



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



NATIONAL FOREST – San Juan RANGER DISTRICT - Columbine

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Log Chutes Trails

Inner Loop - Length: 4 miles (6.4 km)

Outer Loop - Length: 7 miles. (11.3 km.)

Recommended Season

Spring Summer Fall Winter



Use: Heavy

Difficulty: Moderate

USGS Map(s): Durango West

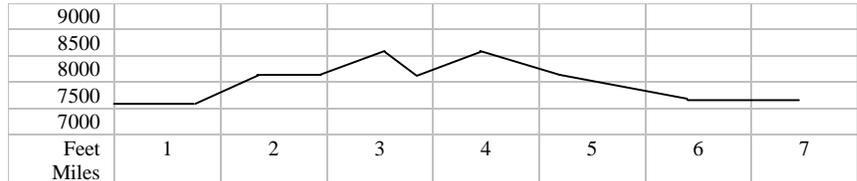
Starting Elevation: 7,500'

Ending Elevation: 7,500'

Junction Creek (Forest Road 543)

Highest Elevation: 8,400'

Recommended Season: Spring/Summer/Fall



Access # 1: (Junction Creek) Turn west on 25th street in Durango, which becomes Junction Creek Road. Go about 3 miles to the Forest boundary (the road turns to gravel). Continue on the gravel road for 2 miles to the sign for “Log Chutes Parking.” Turn right and park at the trailhead. Begin hiking east on a road that’s open to vehicles. After 1 mile there’s a road on the left with a gate and bicycle sign. Turn left and ascend a road ½ mile until it levels out. Here you will find signed intersections for the smaller and larger loops.



Attractions & Considerations:

Inner Loop (4 miles in length): Take the first left onto another trail. Hike across the lower slopes of Barnes Mountain, gently up and down, for about 2 miles. Cross the gravel road and descend a short singletrack to the corrals, where the two loops merge, and angle left.

Outer Loop (7 miles): Take the second left and climb a ¼-mile singletrack until it turns into an old road. Follow this gentle logging road 1½ miles before turning right to ascend a ½-mile singletrack. Cross the graveled Junction Creek Road and follow the trail up for about 200 yards. Then descend the old Neglected Mine Road to the corrals.

Finish: 300 yards below the corrals, turn right onto the old mining road. Descend about ½ mile then go left onto singletrack for another ½ mile. Cross the gravel road and complete the loop back to the trailhead.