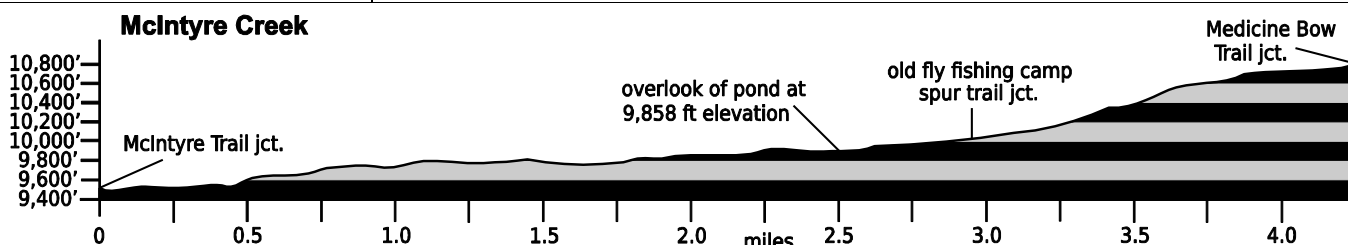


Dec. 30, 2020

Public Trail Information: McIntyre Creek

Trail(s): McIntyre Creek #996	
Ratings / restrictions:	Hikers – Moderate Stock riders – Difficult Dogs on hand-held leash only with hikers See complete regulations below DESCRIPTION
Cautions:	Lightning (especially along the upper mile of this trail)
Typically accessible:	Late June, after Laramie River Road is open
Wilderness:	Rawah
One-Way Length:	4.3 miles (from junction with McIntyre Trail to junction with Medicine Bow Trail)
Beginning / Peak Elevations:	9,584 / 10,795
Gain/Loss/Net Gain:	2,079 / 874 / +1,205
Map(s) - Trails Illustrated:	#111 Red Feather Lakes Glendevey; #112 Poudre River Cameron Pass; Mountain Jay - Rawah Wilderness
Map(s) - USGS 7-½ ' Quadrangles:	Glendevey, Rawah Lakes



TRAIL LOCATION:

Rawah Wilderness Area: The McIntyre Creek Trail is accessed from the McIntyre Trail. See the McIntyre trail description for details.

TRAIL: Nearly the entire length of this trail passes through established forest where the trail corridor is readily visible.

The lower mile or so meanders through willow-filled meadows.

The middle 3 miles has well-established, somewhat rocky and eroded tread.

The upper end of the trail climbs steeply uphill via a rocky, easily seen and followed tread, and then travels across an open alpine hillside. At the end is a large alpine meadow where the trail's path is marked with three large rock cairns, the last of which has a wooden sign post and is the junction with the Medicine Bow (South) Trail.

WATER: Abundant - There is an abundance of water along this trail.

The lower mile crosses Housmer Creek four times. At mile 1.6, the trail comes within 10 ft of McIntyre Creek (at GPS N40°45.29' W105°59.55'). At mile 2.2, it crosses a small creek. Then at mile 3 from McIntyre Trail, just below the highest of the McIntyre ponds and about 70 ft east of the trail at GPS N40°44.31' W105°59.19', is another creek with good water flow.

The upper 1.2 miles is dry except that stream headwaters at the very top of the trail, opposite the

cabin remains, provide a nice source of water for much of the summer.

CAMPING: A good camping location is at the beginning of the trail at Housmer Park (see the McIntyre Trail description).

A second option is about 2.5 miles from the trailhead (N40°44.72' W105°59.46'), to the north of the trail in a large meadow between a large pond and the trail, and more than 200 ft from both.

Another camping site is located at the end of the lightly used spur trail (at the 3 mile water source described above) that leads to the site of an old outfitter's fly fishing camp about 0.65 mile ENE of the McIntyre Creek Trail at GPS N40°44.40' W105°58.62'. The site is over 200 ft from the stream and is large enough to accommodate several tents. Note that there is a warren of social trails in this area so finding the site of the old outfitter's fly fishing camp can be a little tricky.

There is a well-used camping site at the top of the trail in the woods to the left of the cabin remains and close to the stream headwaters where you can usually get water. You can also camp in a tree island just north of the junction of the McIntyre Creek and Medicine Bow (South) trails.

SEASONAL: Laramie River Road is not plowed in winter, so the trailhead is not accessible.

Early in summer, you should expect to get wet while crossing several small creeks on this trail.

DESCRIPTION: Follow the McIntyre Trail (see that trail description) to just below Housmer Park. Shortly after you pass through an open, wooden gate, the McIntyre Creek Trail branches off to the south (left).

The lower trail climbs gently for about 2 miles to the “McIntyre ponds”; a group of ponds scattered along the trail for nearly a mile.

At 3 miles, just below the highest of the McIntyre ponds, is an unofficial and unmaintained spur trail leading east to an old outfitter’s fly fishing camp. Just beyond this spur trail, the trail turns sharply to the west and then south via several switchbacks as it ascends steeply up the east face of the Medicine Bow

Range (gaining 665 ft of elevation in about 0.7 mile along eroded tread).

Soon after the trail levels off above tree-line, it passes near the remains of an old log cabin. The trail then continues a short distance to the southwest past two large rock cairns before it ends at the Medicine Bow (South) Trail at a point marked by a sign post sticking out of a large rock cairn.

This is a challenging but attractive trail with many wildflowers along the lower, wet section and again near the top in the subalpine and alpine zones.

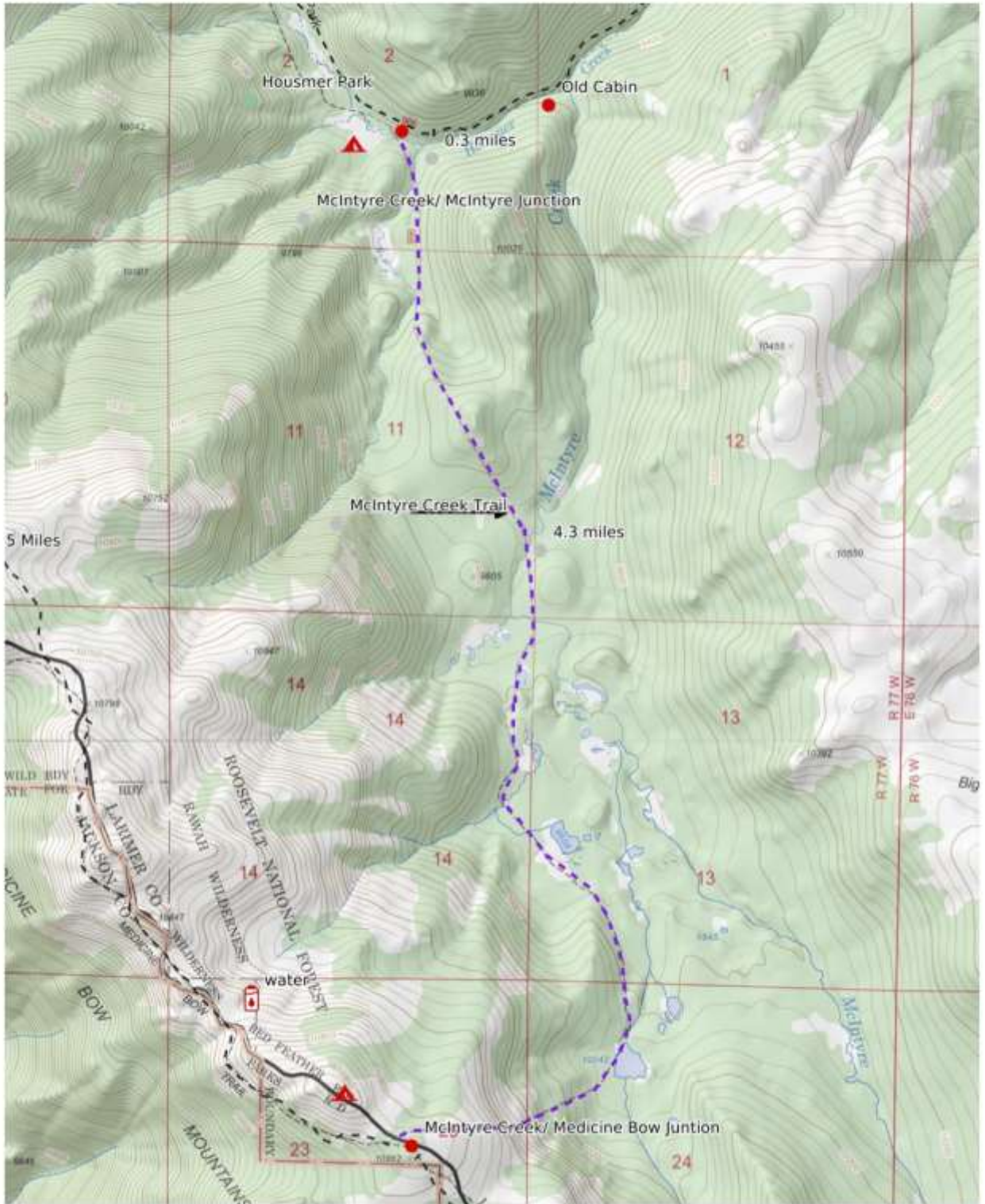
The trail gets relatively little use because of its remoteness and the steepness of its final mile. Most users are backpackers and horse riders.

REGULATIONS:

- Camping and Fires - 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
0	“trailhead” at junction with McIntyre Trail	N40°46.44' W105°59.81'	415878mE 4514147mN
3.0	junction with spur trail to old outfitter's fly fishing camp	N40°44.20' W105°58.62'	416506mE 4509985mN
3.1	highest McIntyre pond	N40°44.31' W105°59.19'	416706mE 4510196mN
4.2	remains of old cabin	N40°43.93' W105°59.64'	416064mE 4509500mN
4.3	end of trail at junction with Medicine Bow (South) Trail	N40°43.87' W105°59.70'	415979mE 4509390mN

(See next page for map of trail.)



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