

**Key:**

Vertical Gain/Steepness:

E=Easy, 0' to 400' gain per mile

M=Moderate, 400' to 800' gain per mile

D=Difficult, 800' to 1200' gain per mile

X=Extreme, 1200' + gain per mile

Surface/Terrain:

E=Easy, mostly sand, dirt or pine needle covered on established trail

M=Moderate, small rocks and roots present on established trail

D=Difficult, loose and rocky on established trail

X=Extreme, very loose, with large rocks and possibly scrambling required. Trail may not be established or easily recognizable

**Trail Name:**

Bartlett Trail (Trail# 1310, TH Elev. 11,450') from Greenhorn Mountain parking lot to the east side of Greenhorn Mountain

**Trail Location:**

From Westcliffe, CO, drive south on Hwy 69 for 11 miles, turn left on CR305 (Centennial Ranch Road). After about 5 miles turn right on Comanche Trail. Stay on Comanche Trail for about 4 miles to T intersection with CR 365, turn left. Stay on CR 365 for about 6 miles (CR365 turns into CR 634 after about 3 miles) to the intersection with CRs 401/369/361 – turn right on CR 369. Stay on CR 369 for 12 miles to the Greenhorn Mountain parking area. All roads are passable with a standard vehicle. CR365/634 does get a little rocky/rutty for short sections – other than that the roads are standard Colorado gravel/dirt roads.

**Trail Summary:**

*Accessibility:* This trail is in the Greenhorn Wilderness Area and is accessible via foot/horse travel only.

*Trail Length and Type:* 5.8 miles total, in and out

*Vertical Gain and Steepness:* 714' gain, 90% E, 10% M

*Surface/Terrain:* 100% E

**Trail Experience:**

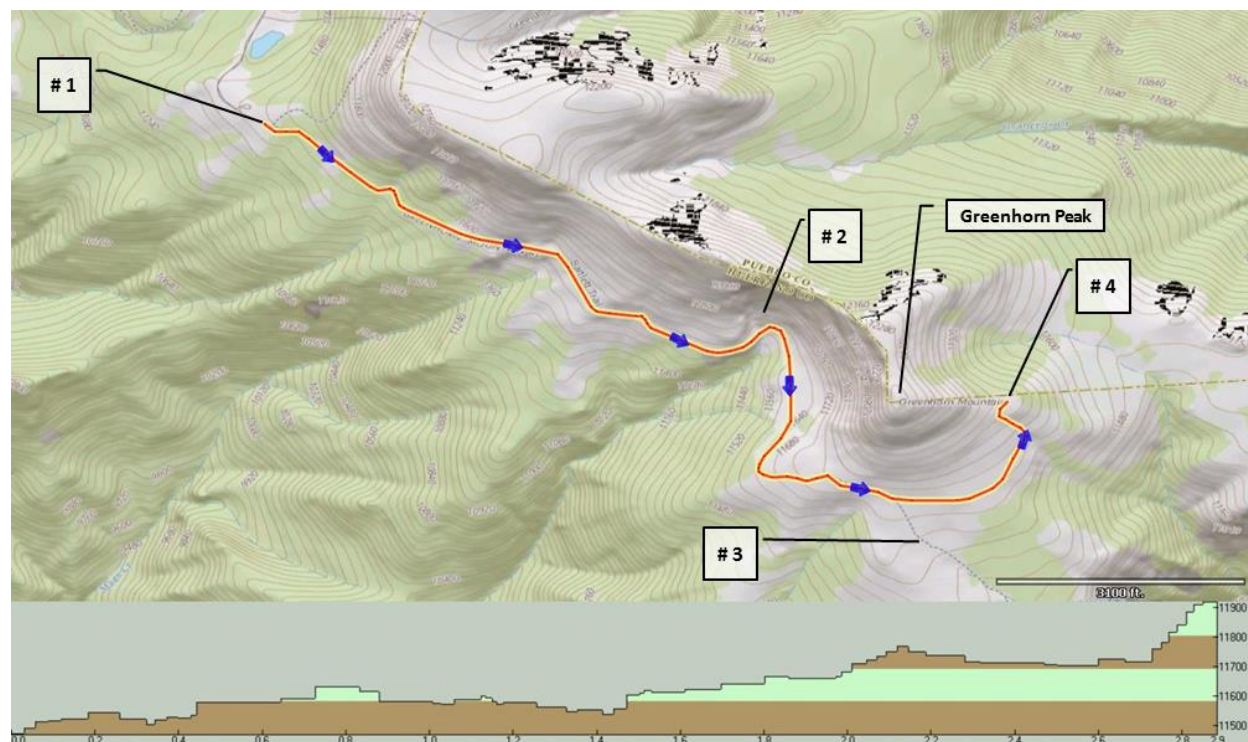
This trail is a great destination most of the year, but access is limited during the winter months when gates on CR 634 and CR 369 are closed. The drive up to the trailhead is very beautiful in the fall when the aspens are changing. While Bartlett trail is a very long trail, actually starting in Rye, CO, the segment described here is very easy for most hikers and culminates in a grassy meadow on the east slope of Greenhorn Mountain, about 300' below Greenhorn Summit. The trail follows an old service road that basically wraps around the west, south and east sides of Greenhorn.

The first mile or so of the trail travels through tall pines that obscure views in all directions. Once you leave the pine trees the entire Wet Mountain Valley opens up to the west, and the scree covered slopes of Greenhorn are immediately to the east. The trail continues to meander along the base of Greenhorn, with extraordinary views to the south and west. About halfway into the hike a recent rockslide scar beneath Greenhorn reveals a swatch of cream colored earth which provides stark contrast to the brownish-green color of the scree in this area.

About two miles into the hike the trail starts to wrap around the south end of Greenhorn, opening up the views to the plains east of Walsenburg and Trinidad. Also very prominent at this location are the Spanish Peaks. On the south end of Greenhorn Bartlett trail splits off the old service road and starts to descend towards Rye – stay on the old service road as it continues to wrap around the base of Greenhorn Mountain. The views of the plains open up even more as you wrap around to the east side of Greenhorn, and the service road will eventually be heading towards the north. At this point you will encounter the steepest section of the trail, but the incline is short lived. Within a few minutes you will be at your destination, standing in an open meadow, with the Spanish Peaks behind you and, if it is a clear day, Pikes Peak about 80 miles to the north. Pull up a rock, have lunch or a snack, and enjoy the awesome views!

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## Map – Bartlett Trail from Upper Parking Area (Trail # 1310):



- #1 – mile 0.0 - Greenhorn Mountain Parking Area
- #2 – mile 1.5 - Rock slide
- #3 – mile 2.4 - Bartlett Trail (# 1310) continues all the way to Rye, CO
- #4 – mile 2.9 - Destination for this hike

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