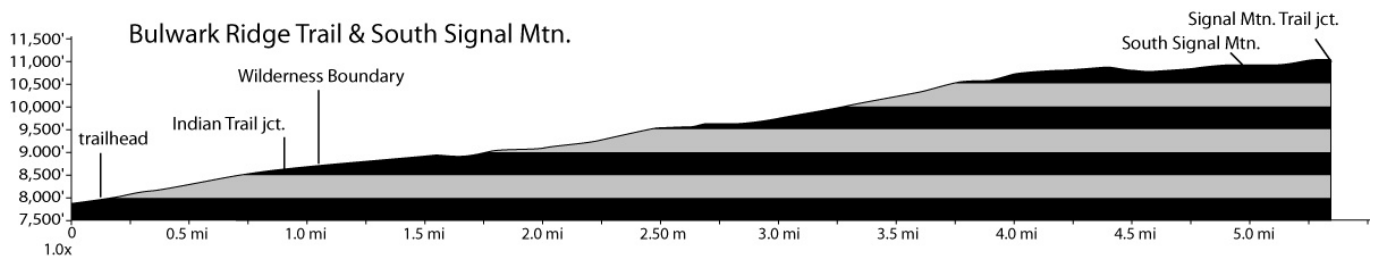


Bulwark Ridge 928-1

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| Priority: | Medium (patrol method: day hike; stock) |
| Ratings: | Hikers: Strenuous, Stock: Challenging |
| Open for summer patrol: | June 29 th |
| SPOT/USFS Radio: | not required (Radio: 04 > 01; Priority 2, Good reception) |
| Wilderness: | Comanche Peak |
| One-Way Length: | 5.4 miles (11.2 miles entire trail, refer to Signal Mtn. patrol) |
| Beginning Elevation: | 7,894 |
| Peak Elevation: | 11,056 |
| Gain/Loss/Net Gain: | 3,251/89/+3,162 |
| USFS Regulations: | National Forest > Wilderness |
| Trails Illustrated: | #101 Cache La Poudre, Big Thompson; #112 Poudre River, Cameron; #200 RMNP |
| USGS 7-1/2' Quadrangles: | Glen Haven, Crystal Mountain, Pingree Park |



Trailhead Location: From the Dam Store at the mouth of the Big Thompson Canyon, drive nine miles up US-34 to Drake. Turn right on CR-43; Follow it for 6.1 miles to Dunraven Glade (CR-51B), which heads to the northwest. Dunraven Glade is gravel. Follow this road for 2.5 miles to the parking lot. Park here and follow a gated road heading to the northwest for 0.3 mile. The trailhead will be on your right. Facilities are available at the parking lot.

GPS Coordinates:

trailhead: N40°28.673' W105°27.988'
Wilderness boundary: N40° 29.18' W105° 28.18'
jct. Indian Trail: N40°29.164' W105°27.95'
S. Signal Mtn. approach: N40°30.99' W105°30.79'

Trail Description: This trail is the southern approach to South Signal Mountain and North Signal Mountain. The actual trailhead is about 0.3 mile up the road beyond the parking lot. From the trailhead you will climb steeply to the north for about 0.75 mile, where you will intersect the Indian/Miller Fork Trail that heads steeply downhill to the northeast. From here, the trail turns back to the northwest, climbing through an evergreen forest along Bulwark Ridge. The trail enters the Wilderness about 1.4 miles from the trailhead. For about the next 3.9 miles, the trail

follows the Comanche Peak wilderness boundary.

Because this trail is on a southerly facing slope, it can be quite dry and hot during the summer months. No water is available, so carry plenty. The Bulwark Ridge Trail ends in the saddle between Signal Mountain and South Signal Mountain, just slightly SW of the Signal Mountain summit. At this point it meets the Signal Mountain Trail coming down from the north. This trail jct. is not sign-posted. If you want, you can climb cross-country to the summit of either peak. The views from this point are spectacular in all directions.