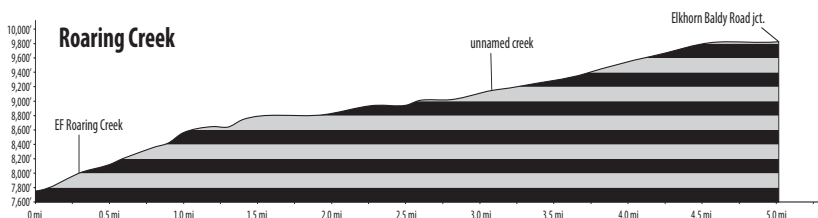


Roaring Creek 952

PRIORITY	MEDIUM (patrol methods: day hike; backpack)
Ratings:	Hikers – Moderate to Strenuous; Stock riders – Not Recommended
Open For Summer Patrol: June 8th	
SPOT/USFS Radio:	REQUIRED (Radio: 01 > 03; Priority 3, Good Reception)
Wilderness:	None
One-Way Length:	5.0 miles (trailhead to South Bald Mountain jeep road)
Beginning Elevation:	7,738
Peak Elevation:	9,821
Gain/Loss/Net Gain:	2,141/58/+2,083
USFS Regulations:	National Forest
Trails Illustrated:	#112 Poudre River, Cameron Pass; #111 Red Feather Lakes
USGS 7-1/2' Quadrangles: Boston Peak, Kinikini, Deadman	



TRAILHEAD LOCATION

Poudre Canyon; drive 40.5 miles from Ted's Place to mm 82.1. The parking lot is on the right side, 1.5 miles past the DOW fish hatchery. Facilities are located at the Big Bend Campground approximately 1 mile before reaching the trailhead. Stock Riders: The first 0.7 mile is quite steep and rocky with several tight switchbacks.

GPS Coordinates:

trailhead: $N40^{\circ}42.854' W105^{\circ}44.099'$

plank bridge across NF Roaring Creek:

$N40^{\circ}43.034' W105^{\circ}44.222'$

short, 2-log stringer bridge:

$N40^{\circ}43.752' W105^{\circ}44.872'$

jct. Elkhorn Baldy Rd.:

$N40^{\circ}45.817' W105^{\circ}45.976'$

PATROL DESCRIPTION

This trail climbs some 5 miles from the Poudre Canyon along Roaring Creek. The headwaters of Roaring Creek are located just east of the Nunn Creek Basin. Bighorn sheep can sometimes be seen browsing in the trailhead area. The trail heads north, crossing a bridge

over the north branch of Roaring Creek. It then climbs steeply, making several switchbacks through Oregon grape, sagebrush and Rocky Mountain juniper. The trail continues to climb through an open forest of large ponderosa pine, Douglas-fir, and quaking aspen.

About 1.25 miles above the trailhead, the trail levels out on a bench and begins its transit of a dense lodgepole pine forest. The trail from this point meanders along the NE side of Roaring Creek through the lodgepole forest. The trail crosses two tributaries; the first via a short two-log stringer bridge but the second crossing is un-bridged and can be challenging during high runoff. The trail eventually skirts some meadows (which can be very wet and muddy in the spring) before ending at the Elkhorn Baldy Road (FDR-517). This should be your turn-around point. Look for moose and elk along the upper portion of the trail. The creek is inhabited by native greenback cutthroat trout. This trail is popular with day hikers and backpackers.

★ *This trail has been adopted by Boy Scout Troop 1051 from Loveland*