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ROCKY MOUNTAIN REGION

NATIONAL FOREST – San Juan
RANGER DISTRICT - Columbine

Date: February, 2003



HERMOSA CREEK TRAIL # 514

Length: 20 miles (32 km.)

Recommended Season

Spring Summer Fall Winter



Use: Heavy

Difficulty: Moderate/ More difficult

USGS Map (s): Hermosa Peak, Elk Creek, Monument Hill, and Hermosa.

Starting Elevation: 7,700'

Lower Hermosa Rd.

Ending Elevation: 9,000'

Hermosa Park

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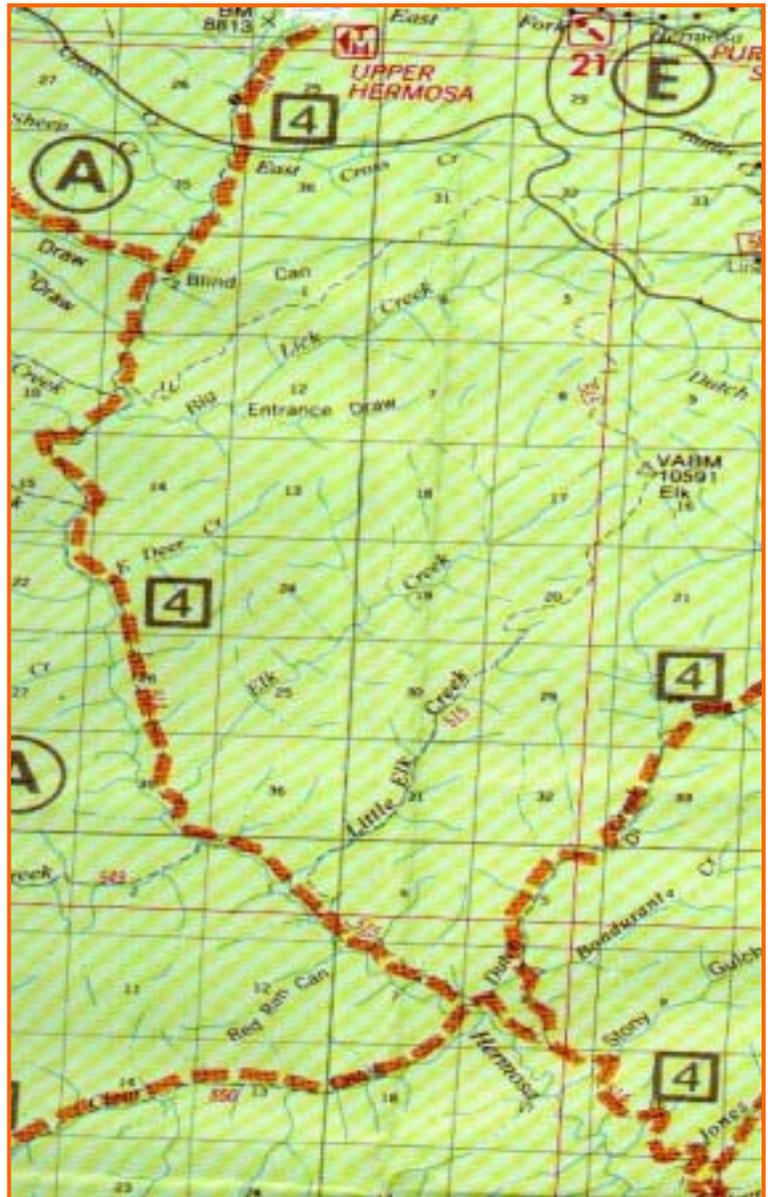
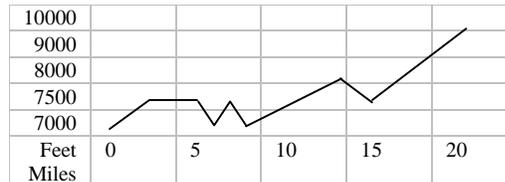
Spring/Summer/Fall

Access #1: Lower Hermosa Road. Ten miles north of Durango on U.S. Highway 550. Look for Forest access marking turnoff west to Forest road, Follow 3.8 miles to end of road.

Access #2: Follow U.S. Hwy. 550 north from Durango to Hermosa Park Road at Durango Mountain Resort turnoff, 27 miles. Follow Forest Road #578 (Hermosa Park Road) to trailhead at junction of east and north forks of Hermosa Creek, 9.5 miles from U. S. Hwy. 550.

Attractions & Considerations : A multiple-use trail. Expect varying types of use, from hiker to horse, bicycle to motorcycle. Popular trail, especially the lower end due to its proximity to Durango. The upper section of the trail follows Hermosa Creek. Fishing is good to fair the entire length. The entire Hermosa Creek area is grazed by cattle. Beaver are prevalent in some streams. Drinking water should be treated accordingly. Bridges across crossings.

Fishing Considerations: Rated fair for brook and rainbow trout.



Scan of the San Juan National Forest Map

Forest Service maps and other publications are available at the Public Lands Center, in the Durango Tech Center, ½ mile west of Durango off Highway 160, or by calling (970) 247-4874. www.sjma.org