

## Hiking

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### SAWYER LAKE TRAIL, #1926: IN HUNTER-FRYINGPAN WILDERNESS

**Length:** 4.7/7.5 mi/km

**Elevation Gain:** 1,600 ft.

**Beginning Elev:** 9,400 ft.

**USGS Map(s):** Meredith

**Difficulty:** moderate

**Use:** moderate

**End Elev:** 11,000 ft.

**Trailhead starts at LAT/LONG:** 39.17.55.7N/106.36.06.5W

**UTM:** 0357575E, 4351051N

**ACCESS:** From Carbondale travel east on Hwy 82 to Basalt, turn left at the stoplight and follow the Fryingpan River Road for 28 miles. Take a right turn (south) on Road #504 at the Norrie Colony sign. Follow this gravel road until it dead ends at the Sawyer Lake trailhead just past the second pond.

**NARRATIVE:** This trail is a gradual to moderate hike for the entire distance. You will find yourself traveling through thick forest, opening up into several meadows where elk and deer are occasionally spotted. Remember to camp 100 ft. from the lake.

**ETHICS/REGULATIONS:** Wilderness areas are in a delicate state of natural balance, they are not a renewable resource. Any careless act can upset this natural balance and result in destruction. By following these ethics and regulations you can help protect and preserve the natural features of the Wilderness for future visits. **Please respect the land and rights of others!**

- Out of consideration for others and wildlife - **DOGS MUST BE ON A LEASH.**
- Trash - **PACK IT IN, PACK IT OUT!**
- Limit group sizes to 25 people and/or stock/pack animals.
- **Sanitation** - Bury human waste 100 feet from water and 6 - 8 inches in the soil.
- Lightweight campstoves are recommended and required above the timberline.
- Camp 100 feet from water and trails, and use existing sites when possible.
- Do not wash or bathe in lakes or streams. Use biodegradable soap far from water source.
- Stay on trail and do not shortcut switchbacks, which cause erosion.