

# West Branch Trail (#960) Camp Lake Trail (#968)



Canyon Lakes Ranger District  
Arapaho & Roosevelt National Forests  
2150 Centre Ave., Bldg. E, Ft. Collins, CO 80526  
www.fs.usda.gov/goto/arp/clrdrecreation (970) 295-6700

**Wilderness:** Rawah

**One-way Length:** Trail #960 6.7 miles  
Trail #968 6.1 miles

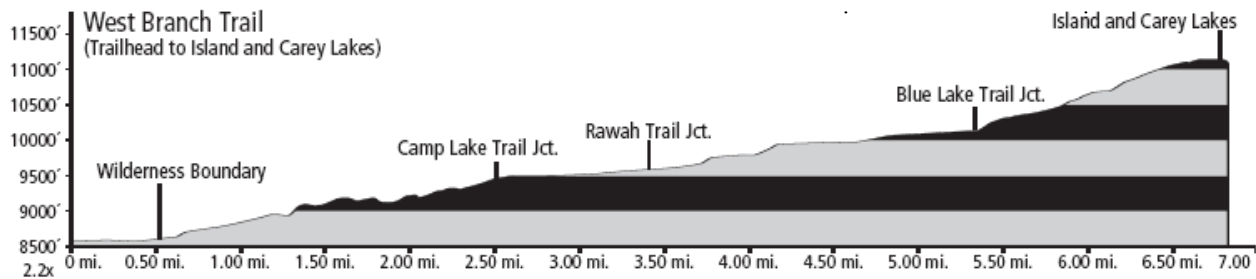
**Beginning Elevation:** 8,560 feet

**Peak Elevation:** Trail #960 11,130 feet  
Trail #968 10,600 feet

**Difficulty Rating:** strenuous

**Use:** heavy

**Quadrangle Maps:** Clark Peak, Boston Peak, Rawah Lakes, and Chambers Lake



**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 about 6 miles to trailhead parking on the left just past Tunnel Campground.

**Trail Information:** The West Branch Trail crosses a bridge about a ¼-mile from the trailhead and soon enters the Rawah Wilderness. It follows the West Branch of the Laramie River and climbs through switchbacks for the next 2 miles to the intersection with Camp Lake Trail which branches steeply uphill to the north. The Camp Lake Trail ascends another 1500 feet for about 1½ miles, then levels for about 5 miles before reaching Camp Lake and a spur trail to Upper Camp Lake. From the junction with the Camp Lake Trail, the West Branch Trail continues west for another mile where it crosses the North Fork of the Laramie River to meet the south end of the Rawah Trail (#961). About 2 miles farther, the trail enters a meadow and meets the north end of the Blue Lake Trail (#959) before continuing steeply up to an alpine closure area to terminate at Island and Carey 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
- Certified weed-free hay is required for stock

### *Closure Regulations*

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