

ROSALIE TRAIL

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DAY HIKE

Location: Mt. Evans Wilderness

Pike National Forest

Contact Info: South Platte Ranger District

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Length: 5.23 miles one-way (estimate using the Nat'l Geo Mapping Software)

Time: The average person hikes approximately 2 miles an hour. Adjust your time +/based on terrain and weather conditions and your skill and fitness level and whether you are hiking or trail running.

Season: June to October

Elevation Gain: See trail profile on reverse side

Difficulty: Easy to moderate

Trail Users: Hikers and possibly cyclists up to the Wilderness Boundary

Dogs: Under owner's control

Permits: None

Getting There From Denver: Take U.S. Highway 285 west to Pine Junction. Continue west from Pine Junction for about 4 1/2 miles to the turn-off for Deer Creek Road (Park County Road 43A). Turn right onto Park County Road 43A and follow it for approximately 6 ½ miles at which point you will need to branch off to the left to stay on Park County Road 43A. Continue on Park County Road 43A for another 1 ½ to the Deer Creek Campground. And then go about a mile past the campground to the Deer Creek Trailhead.

Maps: National Geographic Trails Illustrated # 104E and USGS Harris topographic map. **IMPORTANT:** Stay found with the aid of a topographic map, compass, GPS receiver and the skill to use them.

Safety Concerns: ■ Afternoon thunderstorms and lightning

Trail Description: From the trail head begin hiking up the combined Rosalie (trail # 603) and the Tanglewood (trail #636) trails. After about ½ mile, the Rosalie trail branches off to the west. Continue on this trail which traverses a shoulder above Deer Creek. This trail eventually contours around to the upper reaches of Deer Creek. The trail now follows Deer Creek and tops a high pass (11,660 ft) between Mt Kataka and Mt Tahana just south of Mt Evans. Return the way you came. SUGGESTION: Contact the South Platte Ranger District for trail updates.

Highlights: ■ This trail travels through glades, meadows, aspen groves and stands of pine ■ Treeless saddle with great views of several high peaks.

