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GRIZZLY PEAK 13,988 feet

LENGTH: 6 ½ miles round-trip from the campground *

ELEVATION GAIN: 3,400 feet

AVERAGE HIKING/CLIMBING TIME:
6 hours round-trip

USGS MAP(S): New York Peak;
Independence Pass

SKILL FACTOR: Moderate

RECOMMENDED SEASON(S):
Summer/ Early fall

ATTRACTIONS/CONSIDERATIONS: Grizzly Peak was formerly a fourteener but lost its status after being resurveyed. It is a good climb for great views of the Collegiats and toward Aspen. Grizzly keeps snow on it well into the summer season. A fun glissade may be had if you have an ice axe. The north face of Grizzly is loose and is not recommended for climbing unless you are very experienced. An ice axe is necessary for the north face.

ACCESS: Drive east of Aspen on Highway 82 approximately 10 miles to Lincoln Creek Road. Turn right and drive approximately 7 miles to Portal Campground.

NARRATIVE: From Portal Campground hike 3 miles south from the dam. Then climb east southeast (left) from 11,200' to the saddle at 13,500', which is south of the summit- about 1 mile. Then climb north to the summit (1/4 mile). Return the same way.

It is your responsibility to know the hazards involved in your activities and to use the proper safety procedures and equipment to minimize the inherent risks and hazards related to your activity. As a user of National Forest System Lands, you have significant responsibility for your personal safety during any activity you might pursue. The Forest Service installs signs and other information devices at various locations where conditions limit placement of signs or other specific warnings and necessitates the use of more general education efforts. Hazards are not limited to, but include: changing weather conditions, snow, avalanche, landslides and falling rock, caves, overlooks, falling trees or limbs, high or rushing water, contaminated water, wild animals, becoming lost or over exerted, hypothermia, remnants of mining and other activities involving excavation, tunnels, shafts, decaying structures and a variety of equipment, and changing road and trail conditions. You may also be exposed to unreasonable acts of others. **The Forest Service does not manage or control all of these occurrences.**

The peaks in the White River National Forest do not have designated routes to the top. The Forest Service is currently studying the present, user-created trails to determine the feasibility and desirability of designated routes. For further sources on information and routes to the peaks, please call the office at (970) 925-3445.

* If you are able to drive the three miles, the total distance is 3 ½ miles round trip with an elevation gain of 2,988 feet. The average hiking time is 4 hours.

IN CASE OF EMERGENCY CALL - PITKIN COUNTY SHERIFF - 920-5310

