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LARSON PEAK 12,908 feet

LENGTH: 6 ½ miles round-trip from trailhead

ELEVATION GAIN: 1,700 feet

AVERAGE HIKING/CLIMBING TIME:
5 ½ hours round-trip

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

SKILL FACTOR: moderate

RECOMMENDED SEASON(S):
Summer/ Early fall

ATTRACTIONS/CONSIDERATIONS: Larson Peak is one of the lowest of the three summits in the Petroleum-Anderson area, but as with all the others, it affords a good view from the top. You can see both lakes and nearly the entire upper Lincoln Creek area.

ACCESS: Drive east of Aspen on Highway 82 for 10 miles to Lincoln Creek Road. Turn right and drive 7 miles to Portal Campground. From here, either walk or drive the 4WD road about 3.3 miles to the Petroleum Lake trailhead. A high clearance vehicle is needed.

NARRATIVE: Walk west up an old jeep trail. Approximately 1 ½ miles and 800' up the trail, take the right fork to Petroleum Lake and follow the trail another mile to the lake (500' vertical). From the lake, head north to the easily attained saddle to the west of the summit (1/2 mile, 300' gain). From the saddle, turn right (east) ¼ mile to the top, 350' up. 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.

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

