

easy access to the standard route. There may be an easy snowfield right below the notch. Cross over the notch(class 2+) and join the standard route. This route adds 1.5 miles one-way.

**Extra Credit 1:** Ridge Point Fun. Class 2 2-4 miles 150-400 ft. 40-60 RP

Anyone who has been to Sentinel will notice that there is a whole ridge of little summits to the southwest of Sentinel. Follow your route back to the 12230 foot saddle. Head east over Point 12,586 and on towards point 12,492 and 12,499 (class 2). At Point 12,499 there is a dramatic cliff which marks the terminus of the ridge, admire the West Fork Valley. Look for an old trail which climbs Pikes Peak. This is a wild area, if you wish to view Bighorn Sheep this is your place.

**Pancake Rocks (11,050)**

Difficulty: Class 1

Distance: 10.7 miles

Elevation Gain: 2500 ft.

Time: 150 RP

**Introduction:**

Pancake Rocks was at one time a camp hike, now it is just an obscure point not many people who visit RMMC know about. This should change, Pancake Rocks is a worthy all day hike through meadows and beaver ponds to a fun rock outcropping with an outstanding view.

**Description:**

From the same trailhead as Sentinel follow the Ring the Peak trail. This trail climbs up and over two ridges before descending into Horsethief Park. Cross the creek and join the Horsethief Falls trail heading east. Look for a sign for the Ring the Peak trail and Pancake Rocks. Head up this trail. The lower portions may be wet or snow-covered early in the season. Climb up the many switchbacks to the ridge. This is not the end. Descend 200 feet before climbing the final 200 feet to the rocks. This section of the trail can hold snow into June. The Ring the Peak trail ends here for now. Plans are to construct a trail south to the town of Gillette. On Pancake Rocks enjoy the views to the west and south towards the mining towns of Cripple Creek and Victor.

