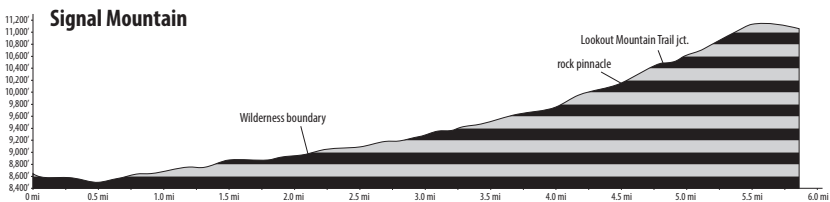


Signal Mountain Trail 928

PRIORITY	MEDIUM (patrol methods: day hike; backpack; ride stock)
Ratings:	Hikers – Strenuous; Stock riders – Challenging
Open For Summer Patrol:	June 29th
SPOT/USFS Radio:	not required (Radio: 01 > 03 > 04; Priority 3, Good Reception)
Wilderness:	Comanche Peak
One-Way Length:	5.9 miles (from trailhead to end of Bulwark Ridge Trail)
Beginning Elevation:	8,628
Peak Elevation:	11,053
Gain/Loss/Net Gain:	2,626/201/+2,425
USFS Regulations:	National Forest > Wilderness
Trails Illustrated:	#112 Poudre River, Cameron Pass
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 follow the Pingree Park Road for about 13.6 miles. The trailhead is located about 1.3 miles south of the junction of the Buckhorn Road (CR-44H) with the Pingree Park Road. Look for CR-44H on your left. No facilities. Stock Riders: Very limited parking on the right (west) side of the road.

GPS Coordinates:

trailhead: N40°33.990' W105°33.319'

two old cabins: N40°33.943' W105°32.993'

Wilderness boundary: N40°32.828' W105°33.058'

rock pinnacle: N40°32.233' W105°30.631'

Lookout Mtn. Trail jct.:

N40°32.092' W105°30.415'

Signal Mtn. summit:

N40°31.526' W105°30.567'

PATROL DESCRIPTION

The trail heads downhill, crossing a small stream, then winds around a steep bank and passes near two old cabins (on the west side of the trail) before reaching Pennock Creek.

From here the trail follows Pennock Creek to the Comanche Peak Wilderness boundary (2.1 miles above the trailhead), then turns east, following the boundary along Pennock Creek and the East Fork of Pennock Creek. The trail eventually leaves the east fork of Pennock Creek and climbs rather steeply, passing close to a very impressive isolated granite pinnacle; roughly 100 ft tall. Just 0.3 mi beyond the pinnacle, the Signal Mountain Trail intersects with the Lookout Mountain Trail heading east.

At this point the trail turns to the south and zigzags its way to a point near the summit of Signal Mountain. From here South Signal Mountain can be seen about a mile to the southwest (refer to the Bulwark Ridge Trail Patrol description). The Signal Mountain Trail Patrol ends where it meets the Bulwark Ridge Trail Patrol, a little southwest of Signal Mountain in the saddle between Signal Mountain and South Signal Mountain. Signal Mountain and South Signal Mountain were supposedly given their names because Native Americans sent smoke signals from their summits.

★ *This trail has been adopted by Lutheran Ranches of the Rockies*