## Eyebrow (12,000) (7)

Difficulty: Class 2 Elevation gain: 2000' Distance: 4 miles Time: 90 RP

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## **Introduction:**

Eyebrow gets its name from the shape of its rocks, which are easily seen from some of the higher points around camp like Eagles Nest and Sky-Hi View. They are located just north of the NW slopes route up to Pikes Peak and are above treeline. From the rocks one will have spectacular westward views.

## **Description:**

From the intersection below the lodge, turn right on the fork in the road (FS 383) that leads to the Crags/Devils Playground trailhead. Park here, and walk to the right of the restroom facilities to the trail. Cross Fourmile creek and hike up a gentle, switchbacking slope. You will reach a trail intersection after hiking about .6 mile. Take the fork to the right. There is a sign that will guide you towards Pikes peak, take this route. Cross the creek again and continue up a gentle slope through the woods. Eventually you will emerge in relatively thin forest. Rock formations called Butting Buffalo and Kissing Buffalo will be on your left. There are several ways to ascend Eyebrow. Take the aforementioned trail from the Crags/Devils Playground trailhead about 1.3 miles from the trailhead you will need to go off trail and head north. This occurs at about 11,200 feet. At the first major switchback on the trail is where you should turn off if you've never done eyebrow before. You can also turn off before this and cross through a small meadow before entering the forest again and then emerging at treeline. After turning off the trail at the first major switchback you will have a clear view of some odd looking rocks up the ridge about a half mile away. Those rocks are eyebrow. Continue ascending the steep ridge until you reach the rocks and enjoy the excellent scrambling opportunities as well as stunning views. Be aware that eyebrow is above treeline, and that all of the precautions followed while climbing Pikes Peak or any mountain above treeline should be followed on eyebrow as well. Weather can change instantly, and the intensity of the sun above treeline demands sunscreen and plenty of water.



