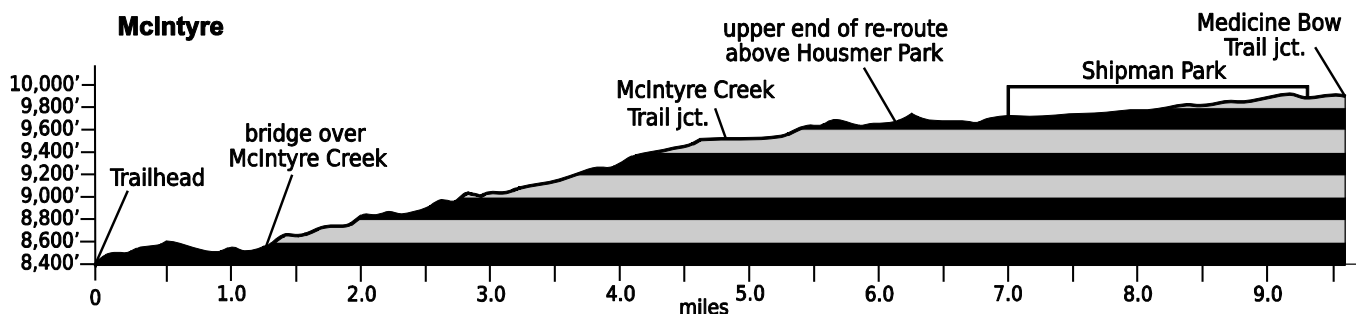


Jan. 31, 2021

Public Trail Information: McIntyre

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| Trail(s): McIntyre #966 | |
| Ratings / restrictions: | Hikers – Moderate Stock riders – Difficult Dogs on hand-held leash with hikers See complete regulations below INFORMATION OF INTEREST |
| Cautions: | None |
| Typically accessible: | Late June, after Laramie River Road is open for the season |
| Wilderness: | Rawah |
| One-Way Length: | 9.6 miles for entire trail - from Link/McIntyre Trailhead to Ute Pass (4.7 miles for lower trail - from Trailhead to junction with McIntyre Creek Trail) |
| Beginning / Peak Elevations: | 8,432 / 9,926 |
| Gain/Loss/Net Gain: | 1,737/243/+1,494 |
| Map(s) - Trails Illustrated: | #111 Red Feather Lakes Glendevey; #113 Cowdrey North Sand Hills; Mountain Jay - Rawah Wilderness |
| Map(s) - USGS 7-½' Quadrangles: | Glendevey, Shipman Mountain |



TRAILHEAD LOCATION:

Rawah Wilderness Area: 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 on maps, but the sign states CR-99) and follow it for about 2.7 miles. The Link/McIntyre trailhead is on the left, a little past the Browns Park Campground.

Toilets and stock water are available at the Campground. At the trailhead, there are toilets and a large parking lot with good parking for stock trailers.

TRAIL: Nearly the entire length of this trail passes through established forest where the trail corridor is open and readily visible. Much of the trail follows an old road bed, so the trail is 10 or more ft wide in many places. The trail was rerouted years ago along the NE side of Housmer Park, and the upper portion is still visible at the junction (GPS N40°47.22' W106°0.63'). When traveling down the McIntyre Trail from Ute Pass, stay left. When traveling uphill, stay right.

WATER: Abundant - Although the first mile above the trailhead is dry, there is an abundance of water along this trail. The trail winds along McIntyre Creek from mile 1.0 to mile 4.0 and then along Housmer Creek for 0.5 mi to the jct. with the McIntyre Creek

Trail. There are several small creeks that cross the trail in this section and in the next section where the trail route skirts the eastern side of Housmer Park. The trail (past the trail junction) crosses 9 small creeks, at least four or five of which provide reliable, year-round sources of water: creek crossing #3 at N40°47.61' W106°1.27', creek crossing #5 with a 2-log stringer bridge at N40°47.79' W106°1.53', creek crossing #7 at N40°48.12' W106°02.04'; and creek crossing #9 at N40°48.28' W106°2.38'.

CAMPING: Four good locations for camping are: (1) 2.4 miles up the trail, slightly uphill to the north of the trail at a flat area amid aspen and spruce trees about N40°47.66 W105°57.99. (2) the west side of Housmer Park at about mile 4.75 in the trees at or near the outfitter camp (room for multiple tents; water available from Housmer Creek). Note this is not an option during hunting season because the outfitter and clients are using this area. This location is also good as a stock camp. (Be sure you are well away from all the creeks in the area.) (3) lower Shipman Park (via game trail/bushwhack) or middle Shipman Park (via Shipman Park Trail) (water available from small creeks flowing into the Park from the south or southwest). Note that the outfitter has one or more permitted camps in this area during hunting season. (4) slightly NE of Ute Pass at approximately GPS N40°48.62' W106°3.11'. Ute Pass

is a great place to camp, for both backpackers and horse packers, with room for multiple tents. There is lots of good grazing, and there's nearly always water at several locations along the upper mile of the McIntyre Trail to the east of the Pass, as well as from East Sand Creek, 1/4 mile to the southwest on the Ute Pass trail.

DESCRIPTION: This trail is the main access to the north end of the Rawah Wilderness. It provides access to the northern and central parts of the Medicine Bow Trail, the McIntyre Creek Trail and the Shipman Park Trail (#974). As an old roadbed with a gradual gradient and good surface in many places, this trail is especially good for horse travel.

The McIntyre Trail begins with a 1-mile traverse around a hillside where it enters the Wilderness and then drops down to McIntyre Creek, which is crossed by a sturdy bridge large enough for well-trained horses. It is recommended that stock riders use the bridge, as the ford is very rocky and difficult. Just on the other side of the bridge is a private trail from the Glendevey Guest Ranch coming in from the north (right) side of the trail. The McIntyre Trail proceeds along the north bank of McIntyre Creek, climbing steadily but gradually. It passes through some nice aspen groves and small meadows, two with large patches of ferns, some with many wild roses in season, and one with a beautiful thick ground cover of columbines in mid-summer (at about 2.4 miles), plus many other wildflowers. As you continue along the creek, keep your eye out for American Dipper with its characteristic tail bobbing as it feeds along the water's edge.

After about 4.3 miles, before the trail approaches Housmer Park, if you look closely, you will see that the main branch of McIntyre Creek comes in from the south just below the remains of an old cabin. The cabin can be seen from the trail about 50 yards past the Revegetation Area sign. After a short climb, the trail passes through an open wooden gate in a barbed-wire fence. A little further along the trail is the junction with the McIntyre Creek Trail heading off to the south (left). From this point the trail skirts the east side of Housmer Park. There is an outfitter's camp in the southwest corner of the Park. (The outfitter has a special use permit from the USFS and

does not necessarily need to follow the same rules imposed on individual users.)

About 1.1 miles from the junction with McIntyre Creek Trail you will see the former trail to the left, which should be blocked off by downed trees. Stay right at this junction.

The trail then climbs gently for 3+ miles with a few steep climbs and descents where it detours around bogs. As the trail nears Ute Pass, it passes a junction with a side trail down into Shipman Park (Trail #974). While this trail is not part of the McIntyre trail patrol, you may want to go down for a look at the vast expanse of Shipman Park. It is a huge park and wildlife is abundant in this area, including moose, elk and mule deer. Also, wildflowers are often very abundant, but it is boggy in early summer.

From this junction, it is only a short distance up to Ute Pass. As the trail approaches the open area of the pass, it comes to a T-junction with the Medicine Bow Trail. (The Medicine Bow [N] and Medicine Bow [S] trail patrols begin at this location). Even if you don't plan to patrol the Medicine Bow Trail, going north up the trail a few hundred feet is rewarded by the fabulous view out over North Park.

INFORMATION OF INTEREST: Colorado's northern Utes used Ute Pass to travel across the mountains from the east to North Park. It is the lowest pass across the Medicine Bow Mountains in this area. Most of this trail follows the old State Road from Bellevue and Livermore over the Medicine Bow Range to Walden, the first wagon road access from the plains to North Park. Opened in 1897, the road was abandoned in favor of railroad access via Wyoming around 1915. PWV founder Chuck Bell remembers seeing remnants of old corduroy road bed across marshy areas on the upper trail when he first started patrolling here in 1993, but they are no longer visible.

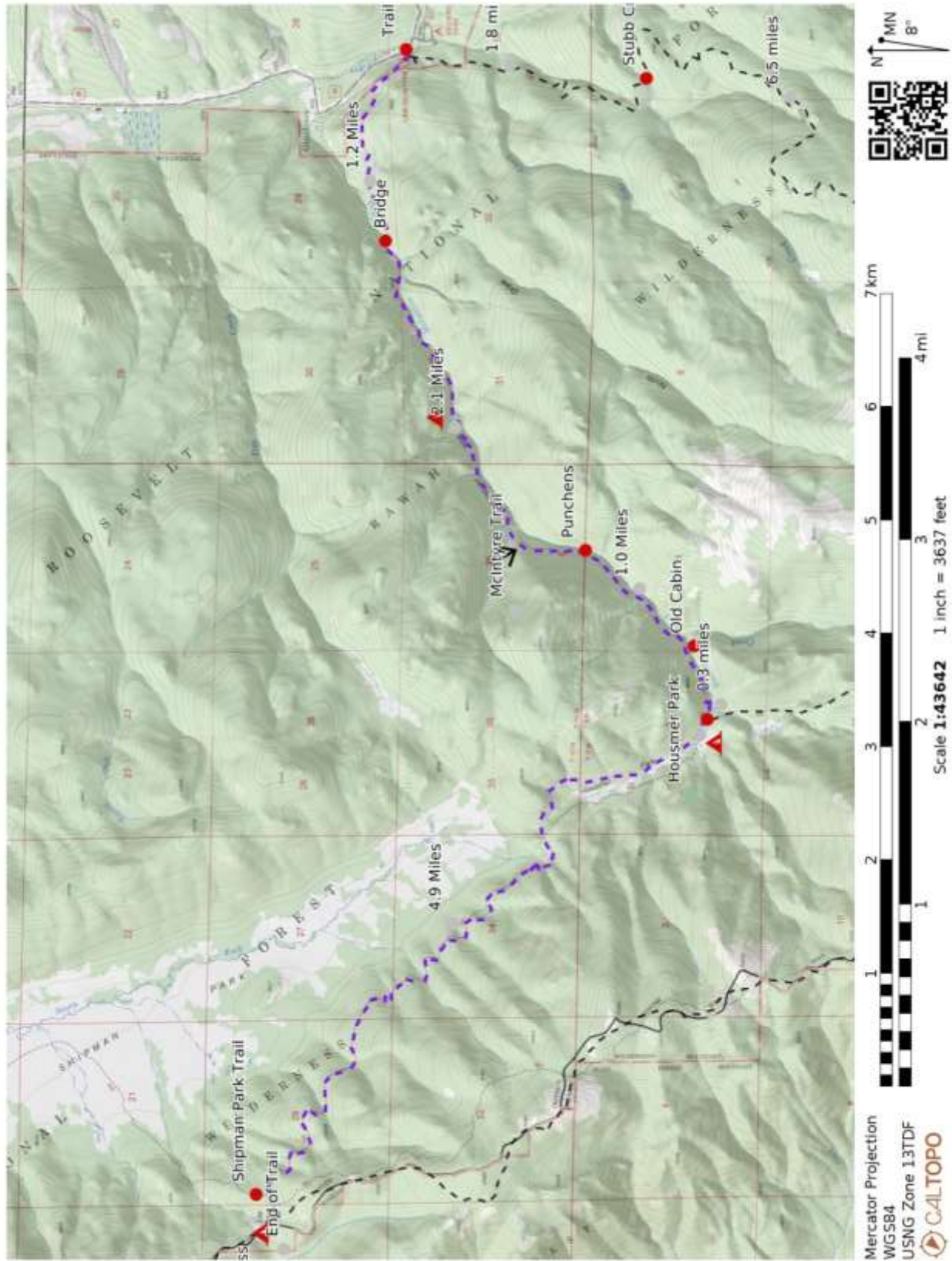
An old ranger station can be found at the southeast side of Shipman Park at N40°47.89 W106°01.38. The sign states: "These were buildings built about 1900 to administer timber sales and cattle grazing during the summer months. The station was abandoned about . . . "(the end being scratched out). There are remains of two log structures which may have been a barn and a cabin. To access this, cut off the trail at about N40°46.55 W105°59.43.

REGULATIONS:

- Camping and Fires - Prohibited within 200 feet of trailhead. Prohibited within 200 feet of water or trail.
- Dogs - Must be on hand-held leash with hikers, voice control with stock.
- Stock - To avoid spreading noxious weeds, recommend beginning 72 hours prior to the ride stock feed should only be pellets or certified weed- free hay. Required: throughout the trip, any feed *must* be pellets or certified weed-free hay.
- Bicycles and Other Wheeled Conveyances - Prohibited.
- Motorized Transport and Equipment - Prohibited.
- Group Size - Maximum 12 people and stock, combined.

| Mile | GPS Coordinates: datum = WGS84 | Lat/Long | UTM |
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| 0 | Link/McIntyre trailhead (on Glendevey Road; CR-190) | N40°47.87' W105°55.73' | 421644mE 4516730mN |
| 0.3 | Wilderness boundary | N40°48.03' W105°56.00' | 421268mE 4517030mN |
| 1.2 | bridge across McIntyre Creek | N40°47.99' W105°56.90' | 420002mE 4516969mN |
| 3.5 | first (easternmost) pair of puncheons on trail | N40°47.04' W105°58.85' | 417241mE 4515242mN |
| 4.1 | timber bridge across a side tributary | N40°46.75' W105°59.14' | 416827mE 4514710mN |
| 4.4 | confluence of McIntyre Creek & Housmer Creek | N40°46.55' W105°59.39' | 416471mE 4514344mN |
| 4.4 | remains of old cabin | N40°46.50' W105°59.42' | 416428mE 4514252mN |
| 4.8 | barbed wire fence & open wood rail gate | N40°46.44' W105°59.77' | 415934mE 4514146mN |
| 4.8 | junction with McIntyre Creek Trail | N40°46.44' W105°59.81' | 415878mE 4514147mN |
| 6.1 | junction with old trail above Housmer Park | N40°47.22' W106°00.64' | 414727mE 4515603mN |
| 9.5 | junction with Shipman Park Trail | N40°48.53' W106°02.90' | 411409mE 4518066mN |
| 9.6 | end of patrol at junction with Medicine Bow Trail (North & South) | N40°48.50' W106°03.12' | 411409mE 4518011mN |
| | recommended campsite near Ute Pass | N40°48.63' W106°03.11' | 411285mE 4518253mN |

(See next page for map of trail.)



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