

# DEVIL'S THUMB LOOP

## BACKPACKING TRIP

**FYI:** The map on the reverse side is for general orientation, not for navigation.  
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**Location:** Indian Peaks Wilderness  
Arapaho National Forest  
Near Hessie Trailhead

**Contact Info:** Boulder Ranger District  
303-541-2500  
[www.fs.fed.us/r2](http://www.fs.fed.us/r2)

**Length:** 14.65 mile loop (estimate using Nat'l Geo Mapping Software)

**Time:** 2 nights, 3 days with the option for a longer stay. The average person hikes apx. 2 miles an 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

**Trail Users:** Hikers and wildlife

**Season:** July through September

**Dogs:** On hand-held leash at all times

**Permits:** Permits are required for overnight use June 1 through September 15. You can get them by mail or in person at the Boulder Ranger District.

**Getting There From Denver:** Take I-25 north. Go west on US Highway 36 to Boulder. Turn left (west) on Canyon Road (becomes CO Highway 119) to Nederland. Stay on CO Highway 119 at the roundabout and go south apx. a mile to the turn-off for Boulder County Road 130 (a.k.a. the Eldora Road) Turn right (west) on Boulder County Road 130 and follow it to the Hessie Trailhead.

**Maps:** Nat'l Geo Trails Illustrated # 102, Sky Terrain Southern Rocky Mountain National Park and Indian Peaks Wilderness Trail Map and or the East Portal and Nederland 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:** ■ Get a weather forecast and current fire restrictions at [www.oriconline.org](http://www.oriconline.org) ■ No campfires are allowed east of the Continental Divide ■ Suggest hiking and camping on weekdays ■ Camping by permit only in the Indian Peaks Wilderness (June 1 through September 15)

**Trail Description:** Trailhead parking is limited and especially so on weekends. Start your hike on the Devils Thumb Bypass Tr. #902. Follow this trail to Jasper Lk. Continue on this trail past Devils Thumb Lk. to the High Lonesome 3 Tr. (#7.3). Turn left and follow this trail south in the direction of King Lk. Just past King Lake turn left (east) onto the King Lake Tr. #901. The King Lk. Tr. will meet up with the Devils Thumb Tr. #902. Turn right and follow it back to the Hessie Trailhead. **TIP:** Contact the Boulder Ranger District for trail updates.

**Highlights:** ■ The views are spectacular from the passes ■ Wildflowers are exceptional at Skyscraper Reservoir (a side trip, but well worth it) ■ Wonderful views of spectacular Devils Thumb

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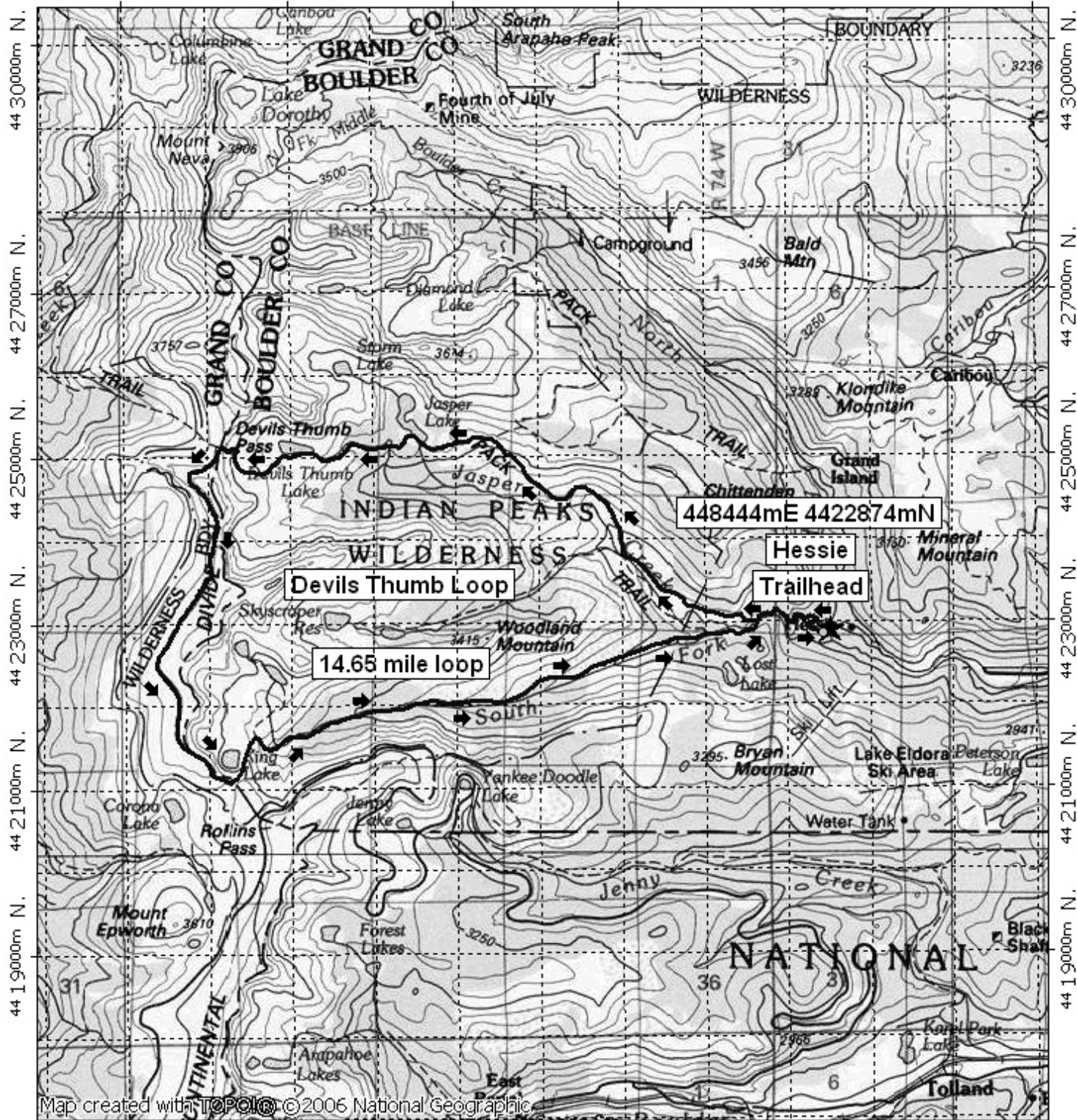
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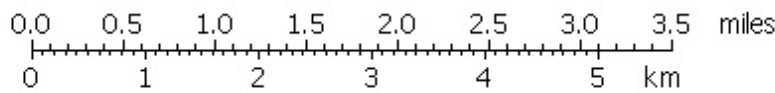
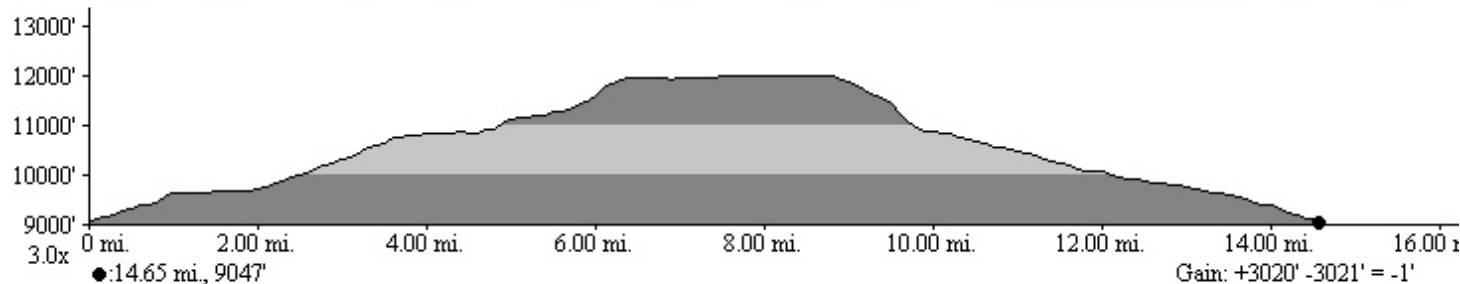
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