



Pinnacle (11,340) (6)

Difficulty: Class 3+

Distance: 4.2 Miles

Elevation Gain: 1400 ft.

Time: 70 RP

Introduction:

Pinnacle is the most difficult camp hike by its easiest route. Pikes Peak is longer, but it is a walk-up. It is a very prominent looking rock formation when hiking the Craggs but in reality it only has 80 feet of prominence.

Description:

Start at the Craggs Trailhead. Follow the craggs trail past the first meadow. Look for a faint trail crossing the stream right before the second meadow. Cross the stream. If you see the remains of an old cabin you are at the right place. A faint trail ascends behind the cabin, at first the trail is mellow but it steepens rapidly. The trail goes up some rocks alongside a scree gully. I recommend staying on the rocks instead of the scree because the footing is better. From here the trail mellows out for a bit before it climbs steeply up near the stream. Take extreme care during this section as the trail is eroding severely. Once past this section the trail levels out again and soon you will come to a clearing. Cross the creek to a flat area below the summit ramparts. If you don't cross the creek and continue on the trail it will come to a meadow with good campsites. This clearing is a good place for a rest before the final ascent. Climb up steep gravel and up many rocks. There are multiple routes up this section, all are class 2+ to class 3. They all converge at the summit block. There is one move that is exposed. It is known as the leap of faith. Going solo you have to make the jump. In a group you can usually receive help on this move. The move itself is a class 3+ move. From the leap of faith it is a short scramble to the top (class 3).



Elevation Profile

