

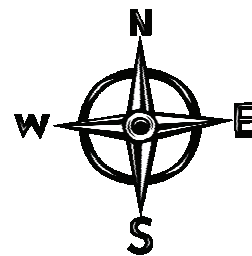
Sun Rock (10,160) (3)

Difficulty: Class 1

Elevation gain: 540'

Distance: 1.6 miles roundtrip

Time: 35 RP



Introduction:

Sun Rock is one of the easiest hikes in the area. While it is steep at the beginning, it levels out into a pleasant ridge walk rather quickly. The view is rather limited to a wedge of the western horizon where one can see snowcapped peaks in the Sawatch Range of the Rocky Mountains. On the ridge after the steep initial climb are several mine tailings. These were mines constructed in the late 1800 to early 1900's. The miners were looking for gold but were not successful in this particular area. About 10 miles south of RMMC in Cripple Creek was where the gold was found.

Description:

From main camp, go across the bridge over the creek to the chapel side of camp. Go behind the Aspen bathhouse on the left side and go up the hill. The trail should be visible only a few yards beyond the bathhouse. The trail steeply ascends the ridge for about .3 mile then follows a gentle ridge for about .4 mile past old mine tailings. If you bushwack about 400 yards to the east (left) you will encounter the trail to Old Baldy. The trail is well cairned all the way to Sun Rock. Hop up and enjoy the views westward.

