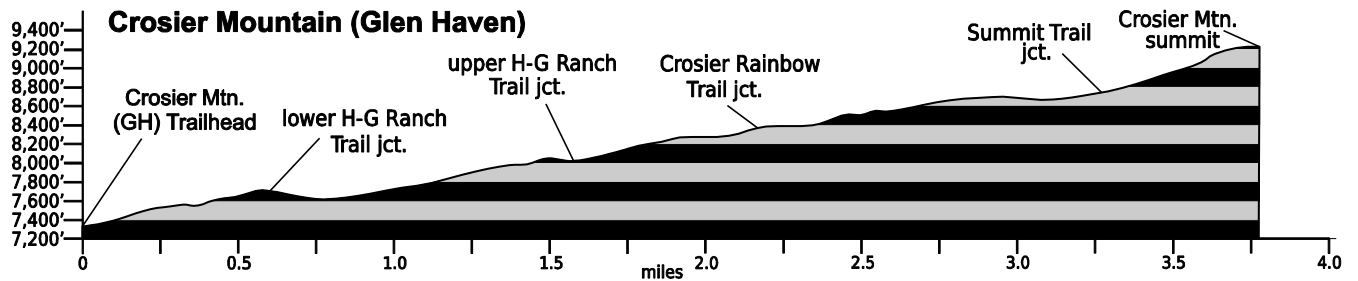


Feb. 19, 2021

## Public Trail Information: Crosier Mountain (Glen Haven)

Trail(s): western portion of Crosier Mountain #931; Crosier Summit 931-1	
Ratings / restrictions:	Hikers - Moderate      Stock Riders – Moderate      Bicycles allowed See complete REGULATIONS below INFORMATION OF INTEREST
Cautions:	Bicycles may be on this trail
Typically accessible:	Year-round (see SEASONAL below)
Wilderness:	None
One-Way Length:	3.8 miles (trailhead to Crosier Mountain summit)
Beginning / Peak Elevations:	7,376 / 9,233
Gain/Loss/Net Gain:	2,044/187/+1,857
Map(s) - Trails Illustrated:	#101 Cache La Poudre Big Thompson
Map(s) - USGS 7-½' Quadrangles:	Glen Haven



### **TRAILHEAD LOCATION:**

**Big Thompson & Estes Park Area:** Drive up US-34 from Loveland to Drake. From Drake follow the Devils Gulch Road (CR-43) to the town of Glen Haven. Drive through Glen Haven until you are between the new Glen Haven Town Hall and the Glen Haven Fire Station #1, both on the south side of the road. There is an old wooden sign: “Crosier Mountain Trail” with an arrow (which faces to the southwest – toward Estes Park) just off the county road. **If you are coming from Drake you see only the back side of this sign!** There is no parking area at the trailhead. Park on the shoulder of CR-43 across the road from the fire station (limited parking for stock trailers) or somewhere in Glen Haven. Walk/ride up the gravel road that runs uphill on the southwest side of the town hall. You will see a Crosier trail sign on the west side of this road. Do **NOT** drive up this gravel road.

No toilets at trailhead.

**TRAIL:** The trail tread is well worn and easy to follow.

The entire Crosier Mountain Trail (#931) is 7.8 miles long and runs from the Glen Haven trailhead in the west to the Garden Gate trailhead in the east. There are three routes to the summit of Crosier Mountain: 1) Crosier Mountain (Glen Haven), 2) Crosier Mountain (Garden Gate), and 3) Crosier Rainbow – each with a separate trailhead and a separate trail description.

**WATER:** Very Limited in spring; None in summer

**CAMPING:** There are some attractive locations for camping along the upper mile of the trail before the jct. with the Crosier Mtn. Summit Trail, but no available water.

**SEASONAL:** Normally accessible in winter; snowshoes usually needed.

**DESCRIPTION:** The western end of the Crosier Mountain Trail parallels the road briefly before turning and climbing to the south, through several switchbacks. Ponderosa pine, Douglas-fir, and Rocky Mountain juniper trees dominate. At almost 0.6 mile, the trail tops out on a ridge. You will notice a sign pointing to a private spur trail leading toward the H-G Ranch. On the left in a small meadow, you will see a sign “Knapp’s Knob 1893”, designating the modest mountain (7789 ft) northeast of the trail at this point. Continue on the Crosier Mountain Trail to the southeast, as it drops back into a valley (there is no water from this point on) and then climbs through several long switchbacks to a large grassy opening to your right, called Piper Meadows. Note that the trail passes through a small parcel of private property here. Don’t go off trail or camp on this non-USFS land.

The trail follows the meadow to its far southeastern end, then at 1.6 miles turns sharply left (where there is another private spur trail to the H-G Ranch) and climbs through a series of switchbacks to a ridge and the Crosier Rainbow trail junction. As the trail continues toward the east, it passes the remains of the Matt Malmberg Cabin (about 100 ft east of the

Crosier Rainbow trail junction and roughly 75 ft downhill to the north). After climbing another 1.25 miles, and topping a couple of false summits, the trail will be on a ridge about 1 mile west of True Gulch. From here you can climb the remaining 0.5 mile to the summit of Crosier Mountain via the Crosier Mountain Summit Trail (#931-1). From the summit you get a great view of Estes Park with Longs Peak and Mount Meeker in the background. Furthermore, on a clear day you can see peaks ranging from Signal Mountain in the north all the way to Pikes Peak in the south!

**INFORMATION OF INTEREST:** Piper Meadows was named for Harry Piper, who operated a dairy there from around 1913 into the 1930s. From the trail, you can see some old foundations – the hole in the ground with the rock foundation at the lower end of the

meadow was the milk house, and the larger hole closer to the trail was the barn. Harry’s home burned to the ground in the early 1930s. He didn’t rebuild, but instead lived in the top story of the barn until his death a few years later.

Ira Knapp and his family were early residents of Glen Haven, arriving from Illinois in the early 1890’s, setting up a sawmill in 1897 on the North Fork of the Big Thompson, and leading the early development of what would become Glen Haven. In 1903, Ira Knapp assisted the Boulder Presbytery in forming an association which sold lots in the area and went on to build the General Store in 1921. He directed the building of a lodge called The Homestead, which opened in 1938, and today goes by the name of the Inn at Glen Haven.

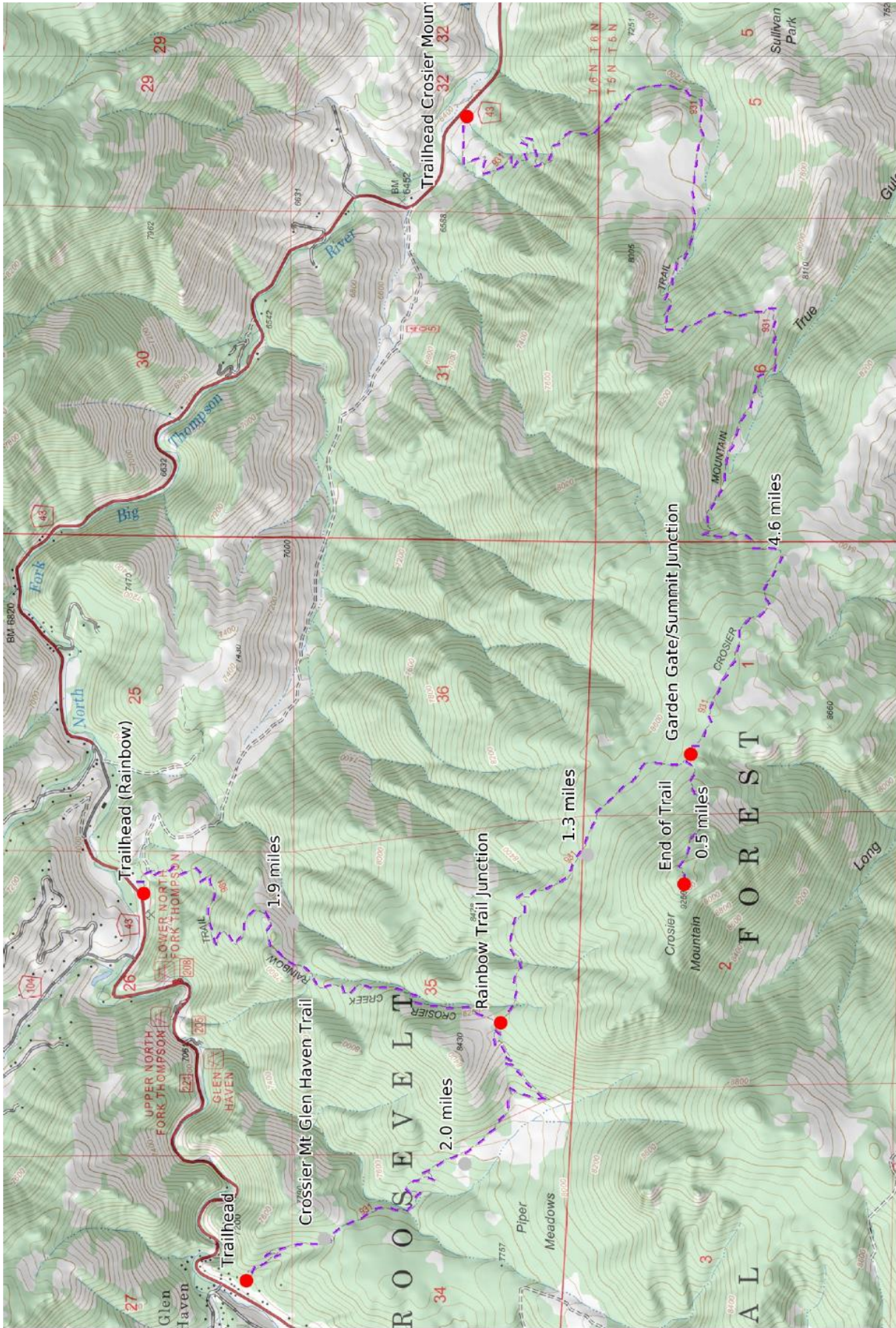
**REGULATIONS:**





- Camping and Fires - Prohibited within 200 feet of trailhead and parking area; recommend at least 100 feet from water and trail.
- Dogs - Must be under voice control at all times.
- Stock - To avoid spreading noxious weeds, recommend beginning 72 hours prior to the ride, stock should be fed only pellets or certified weed-free hay. Required: throughout the trip, stock *must* be fed only pellets or certified weed-free hay.
- Bicycles and Other Wheeled Conveyances - Allowed.
- Motorized Transport - Prohibited.
- Group Size - A single group of more than 74 people must have a USFS permit.

Mileage	GPS Coordinates: datum = WGS84	Lat/Long	UTM	
0	trailhead (on CR-43 in Glen Haven)	N40°27.15' W105°26.94'	461927mE	4478077mN
0.6	lower junction with H-G Ranch Trail	N40°26.88' W105°26.74'	461516mE	4478667mN
1.6	upper junction with H-G Ranch Trail	N40°26.31' W105°26.26'	462637mE	4476903mN
2.0	junction with Crosier Rainbow Trail	N40°26.46' W105°26.00'	463249mE	4476795mN
	Matt Malmberg Cabin	N40°26.44' W105°25.93'	462474mE	4477305mN
3.3	junction with Crosier Mtn. Summit Trail	N40°25.92' W105°25.06'	464573mE	4475790mN
3.8	end of trail at Crosier Mtn. summit	N40°25.94' W105°25.53'	463909mE	4475830mN

**(See next page for trail map.)**






  

  

  

  
 Scale 1:26689 1 inch = 2224 feet

Mercator Projection  
 WGS84  
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