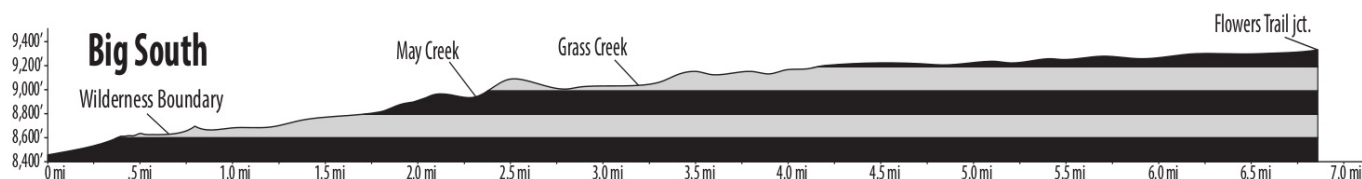


Priority:	HIGH (patrol methods: day hike; backpack)
Ratings:	Hikers – Moderate to Strenuous; Stock riders – Not Recommended
Open for summer patrol:	June 8 th
SPOT/USFS Radio:	REQUIRED (Radio: 02 > 01; Priority 1, Moderate reception)
Wilderness:	Comanche Peak
One-Way Length:	6.9 miles
Beginning Elevation:	8,457
Peak Elevation:	9,553
Gain/Loss/Net Gain:	973 / 92 / +881
USFS Regulations:	National Forest > Wilderness & Travel Zone
Trails Illustrated:	#112 Poudre River, Cameron Pass
USGS 7-1/2' Quadrangles:	Chambers Lake, Boston Peak



Trailhead Location: Poudre Canyon; drive 48.7 miles from Ted's Place, to mm 74.2. The parking area and trailhead are on the left, just before a bridge and the Big South Campground. Facilities are available at the Big South Campground. Stock riders should note that this trail is narrow and contours along steep hillsides. It also crosses a boulder field and a talus field, both with poor footing.

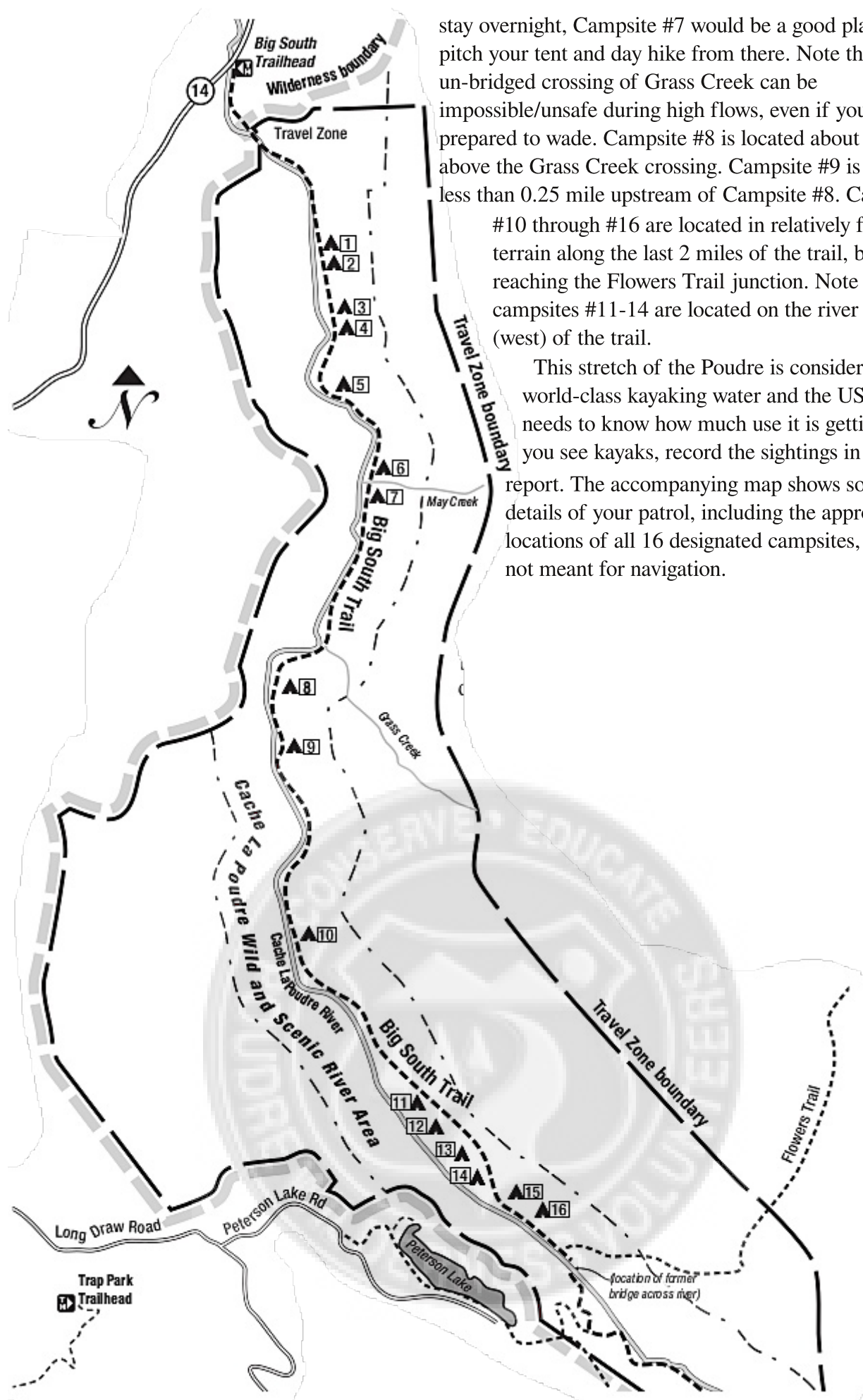
Features the Comanche Peak Wilderness and the Big South Travel Zone with 16 designated campsites.

GPS Coordinates:

trailhead: N40°38.070' W105° 48.377'
 Wilderness boundary: N40°37.765' W105° 48.330'
 campsite #1: N40°37.221' W105° 47.966'
 campsite #2: N40°37.156' W105° 47.971'
 campsite #3: N40°36.969' W105° 47.929'
 campsite #4: N40°36.938' W105° 47.959'
 campsite #5: N40°36.786' W105° 47.998'
 campsite #6: N40°36.458' W105° 47.708'
 campsite #7: N40°36.287' W105° 47.662'
 campsite #8: N40°35.762' W105° 48.021'
 campsite #9: N40°35.762' W105° 48.067'
 campsite #10: N40°34.687' W105° 48.171'
 campsite #11: N40°34.257' W105° 47.731'
 campsite #12: N40°34.189' W105° 47.693'
 campsite #13: N40°34.085' W105° 47.629'
 campsite #14: N40°34.023' W105° 47.553'
 campsite #15: N40°33.807' W105° 47.312'
 campsite #16: N40°33.729' W105° 47.234'
 jct. Flowers Trail: N40°33.398' W105° 46.723'

Trail Description: This trail starts in multi-use National Forest, but after only 0.5 mile, it enters the Comanche Peak Wilderness and the Big South Travel Zone. The trail winds its way up the east side of the Cache La Poudre River for 6.9 miles, where it is intersected by the Flowers Trail coming down from the east. Your patrol ends about 0.15 mile beyond this point, where the trail once crossed to the west side of the Cache La Poudre River, via a bridge that was washed away decades ago. See the description for the upper portion of this trail under "Corral Creek and Upper Big South Trails."

There are 16 designated campsites situated along the trail in the Big South Travel Zone. As in all travel zones; camping is restricted to these designated sites, wood fires are prohibited, and only self-contained chemical stoves may be used. Note that overnight stock camping is also prohibited. The first five designated campsites are located on the slope above the trail, starting about 0.75 mile in. Site #6 is located just before crossing the bridge over May Creek, about 2 miles from the trailhead. Campsite #7 is located uphill shortly after crossing May Creek. If you



stay overnight, Campsite #7 would be a good place to pitch your tent and day hike from there. Note that the un-bridged crossing of Grass Creek can be impossible/unsafe during high flows, even if you are prepared to wade. Campsite #8 is located about 0.25 mi above the Grass Creek crossing. Campsite #9 is located less than 0.25 mile upstream of Campsite #8. Campsites #10 through #16 are located in relatively flat terrain along the last 2 miles of the trail, before reaching the Flowers Trail junction. Note that campsites #11-14 are located on the river side (west) of the trail.

This stretch of the Poudre is considered world-class kayaking water and the USFS needs to know how much use it is getting. If you see kayaks, record the sightings in your report. The accompanying map shows some details of your patrol, including the approximate locations of all 16 designated campsites, but is not meant for navigation.