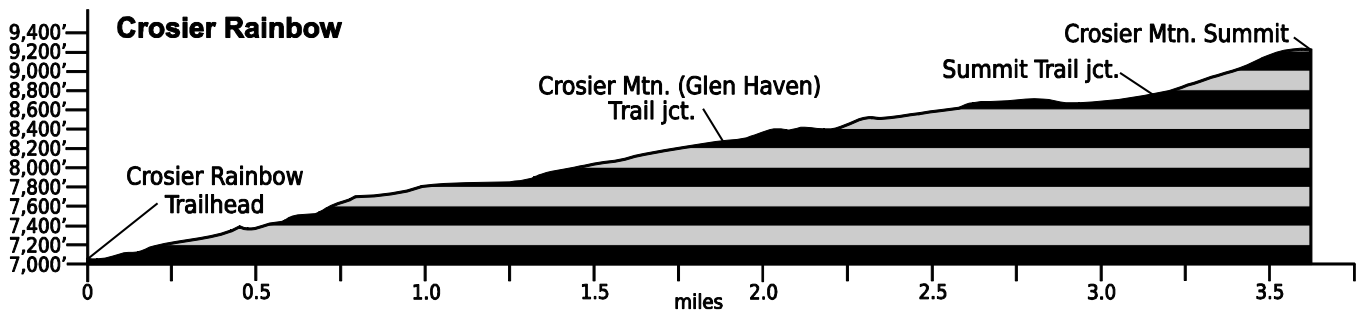


Feb. 19, 2021

Public Trail Information: Crosier Rainbow

Trail(s): Crosier Rainbow #981 (#1013); central 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:	Rattlesnakes Bicycles may be on this trail
Typically accessible:	Year-round (see SEASONAL below)
Wilderness:	None
One-Way Length:	3.7 miles (trailhead to Crosier Mountain summit)
Beginning / Peak Elevations:	7,033 / 9,233
Gain/Loss/Net Gain:	2,200/31/+ 2,169
Map(s) - Trails Illustrated:	#101 Cache La Poudre Big Thompson
Map(s) - USGS 7-1/2' Quadrangles:	Glen Haven



TRAILHEAD LOCATION:

Big Thompson & Estes Park Area: Drive west on US-34 from Loveland to Drake. From Drake follow the Devils Gulch Road (CR-43) for 6 miles and look for a large cut on the south side of the road. This cut is the parking area, just before the junction with Dunraven Glade (CR-51B), which takes you to the Bulwark Ridge and North Fork trailheads. No toilets available at trailhead, and parking is limited. The trailhead lot is small and not suitable for parking trailers larger than a two-horse trailer.

TRAIL: The trail tread is well worn and easy to follow. The trail is steep and rocky for the first 2 miles, and again along the Summit Trail.

There are three routes to the summit of Crosier Mountain: 1) Crosier Mountain (Garden Gate), 2) Crosier Mountain (Glen Haven), 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 west side of the Crosier Rainbow Trail just below its junction with the Crosier Mountain (Glen Haven) Trail (1.9 miles from the trailhead), and along the upper mile of the Crosier Mountain (Glen Haven) Trail before its junction with the Crosier Mountain Summit Trail, but no available water.

SEASONAL: Normally accessible in winter; snowshoes usually required.

DESCRIPTION: This patrol begins at the Crosier Rainbow trailhead, continues along the Crosier Mountain (Glen Haven) Trail to the southeast, and ends at the summit of Crosier Mountain (via trail #931-1). The Crosier Rainbow Trail is steep and has several switchbacks as it climbs about 2 miles through ponderosa pine forest and stands of towering quaking aspen trees to its end at a junction with the Crosier Mountain Trail, coming in from the east (Garden Gate) and the west (Glen Haven). There are numerous delightful views of the surrounding countryside from the trail. For example, just below 1.4 miles, a small sign on the left points to Table Rock with a nice view of the terrain below. A second small sign, also on the left past 1.9 miles, points to Coyote Rock.

At the junction (2 miles), turn to the east (left) on Crosier Mountain (Glen Haven) Trail. Look for the remains of an old cabin downhill and to the north (left) just beyond the trail junction. Note the aspen tree growing out of the middle of the old cabin.

The trail climbs through a dense forest of small lodgepole pine trees for about 1.25 miles. Here the trail intersects with the Crosier Mountain Summit Trail (#931-1), which is well marked. The last 0.5-mile climb to the summit of Crosier Mountain is steep with numerous switchbacks. However, the panoramic

views from the summit will make the climb well worth the effort. On a clear day, one can see from Signal Mountain (to the northwest) all the way to Pikes Peak in the south, with great views of Estes Park, Longs Peak and Mount Meeker in between!

Carry plenty of water; little or no water is available on this trail.

Mileages in the table below are approximate.

INFORMATION OF INTEREST: The cabin remains seen near the junction of the Crosier Rainbow and Crosier Mountain (Glen Haven) trails are those of an old cabin belonging to Matt Malmberg, who is thought to have been a trapper and stonemason around the 1890s.

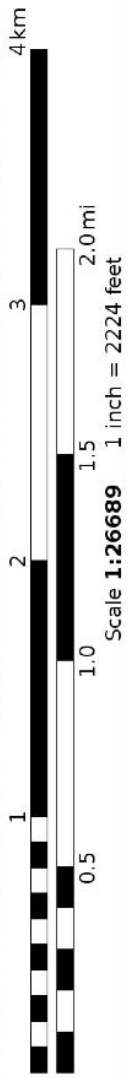
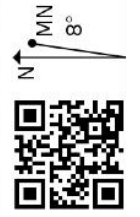
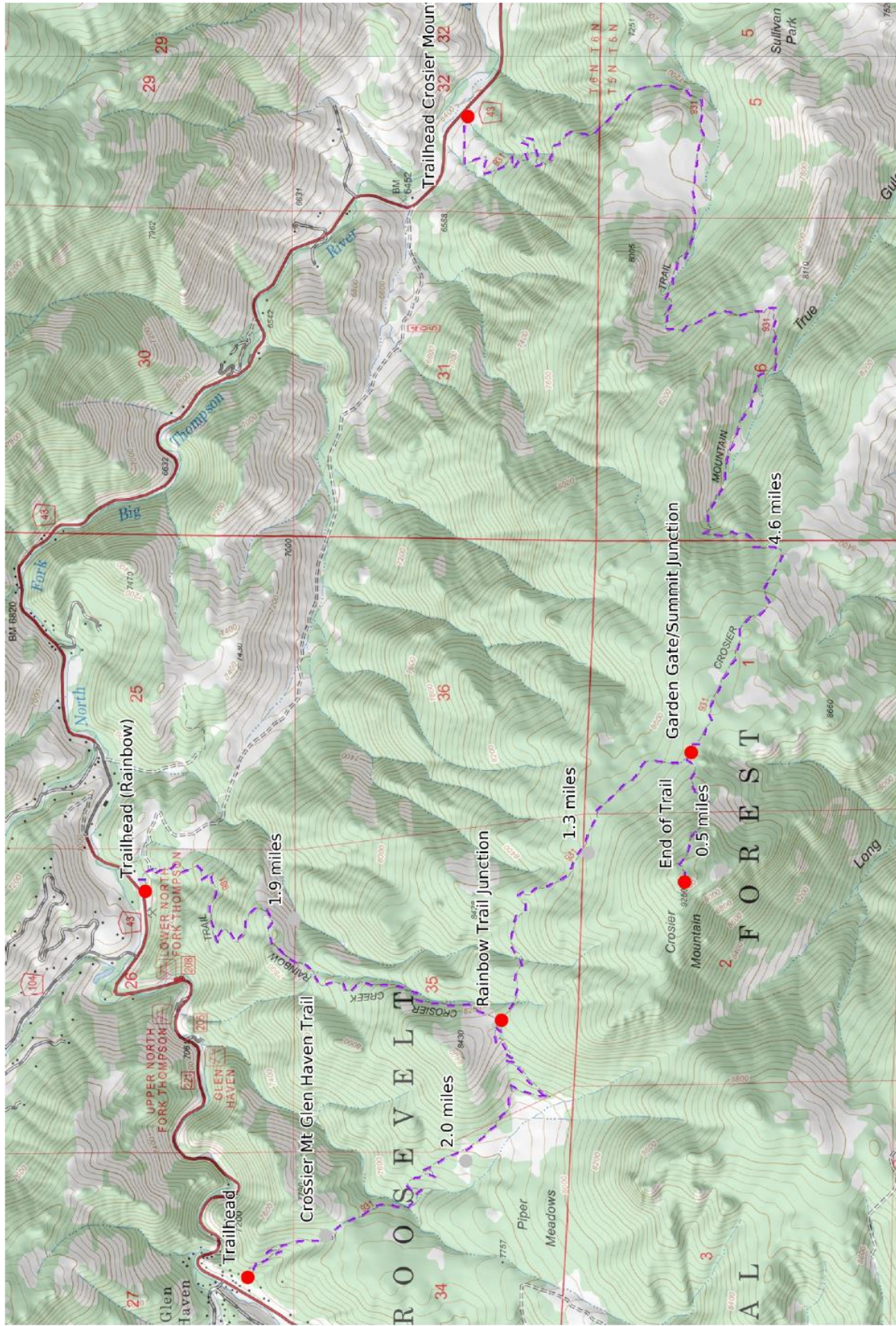
REGULATIONS:

- Camping and Fires – Recommend at least 100 feet from water and trail; prohibited within 200 feet of trailhead and parking area.
- 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.

Trail Adopted by: Estes Park Cycling Coalition

Mileage	GPS Coordinates: datum = WGS84	Lat/Long	UTM
0	trailhead (on Devils Gulch Road; CR-43 at gravel pit)	N40°27.43' W105°25.51'	463 ⁹⁵¹ mE 4478 ⁵⁸⁷ mN
2.0	junction with Crosier Mtn. Glen Haven Trail	N40°26.46' W105°26.00'	463 ²⁴⁹ mE 4476 ⁷⁹⁵ mN
3.3	junction with Crosier Mtn. Summit Trail	N40°25.92' W105°25.06'	464 ⁵⁷³ mE 4475 ⁷⁹⁰ mN
3.7	end of trail at Crosier Mtn. summit	N40°25.94' W105°25.53'	463 ⁹⁰⁹ mE 4475 ⁸³⁰ mN

(See next page for trail map.)



Mercator Projection
 WGS84
 USNG Zone 13TDE
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 Scale 1:26689 1 inch = 2224 feet

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