



Stormy Peaks Trail (#980)

Canyon Lakes Ranger District
Arapaho & Roosevelt National Forests
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Wilderness: Comanche Peak

Difficulty Rating: strenuous

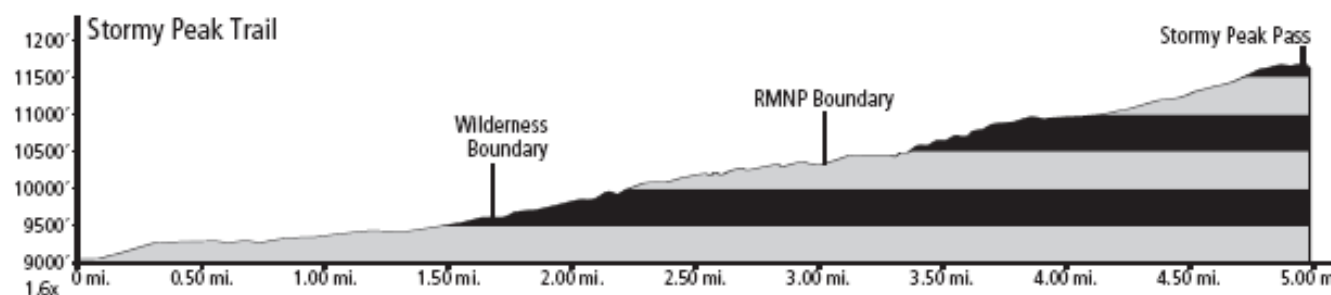
One-way Length: 3.2 miles

Use: light

Beginning Elevation: 9,040 feet

Quadrangle Map: Pingree Park

Peak Elevation: 10,400 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 26 miles to County Road 63E, Pingree Park Road. Turn left and travel 17.5 miles to the trailhead located a few hundred feet south of the entrance to the Pingree Park campus of Colorado State University.

Trail Information: The trail follows a moraine for more than a mile and then begins rising to provide spectacular views of Pingree Park and the Mummy Range. The trail crosses almost a mile of the Comanche Peak Wilderness before reaching the northern border of Rocky Mountain National Park. The trail continues and connects with the backcountry trail system of the park. A favorite route of backpackers involves being dropped at the Stormy Peaks trailhead, hiking through Rocky Mountain National Park over Stormy Peaks Pass at well over 11,000 feet, and exiting via the North Fork Trail (#929) to be picked up at its trailhead on Dunraven Glade Road.

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

In Rocky Mountain National Park

- Dogs are prohibited
- Permit required for overnight camping in park
- Check with park for other regulations