Elevation: 11,260 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 52 miles to County Road 103, Laramie River Road. Turn right and travel north 13 miles to parking on the right and the trailhead on the left.

Trail Information: The first half-mile is flat and bordered closely by private land which requires staying on the trail. A significant section of this portion is often covered by water during the early season and may be boggy the rest of the time. The trail starts to climb as it enters the Rawah Wilderness. The mile-long trail to Lost Lake branches to the right about 6 miles from the Rawah trailhead. After another mile, a junction with the Camp Lake trail (#968) leads left toward Camp Lake, Upper and Lower Sandbar Lakes and Big Rainbow Lake. The trail to the right leads to Rawah Lake #1 where it meets with the south ends of both Link trail (#963) and McIntyre Lake trail (#964) before continuing on to other Rawah Lakes. It then ascends four hundred feet to cross over Grassy Pass, then follows the North Fork of the Laramie River, and ends at an intersection with the West Branch Trail (#960). A mile-long spur trail to the south ascends along the North Fork stream to Twin Crater Lakes.

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

Closure Regulations

- Alpine area closure, stoves only above 10,800 feet elevation (tree line)