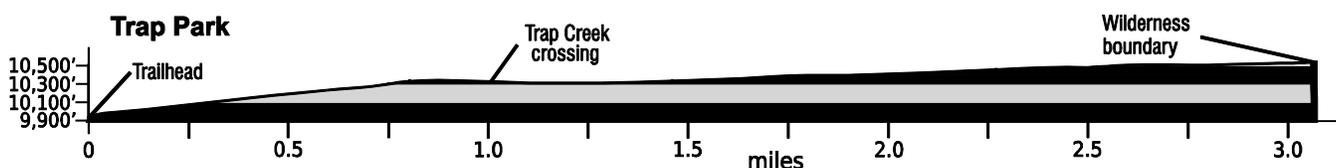


Jan. 10, 2021

Public Trail Information: Trap Park

Trail(s): Trap Park #995 (#866)	
Ratings / restrictions:	Hikers – Easy Stock riders – Moderate See complete REGULATIONS below INFORMATION OF INTEREST
CAUTIONS:	Moose are frequently encountered along this trail.
Typically accessible:	When Long Draw Road opens for summer season, usually early July (see SEASONAL below).
Wilderness:	None
One-Way Length:	3.1 miles (trailhead to Wilderness boundary)
Elevation – Beginning / Peak:	9,967 / 10,547
Gain/Loss/Net Gain:	954/374/+580
Map(s) - Trails Illustrated:	#112 Poudre River, Cameron Pass
Map(s) - USGS 7-½' Quadrangles:	Chambers Lake



TRAILHEAD LOCATION:

Upper Poudre River Area: Drive west on CO-14 for 53.7 miles from Ted’s Place to mm 69.5. Turn left onto Long Draw Road (FDR-156), which is directly across from the Blue Lake parking lot. Follow Long Draw Road for 2.9 miles. Turn right onto a short but rough road (marked 148-1) crossing over Trap Creek. It will lead you to the parking lot and the trailhead. The parking lot is small, with little turn-around space for stock trailers. No toilets.

TRAIL: This trail follows an old roadbed for much of its length and is easy to follow, even in the willows near the upper end of the trail.

WATER: Abundant - Water is readily available from Trap Creek and its tributaries, except along the lower 0.5 mi of the trail.

CAMPING: Places to camp can be found on the forested hillsides just south of the first crossing of Trap Creek. Take the unofficial trail uphill just before the first creek crossing. Campsites that are legal and out of view of the trail can be found in this area and water can be readily accessed at the stream crossing. Other potential campsites can be found in the trees (and out-of-sight) along the south side (and possibly the north side) of the “park”.

SEASONAL: Long Draw Road is not plowed in winter, so the only way to access the trailhead during snow season is to ski, snowshoe, or snowmobile from Hwy. 14 (about 2.9 miles). Skis or snowshoes are needed on this trail in winter.

The three unbridged crossings of Trap Creek (at 1.05; 2.91; and 3.01 miles above the trailhead), may be challenging during high stream flows, even if you are

prepared to wade. This trail also makes unbridged crossings of 3 small tributary creeks as well. You may wish to carry and use water shoes/sandals and/or trekking poles for the water crossings.

DESCRIPTION: From the parking lot the trail follows an old road to Trap Park. At 0.15 mile, a talus slope begins with poor footing. At about 0.25 mile, the trail makes a switchback through the talus slope and continues its climb along the hillside east of Trap Creek. You will have a nice view of Trap Lake from the switchback/boulder field. Look for raspberries here in late August and September and moose in or near the lake at any season. After about 1 mile the trail enters the north end of Trap Park. From here, you will have great views of Iron Mountain to the southwest and Flat Top Mountain to the south. If time permits, climb the ridge to the east and look for moose in the willow-laden park.

The trail crosses Trap Creek at this point and continues along the west side of Trap Park for about 2 more miles. Moose are commonly seen along this trail and wildflowers are very abundant in the wet meadows during late spring and summer. There are a total of three unbridged trail crossings of Trap Creek and 14 or more crossings of small, intermittent creeks and boggy areas on this patrol so it can be challenging to maintain dry boots during high stream flows. The “system” trail ends at the boundary of the Neota Wilderness.

If you want to see more of the Neota Wilderness, we encourage you to do so by going off trail from this point. Most of this Wilderness is above timberline. You can also climb Iron Mountain and/or Flat Top

Mountain (fantastic views from the tops of both) if you feel ambitious.

INFORMATION OF INTEREST: Early settlers built log bear traps in the park, thus the name Trap Park.

All mileages shown are approximate.

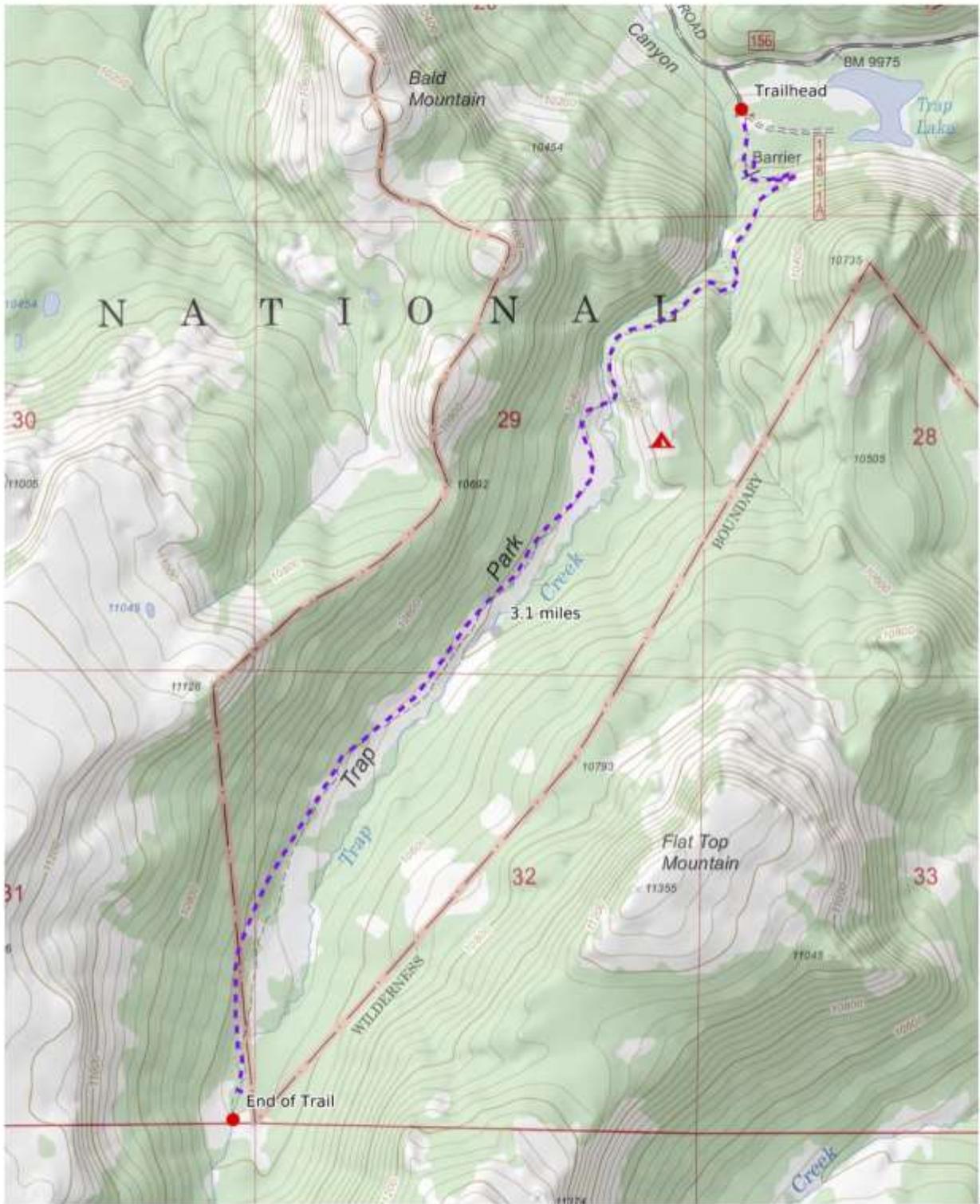
REGULATIONS:

- Camping and Fires – Prohibited within ¼ mile of trailhead. 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 feed should only be pellets or certified weed-free hay. Required: throughout trip, any feed *must* be pellets or certified weed-free hay.
- Bicycles and Other Wheeled Conveyances – Prohibited.
- Motorized Transport – Prohibited.
- Group Size – More than 74 people in a single group must have a USFS permit.

This trail provides access to the northeastern portion of the Neota Wilderness.

Mileag	GPS Coordinates: datum = WGS84	Lat/Long	UTM
0	Trap Park Trailhead (a short distance off Long Draw Road: FDR-156 via 148-1)	N40°33.42' W105°49.29'	430449mE 4489905mN
0.25	overlook of Trap Lake		
1.0	first crossing of Trap Creek	N40°32.86' W105°49.62'	429974mE 4488874mN
2.9	second crossing of Trap Creek	N40°31.61' W105°50.56'	429952mE 4486561mN
3.0	third crossing of Trap Creek	N40°31.56' W105°50.55'	428638mE 4488481mN
3.1	end of trail at Neota Wilderness boundary (birdhouse	N40°31.49' W105°50.57'	428609mE 4486352mN

(See next page for map of trail.)



Mercator Projection
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