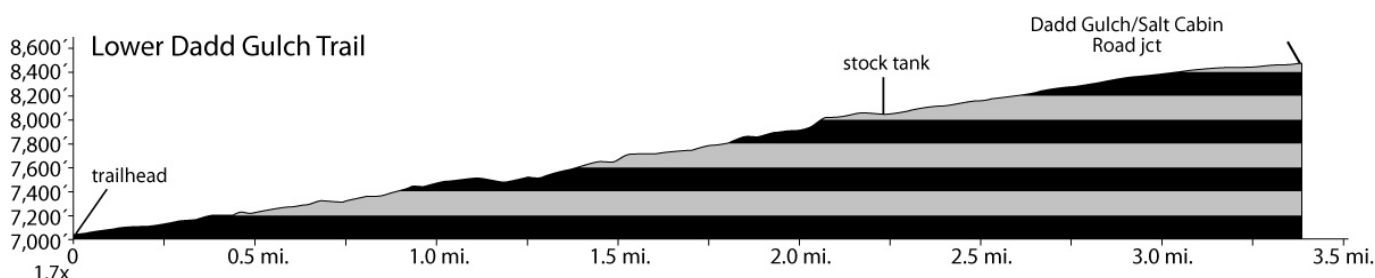


## Trail: Lower Dadd Gulch 988 (1015)

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| Priority:                | <b>MEDIUM</b> (patrol methods: day hike; backpack; ride stock)   |
| Ratings:                 | Hikers – Moderate; Stock riders – Easy                           |
| Open for summer patrol:  | May 18 <sup>th</sup>   |
| SPOT/USFS Radio:         | <b>not required</b> (Radio: 01 > 03; Priority 3, Good Reception) |
| Wilderness:              | None   |
| One-Way Length:          | 3.4 miles (trailhead to jct. with Dadd Gulch Road)               |
| Beginning Elevation:     | 7,024  |
| Peak Elevation:          | 8,489  |
| Gain/Loss/Net Gain:      | 1,465/0/+1,465   |
| USFS Regulations:        | National Forest  |
| Trails Illustrated:      | #112 Poudre River, Cameron Pass                                  |
| USGS 7-1/2' Quadrangles: | Rustic   |



**Trailhead Location:** Poudre Canyon; drive 29 miles from Ted's Place (to mm 93.2). Just before crossing a bridge over the Poudre River east of Indian Meadows Resort, look for a parking lot adjacent to a corral on the left-hand side of the road. The trailhead is located uphill from the corral. Remember to close the corral gate. Facilities are available across the highway from the parking lot. Stock trailer parking is available at the parking area at the trailhead.

### GPS Coordinates:

trailhead: N40°41.898' W105°32.528'  
jct. Dadd Gulch/Salt  
Cabin Park Road: N40°40.399' W105°33.848'

### Trail Description:

This trail winds up a gulch to the southwest on an old jeep track and stock trail before intersecting the old Dadd Gulch/Salt Cabin Park Road. In the spring and summer, a small spring-fed stream meanders through the gulch. Wildflowers are abundant along the stream, especially in the spring. About 0.5 mile in, you will pass under some utility lines. After another 1.5 miles, the trail heads steeply uphill away from the stream and passes through some interesting rock outcroppings, then climbs gradually through an open area. Soon the trail enters a meadow with a nice grove of aspens. A

short distance above the meadow is a stock tank on your left. This is a possible water source if it is filtered. From the tank, hike another 0.75 mile to the crest of a ridge, which provides nice views of the surrounding country.

As you continue up the ridge you will pass through an opening in a barbed-wire fence. Your patrol ends a few hundred yards further, where the trail turns into the Dadd Gulch/Salt Cabin Park Road. Report any evidence of illegal ATV access to the Lower Dadd Gulch Trail below this road.