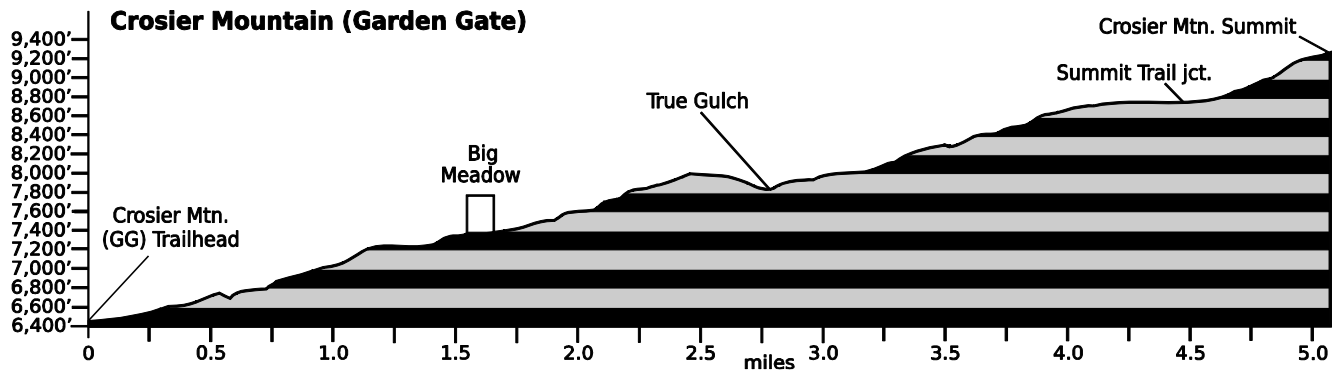


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Public Trail Information: Crosier Mountain (Garden Gate)

Trail(s): eastern portion of Crosier Mountain #931; Crosier Summit 931-1	
Ratings / restrictions:	Hikers – Moderate Stock riders – Not Recommended Bicycles allowed See complete REGULATIONS below DESCRIPTION
Cautions:	Rattlesnakes Bicycles may be on this trail
Typically accessible:	Year-round (see SEASONAL below)
Wilderness:	None
One-Way Length:	5.1 miles (trailhead to Crosier Mountain summit)
Beginning / Peak Elevations:	6,422 / 9,233
Gain/Loss/Net Gain:	3,103/317/+2,786
Map(s) - Trails Illustrated:	#101 Cache La Poudre Big Thompson
Map(s) - USGS 7-½' Quadrangles:	Glen Haven



TRAILHEAD LOCATION:

Big Thompson & Estes Park Area: Drive up US-34 from Loveland to Drake. From Drake follow the Devils Gulch Road (CR-43) for 2.2 miles (at mm 13.1) and look for a small pull-out/parking area with a gate in the fence on the south side of the road.

No toilets at trailhead. Stock riders: Basically no trailer parking.

TRAIL: The trail tread is well worn and easy to follow.

The entire Crosier Mountain Trail (#931) is 7.8 miles long and runs from the Garden Gate Trailhead in the east to the Glen Haven Trailhead in the west. There are three routes to the summit of Crosier Mountain: 1) Crosier Mountain (Garden Gate), 2) Crosier Mountain (Glen Haven), and 3) Crosier Rainbow – each with a separate trailhead and a separate trail description.

WATER: None or Very Limited

CAMPING: There are numerous attractive locations for camping between the upper end of True Gulch and the jct. with the Crosier Mtn. Summit Trail, but no available water.

SEASONAL: Normally accessible in winter; snowshoes usually needed.

DESCRIPTION:

After passing through the gate at the trailhead, the trail zig-zags through a large meadow filled with rabbitbrush. It then enters a forest dominated by ponderosa pine and Douglas-fir. The trail climbs significantly as it switchbacks several times and passes an old mine entrance. The trail tops two ridges. If you look to the north from the second, you will see the summits of North and South Signal mountains in the distance. From here, the trail passes through a small aspen grove and below a large granite outcropping. It crests one more ridge, then levels out and passes through a burn area, then a very large meadow (“big meadow”). From here, the trail climbs up a drainage to the left of a large rocky ridge, then climbs sharply to the southwest and breaks out between a couple of large boulders, topping another ridge at 8,000 feet. From the crest of this ridge, you can see the summit of Crosier Mountain to the west. From here, the trail drops sharply into True Gulch and starts another climb up toward the trail leading to the summit.

About 1.5 miles beyond True Gulch, the trail junctions with the Crosier Mountain Summit Trail (#931-1). A sign points the way for the steep 0.5-mile climb to the summit. Beyond this junction the trail is considered part of Crosier Mountain (Glen Haven), as the trail continues to the west and descends to Glen Haven. See that trail description for information. The high point on Crosier Mountain is a small meadow and

rock outcropping, framing expansive views of Estes Park and many peaks in RMNP. On a clear day you can see from Signal Mountain (to the northwest) all the way to Pikes Peak in the south!

Wildflowers are abundant along this trail in the spring. Be sure to carry plenty of water.

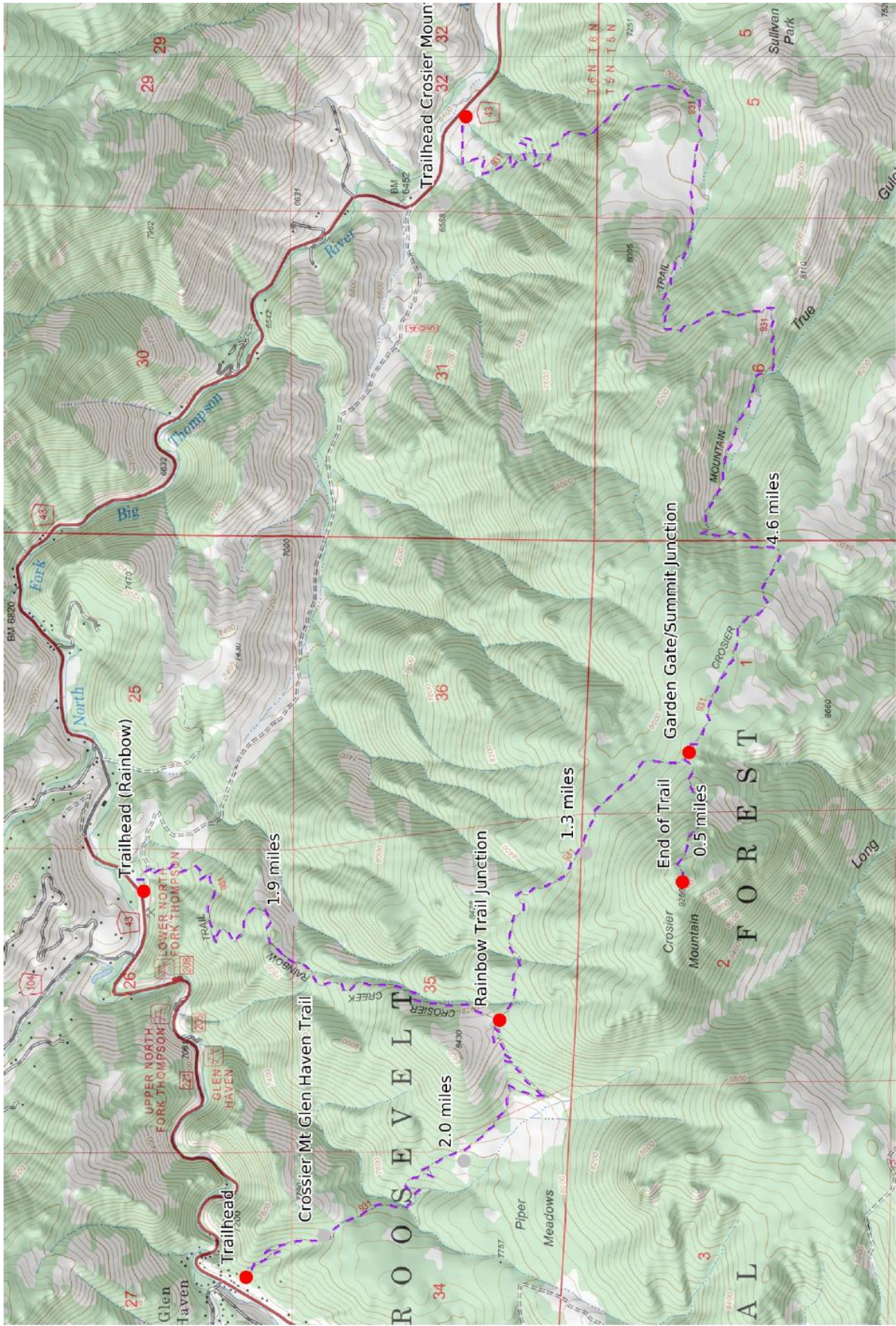
REGULATIONS:

- Camping and Fires - Prohibited within 200 feet of trailhead and parking area; recommend at least 100 feet from water and trail.
- Dogs - Must be under voice control at all times.
- Stock - To avoid spreading noxious weeds, recommend beginning 72 hours prior to the ride, stock should be fed only pellets or certified weed-free hay. Required: throughout the trip, stock *must* be fed only pellets or certified weed-free hay.
- Bicycles and Other Wheeled Conveyances - Allowed.
- Motorized Transport - Prohibited.
- Group Size - A single group of more than 74 people must have a USFS permit.

Trail Adopted by: American Society of Civil Engineers, CSU chapter

GPS Coordinates: datum = WGS84	Lat/Long	UTM	
trailhead (on Devils Gulch Road; CR-43)	N40°26.54' W105°22.70'	460 ⁸³³ mE	4476 ⁹⁵⁶ mN
junction with Crosier Mtn. Summit Trail	N40°25.92' W105°25.06'	464 ⁵⁷³ mE	4475 ⁷⁹⁰ mN
end of trail at Crosier Mtn. summit	N40°25.94' W105°25.53'	463 ⁹⁰⁹ mE	4475 ⁸³⁰ mN

(See next page for trail map.)



Mercator Projection
 WGS84
 USNG Zone 13TDE
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Scale 1:26689 1 inch = 2224 feet

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Crozier Mountain (Garden Gate): 3