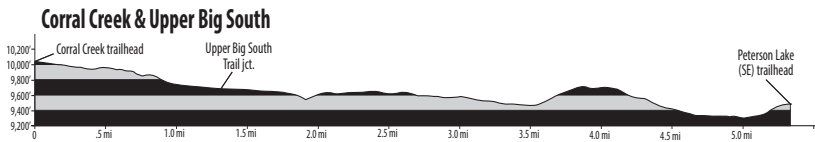


Corral Creek 989 & Upper Big South 944

PRIORITY	HIGH (patrol method): day hike; backpack; ride stock
Ratings:	Hikers – Moderate; Stock riders – Moderate
Open For Summer Patrol:	June 29th
SPOT/USFS Radio:	REQUIRED (Radio: 01 > 04; Priority 2, Poor reception)
Wilderness:	Comanche Peak
One-Way Length:	5.3 miles (from Corral Creek trailhead to Peterson Lake trailhead)
Beginning Elevation:	10,056
Peak Elevation:	10,056
Gain/Loss/Net Gain:	533/1,101/-568
USFS Regulations:	National Forest > Wilderness & Travel Zone
Trails Illustrated:	#112 Poudre River, Cameron Pass (& #200 RMNP)
USGS 7-½' Quadrangles:	Chambers Lake, Comanche Peak



TRAILHEAD LOCATION

Poudre Canyon; drive 53.7 miles from Ted's Place to mm 69.5, and turn left onto the Long Draw Road (FDR-156), which is directly across from the Blue Lake parking lot. Drive 8.8 miles, until you get to the Corral Creek ranger cabin, just before crossing Corral Creek. The trailhead is directly across the road from the cabin. Facilities are located at the Long Draw Campground, another 0.3 mile up the road. Stock: Poor footing, rocky. No parking for stock trailers at the Corral Creek or the Peterson Lake trailheads. Parking for stock trailers is available at the Long Draw Campground and in suitable turn-outs along Long Draw Road (FDR-156).

GPS Coordinates:

Wilderness boundary: N40°31.10' W105°45.84'

jct. Corral Creek & Upper Big South, & Poudre River trails: N40°31.408' W105°44.986'

campsite #17: N40°32.610' W105°45.591'

campsite #18: N40°32.207' W105°45.287'

campsite #19: N40°32.004' W105°45.200'

campsite #20: N40°31.935' W105°45.195'

jct. Upper Big South Trail with northern trail to

Peterson Lake: N40°32.948' W105°46.540'

Peterson Lake trailhead: N40°33.185' W105°46.861'

PATROL DESCRIPTION

About 0.3 mile from the Corral Creek trailhead you enter the Comanche Peak Wilderness and the Big South travel zone. Wilderness and travel zone regulations apply to both the Corral Creek and Upper Big South trails beyond this point. Continue along the Corral Creek Trail for another 1.0 mile to the junction with the Upper Big South Trail coming up the Poudre River from the north.

At this point, you may want to check out the short section of trail to the south (right), which leads to a footbridge at the RMNP boundary. [This is the start of the Poudre River Trail. This trail works its way up the Poudre River to a junction with the western end of the Mummy Pass Trail, coming down the Hague Creek drainage. RMNP is not a PWV patrol area, but it's a great hike up to Mirror Lake, sitting in a cirque on the north boundary of RMNP.]

From the junction of Corral Creek and the Upper Big South Trail, patrol down the Upper Big South Trail along the Poudre River for 3.3 miles to a trail junction that leads to Peterson Lake. There are four designated campsites (numbered 17 through 20) located in this part of the travel zone. (See the Big South Trail patrol description for the locations of designated campsites #1-16.) As in all travel zones; camp-

Corral Creek & Upper Big South (continued)

ing is restricted to designated sites, wood fires are prohibited, and only self-contained chemical stoves may be used. This patrol will give you some great views of the Poudre River and the fishing can be excellent. Moose are commonly seen along this trail. At the junction near Peterson Lake, go west to the end of the trail at the southwest end of Peterson Lake. This last 0.75 mile of the trail heading up toward Peterson Lake climbs about 300 feet. There is a trailhead sign here, at the end of the high-clearance, four-wheel-drive road to Peterson Lake.

If you have an appropriate vehicle, you can reverse the route described above by starting the patrol from the trailhead at the NE end of Peterson Lake and hiking down to the Upper Big South Trail, then uphill to the Corral Creek Trail, eventually reaching the Corral Creek trailhead.

If for some reason you patrol only one of these two trails, please note this fact in the COMMENTS section of your patrol report.

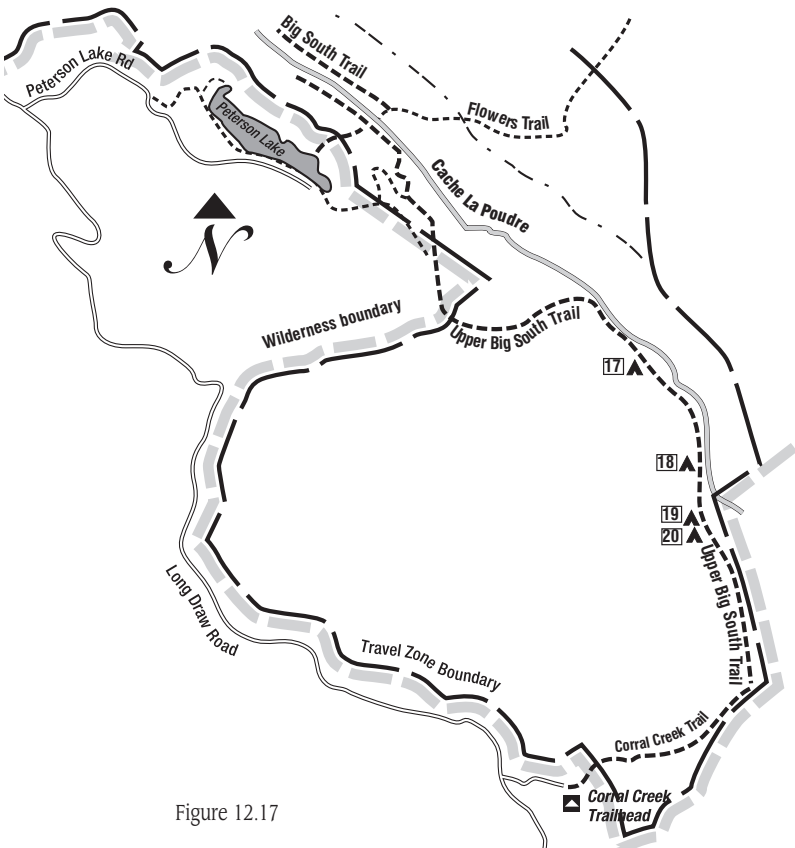


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