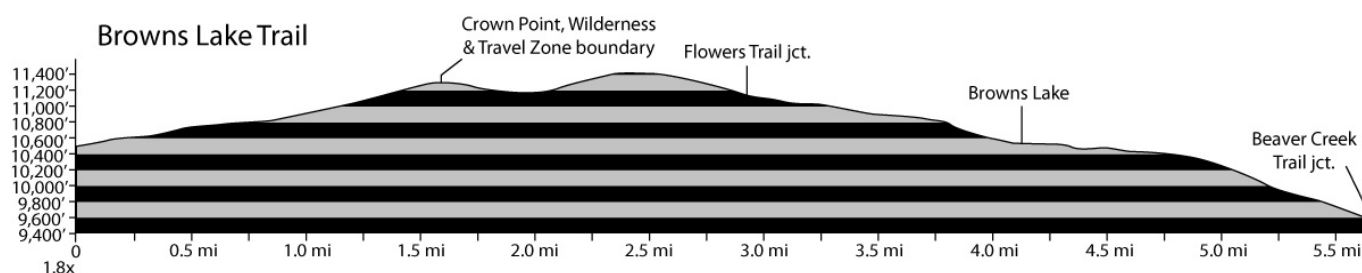


Trail: Browns Lake 941

Priority:	HIGH (patrol methods: day hike; backpack; ride stock)
Ratings:	Hikers – Strenuous; Stock riders – Moderate
Open for summer patrol:	June 29 th
SPOT/USFS Radio:	REQUIRED (Radio: 01 > 03 > 04; Priority 1, Moderate reception)
Wilderness:	Comanche Peak
One-Way Length:	5.7 miles (trailhead to Beaver Creek Trail)— 4.1 miles to Browns Lake
Beginning Elevation:	10,500
Peak Elevation:	11,427
Gain/Loss/Net Gain:	1,055/1,969/-914
USFS Regulations:	National Forest > Wilderness & Travel Zone
Trails Illustrated:	#112 Poudre River, Cameron Pass
USGS 7-1/2' Quadrangles:	Comanche Peak, Kinikininik



Trailhead Location: Poudre Canyon; drive 26.5 miles from Ted's Place to the Pingree Park Road (at mm 96.1), cross the Cache La Poudre River, and proceed 4.3 miles to Forest Road 139 (Crown Point Road). Turn right and drive 12.3 miles on the Crown Point Road (gravel) to the Browns Lake Trail sign on the left side of road. The trailhead is approximately three miles past "Black Hollow." No facilities available. No water available. Adequate parking for stock trailers.

Trail Description: The Browns Lake Trail heads south of the Crown Point parking lot following an old jeep road uphill to a ridge just west and below Crown Point. At this point you will enter the Comanche Peak Wilderness and the Browns Lake Travel Zone. The view from this location is panoramic: the Medicine Bow Range to the west, the Snowy Range in Wyoming to the north, and the Mummy Range to the south and southeast. As you continue, the trail will parallel Crown Point and drop into a tundra valley. There is another climb over a ridge (to the trail's high point at 11,400 ft) before the trail starts its descent to Browns Lake. Shortly after reaching timberline, the Browns Lake Trail intersects the Flowers Trail coming in from the east.

GPS Coordinates:

<i>trailhead:</i>	<i>N40°38.967' W105°41.906'</i>
<i>Wilderness boundary:</i>	<i>N40°37.77' W105°41.25'</i>
<i>jct. Flowers Trail:</i>	<i>N40°36.780' W105°40.881'</i>
<i>Campsite 1:</i>	<i>N40°36.758' W105°40.968'</i>
<i>Campsite 2:</i>	<i>N40°36.823' W105°40.817'</i>
<i>Campsite 3:</i>	<i>N40°36.620' W105°40.795'</i>
<i>Campsite 4:</i>	<i>N40°36.528' W105°40.801'</i>
<i>Campsite 5:</i>	<i>N40°36.391' W105°41.026'</i>
<i>Campsite 6:</i>	<i>N40°36.265' W105°40.972'</i>
<i>Campsite 7:</i>	<i>N40°36.266' W105°41.019'</i>
<i>campsite 8:</i>	<i>N40°36.352' W105°41.181'</i>
<i>campsite 9:</i>	<i>N40°36.143' W105°41.088'</i>
<i>campsite 10:</i>	<i>N40°36.144' W105°41.048'</i>
<i>campsite 11:</i>	<i>N40°36.118' W105°41.014'</i>
<i>campsite 12:</i>	<i>N40°36.102' W105°40.961'</i>
<i>jct. Beaver Creek Trail:</i>	<i>N40°35.425' W105°40.232'</i>

There is plenty of good grazing for horses west and east along the Flowers Trail. The remnants of an old shepherd's cabin and a spring can be found to the right of the trail. The spring at the old cabin is the first reliable source of water after leaving the trailhead. If you are doing an overnight patrol, head east from here and look for a campsite just out of the travel zone. Designated campsites should be left for the public. From this junction

there is a designated campsite west and downhill from the old cabin, and another is located east and above the Flowers Trail. Although both of these designated campsites are located on the Flowers Trail they should be visited and reported as part of the Browns Lake Trail report.

From here, as you descend into the cirque where Browns and Timberline lakes are located, you will pass five other designated campsites. As you reach Browns Lake, look for campsite #8 to the west (right) of the trail and at the north end of the Lake. Cross the stream that flows between the two lakes. The trail skirts the south side of Timberline Lake before heading downhill toward the Beaver Creek Trail.

There are four more campsites to the southeast of Browns Lake. You may want to hike a short distance below Timberline Lake and check for illegal campsites. Check all of the designated campsites along the way. Make certain people are camped only in these designated sites within the travel zone, and using only stoves. Help people find the designated campsites and explain the restrictions to them. The trail continues another 1.5 miles downhill to the junction with the Beaver Creek Trail. Horse riders should note that this portion of the trail is steep and may be difficult/dangerous for their horses. Much of this part of the trail passes

through a recovering burn area that is quite scenic. This portion of the trail offers great views of Comanche Peak and Comanche Reservoir.

The map below shows some details of your patrol, including the approximate locations of the designated campsites. It is not meant for navigation.

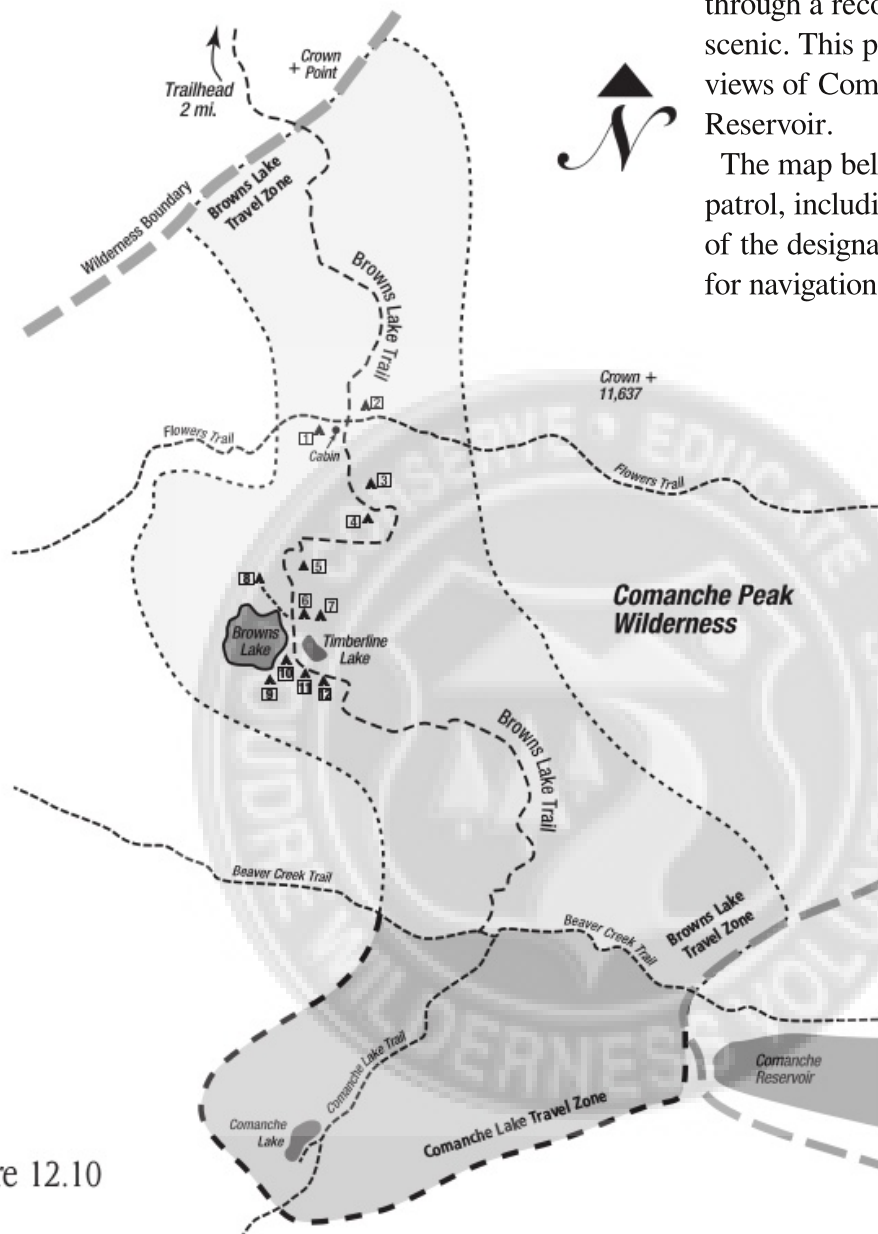


Figure 12.10

Visit, inspect and report on as many of the Travel Zone designated campsites on this patrol as you can. Contact campers and others, remove any illegal fire rings you find at the designated campsites or elsewhere in the Travel Zone.