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NEW YORK PEAK 12,811 feet

LENGTH: 4 ½ miles round-trip from trailhead

ELEVATION GAIN: 2,700 feet

AVERAGE HIKING/CLIMBING TIME:
6 hours round-trip

USGS MAP(S): New York Peak

SKILL FACTOR: moderate to difficult, due to the abrupt gain in elevation

RECOMMENDED SEASON(S):
Summer/ Early fall

ATTRACTIONS/CONSIDERATIONS: New York Peak has all types of climbing. The rock climbing should only be attempted by experienced climbers even though the rock is fairly sound. There are also snow climbs in the spring. Crossing New York Creek can be difficult.

ACCESS: From Aspen, drive east on Highway 82 approximately 10 miles to Lincoln Creek Rd. Turn right and continue to the New York Creek trailhead. The road is rough but conventional cars are typically able to make it to the trailhead.

NARRATIVE: For the general route from the south, walk up the New York Creek trail after parkin. Go approximately 1 mile gaining 400' and turn right (northwest). You should see an old slide path. Walk up the slide path until the trees thin out, then bear left up to a saddle that is east of the summit. The distance is approximately 1 mile but you gain 1,700'. From the saddle go west ¼ mile and gain 600' to the top. 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.

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