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**WINTER**

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## Middle Saint Vrain Area

**Difficulty:** Easy to Moderate

**Trail Use:** Moderate to Heavy

**Length:** Peaceful Valley to: Middle Saint Vrain 4X4 Trailhead (TH) - 4.5 miles; treeline - 9 miles.  
DISTANCES ARE ONE-WAY.

**Elevation:** 8,500 feet at Peaceful Valley; 9,600 feet at Middle Saint Vrain 4X4 TH.

**Open To:** Cross Country Skiing, Snowshoeing. West of the wilderness boundary, pets must be on a hand-held leash at all times and group size limitations apply. Snowmobiles are not allowed in the wilderness.

### Access

- From Nederland, travel approximately 18 miles north on Colorado Highway 72. Look for signs for Peaceful Valley and Camp Dick Campgrounds.
- Limited parking is available on the access road.
- Do not to block private drives or the gate with your vehicle.

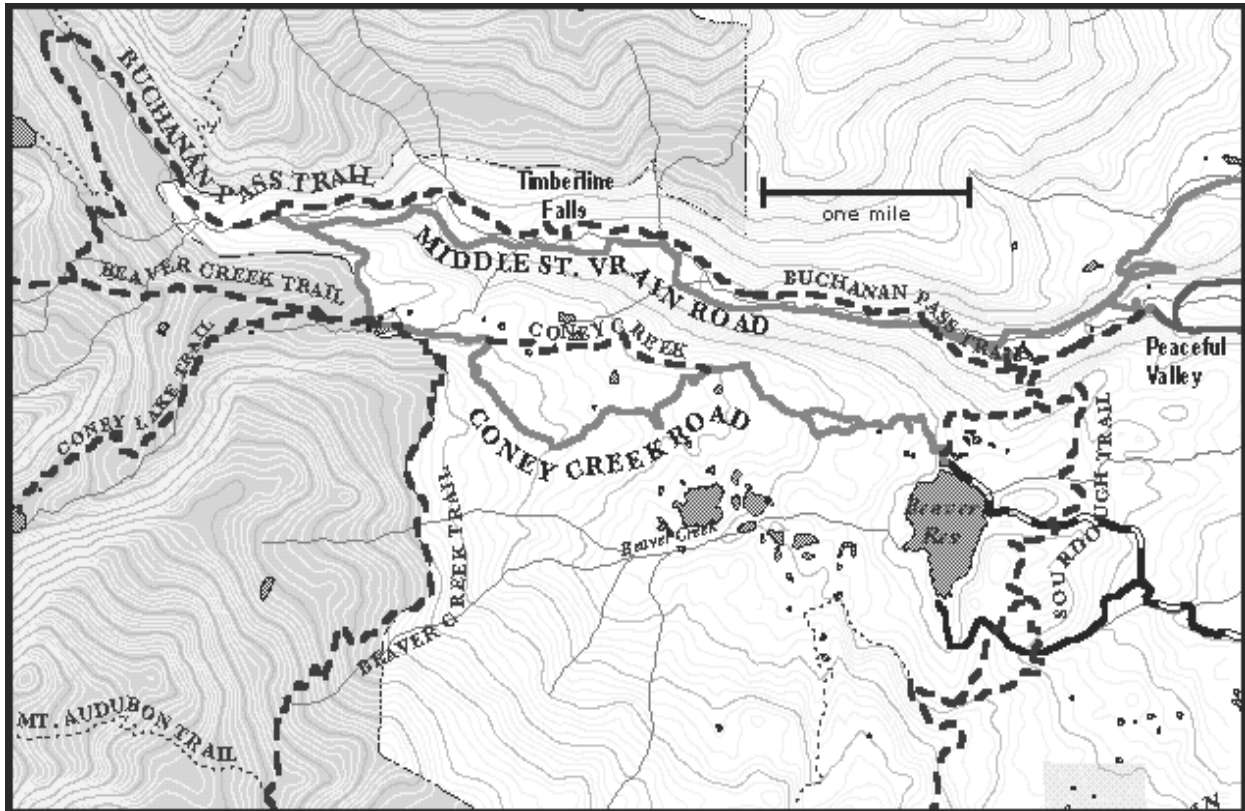
### Trail Highlights

- **Middle Saint Vrain Road NFSR 114:** From the winter closure gate, the Middle Saint Vrain Road continues through the campgrounds and continues alongside the Middle Saint Vrain Creek to the Middle Saint Vrain 4X4 TH. It is fairly gentle, but can be windswept and icy. From near the Middle Saint Vrain 4X4 TH, the Coney Cutoff Road turns left (south). It can be used to make a loop with the Coney Creek Road, Beaver Reservoir Cutoff and Sourdough Trail.
- **Buchanan Pass Trail #910:** The Buchanan Pass Trail is more sheltered than the Middle Saint Vrain Road in windy weather. It turns right (south) off the Middle Saint Vrain Road a tenth of a mile beyond the closed parking lot west of Camp Dick Campground. Most of the trail is fairly easy. A mile above Timberline Falls, the trail comes out into a marshy area. The real trail climbs up on the talus, so winter travelers are better advised to stay in the valley. It is 0.5 miles to where the trail joins the old road, and a bridge to the left (south) leads to the Middle Saint Vrain Road, and an alternate return to Peaceful Valley. Continuing west leads into the Indian Peaks Wilderness Area and eventually above tree line. Beware of weather and avalanches.

### Important Information

- The first ½ mile of trail is day use only. The next three miles is open to dispersed camping and no permit is required. West of the Middle Saint Vrain 4X4 TH is the wilderness boundary.
- Inside the Indian Peaks Wilderness, **CAMPFIRES ARE NOT ALLOWED.** Year-round permit requirements exist for large (8-12 persons) and organized groups. Groups of more than 12 are not permitted. Packstock restrictions apply.

# Trail Map



This map is intended as a general guide only and not for actual land navigation.



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