

T5828B Loop - Deer Haven

Direction to trailhead: Take US 50 west to Colorado (CO) 9. Turn right (north) onto CO 9 then continue to County Road (CR) 11 (High Park Road). Turn right onto CR 11 and continue for about 5.2 miles to CR 69. Turn right onto CR 69 and proceed 0.8 miles to Road 5828 on your right. Follow Road 5828 for 0.7 mile through a gate to a large dirt parking area and the trail head (Figure 1). About 35 miles one way from Canon City.

Length of hike: 3.65 miles

Beginning elevation: 8202 feet

Elevation change: 476 feet

Difficulty: Easy

Description: This trail takes you along an old two track ranch road and a single track trail constructed by the BLM (Figure 1). It makes a large 3.7 mile loop as it passes over rolling hills covered with open forests of ponderosa pines (Figure 2) and over grassy meadows with scattered clumps of scrub oaks, junipers, currents, gooseberries and cinquefoils. Along the later part of the trail scrub pine and Colorado blue spruce become more common on the higher elevations. As you walk along the trail you will have great views of Pikes Peak, the Sangre de Cristo mountains and wet mountains (Figure 3). There also are numerous large rock outcroppings of interesting shapes.

The first section of T5828B takes you west 0.34 miles up and over two low ridges. The trail then goes southwest 0.5 miles going up and over a ridge of 8380 feet and down into a large meadow. It then turns south and goes 0.5 miles up another ridge of 8466 feet, the highest elevation on this trail, and down the other side to where it intersects T5828C (WP1). T5828B turns to the northeast and goes 0.76 miles along a ridgeline. Then the trail turns west and goes 0.2.05 miles over a few more small ridges until it reaches Road 5828. From the road walk left (west) back 0.19 miles to the trail head and parking lot. The total distance is 3.84 miles



Figure 1. Trail 5828B Loop



Figure 2. View along trail



Figure 3. View of Pikes Peak from Trail



Figure 4. View from T5828B side trail