

GOOSE CREEK LOOP BACKPACKING TRIP

FYI: The map on the reverse side is for general orientation, not for navigation.
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Location: Lost Creek Wilderness
Pike National Forest

Contact Info: South Platte Ranger District
303-275-5610
www.fs.fed.us/r2

Length: 19.54 mile loop (estimate using Nat'l Geo Mapping Software)

Time: Three to four nights. 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: +5585' -5585' = 0'

Difficulty: Moderate

Trail Users: Hikers, equestrians (horse corrals near trailhead) and wildlife

Season: Memorial Day through October

Dogs: On leash

Permits: None required

Getting There From Denver: Take US Highway 285 to Pine Junction. Go south on Park County Road 126 (a.k.a. Pine Gulch or the Pine Highway). After apx. 22 miles look for the sign for Cheesman Canyon Trailhead and Parking Area. Take improved road on right ¼ mile past the parking area following signs to Goose Creek Campground and Cheesman Reservoir. Later follow signs pointing right to Lost Valley 7 miles. When the road forks stay to the left following the sign to Goose Creek Campground. This road will be Forest Road 211 (Matukat Road). Turn to the right at the campground onto Forest Road 558 and follow it approximately 1 ½ miles to the Goose Creek Trailhead.

Maps: Nat'l Geographic Trails Illustrated #105E and or McCurdy Mountain and Windy Peak 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: The trail begins at the edge of the Hayman Fire Burn Area. Be careful around standing dead trees.

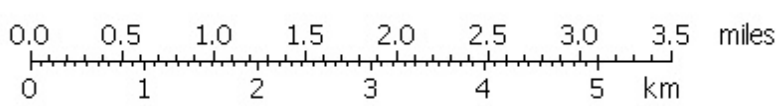
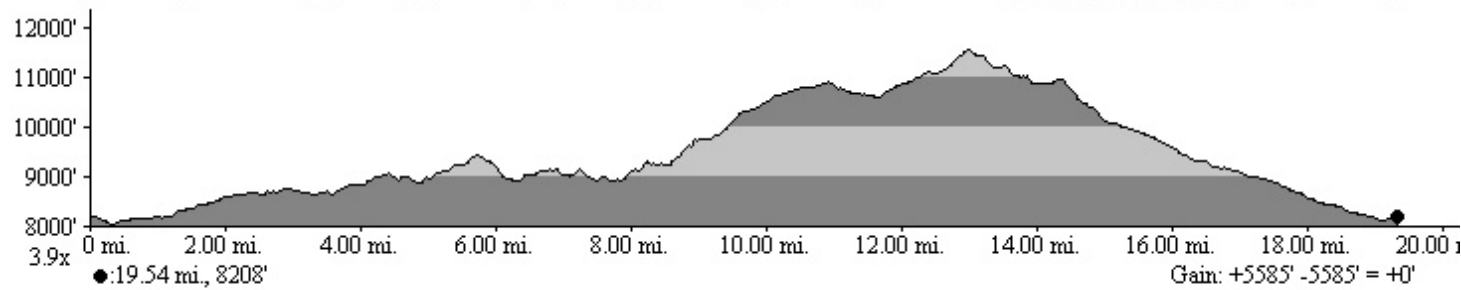
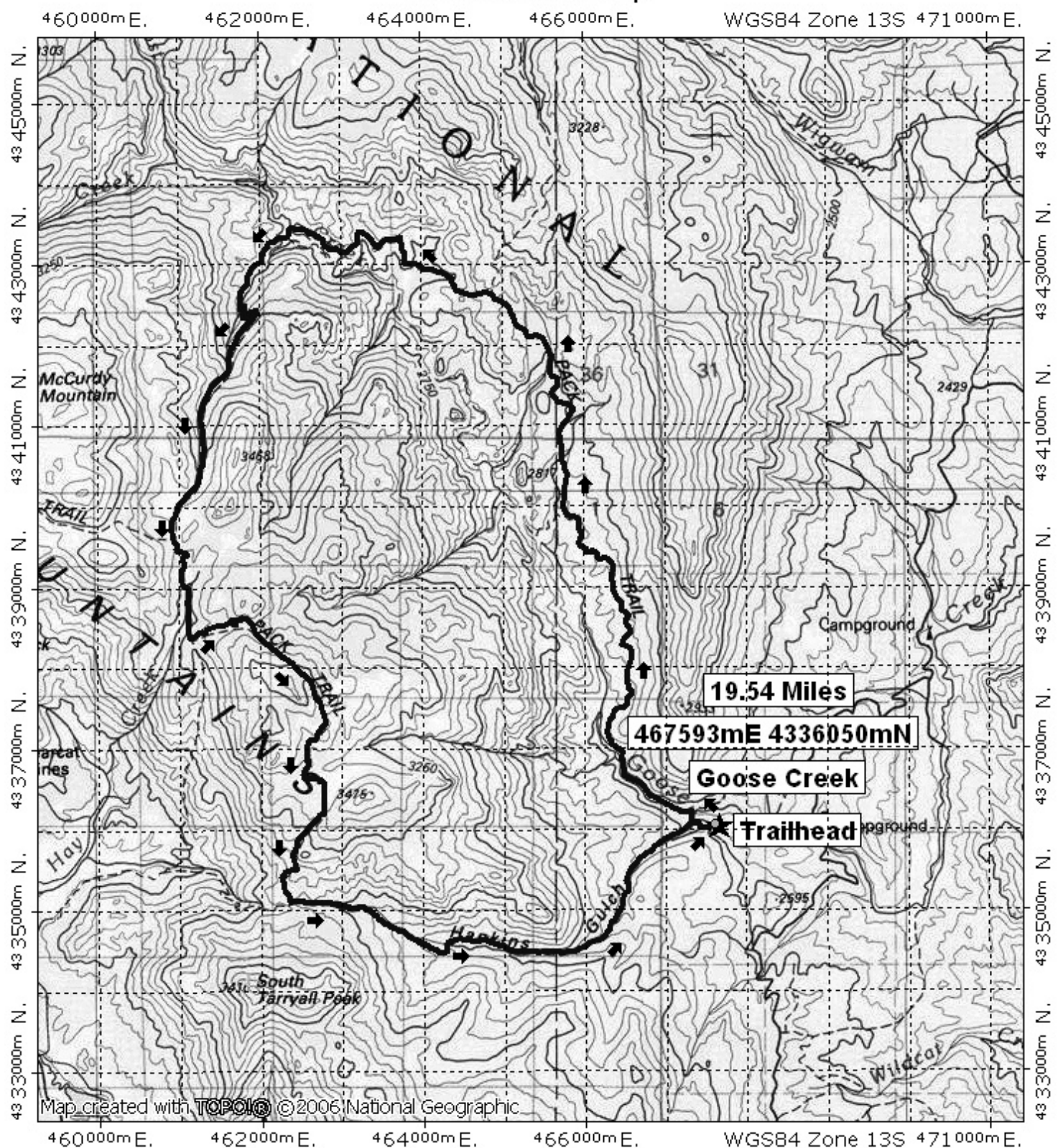
Trail Description: Hankins Pass Tr. (#630) to the Goose Crk Tr. (#612). Turn right onto the Goose Crk. Tr. and stay on it until it meets the McCurdy Park Tr. (#628). Turn left onto the McCurdy Park Tr. Continue south on McCurdy Park Tr. to the junction with the Lake Park Tr. (#639). Turn left on the Lake Park Tr. which heads east and then south. Continue south on the Lake Park Tr. to it's junction with the Hankins Pass Tr. Turn left on Hankins Pass Trail and follow it back to the trailhead. **TIP:** Contact the South Platte Ranger District for trail updates.

Highlights: ■ Shafthouse ■ Creek fishing ■ Granite rock formations ■ Thumb-like rock pinnacle ■ Historic bldgs.

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