

# Oh-Be-Joyful Trail #835



The Oh-Be-Joyful Trail #835 starts out at an elevation of 10,200 feet with a steep climb up into Buck Basin where the trail crosses Buck Basin and enters Swan Basin before the final climb up to Oh-Be-Joyful Pass, at an elevation of 12,000 feet. The summit of Oh-Be-Joyful Pass divides the Paonia and the Gunnison Ranger Districts on the Gunnison National Forest. On the Gunnison District the trail is still the Oh-Be-Joyful Trail, but the number will change from #835 to #836. This trail provides the hiker with the opportunity to camp in some pristine high mountain basins along the west slope of the Ruby Range. Due to the high altitude, hikers should be aware that the trail through Swan Basin and up to the pass is under snow sometimes into late July and lightning or snow storms can pose a problem at almost any time for the unprepared. As you enter Swan Basin, the pass is clearly visible. Due to the abundance of moisture and fertile basins along this trail in spring and early summer, wildflowers are abundant. Look for our State flower the Columbine. Other common species include Indian Paintbrush and the Avalanche Lily.

### Trail Ethics:

The Oh-Be-Joyful Trail is maintained for foot and horse travel. Please don't cut across switchbacks or create new trails.



### Motors & Machines:

Motorized vehicles and bicycles are not allowed on the Oh-Be-Joyful Trail or in Wilderness areas.



### Drinking Water:

**DO NOT** drink water directly from a river or stream. Water needs to be treated first by either filtering, boiling for at least 10 minutes or treating with iodine tablets.



### Multiple use:

As you use this area you may notice that the Forest is managed for a broad range of uses. Recreation use alone includes hiking, horse-back riding, hunting, and sightseeing. In addition, the vegetation in the Forest requires some form of management. Livestock grazing is a form of land management you may encounter while using this area. The livestock grazing on this area is managed in a very progressive and specific manner. The fences and gates that you may see are critical to managing the livestock and meeting the resource objectives that are planned for this area. Please close all gates that you open as you travel through the area. Controlling the livestock in the manner that we have planned is important.



If you encounter sheep during your visit, approach them with respect & caution. Guard dogs are used to protect the sheep from predators. Try to pass a fair distance from the sheep. If you have a dog, keep it restrained. If approached by a guard dog remain calm, tell the dog "Go back" in a firm authoritative voice. If you do not appear as a threat to the sheep, the dogs will just watch as you pass.



**Be prepared for inclement weather at all times.**

**Familiarize yourself with the area.**



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Total Length 8.4 Miles  
3.2 Miles on the Paonia R.D.  
5.2 Miles on the Gunnison R.D.



*Oh-Be-Joyful Pass  
Photo by Dave Bradford Paonia R.D.*

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**Trail Beginning:** The junction with the Silver Basin Trail #834.

**Trail Ending:** The Oh-Be-Joyful Trail-head on the Gunnison Ranger District.

**Access #1:** 5 miles from Horse Ranch Park, follow the Dark Canyon Trail #830 for 2 miles, then the Silver Basin Trail #834 for about to 3 miles to the junction with the Oh-Be-Joyful Trail #835.

**Access #2:** From Crested Butte follow Hwy 734 North to its intersection with FSR #754. The Oh-Be-Joyful Trailhead is about 1 1/2 miles up #754.

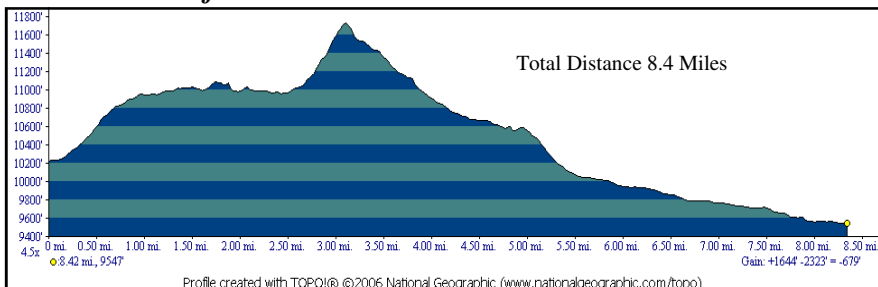
**Use:** Foot and Horse

**Recommended Seasons:**



**USGS quad maps:** Oh-Be-Joyful and Marcellina Mountain

**Elevation Profile:**



### Dispersed Camping

Dispersed camping is permitted in most areas of the Forest.

Recreation maps are available at all local Forest Service offices and personnel can answer questions on specific sites. Camping in undeveloped areas requires more from the camper to help keep the site in the condition in which it was found. If you Pack it in-Pack it out!



### Fire Safety:

Check in with your local Forest Service office to see if fire bans are in effect.

