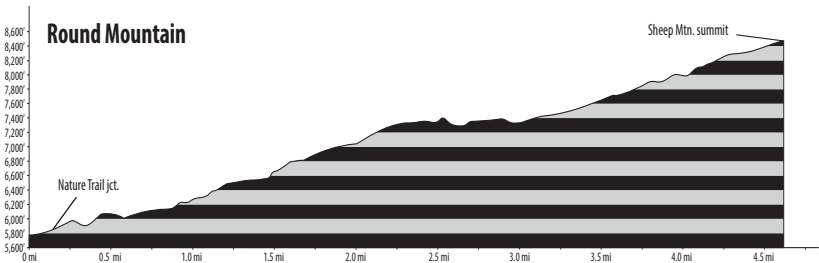


Round Mountain 969 (831)

PRIORITY	MEDIUM (patrol method: day hike)
Ratings:	Hikers – Moderate to Strenuous; Stock riders – Not Recommended
Open For Summer Patrol: May 1st	
SPOT/USFS Radio:	not required (Radio: 04 > 03 > 01; Priority 4, Good reception)
Wilderness:	None
One-Way Length:	4.7 miles (trailhead to summit of Sheep Mountain)
Beginning Elevation:	5,777
Peak Elevation:	8,456
Gain/Loss/Net Gain:	2,679/0/+2,679
USFS Regulations:	National Forest
Trails Illustrated:	#101 Cache La Poudre, Big Thompson
USGS 7-1/2' Quadrangle:	Drake



TRAILHEAD LOCATION

From the Dam Store at the mouth of the Big Thompson Canyon, drive 4 miles up US-34. Viestenz-Smith Mountain Park will be on your right. Directly across the highway on your left, a short gravel road will take you to the Round Mountain Trail parking lot. Facilities are located in the parking lot. Stock Riders: Difficult to park and turn around trailers. The drop off along the lower section of this trail is very steep.

GPS Coordinates:

trailhead: N40°25.211' W105°17.115'
jct. Nature Trail: N40°25.273' W105°17.193'
Sheep Mtn. summit: N40°24.737' W105°18.657'

Round Mountain is a National Recreation Trail. The lower section is on property owned by the City of Loveland

Caution: Rattlesnakes have been obsrved on this trail.

PATROL DESCRIPTION

Special regulations: Dogs must be on hand-held leash on this trail.

Because of its location, this trail offers hiking year around and is heavily used. The first section is owned by the City of Loveland, so it is not a PWV patrol area. From the trailhead the trail follows an old road heading up and above the Big Thompson River. After about 0.25 mile, the main trail to Sheep Mountain heads to the left and a nature trail heads to the right for about 1 mile. This trail offers great views of the Big Thompson Canyon.

The Round Mountain National Recreation Trail (which is an interpretive trail) climbs to the east then turns steeply uphill to the southwest. After about 2 miles the trail levels out somewhat, and traverses the right side of a canyon, passing through some granite rock formations. From here the trail loses some elevation until it crosses a

★ *This trail has been adopted by the Loveland Mountain Club*