



Heading up the granite path on Wilkie Trail.

- Distance** 7.2 miles, round trip
- Difficulty** Strenuous
- Location** Extreme west DuPont on mostly unknown trails
- Time** 3.5 hours
- Crowds** Almost none
- Trailhead** Corn Mill Shoals

### Route Directions

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| 1 | Begin at the Corn Mill Shoals parking area by walking toward Cascade Lake Road.  |
| 2 | At Cascade Lake Road turn right. Walk 200 ft and bear right on Wilkie Trail. The trail almost immediately begins a moderate climb all the way to its end, with a couple of steep sections where you may have to watch your step in a few places. |
| 3 | At 0.4 mile, turn left on Micajah Trail. After a short reprieve the trail begins a tough 0.2- mile climb to Buck Ridge Road area.  |

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| 4  | Continue by bearing right on Buck Ridge Road at 0.8 mile. This is an easy trail with one small climb toward its end. The ridge offers good views of the surrounding mountains in winter. |
| 5  | At 1.5 miles, turn left on Buckhorn Creek Road for a rewarding descent into Buckhorn Valley.   |
| 6  | It's a short hop across Buckhorn Creek at 2.0 miles.   |
| 7  | At 2.3 miles, turn right on Cannon Creek Trail. This trail climbs for 0.4 mile before dropping into the Cannon Creek/Rich Mountain area.   |
| 8  | Cross Cannon Creek at 3.3 miles and begin generally paralleling Rich Mountain Road.  |
| 9  | At 3.6 miles the trail terminates at Rich Mountain Road.   |
| 10 | Turn around and return to the parking area the way you came.   |

