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WINTER

Rock Creek Area

Difficulty: Moderate to Difficult

Trail Use: Light to Moderate

Length: Road junction to end of Rock Creek Road - 3.5 miles; to treeline on Saint Vrain Mountain Trail - 3 miles; to head of Rock Creek - 4.5 miles. DISTANCES ARE ONE-WAY.

Elevation: 8,700 feet at Allenspark; 11,200 feet at high point of Saint Vrain Mountain Trail.

Open To: Cross Country Skiing, Snowshoeing. Snowmobiles are permitted on Rock Creek Road.

Access

- From Allenspark, take County Road 107 (Ski Road) south for about 1.5 miles.
- National Forest System Road (NFSR) 116.1 heads up the hill to the right for ½ mile to the Saint Vrain Mountain Trailhead (TH).
- The road is not plowed beyond the turn to the Saint Vrain Mountain Trail. If you continue beyond the junction, there may not be a place to turn around once it becomes too snowy to drive. There is limited parking along the wider parts of the road.

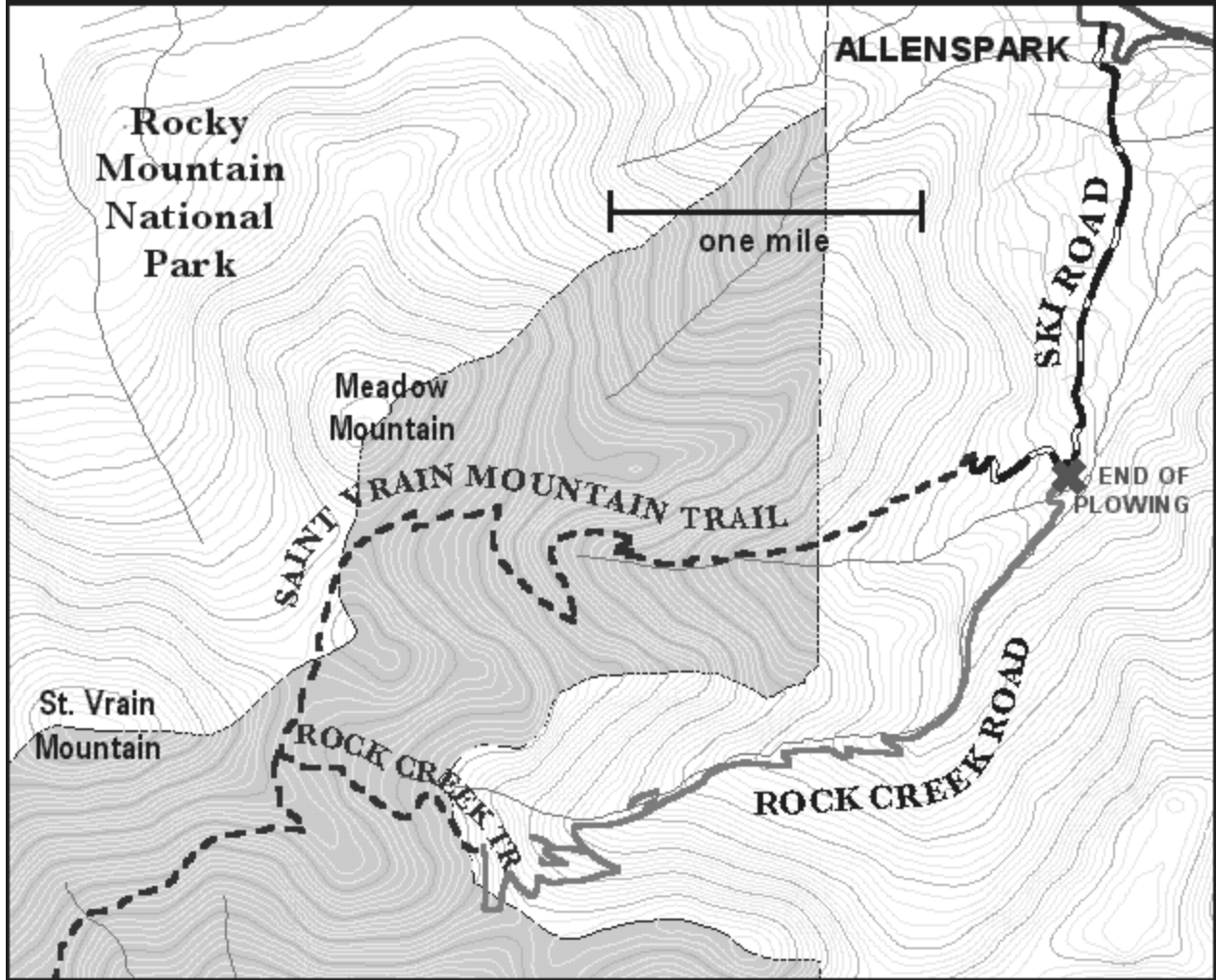
Trail Highlights

- **Rock Creek Road and National Forest System Road (NFSR) 116:** The Rock Creek Road passes through an old ski area. It becomes increasingly steep. The main road climbs up the south side of the valley and ends below treeline on the ridge between Rock Creek and Middle Saint Vrain. There are several spur roads, but they do not continue for any great distance.
- **Saint Vrain Mountain Trail #915:** The Saint Vrain Mountain Trail soon turns into a trail that enters the Indian Peaks Wilderness Area. Where the trail starts to switchback, you will likely lose it and have to bushwhack up the drainage. Beware of avalanche danger on the steep, open parts of the gully. The section above treeline is pretty flat and not as subject to avalanches. The trail does continue beyond the Rock Creek valley down to Middle Saint Vrain, but it is steep and not recommended in winter.

Important Information

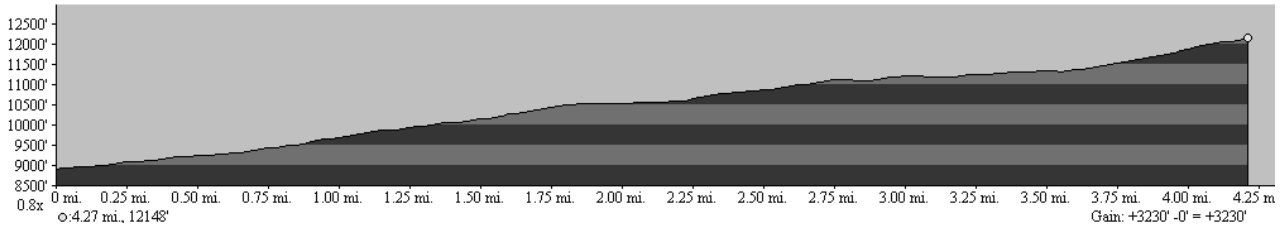
- The Rock Creek Road lies outside the wilderness boundary. Here, campfires are permissible and no special permits are required.
- West of the Rock Creek Road and Saint Vrain Mountain TH is the Indian Peaks Wilderness. Within the wilderness, **CAMPFIRES ARE NOT ALLOWED**. Permit requirements exist for large (8-12 persons) and organized groups year round. Groups of more than 12 are not permitted. Packstock restrictions apply. Pets must be on a hand-held leash at all times.

Trail Map & Profiles

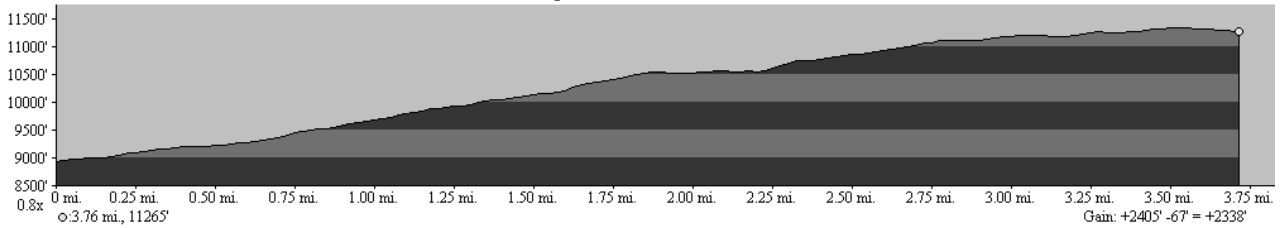


This map is intended as a general guide only, not for actual land navigation.

Saint Vrain Mountain Trailhead to the top of Saint Vrain Mountain Profile



Saint Vrain Mountain Trailhead along the Rock Creek Road to the Saint Vrain Mountain Trail Profile



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