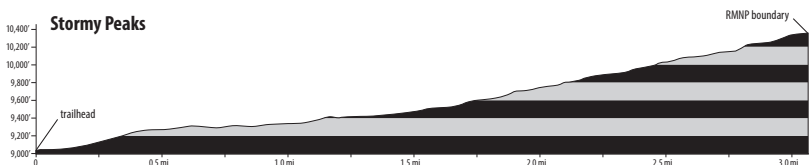


Stormy Peaks 980

PRIORITY	MEDIUM (patrol methods: day hike; ride stock)
Ratings:	Hikers – Moderate to Strenuous; Stock riders – Challenging
Open For Summer Patrol: June 29th	
SPOT/USFS Radio:	not required (Radio: 01 > 03 > 04; Priority 4, Good reception)
Wilderness:	Comanche Peak (& RMNP)
One-Way Length:	3.2 miles (from trailhead to RMNP boundary)
Beginning Elevation:	9,044
Peak Elevation:	10,343
Gain/Loss/Net Gain:	1,280 / 0 / +1,280
USFS Regulations:	National Forest > Wilderness
Trails Illustrated:	#112 Poudre River, Cameron Pass (& #200 RMNP)
USGS 7-1/2' Quadrangle:	Pingree Park



TRAILHEAD LOCATION

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 drive 16.5 miles to the entrance of the CSU Pingree Park Campus. The Stormy Peaks trailhead is a few hundred yards southeast of the entrance. Facilities and water for stock are available at Tom Bennett Campground. Riders: No water at trailhead.

GPS Coordinates:

trailhead: N40°34.222' W105°35.259'
jct. spur trail to Denny's Point:

N40°33.965' W105°35.118'
jct. Twin Lakes Trail: N40°33.797' W105°35.043'
lower Wilderness boundary:

N40°33.11' W105°35.71'
upper Wilderness - RMNP boundary:

N40°32.320' W105°36.500'
jct. spur trail to Stormy Peaks N campsites:
N40°31.741' W105°36.152'

PATROL DESCRIPTION

Stormy Peaks Trail follows a moraine above and to the southeast of the South Fork of the Poudre River. There is a fork in the trail 0.7 mile from the trailhead with the left fork (with a trail sign) going to Twin Lakes and the right fork (unsigned) going to Stormy Peaks. Take the right fork. You hike 1.8 miles before reaching the Comanche Peak Wilderness boundary, then

1.3 miles within the Wilderness before you reach the north boundary of RMNP. You'll have good views of Pingree Park and the Mummy Range along the way. Your patrol will stop at the RMNP boundary, but if you wish you can continue on to Stormy Pass and up to Stormy Peaks. This will add approximately 3.5 miles and 1,500 ft elevation gain to your round-trip.

The trail is quite steep from the RMNP boundary to the top of "Stormy." The trail through this tundra area is barely noticeable, and it is necessary to follow the rock cairns. Stormy Peaks trail is often used by backpackers to access RMNP and to begin or complete a shuttled trip through the Park via the North Fork Trail, which begins at the Dunraven parking area (see the North Fork Trail patrol description). If you continue into RMNP as a private citizen, don't include observations, contacts, or trail maintenance needs from inside RMNP in your official patrol report (except possibly in the COMMENTS section).

The Stormy Peaks and Signal Mountain trails can both be patrolled over a weekend by camping at the Tom Bennett Campground just below the CSU Pingree Park Campus and patrolling one trail each day. If you patrol both trails, remember to schedule and report them separately.