




# Upper Calico Trail #208

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<b>Length:</b> 5.5 miles	<b>Hiking level:</b> Moderate to Difficult
<b>Starting Elevation:</b> 10,150 ft	<b>Facilities:</b> No developed water Sources: toilet available at trailhead.
<b>Ending Elevation:</b> 10,400 ft, at the junction with Falls Creek Trail #640.	<b>Amount of use:</b> Moderate
 <b>Use restrictions:</b> ATVs are <b>not</b> permitted on single-track trails. Camping is not permitted at trailhead. <u>Motorized Travel Rules have changed.</u> Please contact the Dolores Public Lands Office for specific changes or check our website:	<b>USGS Map(s):</b> Rico & Dolores Peak (7.5') Quads.

## Trail Description:

The Calico Trail is comprised of two sections, the Upper and Lower Calico Trails. The lower portion of the trail is accessed via the Priest Gulch Trailhead (see Priest Gulch & Lower Calico Trails information sheet). The most northerly portion is referred to as the Upper Calico Trail; this portion of the trail is part of the National Recreation Trail (NRT) system. Beginning at the Calico Trailhead (see directions below for trail head access), the single-track trail makes its way over and around several peaks, as well as along fairly long stretches of narrow ridgelines. While these stretches afford some spectacular views, be aware of frequent afternoon thundershower activities, which are fairly common in late July and August. The view to the north includes 14,159-foot high El Diente Peak, which is within the Lizard Head Wilderness. The trail winds through a forest of spruce and fir as it follows the divide between the Dolores and West Dolores Rivers, climbing at an average grade of 8% to 11,866-foot high Papoose Peak. The Upper portion of the Calico NRT ends at the junction with West Fall Creek Trail (640) where the lower portion of the Calico Trail comes in. From this junction you can loop back to the Calico Trailhead via the Falls Creek and Winter Trails (202), or continue on to the Priest Gulch Trailhead via the Lower Calico Trail.

## Directions:

From Dolores on Highway 145, travel east for 43 miles, and take the West Fork Road (FDR 535) turnoff, which is almost directly across from the Cayton Campground Turnoff and approximately 6 miles north of Rico. Turn south on the Eagle Creek Road (FDR 471). The trailhead is approximately one mile down this road.



**PACK IT IN - PACK IT OUT!**  
**LEAVE NO TRACE!!!**



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