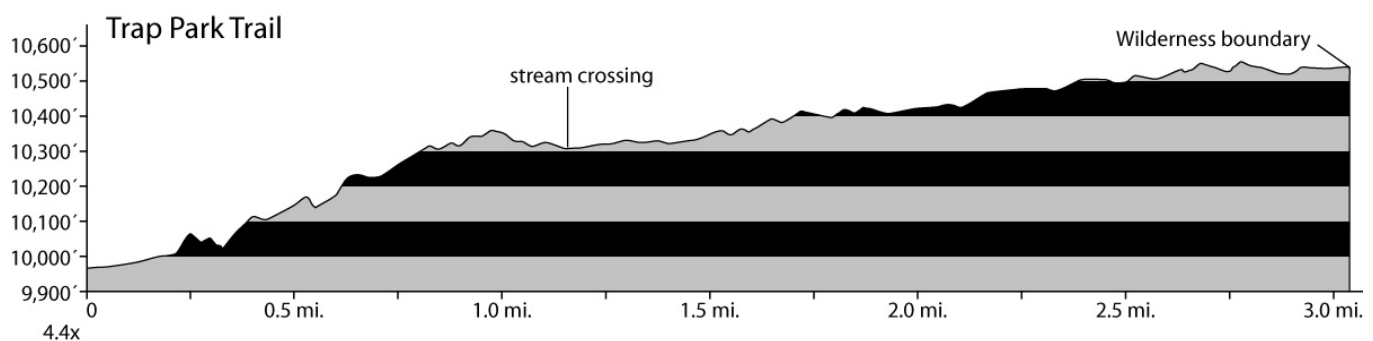


## Trail: Trap Park 995 (866)

Priority:	<b>MEDIUM</b> (patrol methods: day hike; ride stock)
Ratings:	Hikers – Easy; Stock riders – Moderate
Open for summer patrol:	June 29 <sup>th</sup>
SPOT/USFS Radio:	<b>not required</b> (Radio: 01 > 02; Priority 3, Moderate reception)
Wilderness:	None
One-Way Length:	3.1 miles (trailhead to Wilderness boundary)
Beginning Elevation:	9,967
Peak Elevation:	10,547
Gain/Loss/Net Gain:	954/374/+580
USFS Regulations:	National Forest
Trails Illustrated:	#112 Poudre River, Cameron Pass
USGS 7-½' Quadrangles:	Chambers Lake



**Trailhead Location:** Poudre Canyon; drive 53.7 miles from Ted's Place to mm 69.5, and turn left on the Long Draw Road (FDR-156), which is directly across from the Blue Lake parking lot. Follow the Long Draw Road for 3.0 miles. Turn right onto a short but rough road crossing over Trap Creek. It will lead you to the small parking lot and the trailhead. No facilities.

### GPS Coordinates:

trailhead: N40°33.421' W105°49.286'  
Neota Wilderness boundary: N40°31.65' W105°50.55'

*This trail is the primary entrance to the northeastern portion of the Neota Wilderness. The trail patrol ends at the Neota Wilderness boundary.*

**Trail Description:** From the parking lot the trail follows an old road to Trap Park. After a few hundred yards, the trail will make a switchback through a boulder field and continue its climb along the hill- side east of Trap Creek. You will have a nice view of Trap Lake from the boulder field. Look for raspberries here in late August and September. After about a mile you will reach the north end of Trap Park. From here, you will have great views of Iron Mountain to the southwest and Flat Top Mountain to the south. If time permits, climb the ridge to the east and look for moose

in the willow-laden park.

Cross Trap Creek at this point and continue hiking along the west side of Trap Park for about 2 more miles. Moose are commonly seen along this trail and wildflowers are abundant in the meadows during late spring and summer. There are three unbridged crossings of Trap

Creek on this patrol and all of them can be challenging during high stream flows. The trail ends at the boundary of the Neota Wilderness. This will be the end of your patrol, unless you wish to hike cross-country into the Neota Wilderness. Most of the Wilderness is above timberline. You can climb Iron Mountain and/or Flat Top Mountain if you feel ambitious. If you go off trail to climb Iron Mountain or Flat Top, don't include observations or contacts for this "detour" in your official patrol report (except possibly in the *COMMENTS* section).

Settlers commonly built log bear traps in the park, thus the name Trap Park.