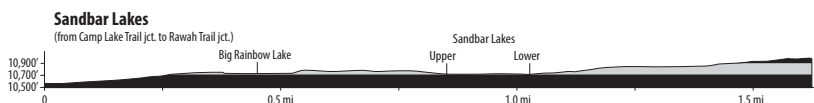


## Sandbar Lakes 972, 972-1, & 972-2

PRIORITY	<b>HIGH</b> (patrol methods: backpack; ride stock; day hike)
Ratings:	Hikers – Easy; Stock riders – Moderate
Open For Summer Patrol:	June 29th
SPOT/USFS Radio:	<b>REQUIRED</b> (Radio: 02 > 01; Priority 1, Moderate reception)
Wilderness:	Rawah
One-Way Length:	2.3 miles (for all segments of this trail)
Beginning Elevation:	11,086
Peak Elevation:	10,974
Gain/Loss/Net Gain:	548/134/+414
USFS Regulations:	Wilderness
Trails Illustrated:	#112 Poudre River, Cameron Pass
USGS 7-½' Quadrangle:	Rawah Lakes



### TRAILHEAD LOCATION

The Sandbar Lakes Trails are typically accessed via the Camp Lake Trail - which is reached via the West Branch Trail or the Rawah Trail (North). Drive up the Poudre Canyon 51.6 miles from Ted's Place, turn right on the Laramie River Road (CR-103) at mm 71.5, and drive either 7.8 miles to the West Branch trailhead or 12.2 miles to the Rawah (North) trailhead. Facilities and stock trailer parking are available at both trailheads. Water for stock only available at the West Branch trailhead.

#### GPS Coordinates:

*jct. Camp Lake Trail:* N40°41.923' W105°56.395'

*jct. Upper Sandbar Lake:*

N40°41.775' W105°56.567'

*upper end of Big Rainbow Lake:*

N40°41.508' W105°56.500'

*jct. Lower Sandbar Lake:*

N40°41.832' W105°57.137'

*jct. Rawah Trail (North):*

N40°41.163' W105°57.032'

### PATROL DESCRIPTION

One end of this short trail network begins near the western end of the Camp Lake Trail. The other end begins along the Rawah Trail east-northeast of the lower end of Rawah Lake

#3. If you begin your patrol at the junction of the Sandbar Lakes and the Camp Lake trails, you will climb above and to the southwest of the swampy area at the junction. After 0.3 mile, the trail splits. The right fork continues southwest, passing between the Upper and Lower Sandbar lakes and eventually meets the Rawah Trail (North) northeast of Rawah Lake #3. The left fork takes you south to the upper end of Big Rainbow Lake and then swings around to the southwest, drops down slightly, and proceeds along the eastern edge of Upper Sandbar Lake to the north-northwest, eventually passing to the southwest of a small unnamed lake.

Just beyond this lake the trail splits into three branches. The left (southwest) branch climbs for about 0.7 mile until it meets the Rawah Trail on the side of a ridge to the northeast of Rawah Lake #3. The branch that continues straight (to the north-northwest) skirts the western side of Lower Sandbar Lake before it dead ends. The branch that goes to the right (northeast) returns to the Camp Lake Trail. You should patrol all portions of the Sandbar Lakes Trails checking for illegal campsites and fire rings located too close to the lakes or the trail. Moose often visit both Upper and Lower Sandbar lakes and the small unnamed lake between them to feed on the abundant aquatic vegetation.