



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

NATIONAL FOREST – San Juan RANGER DISTRICT - Columbine

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City Reservoir Trail via Lime Mesa Trail # 542

Length: 7.7 mi / 12.4 km

Recommended Season
Spring Summer Fall Winter

Use: Moderate

Difficulty: Difficult

USGS Map (s):

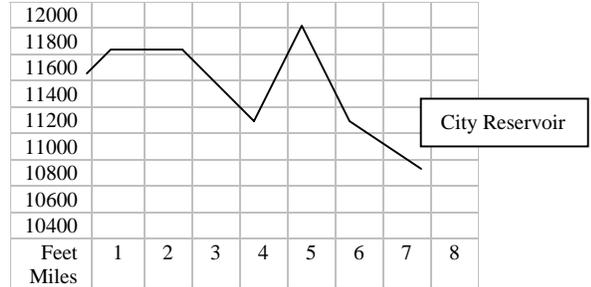
Lemon Reservoir, Mountain View Crest
Columbine Pass

Starting Elevation: 11,500'

End of Missionary Ridge Road

Ending Elevation: 10,917'

City Reservoir



Access # 1:

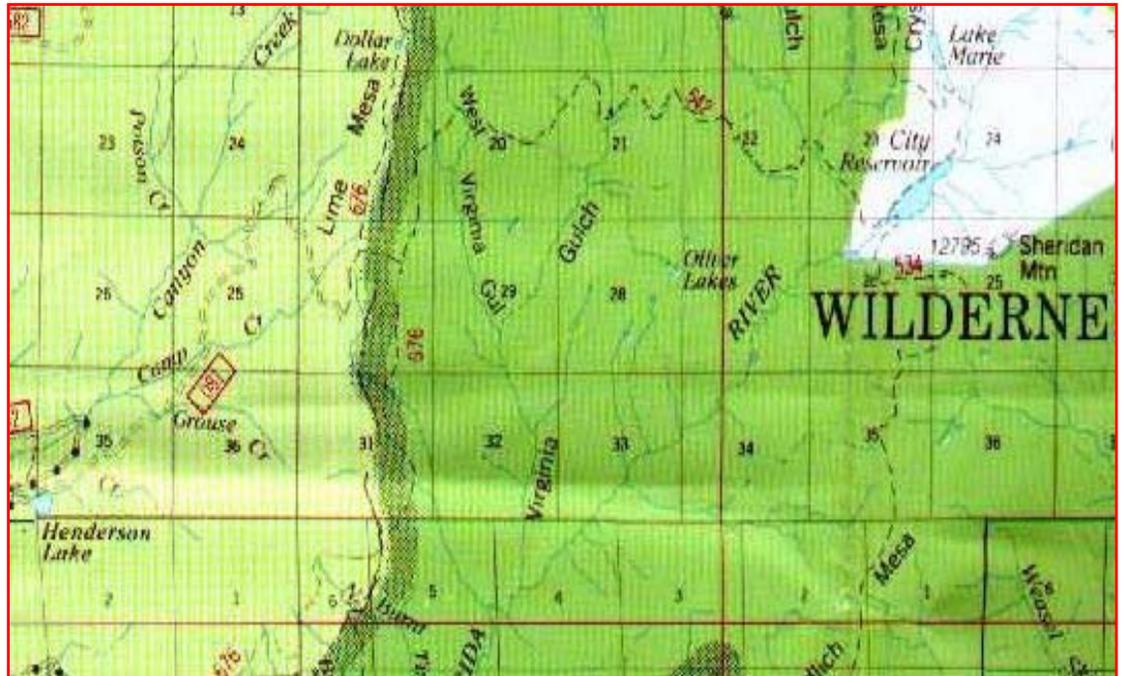
Take East Animas Road (CR #250) from Durango to FDR #682 (Missionary Ridge Road). Follow the road for 17.5 miles to the Henderson Lake turn-off. Drive FDR #081 for 5 miles to its end. The Lime Mesa and City Reservoir trails begin at this trailhead. The last 2 miles of FDR #081 are 4WD.

Attractions & Considerations:

Begin the hike to the City Reservoir on the Lime Mesa Trail #676. Take the trail ½ mile to the junction with the City Reservoir Trail #542. The trail follows rolling terrain up and down mesas into meadows and gulches, before descending into the City Reservoir.

Campsites at the reservoir are limited. The Florida Creek drainage includes quiet pools, raging waterfalls, cascades, and interesting rock formations. The alpine meadows are full of blooming wildflowers in late July and August. This area has excellent views and photographic possibilities.

As with all high-altitude areas, storms can move in rapidly, bringing severe wind, lightning, rain, snow, or hail any time of the year. Plan accordingly.



Fishing Considerations:

Between Lemon and City Reservoir, brown, brook, rainbow, and cutthroat trout are found. Most of these wild fish are in the 6- to 10-inch range, with larger trout in the pools that are more difficult to reach. Above City Reservoir the cutthroats replace the brown trout. The fish in the upper area of the Florida are all small. No special regulations are in effect. Little Lake, Castilleja Lakes, Marie Lake, and City Reservoir are rated good for cutthroat. Please check the fishing regulations regarding limits, allowable lures, and restrictions on certain lakes, rivers, etc.

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

Weminuche Wilderness Regulations:

- Group size is limited to 15 people.
- Combination of people and stock = 25.
- Dogs under control.
- No unattended campfires.
- Camping is not allowed within 100 feet of any water source.
- Outfitter-guides who receive any form of compensation must obtain a special-use permit to operate on public land.
- Possession of motorized equipment and mechanized means of transport are not permitted.
- Please check trailhead signs or Forest Service Offices for site-specific camping, campfire, and livestock regulations.