

MEDICINE BOW-ROUTT NATIONAL FORESTS THUNDER BASIN NATIONAL GRASSLAND HAHNS PEAK-BEARS EARS RANGER DISTRICT

TRAIL NAME: #1145 SAWMILL CREEK	
TRAIL BEGINNING: 7,600' elevation (2316 m) at the end of FDR 123.	LENGTH: 3.6 mi (5.8 km)
TRAIL ENDING: 8,800' elevation (2682 m) at the junction of trail #1145 and trail #1144 (Bears Ears).	RECOMMENDED SEASON: Summer Fall
ACCESS #1: Drive west on Highway 40 to Craig, about 47 miles. Turn north onto Highway 13 and continue 8 miles to County Road 18. Turn east onto CR 18 for 8 miles and then north onto County Road 76. Drive 3 miles and turn left onto NFSR 123. This is a 4WD road for 3 miles to the trailhead.	<u>USE:</u> Light to Moderate <u>DIFFICULTY:</u> Moderate
	<u>USGS MAP(S)</u> : Slide Mountain and Buck Point Quads.

ACCESS #2: Drive on Hwy 40 west to Hayden, about 25 miles. Turn north onto County Road 76 and continue for 14 miles. Turn left onto NFSR 123 (4WD) and it is 3 miles to the trailhead. This is a fair weather route and conditions can change rapidly.

ATTRACTIONS AND CONSIDERATIONS: The views of the Bears Ears Peaks from here is one of the best views on the district. This trail does require 4WD to get to the trailhead. Sawmill Creek Trail when combined with Bears Ears and North Fork Trails can be a great 13 mile loop.

<u>NARRATIVE</u>: Sawmill Creek Trail travels north-northwest along Sawmill Creek climbing through aspen forest. Sawmill Creek is recommended for solitude-seeking because of its low use during the summer months. Once hunting season is upon us, the use is heavy in this area of the National Forest.

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