



Rocky Mountain

Pay Attention to Weather and Conditions

Expect snow, gusty winds, and cold temperatures at any time. Winter days are short—start early and plan conservatively.

Streams and lakes can have thin ice and be very dangerous. If you choose to

cross, first test your steps with a pole.

Only travel off-trail if you are extremely familiar with the area. Snow-covered landscapes look very different than in summer. Snow can be deep once you are off-trail.

Watch for Hypothermia

When your body loses heat faster than it can produce it, your body temperature begins to drop. This is an emergency medical condition called hypothermia. It is serious and can be fatal.

Symptoms include shivering, drowsiness, exhaustion, loss of coordination, impaired judgment, and slurred or incoherent speech.

Wear warm, quick-drying layers of clothes. Stay dry. Take frequent stops to warm up.

If symptoms occur, warm the chilled person with dry clothing and warm, non-alcoholic liquids. Get back to your car, and promptly seek medical attention.

Bring the Right Gear

✓ Wear layers of synthetic or wool clothing that wick moisture.

✓ Take extra layers of clothing (socks included).

✓ Bring windproof outer layers, a warm hat, and warm gloves or mittens.

✓ Wear sunglasses and sunscreen.

Sunlight can damage your eyes and skin even on cold days.

✓ Drink lots of water and eat high-energy snacks.

✓ Carry a map and compass or GPS. Know how to use them.

Follow the Rules and Practice Good Etiquette

Sledding is not allowed in Wild Basin. Please go to the Hidden Valley Snowplay Area, the only place in Rocky where sledding is permitted.

Don't walk or snowshoe in ski tracks: it

creates dangerous conditions for skiers.

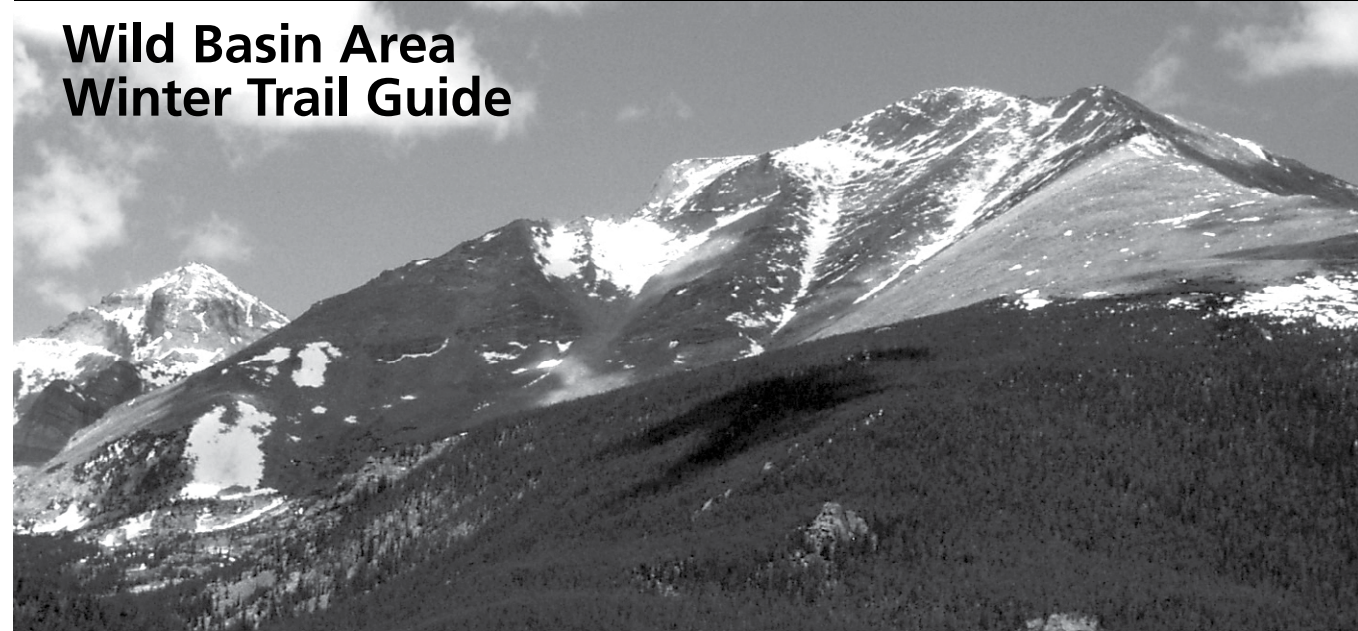
You must be in control at all times and let others know when you're approaching them. Yield to those traveling faster than you. Pass with care.

Emergencies

Park Information
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(970) 586-1206 or www.nps.gov/romo
911. Tell the dispatcher you are in Rocky Mountain National Park, Colorado

Wild Basin Area Winter Trail Guide



Exploring the outdoors in winter is truly magical. It's also challenging. Use this map and guide to plan a safe, fun trip. Be prepared, stay safe, and have fun!

Narrow Road, Limited Parking

Wild Basin Road is gravel and often narrows to one lane. It isn't suitable for large vehicles like RVs. Park only in the winter parking lot or other designated

areas. Don't park in wide spots in the road, which let oncoming cars pass each other. Violators may be ticketed or towed.

Be Avalanche Aware

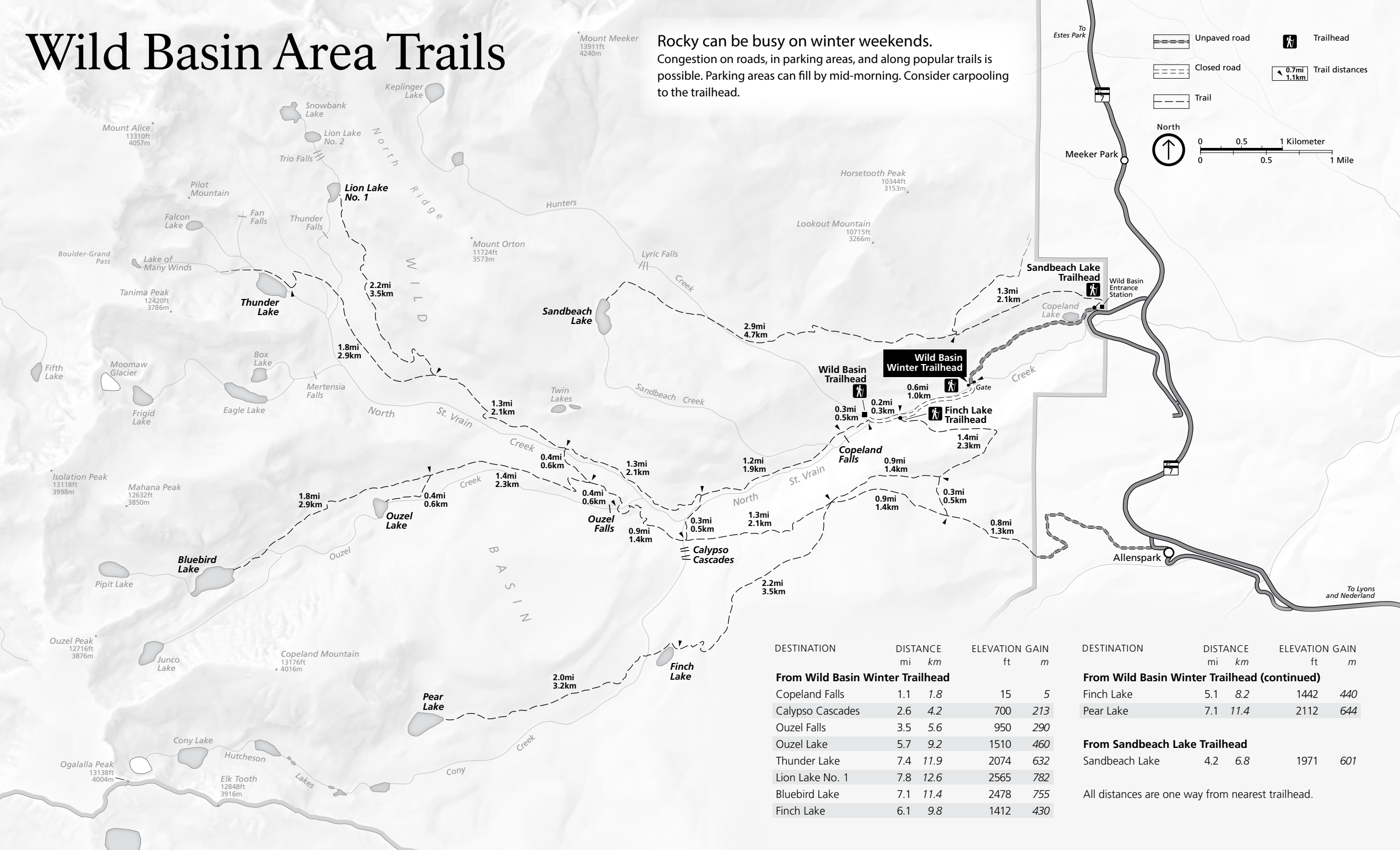
Avalanches can be easily triggered by backcountry travelers.

- Visit avalanche.state.co.us/ for the latest avalanche forecast. If danger is high, consider staying home.
- Avoid traveling in steep gullies and on ridge tops. Open slopes of 30 to 45 degrees can be loaded with dangerous masses of snow.

- If you choose to travel in these areas, carry an avalanche beacon, probe, and shovel. However, don't take extra risks just because you are carrying this equipment.
- If caught in an avalanche, make swimming motions and try to stay on top of the snow.

Wild Basin Area Trails

Rocky can be busy on winter weekends. Congestion on roads, in parking areas, and along popular trails is possible. Parking areas can fill by mid-morning. Consider carpooling to the trailhead.



DESTINATION	DISTANCE		ELEVATION GAIN	
	mi	km	ft	m
From Wild Basin Winter Trailhead				
Copeland Falls	1.1	1.8	15	5
Calypso Cascades	2.6	4.2	700	213
Ouzel Falls	3.5	5.6	950	290
Ouzel Lake	5.7	9.2	1510	460
Thunder Lake	7.4	11.9	2074	632
Lion Lake No. 1	7.8	12.6	2565	782
Bluebird Lake	7.1	11.4	2478	755
Finch Lake	6.1	9.8	1412	430

DESTINATION	DISTANCE		ELEVATION GAIN	
	mi	km	ft	m
From Wild Basin Winter Trailhead (continued)				
Finch Lake	5.1	8.2	1442	440
Pear Lake	7.1	11.4	2112	644

DESTINATION	DISTANCE		ELEVATION GAIN	
	mi	km	ft	m
From Sandbeach Lake Trailhead				
Sandbeach Lake	4.2	6.8	1971	601

All distances are one way from nearest trailhead.