

SKINNY FISH LAKE

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

BACKPACKING TRIP

Location: Flat Tops Wilderness

White River National Forest Near Trappers Lake

Contact Info: Blanco Ranger District

970-878-4039 www.fs.fed.us/r2

Length: 2.49 miles one-way (estimate using Nat'l Geo Mapping Software)

Time: Overnight backpack. 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: Easy, but a little steep in the beginning

Trail Users: Hikers, fisherman and wildlife

Season: Mid June to mid September

Dogs: On hand-held leash

Permits: Free use permit at trailhead

Getting There from Denver: Take I-70 west to Wolcott. At Wolcott take CO Highway 131 north to Yampa. At Yampa take Routt County Road 17 west (be forewarned that there is a big pothole that you should take pains to avoid) until it intersects with Routt County Road 132 (later becomes Forest Road 16). Take Forest Road 16 west until it changes names to Forest Road 8. Follow Forest Road 8 south over Ripple Pass to Forest Road 205. Take Forest Road 205 to the Skinny Fish & McGinnis Lakes trailhead.

Maps: National Geographic Trails Illustrated #150E and or the Devil's Causeway USGS 7.5 topographic map. **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 storms and lightning ■ Check <u>www.oriconline.org</u> for fire restrictions ■ Be prepared for mosquitoes from June through September

The Trail: Good, well marked trail. **TIP:** Contact the Blanco Ranger District for trail updates.

Highlights: ■ Excellent fishing ■ Good views ■ Proximity to the "Chinese Wall"

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