



**HIKING – FOREST SERVICE – ROCKY MOUNTAIN REGION  
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE**



**NATIONAL FOREST – San Juan RANGER DISTRICT - Columbine  
Updated: February, 2003**

**Corral Draw Trail #521**

Length: 5 miles (8 km.)

**Recommended Season**

Spring      Summer      Fall      Winter

**Use:** Light

**Difficulty:** More difficult

**USGS Map (s):** Elk Creek and Hermosa Peak

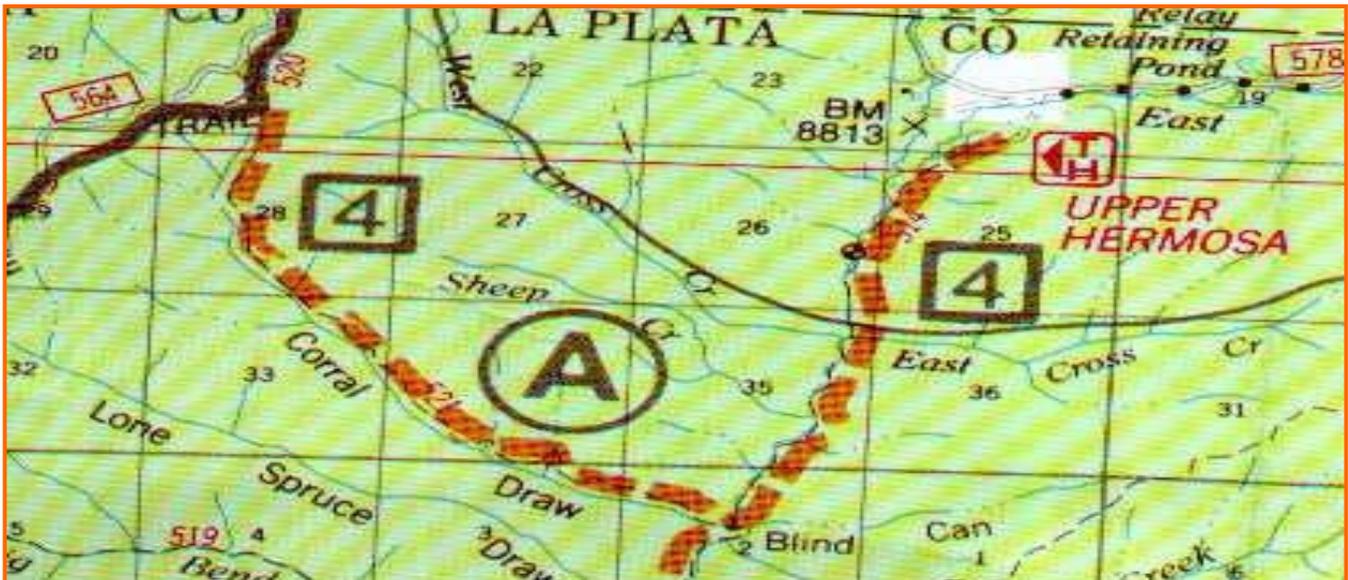
**Starting Elevation:** 10,900'

Junction with Highline (Colorado) Trail

**Ending Elevation:** 8,555'

Junction with Hermosa Creek

**Recommended Season:** Spring/Summer/Fall



**Access # 1:** (Road access) 28 miles north of Durango on US 550, turn west at Durango Mtn. Resort. From there take Hermosa Park Rd. 10.5 miles to the junction with Hotel Draw Rd. Turn west on this road and follow it about 5 miles to the junction with Scotch Creek Rd. Directly after this Y in the road, the Colorado Trail is south from a gate. There is adequate parking for several vehicles. Follow the Colorado Trail 1 mile to the Corral Draw trail. 4WD recommended.

**Access #2:** (Trail access) Access the bottom of this trail from Hermosa Park Road. The trailhead is very accommodating with bathrooms, parking, livestock ramps, and an interpretive map.

**Attractions & Considerations:** Starting from the Colorado Trail (Highline Trail portion), the trail switchbacks down an east-facing grassy bowl, dipping into several gullies and soon merging into the spruce and fir at the bottom of the draw. Near the bottom, the trail passes through several small south-facing meadows that offer good camp spots. Wading Hermosa Creek is necessary to access the Hermosa Trail. Water should always be purified, to avoid Giardia.

*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.  
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