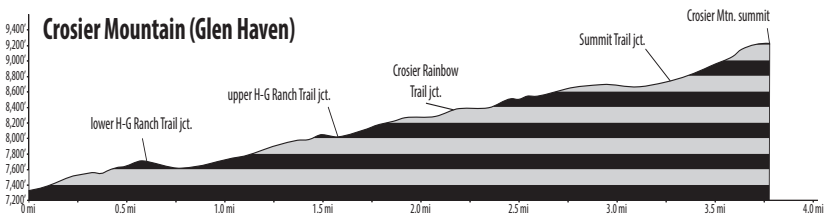


Crosier Mountain 931 (Glen Haven) [incl. 931-1]

PRIORITY	LOW (patrol methods: day hike; ride stock)
Ratings:	Hikers - Moderate to Strenuous Stock Riders - Easy
Open For Summer Patrol:	May 18th
SPOT/USFS Radio:	not required (Radio: 04 > 01 > 03; Priority 3, Good Reception)
Wilderness:	None
One-Way Length:	3.8 miles (trailhead to Crosier Mountain summit)
Beginning Elevation:	7,376
Peak Elevation:	9,233
Gain/Loss/Net Gain:	2,044/187/+1,857
USFS Regulations:	National Forest
Trails Illustrated:	#101 Cache La Poudre, Big Thompson



TRAILHEAD LOCATION

There are three routes heading to Crosier Mountain, each with a separate patrol description in this Guide. Note that with two vehicles, you can easily do any two of these patrols on the same day. For the Glen Haven trailhead: From Drake follow the Devils Gulch Road (CR-43) to Glen Haven. Drive through Glen Haven to the Livery Stable on the south side of the road. There is no parking at the trailhead. Park on the side of CR-43 (limited parking for stock trailers) or somewhere in Glen Haven. Walk/ride along the gravel driveway that cuts in back of the stable. You will see a trail sign on the right side of the road. Do NOT drive up the gravel driveway.

GPS Coordinates:

trailhead: N40°27.149' W105°26.940'

jct. Rainbow Trail: N40°26.455' W105°25.995'

upper jct. Crosier H-G Trail: N40°26.309' W105°26.256'

Matt Malmberg cabin:

N 40°26.440' W105°25.932'

jct. Crosier Mtn.

Trail (Garden Gate): N40°25.920' W105°25.056'

Crosier Mtn. summit: N40°25.939' W105°25.526'

PATROL DESCRIPTION

The Crosier Mountain Trail (#931) is 7.8 miles long and runs from the Garden Gate trailhead in the east to the Glen Haven trailhead in the west. PWV has three separate patrols to the

summit of Crosier Mountain: Crosier Mountain (Garden Gate), Crosier Mountain (Glen Haven), and Crosier Rainbow – each with a different trailhead.

The western end of the Crosier Mountain Trail parallels the road briefly before turning and climbing to the south, through several switchbacks. Ponderosa pine, Douglas-fir, and Rocky Mountain juniper trees dominate. After 0.8 mile, the trail tops out on a ridge. You will notice a sign pointing to a spur trail leading toward the H-G Ranch. Continue on the Crosier Mountain Trail to the southeast, dropping back into a valley (there is no water from this point on) and then climbing through several long switchbacks to a large grassy opening to your right, called Piper Meadow. Notice the old foundations. Harry Piper operated a dairy here from around 1913 into the 1930s. The hole in the ground with the rock foundation at the lower end of the meadow was the milk house, and the larger hole closer to the trail was the barn. Harry's home burned to the ground in the early 1930s. He didn't rebuild, but instead lived in the top story of the barn until his death a few years later.

From the Piper Homestead, the trail follows the meadow to its far southeastern end, then turns sharply left and climbs through a series of

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switchbacks to a ridge and the Crosier Rainbow Trail junction. As you continue toward the Crosier Mountain summit, note the remains of the Matt Malmberg cabin (about 100 ft east of the Crosier Rainbow trail junction and roughly 75 ft downhill to the north). After climbing another 1.5 miles, and topping a couple of false summits, you will be on a ridge above True Gulch. From here you can climb the remaining 0.5 mile to the summit of Crosier Mountain via the Crosier Mountain Summit Trail (#931-1). From the summit you get a great view of Estes

Park with Longs Peak and Mount Meeker in the background. Furthermore, you can see peaks ranging from Signal Mountain in the north all the way to Pikes Peak in the south! If you include the Crosier Mountain Summit Trail in your patrol, please indicate that fact in the *Comments* field in your patrol report.

If you also intend to do the Crosier Rainbow or the Crosier Mountain (Garden Gate) patrols on the same day, remember to schedule and report them separately.