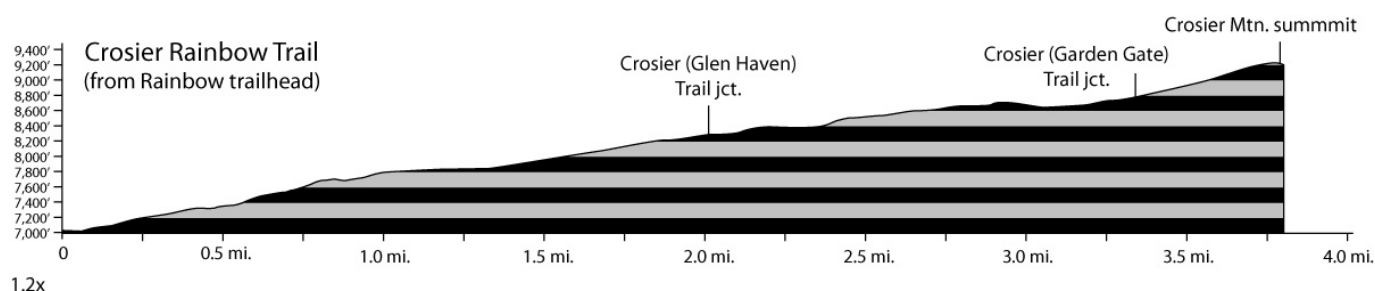


## Trail: Crosier Rainbow

Priority:	<b>MEDIUM</b> (patrol methods: day hike; ride stock)
Ratings:	Hikers - Moderate to Strenuous, Stock Riders: Moderate
Open for summer patrol:	May 18 <sup>th</sup>
SPOT/USFS Radio:	<b>not required</b> (Radio: 04 > 01 > 03; Priority 3, Moderate reception)
Wilderness:	None
One-Way Length:	3.7 miles (trailhead to Crosier Mountain summit)
Beginning Elevation:	7,033
Peak Elevation:	9,233
Gain/Loss/Net Gain:	2,200/31/+ 2,169
USFS Regulations:	National Forest
Trails Illustrated:	#101 Cache La Poudre, Big Thompson
USGS 7-1/2' Quadrangles:	Glen Haven

**Caution:** Rattlesnakes have been reported on this trail



**Trailhead Location:** There are three routes heading up Crosier Mountain, each with a separate description in this Guide. Note that with two vehicles, you can easily do any two of these patrols on the same day. **For the Rainbow trailhead:** From Drake follow the Devils Gulch Road (CR-43) for 6 miles and look for a large cut on the south side of the road. This cut is just before the junction with Dunraven Glade (CR-51B), which takes you to the Bulwark Ridge and North Fork trailheads. No facilities available.

### GPS Coordinates:

trailhead: N40°27.426' W105°25.513'  
 jct. Crosier Mtn.  
 Trail (Glen Haven): N40°26.455' W105°25.995'  
 jct. Crosier Mtn.  
 Summit Trail: N40°25.92' W105°25.06'  
 Crosier Mtn. summit: N40°25.939' W105°25.526'

**Trail Description:** This patrol begins at the Crosier Rainbow trailhead, continues along the Crosier Mountain Trail to the southeast, and ends at the summit of Crosier Mountain (via trail #931-1). The Crosier Rainbow Trail is steep and has several switchbacks as it climbs 1.8 miles and joins the Crosier Mountain Trail coming in from the west. You will pass through a magnificent, mature aspen grove

on the way up, and have fine views of the surrounding countryside. At the junction, look for an old cabin downhill and to the left of the trail. It has an aspen tree growing through the middle. This was the cabin of Matt Malmberg, who is thought to have been a trapper and stonemason around the 1890s. From the junction, stay to your left and follow the Crosier Mountain Trail up through a lodgepole pine forest for about 1.5 miles. Here the trail intersects with the Crosier Mountain Summit Trail (#931-1), which is well marked. It will take you up a steep 0.5-mile climb to the summit of Crosier Mountain. The panoramic views from the summit will make the climb well worth the effort. You can see from Signal Mountain (to the northwest) all the way to Pikes Peak in the south, with great views of Estes Park, Longs peak and Mount Meeker in between! If you include the Crosier Mountain Summit Trail in your patrol, please indicate that fact in the Comments field in your patrol report. Carry plenty of water, no water available on this trail. If you intend to also do either of the Crosier Mountain patrols on the same day, remember to schedule and report these patrols separately.