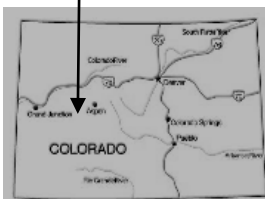


SNOWMASS & WILLOW LAKES LOOP



BACKPACKING TRIP

FYI: The map on the reverse side is for general orientation, not for navigation.
P.S. Get and post trail updates at www.facebook.com/oriccolorado

Location: Maroon Bells Wilderness
White River National Forest
Pitkin County

Contact Info: Aspen Ranger District
970-925-3445
www.fs.fed.us/r2

Length: 21.40 mile loop (estimate using Nat'l Geo Mapping Software)

Time: Two to three night backpack with options for a longer stay. The average person hikes at a speed of 2 miles per hour. Adjust your time +/- based on terrain, trail and weather conditions and your skill and fitness level.

Elevation Gain/Loss: See trail profile on reverse side

Difficulty: Moderate to Strenuous

Season: July through September

Trail Users: Hikers, backpackers and wildlife

Dogs: On hand-held leash

Permits: Free, but must self-register at the trailhead and carry a copy of the registration with you during your visit

Getting There From Denver: Take 1-70 west to Glenwood Springs. Take CO Highway 82 south to Snowmass. In Snowmass take the Snowmass Creek Road (County Road 11) to the Maroon Snowmass trailhead.

Maps: Nat'l Geo Trails Illustrated #128E, Latitude 40° Aspen-Crested Butte-Gunnison Recreation Topo Map, Sky Terrain Aspen-Crested Butte-Maroon Bells Trail Map and or the Capitol Peak, Highland Peak, Snowmass Mountain and Maroon Bells USGS 7.5 topographic maps. **IMPORTANT:** Stay found with the aid of a topographic map, a compass, a GPS receiver and the skill to use them.

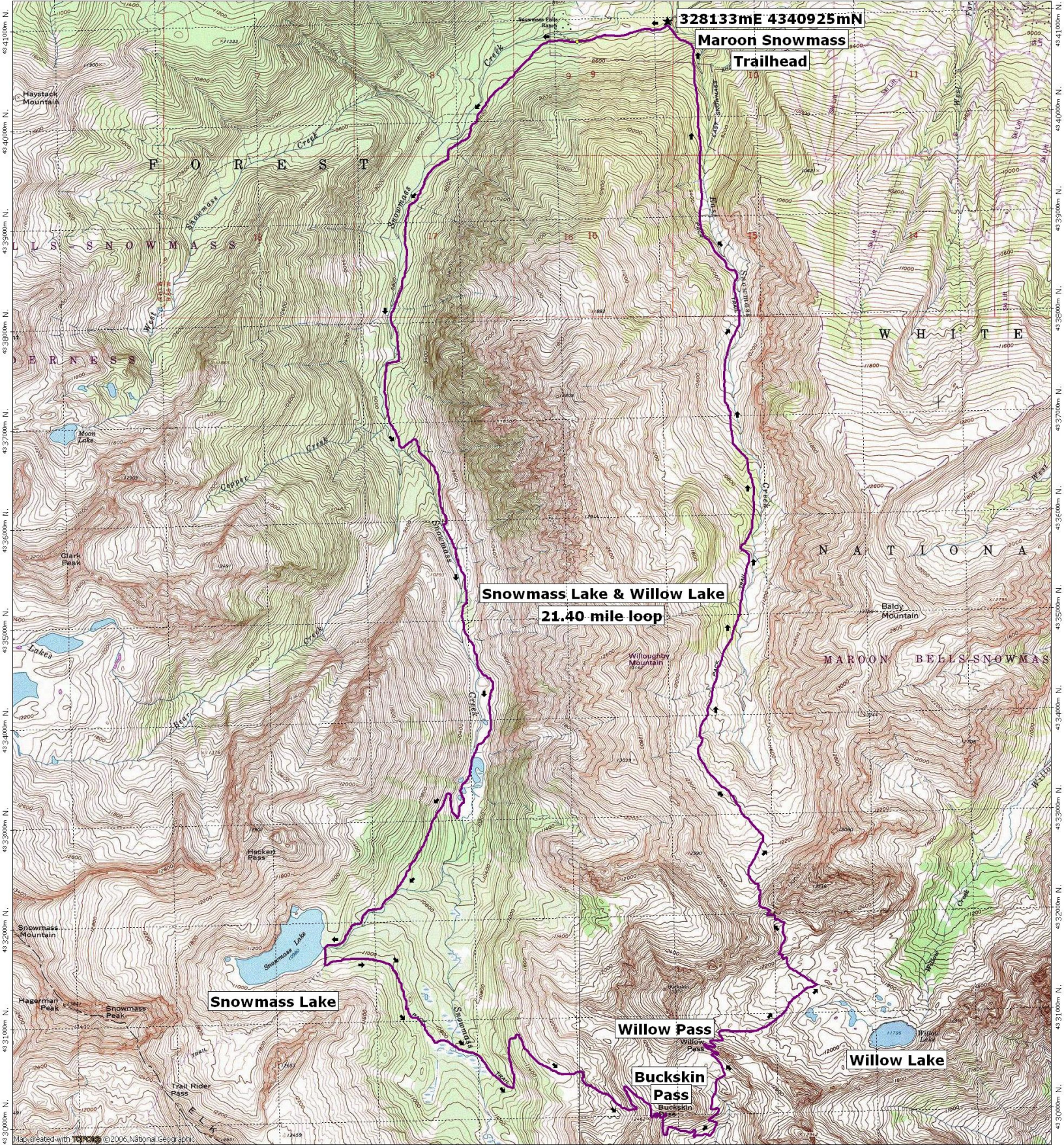
Safety Considerations and Supplemental Info: ■ Afternoon thunderstorms and lightning ■ Treat water drawn from sources along the trail ■ Stream crossings can be a challenge in the Spring and early Summer ■ Check www.oriconline.org for fire restrictions ■ Be prepared for mosquitoes from July through September ■ Food, refuse and any scented items must be stored in an Interagency Grizzly Bear Committee (IGBC) approved bear resistant container

Trail Description: The trail to Snowmass Lake is a heavily traveled trail, but well worth taking. The trail over Willow Pass to Willow Lake is less traveled and definitely worth the effort. To accomplish this loop you will be going over three high mountain passes. **TIP:** Contact the Aspen Ranger District for trail updates.

Highlights: ■ Alpine serenity and solitude ■ Good fishing in the lakes and streams ■ Fantastic wildflowers in season (especially in mid-July) ■ Views of the high peaks of the Elk Mountains ■ The opportunity to see a variety of wildlife including Mountain Goats ■ Optional side trips to nearby alpine lakes

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