



Argentine Trail

Getting There

The Argentine is located approximately 13 miles southwest of Kremmling along County Road 1, a.k.a. Trough Road. Follow Highway 9 south from the intersection of U.S. Highway 40 and Colorado Highway 9 for approximately two miles. Turn west onto County Road 1, following it for approximately 11 miles. The unmarked County Road 102 to the parking area is 0.75 mile past the Pumphouse turnoff. Follow CR102 for 0.5 mile to the parking area at the end of the road.

General Information

The Argentine Trail splits off of the Gore Canyon Ranch trail approximately 0.25 mile from the parking area. The trail heads downstream for approximately two miles and connects to the Warm Spring network of trails, offering beautiful scenery and excellent access to the Colorado River for fishing, picnicking, and other day uses. This historic trail was originally constructed beginning in 1903 as part of a plan to build a dam. The East Argentine Mining, Milling, Tunnel, Power and Transportation Company constructed the trail as well as a cabin along the Colorado River and a diversion tunnel adjacent Eye of the Needle Rapid in preparation for building a dam. A legal battle ensued between New Century Light and Power Company and the Denver, Northwestern and Pacific Railroad (owners of the Moffat Road at that time) for rights of construction through Gore Canyon. The railroad won the fight and the trail, cabin, and tunnel were abandoned. The Argentine Trail cuts across steep slopes, and short sections of trail have fallen away, leaving gaps in the trail tread. Passage may be difficult for small children, pets, or those with disabilities. While travel off-trail is not prohibited, the terrain would make it difficult.

Safety

Obtain a weather forecast prior to your visit. Weather conditions can change quickly. Watch the sky for dark clouds moving in. Listen for thunder. Feel for changes in wind direction, speed and temperature. Sunscreen, rain gear, and layered clothing are recommended.

Protect Natural Resources

- Avoid damage to vegetation and wildlife resources by travelling and camping on durable surfaces, and where impacts from use are already evident.
- When fires restrictions are not in effect (contact Kremmling Field Office and watch for signs):
 - use only existing fire rings or bring a fire pan.
 - do not place glass, plastic, foil or other non-flammable materials in campfires.
 - bring your own firewood or gather only dead and down wood – do not cut or break branches from live trees.
 - douse your fire with plenty of water and check that it is cold before leaving it unattended
- Pack out trash, toilet paper, and solid human waste. (Restrooms or trash services are not provided.)
- Observe wildlife from a distance to avoid unnecessary disturbance. Leave what you find and leave no trace.

Legend

Major Streams



Land Status

- Bureau of Land Mgt
- Division of Wildlife
- National Park
- US Forest Service
- National Wildlife Refuge
- Private
- State
- State Forest
- BLM Access Road

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