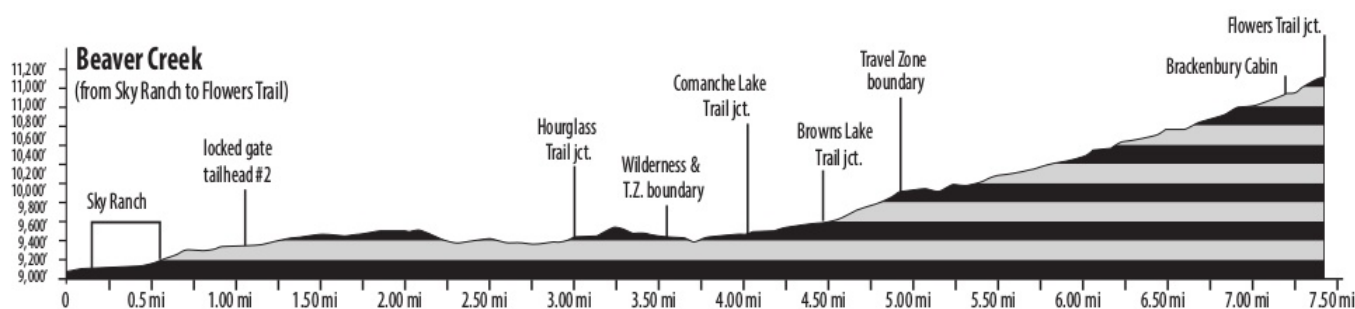


Priority:	<b>HIGH</b> (patrol methods: day hike; ride stock; backpack)
Ratings:	Hikers – Strenuous; Stock Riders – Challenging
Open for summer patrol:	June 29 <sup>th</sup>
SPOT/USFS Radio:	<b>REQUIRED</b> (Radio: 01 > 03; Priority 3, Moderate reception)
Wilderness:	Comanche Peak
One-Way Length:	7.6 miles (trailhead #1 to Flowers Trail #939)
Beginning Elevation:	9,082
Peak Elevation:	11,132
Gain/Loss/Net Gain:	2,282 / 234 / +2,048
USFS Regulations:	National Forest > Wilderness & Travel Zone
Trails Illustrated:	#112 Poudre River, Cameron Pass
USGS 7-1/2' Quadrangles:	Comanche Peak, Pingree Park



**Trailhead Location:** Poudre Canyon; drive 26.5 miles from Ted's Place to the Pingree Park Road (CR-63E) at mm 96.1, cross the Cache La Poudre River, and drive 15.9 miles to the Tom Bennett Campground turnoff on the right side. Cross over the South Fork of the Cache La Poudre River and continue on to Sky Ranch. If the gate at the entrance to Sky Ranch is locked, begin your patrol here (trailhead 1). There is parking and a clear trailhead. Note that this adds 1.0 mile to your one-way distance, whatever your final destination. The trail skirts Sky Ranch buildings, and rejoins the road. Turn right on the road, and follow it to trailhead 2. If the first gate is open, you can drive through Sky Ranch to a locked gate (at trailhead 2). Facilities are available at Tom Bennett Campground. Stock trailer parking is available at both trailheads. No water available at either trailhead.

#### Trail Description:

For the first 2.7 miles, the trail skirts the north sides of Hourglass and Comanche reservoirs. This portion of the trail is in multi-use National Forest.

If you are continuing on the Beaver Creek Trail, you will

*The Beaver Creek Trail enters the Comanche Peak Wilderness and the Browns Lake Travel Zone. It provides access to the Hourglass, Comanche Lake, Browns Lake, and Brackenbury trails, and ends at the Flowers Trail.*

enter the Comanche Peak Wilderness, and the Browns Lake Travel Zone at the west end of Comanche Reservoir. Proceed up Beaver Creek Trail for another 0.7 mile, where the Comanche Lake Trail branches off to the left (south). This 1.1

#### GPS Coordinates:

trailhead 1:	N40°34.857' W105°36.011'
trailhead 2:	N40°34.758' W105°37.111'
jct. Hourglass Trail:	N40°35.127' W105°38.695'
Wilderness boundary:	N40°35.22' W105°39.60'
jct. Comanche Lake Trail:	N40°35.413' W105°40.180'
jct. Browns Lake Trail:	N40°35.423' W105°40.240'
Browns Lake Travel Zone, upper boundary:	N40°35.397' W105°40.383'
jct. Brackenbury Trail:	N40°35.636' W105°42.864'
jct. Flowers Trail:	N40°35.636' W105°43.103'

## Trail: Beaver Creek 942

mile long trail provides access to the Lake. Continue up the Beaver Creek Trail about 50-100 yards, to its junction with the Browns Lake Trail on the right (north). The Beaver Creek Trail continues uphill to the west for another 3 miles. This section of the trail receives little foot traffic, so it is a low priority and can be covered by stock patrols from the Flowers or Zimmerman trails. If you choose to do this as an overnight patrol, you could camp along the Beaver Creek Trail out- side of the Browns Lake Travel Zone

and include patrols of the Comanche Lake, Brackenbury, and/or Hourglass trails (as well as the upper portion of the Beaver Creek Trail). Patrols of any of these other trails should be scheduled and reported separately.

See details on the Hourglass, Comanche Lake, and Brackenbury trails on the following pages.

