



## Round Mountain Trail (#969) formerly #831 Foothills Nature Trail (City of Loveland)

Canyon Lakes Ranger District

Arapaho & Roosevelt National Forests

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**One-way Length:** Round Mtn. 4.6 miles  
Nature Trail 1 mile

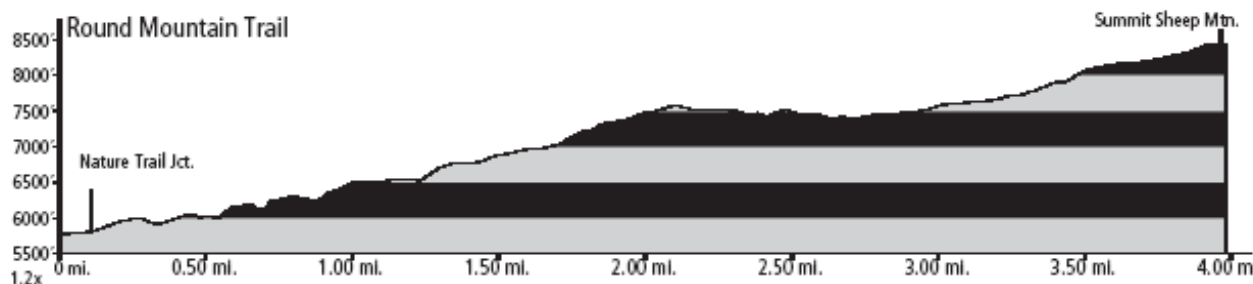
**Difficulty Rating:** Strenuous-Round Mtn.  
Moderate-Nature Trail

**Use:** heavy

**Beginning Elevation:** 5,770 feet

**Quadrangle Map:** Drake

**Peak Elevation:** 8,440 feet (#969)



**Access:** Travel on U.S. Highway 34 up Big Thompson Canyon west of Loveland, four miles past the mouth of the Canyon. Viestenz-Smith Mountain Park is on the right, and on the left a short dirt road provides access to the trailhead parking lot.

**Trail Information:** The one-mile self-guided nature trail follows an old road above the Big Thompson River and ends at an old CCC built stone shelter overlooking the canyon. The summit trail branches to the left within the first quarter-mile and offers interpretive information on trailside plaques for the first 3 miles. Both trails are steep in some places. The trail to the summit travels through several granite outcroppings and through ponderosa pine and Douglas fir. Views from the trail include the Big Thompson Canyon, the eastern plains of Colorado, Pinewood and Carter Lake reservoirs.

### *Trail Regulations*

- No motorized equipment
- Camping and fires are prohibited along the first mile of both trails
- Dogs must be leashed on the Nature trail and first mile of Round Mountain trail
- Certified weed-free hay is required for stock