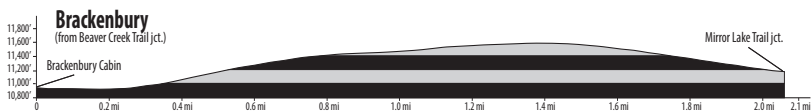


Brackenbury 935 (1010)

PRIORITY	LOW (patrol methods: day hike; backpack; ride stock)
Ratings:	Hikers – Easy; Stock riders – Easy
Open For Summer Patrol:	June 29th
SPOT/USFS Radio:	REQUIRED (Radio: 01 > 04 > 03; Priority 3, Moderate reception)
Wilderness:	Comanche Peak
One-Way Length:	2.1 miles (refer to Beaver Creek Trail)
Beginning Elevation:	10,945
Peak Elevation:	11,603
Gain/Loss/Net Gain:	681/444/+237
USFS Regulations:	Wilderness
Trails Illustrated:	#112 Poudre River, Cameron Pass
USGS 7-½' Quadrangle:	Comanche Peak



TRAILHEAD LOCATION

The Brackenbury Trail is most directly accessed from the Zimmerman Trail (South), via the Flowers and Beaver Creek trails. 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 18.8 miles to the end of the Crown Point Road at the juncture of the Comanche Peak Wilderness. No facilities or water for stock at the trailhead.

Alternatively, the Brackenbury Trail can be accessed from the Beaver Creek Trail or from the Flowers Trail (see the descriptions for these other patrols).

GPS Coordinates:

trailhead: *N40°35.636' W105°42.864'*

jct. with Mirror Lake Trail:

N40°34.118' W105°43.243'

PATROL DESCRIPTION

This patrol begins very near the actual Brackenbury Cabin, where this trail branches off the upper Beaver Creek Trail about 0.3 mile below where the Beaver Creek Trail intersects the Flowers Trail. The trail goes to the south-southwest about 0.3 mile before turning to the south-southeast and continuing for another 1.2

miles until it ends at the Mirror Lake Trail. The trail is not very well marked and has poor footing for the first mile or so.

This trail junction is your turnaround point for this trail patrol, or you can turn to the north-west onto the Mirror Lake Trail and follow it until it intersects with the Flowers Trail, take the Flowers Trail to the northeast, to its intersection with the upper end of the Beaver Creek Trail and then follow either of these trails back to where you began your patrol. Or you could turn to the south onto the Mirror Lake Trail and follow it to the south and east until it intersects with the upper end of the Hourglass Trail, where you would turn to the northeast onto the Hourglass Trail and follow it down to the Beaver Creek Trail at Comanche Reservoir. Because the Brackenbury Trail can only be accessed via other trails, you have an opportunity to patrol multiple trails on the same trip. Note that if you patrol multiple trails you need to schedule and report them separately.

The Brackenbury Trail is above timberline nearly its entire length and affords panoramic views and access to lots of alpine wildflowers in the early and mid summer.