



Local Hiking Trails

Salida

Starvation Creek

US Hwy 285 to CR 200 to 203, 10 mi. SW of Salida. (High clearance 4x4 needed)

Attractions: Marshall Pass, Starvation Creek

Length: 6.5 mi. (one way to Marshall Pass)

Use: Foot, Horse, Bike

Difficulty: More difficult

USGS map: Bonanza

Elevation: 9,000-11,000

Pass Creek

US Hwy 50, 7 mi. W of Salida to CR 210, then on CR 212
(high clearance 4x4 needed)

Attractions: Pass Creek Lake

Length: 3.5 mi. (one way to the lake)

Use: Foot, horse, bike

Difficulty: Moderate

USGS map: Pahlone Peak

Mount Shavano

US Hwy 50, W to CR 250, N on CR 252 to Blank's Cabin, 1/2 mi. to trailhead

Facilities: Trailhead

Attractions: Climbing 14,229-ft Mount Shavano

Length: 4.5 mi. (one way to summit)

Difficulty: Most difficult

USGS map: Poncha Springs

Browns Creek

US Hwy 285 to CR 270 to 272, 12 mi. NW of Salida

Facilities: Trailhead

Attractions: Trout stream, Browns Lake, Tabeguache Peak

Length: 5.5 mi. (one way to the lake) 3 mi. (one way to waterfalls)

Use: Foot, Horse, Trail Bike

Difficulty: More difficult

USGS map: Poncha Springs

Elevation: 9,000-10,000

Waterdog Lakes

US Hwy 50, 20 mi. W of Salida

Parking between mile marker 202 & 203, trailhead on the other side of the Hwy

Attractions: High lakes, Continental Divide

Length: 1.7 mi. (one way to first lake)

Use: Foot, Horse, Bike

Difficulty: More difficult

USGS map: Garfield

South Foeses Creek (CO Trail Segment 15)

US Hwy 50 to CR 225 to 225C, 13 mi. W of Salida (high clearance 4x4 needed)

Facilities: Trailhead

Attractions: Trout stream

Length: 6 mi. (one way to Continental Divide)

Use: Foot, Horse, Bike, Moto Bike

Difficulty: Moderate

USGS map: Garfield

Elevation: 9,550-12,000

Rainbow Trail

US Hwy 285 S of Poncha Springs, US Hwy 50 E

Trailheads in Salida Ranger District: Silver Creek (CR200/FS201), Mears Junction (Hwy 285), Methodist Mtn. (CR 107/108), Bear Creek (CR 101), Kerr Gulch (CR45), Hayden Creek (CR 6), Big Cottonwood (CR 40)

Facilities: Parking areas

Attractions: Streams, Sangre de Cristo Mountains

Length: 52 mi. in Salida Ranger District (Trail extends S to Great Sand Dunes)

Use: Foot, horse, bike, Moto Bike

Difficulty: Moderate

USGS map: Howard, Bonanza, Electric Peak

Elevation: 9,000-10,000

Note due to the Hayden Pass Fire moto bikes are currently not allowed between Hayden and Oak Creek and CR40 to Big Cottonwood Trailhead is currently closed.

Greens Creek

US Hwy 50, 9 mi. W of Salida (CR 220, 221)

Facilities: Trailhead, shelter at top of pass

Attractions: Trout stream

Length: 7 mi. (one way to Continental Divide)

Use: Foot, horse, bike, moto bike

Difficulty: Moderate

USGS map: Pahlone Peak, Poncha Springs

Elevation: 8,500-12,000



Local Hiking Trails

Buena Vista

Denny Creek

US Hwy 24 to CR 306, 12 mi. west of Buena Vista

Facilities: Trailhead

Attractions: Browns Pass

Length: 4 mi.

Use: Foot and horse

Difficulty: More difficult

USGS map: Mount Harvard

Elevation: 10,000-12,000

Colorado Trail

CR 306 W of Buena Vista & CR 365 NW of BV

Facilities: Parking, trailheads

Attractions: Collegiate Range, 14,000-ft peaks, Harvard Lakes

Length: 16 mi.

Use: Foot and horse

Difficulty: More difficult

USGS map: Buena Vista

Elevation: 9,000-12,000

Alpine Tunnel

CR 162, off US Hwy 285, North Fork of Chalk Creek

Facilities: Trailhead

Attractions: Old narrow-gauge RR grade, collapsed, Alpine Tunnel, lake

Length: 3 mi.

Use: Foot, horse

Difficulty: Moderate

USGS map: Garfield

Elevation: 11,000-12,000

North Cottonwood Creek

CR 350/Crossman in BV, right on CR 361, left on CR 365

Facilities: Trailhead

Attractions: High lakes, Sawatch Range, Collegiate Peaks

Length: 6 mi. to Bear Lake; 5 mi. to Kroenke Lake

Use: Foot and horse

Difficulty: Moderate

USGS map: BV. Mount Harvard

Elevation: 10,000-12,000

Kroenke Lake

CR 350/Crossman in BV, W 2 mi. to CR 361, rt 1 mi. on 361 to CR 365 jct., 2 mi. on 365 to trailhead

Facilities: Trailhead

Attractions: Collegiate Peaks Wilderness, breathtaking views of Mounts Yale, Columbia and Harvard.

Length: 4 mi

Use: Foot and horse

Difficulty: Moderate

USGS map: Mount Yale

Poplar Gulch

12 mi. W of Buena Vista, off CR 344

Facilities: Parking area

Attractions: High peaks

Length: 6 mi.

Use: Foot, horse and trail bikes

Difficulty: More difficult

USGS map: Mount Harvard, Garfield

Elevation: 10,000-11,500

Ptarmigan Lake

CR 306, 13 mi. W of Buena Vista

Facilities: Parking area

Attractions: Lake

Length: 3.2 mi.

Use: Foot and horse

Difficulty: More difficult

USGS map: Mount Harvard

Elevation: 10,500-12,100

Fourmile Creek

CR 371 to 375, 3 mi. NE of Buena Vista

Facilities: Parking area

Attractions: Buffalo Peaks

Length: 3 mi.

Use: Foot and horse

Difficulty: Moderate

USGS map: Buena Vista

Elevation: 10,000-11,600