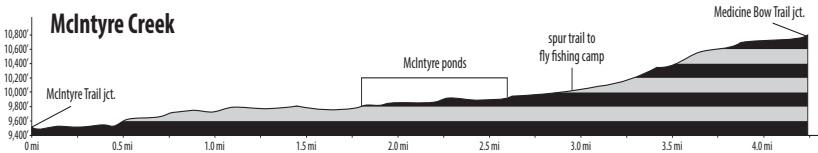


McIntyre Creek 996

PRIORITY	MEDIUM (patrol methods: ride stock; backpack; day hike)
Ratings:	Hikers – Moderate to Strenuous; Stock riders – Challenging
Open For Summer Patrol: June 29th	
SPOT/USFS Radio:	REQUIRED (Radio: 02 > 01)
Wilderness:	Rawah
One-Way Length:	4.3 miles (from McIntyre Trail to Medicine Bow Trail)
Beginning Elevation:	9,584
Peak Elevation:	10,795
Gain/Loss/Net Gain:	2,079 / 874 / +1,205
USFS Regulations:	Wilderness
Trails Illustrated:	#111 Red Feather Lakes, Glendevey; #112 Poudre River, Cameron Pass
USGS 7-1/2' Quadrangles:	Glendevey, Rawah Lakes



TRAILHEAD LOCATION

Drive 51.6 miles up CO-14 from Ted's Place, turn right on the Laramie River Road – CR-103 (at mm 71.5), and drive about 15.5 miles to where the road splits. Turn left onto the Glendevey Road (CR-190) and follow it for about 2.7 miles. The Link and McIntyre trailheads are on the left, just past the Browns Park Campground. Facilities and stock water are available at the Campground and at the trailhead. The McIntyre Creek Trail is reached via the McIntyre Trail.

GPS Coordinates:
trailhead on McIntyre Trail:

N40°46.435' W105°59.811'

jct. spur trail to fly fishing camp:

N40°44.311' W105°59.194'

log cabin remains:

N40°43.931' W105°59.643'

jct. Medicine Bow Trail:

N40°43.866' W105°59.706'

PATROL DESCRIPTION

Follow the McIntyre Trail (see that trail patrol description) to just below Housmer Park. Shortly after you pass through a gate, the McIntyre Creek Trail branches off to the left (south). Be prepared to get wet on this trail as you must ford the creek in several places and may have to go through mud holes created by excessive out-

fitter use. This is a challenging but attractive trail. The trail gets relatively little use because of its remoteness and the steepness of its final mile; it is best patrolled by backpackers or horse riders. The trail has been routed away from the creek as it climbs steadily to the "McIntyre ponds"; a group of ponds scattered along the trail for nearly a mile. If you are planning to camp along this trail, the best locations are in the vicinity of the ponds. Note that there is a spur trail leading east to the creek just below the highest pond. An outfitter maintains a fly-fishing camp at the end of this spur trail; about 0.25 mile off the McIntyre Creek Trail. You may find trash from hunting season in this area.

Just beyond this spur trail, the trail turns sharply to the west and then south via several switchbacks as it ascends steeply up the east face of the Medicine Bow Range (gaining 665 ft in elevation over 0.7 mile). Soon after the trail levels off above treeline it passes near the remains of an old log cabin. The trail then continues a short distance to the southwest past two large rock cairns before it ends at the Medicine Bow Trail at a point marked by a 4 ft tall log post in a rock cairn.