Our History

Since the late 1980’s, we have been proactively partnering with the US Forest Service and other organizations in a collaborative stewardship of these lands. We volunteer for the benefit of Front Range citizens, out-of-state visitors, and those who simply desire knowing that wilderness is protected for the sake of wilderness.

Welcome, and enjoy your visit!

Our Mission

The Indian Peaks Wilderness Alliance (IPWA) offers a unique service to our community, our volunteers, and our members. We are a 100% volunteer based non-profit 501(c)(3) focused on preserving and protecting the Indian Peaks and James Peaks Wilderness Areas. These popular wilderness areas are located along Colorado’s Front Range roughly 45 minutes west of Boulder.

BRAINARD LAKE AREA WINTER MAP

We do not inherit the earth from our ancestors
We borrow it from our children

A non-profit 501(c)(3) organization dedicated to the preservation of the Indian Peaks and James Peak Wilderness Areas

Become a Member Today!

For as little as $10, you can join the IPWA and help support wilderness protection. As a 100% volunteer organization, all donations received are used to fund our programs and operations. To find out more about our programs and partnerships, contact us at:

Volunteer Organization - Contact us at volunteer@indianpeakswilderness.org
Social Media - Follow us on Facebook (www.facebook.com/indianpeakswilderness) and Instagram (www.instagram.com/indianpeakswilderness)
Wilderness Programs - Working with the USFS, partners, and volunteers to improve trail conditions and enhance the enjoyment of wilderness areas.
Education - Providing college students with wilderness management internships, collaborative opportunities and research grants on topics affecting the alpine.
Advocacy - Promoting wilderness awareness through interpretive programs and dedicated work with local partners.
Path Restoration - Working with the USFS and volunteers to help address trail erosion, eliminate social trail problems, and enhance visitor safety.

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Indian Peaks Wilderness
Four Lakes Backcountry Zone
- Camping allowed between December 1 - April 30
- Motorized and mechanized activity prohibited
- No groups of more than 12 persons
- No campfires
- No packstock (e.g. horses)

Map Courtesy of USFS

Snowshoe Trail: 3 mi. / Easy
Jean Lunning Trail: 1.5 mi / Easy
Sourdough Trail: 11 mi. / Difficult
South St. Vrain Trail: 5.8 mi. / Moderate
Wapiti Trail: 2.5 mi. / Difficult
Little Raven Trail: 2.7 mi. / Moderate
Niwot Cutoff Trail: 0.5 mi. / Moderate
Pawnee Pass Trail: 1.2 mi. / Moderate
Waldrop (North) Trail: 2 mi. / Difficult
Lefthand Park Reservoir Rd: 1.5 mi. / Moderate

REMINDER: Dogs are allowed ONLY on Brainard Lake Road, Lefthand Park Reservoir Road, and Sourdough Trail.