



La Plata Canyon Trails

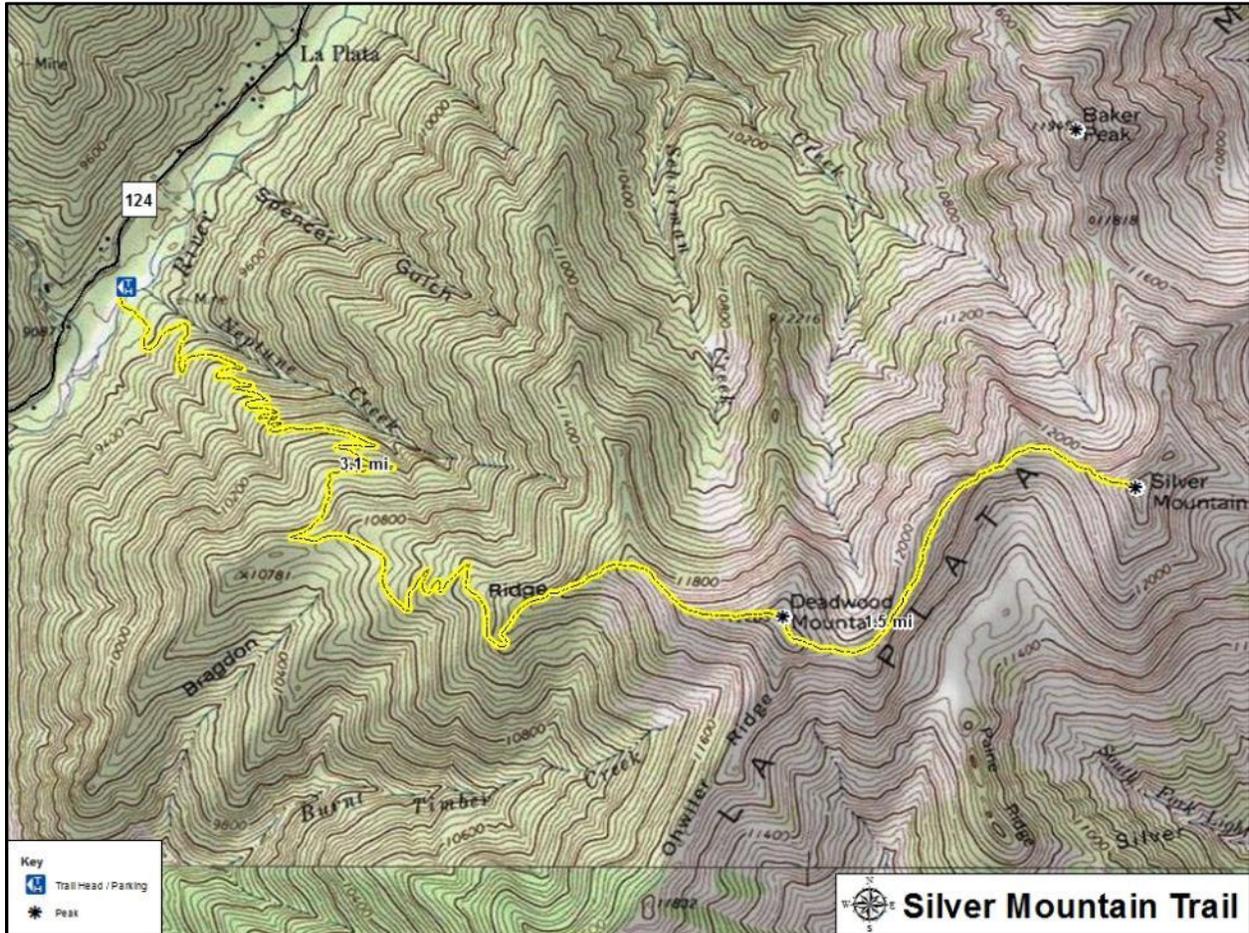
Map	Trail Name	Difficulty	Route Type	Distance	Elev. Gain
1	Silver Mountain	Difficult	Out & Back	9.2 mi / 14.8 km	4,020 ft
2	Basin Creek OHV	Difficult	Out & Back	4.8 mi / 7.6 km	1,050 ft
3	Columbus Basin	Moderate	Out & Back	0.8 mi / 1.4 km	360 ft
	Columbus Mine	Easy	Out & Back	0.2 mi / 0.3 km	20 ft
4	Highline to Taylor Lake	Moderate	Out & Back	2.4 mi / 4.0 km	80 ft
	Highline to Summit	Difficult	Out & Back	1.2 mi / 2.0 km	600 ft
5	Slide Rock West	Moderate	Out & Back	1.4 mi / 2.4 km	160 ft
6	Slide Rock East	Moderate	Out & Back	6.6 mi / 10.2 km	1,745 ft
7	Sharkstooth Pass	Difficult	Out & Back	11.8 mi / 19.0 km	1,080 ft

Trail Difficulty provided by Alltrails.com



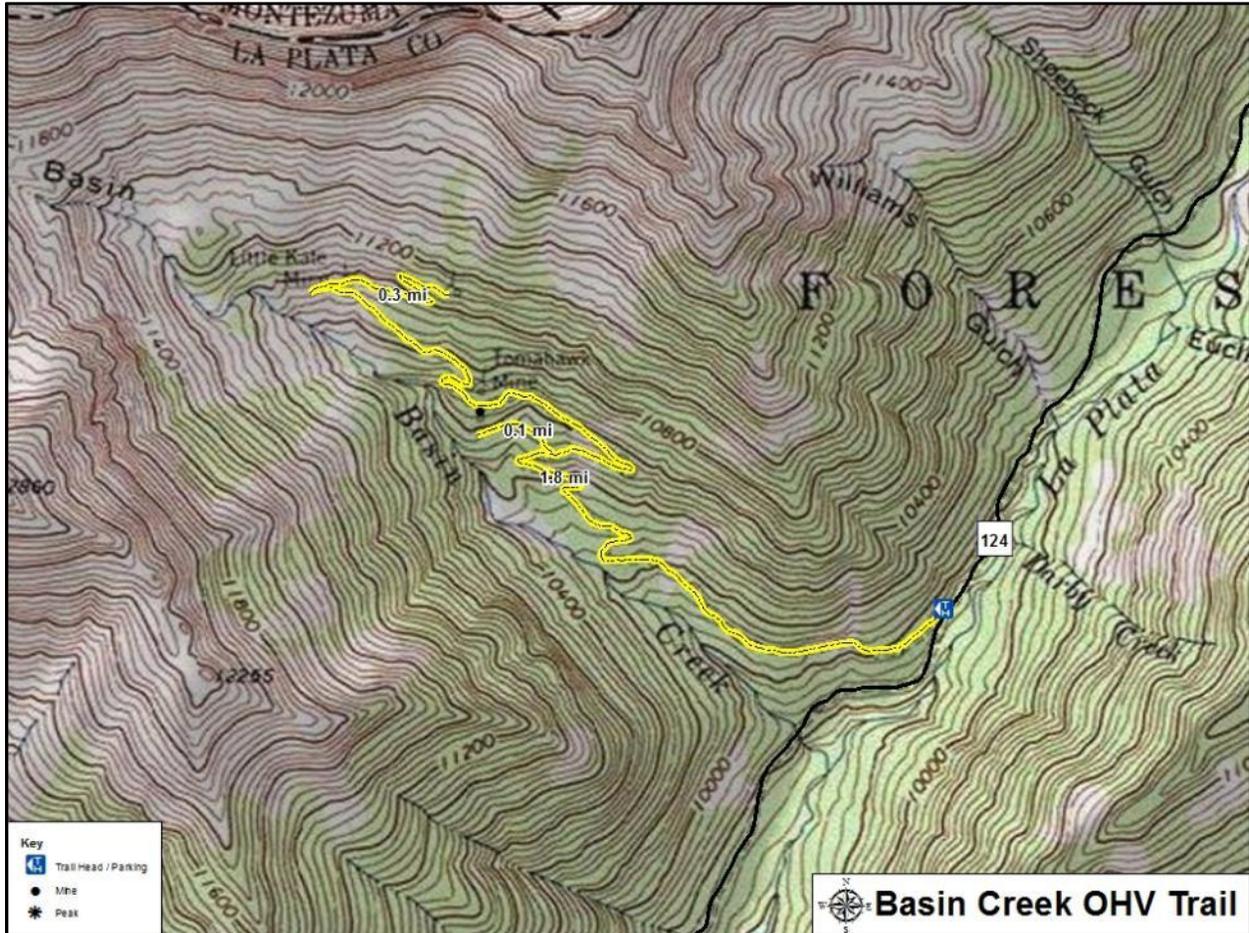
1. Silver Mountain

First approx. 3 miles is an OHV trail up to Deadwood Mountain. The remaining trail is a single track to Silver Mountain. Trail to Deadwood Mountain is very steep and numerous switch backs. Ascending to Silver Mountain also steep.



2. Basin Creek OHV

Trail is mostly used for OHV, but can be hiked as well. The first approximate mile leads one to the Tomahawk Mine which has extensive ruins. The remaining mile then leads one to Little Kate Mine. Little remains of this mine other than scared land and a boiler in the creek.



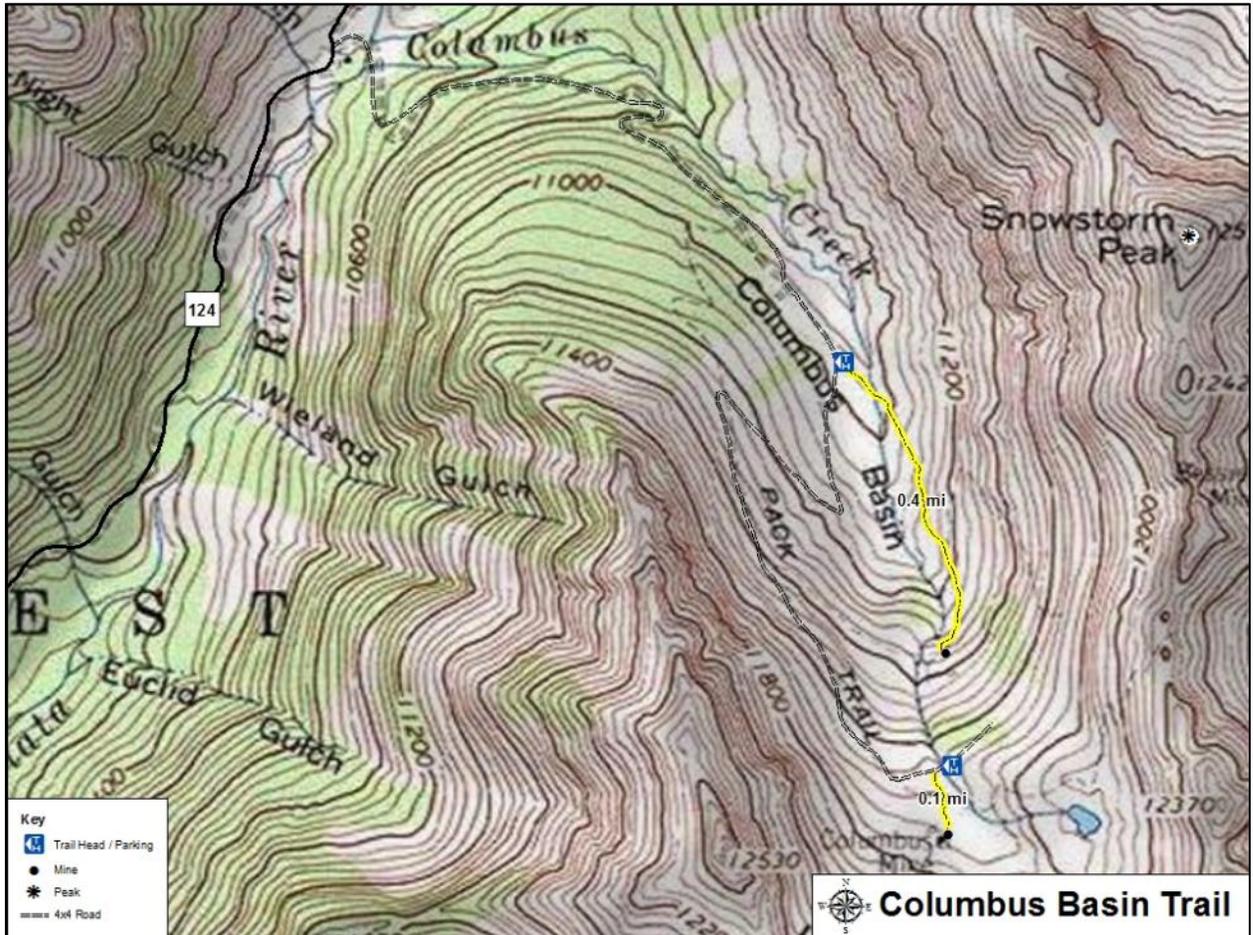
Tomahawk Mine.



Basin Creek Trail

3. Columbus Basin

A 4-wheel drive and high clearance vehicle is needed for the first 1.0 miles to reach the trail head. Otherwise if at CR 124, it will be additional 2.0 hike round trip on a very rock road. From the trail head it's a simple ½ mile out and back to an unnamed mine. An additional 0.4 miles will allow one to cross the old road and access the Columbus Mine further south, however, there is no established trail to the mine. Alternatively there is a 4x4 road to Columbus Mine.



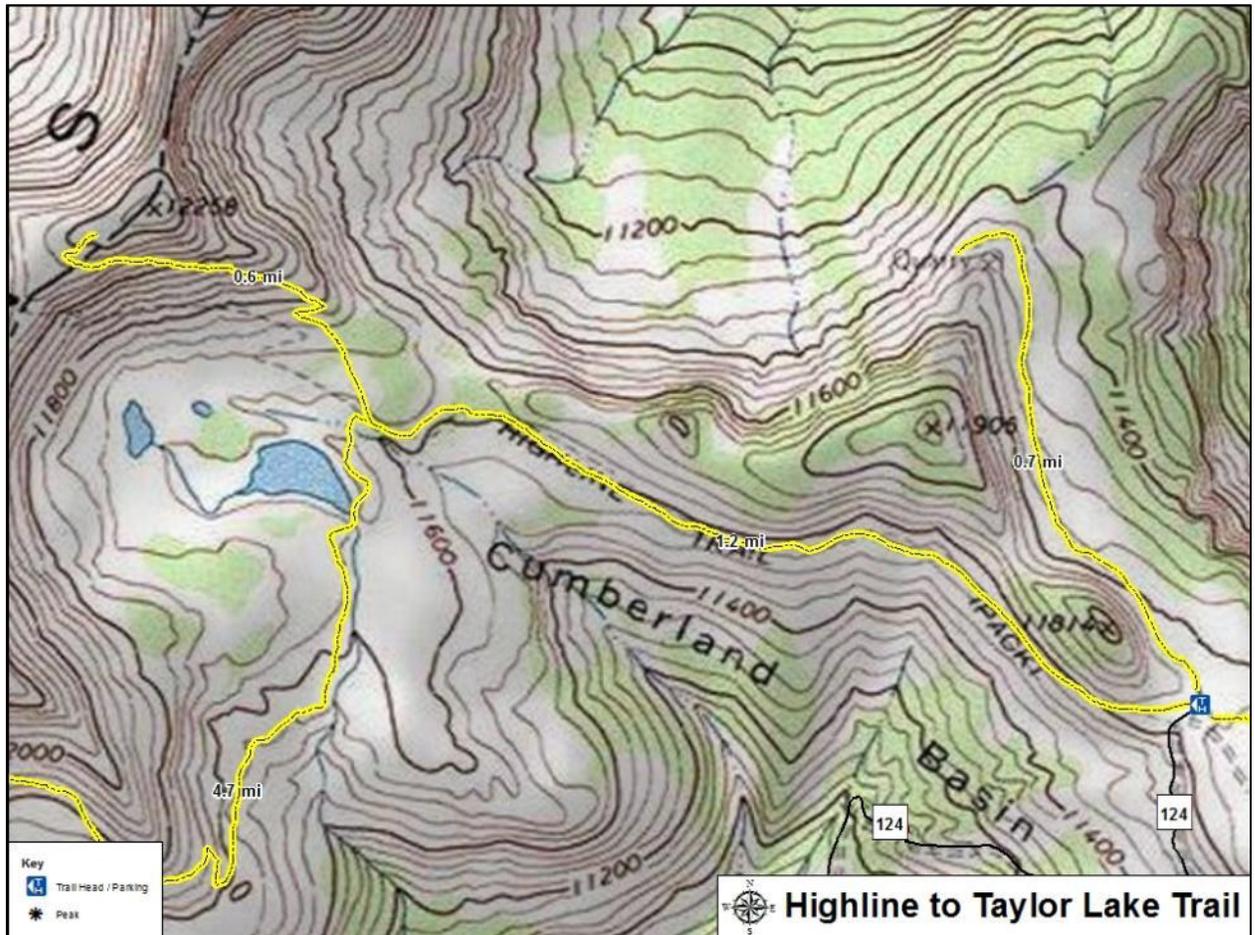
Columbus Mine.



Unnamed Mine.

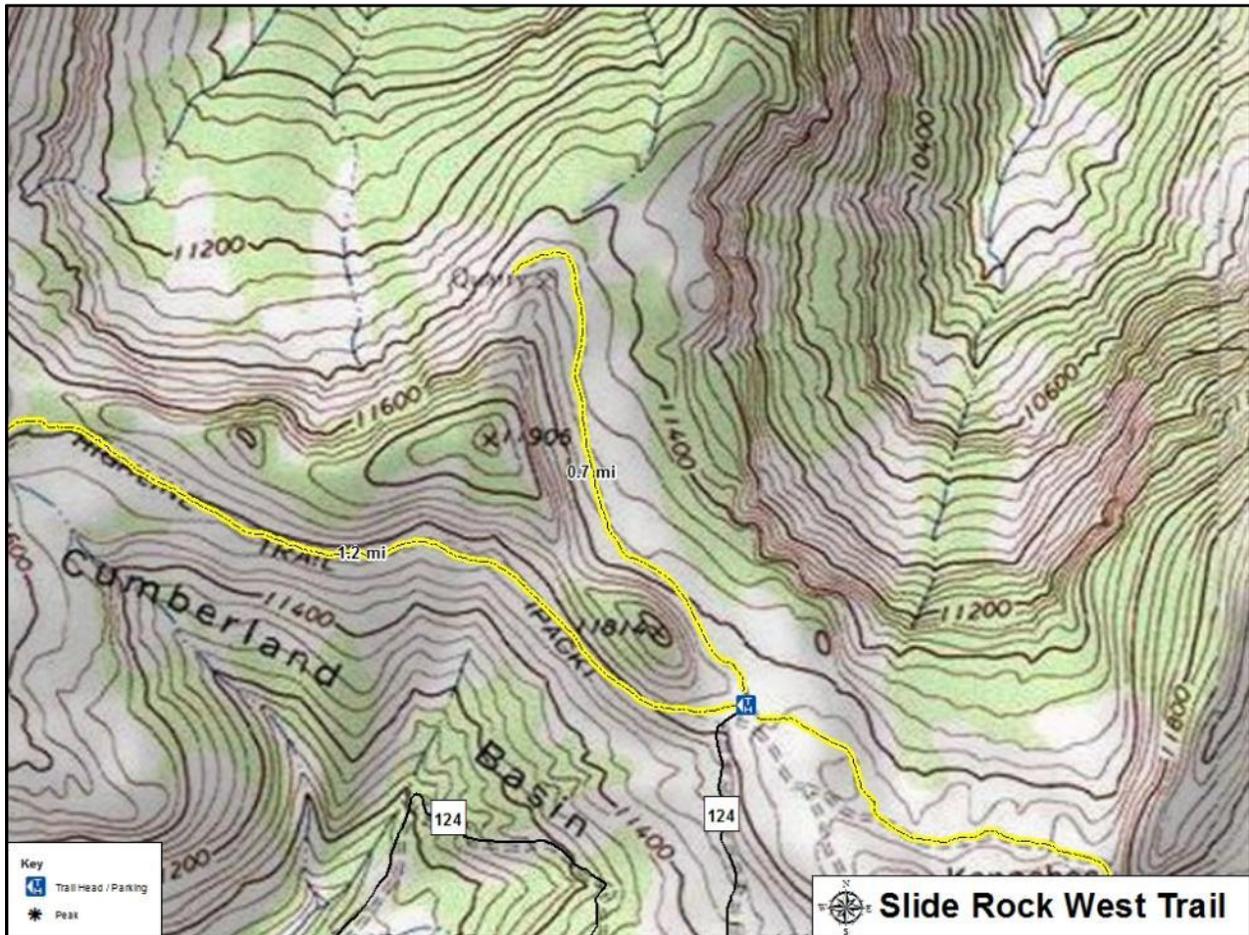
4. Highline to Taylor Lake

By far one of the most popular hikes in the La Plata Canyon. The trail is relatively level and full of flowers in August. For a greater challenge continue the trail to the northwest to reach the summit. This trail is 600 ft change in 0.5 miles, but the view is very nice over Taylor Lake. For even a greater challenge, continue south from Taylor Lake to continue on with the Sharkstooth Pass Trail, an additional 4.7 miles one-way / 9.4 miles round trip.



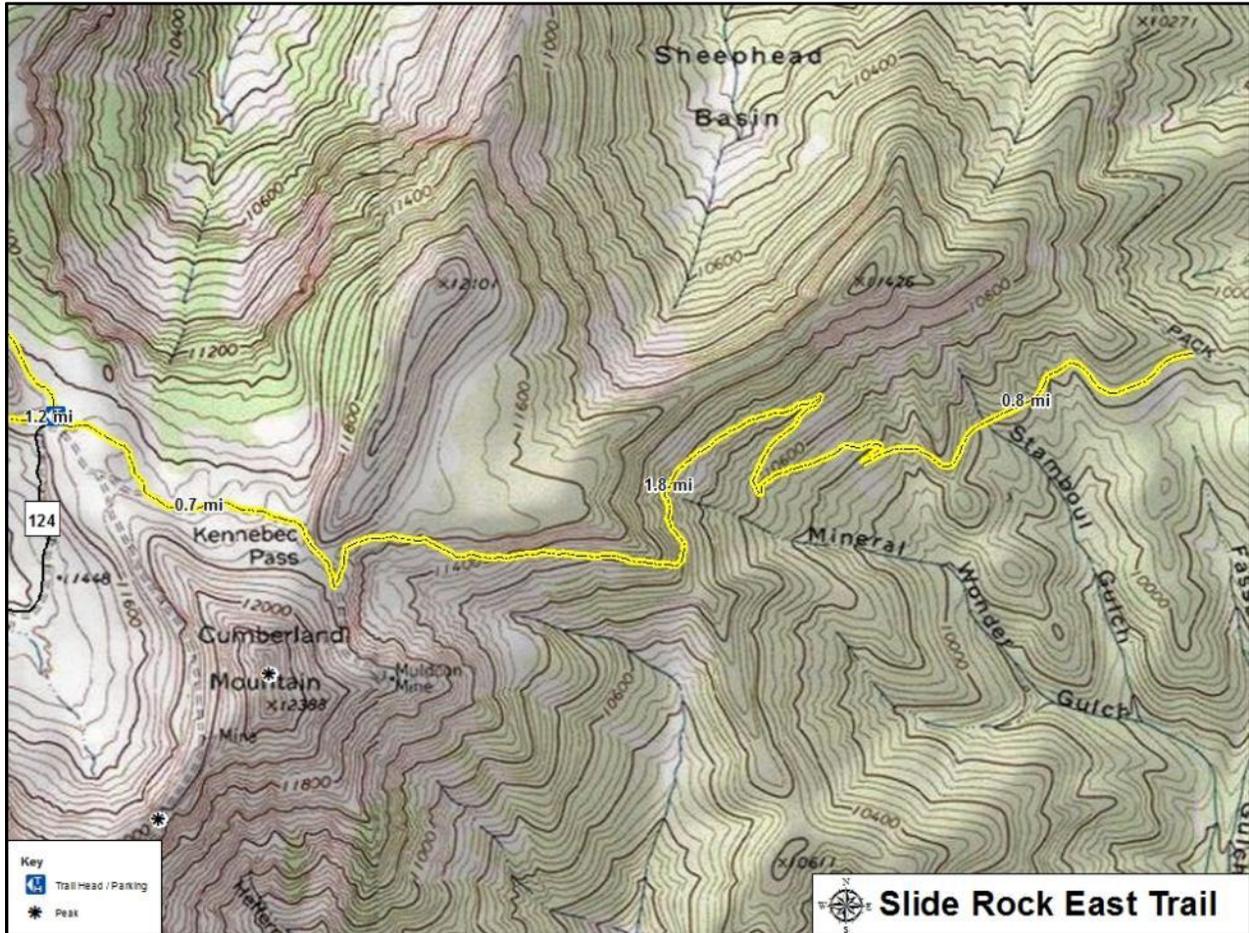
5. Slide Rock West

From the same parking area of Highline Trail, one can do a simple out & back to the north. Like the Highline trail to Taylor Lake, the trail is relatively level. The end of this trail offers a view of the South Fork valley of Hermosa Creek.



6. Slide Rock East

The first 0.7 miles of this trail is a 4x4 road to Kennebec Pass. One then has an option to turn around or continue on the trail for another 2.6 miles (one-way) before reaching Colorado trail 28.



7. Sharkstooth Pass

For those who want a challenge, continue from Taylor Lake onto the Sharkstooth Pass trail. This trail will add an additional 4.7 miles (one-way) and an additional 1,000 elevation.

