

## Trails

### Cave Basin Trail

This trail starts on Middle Mountain Road between mile markers 10 & 11. The trail sign is on the left side of the road as it makes a wide turn to the right in a logged out area. The trail runs steeply uphill for about 1 mile to the ridge line that defines the Weminuche Wilderness Area boundary, then continues on to Cave Basin.

### East Creek Trail

From the National Forest gravel road on the East side of the Lake, take the gravel side road between North Canyon Campground and Pine Point Campground. In 1/4 mile, you may reach the East Creek Trail sign. It is 2 1/4 miles to the East Creek Crossing, then the trail follows above the north side of the creek.

### Graham Creek Trail

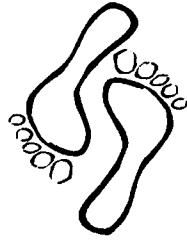
The trail begins on the National forest Service gravel road on the East Side of the Lake, opposite the Graham Creek Campground. The trail rises at an easy grade through open forest and reaches a level clearing at 1/2 mile. It continues on the other side of the clearing and runs slightly downhill along the side slope above the creek and reaches a waterfall in a 1/4 mile. After a meadow, it eventually joins forest road 604.

### Lake Eileen Trail

Drive past the north end of the lake on C.R. 501 to National Forest Vallecito Work Center and park just beyond it. The Lake Eileen Trail sign will be on the left hand side of the road. The trail is 2 1/2 mile to the lake and is quite steep in places. The small shallow lake lies in a small depression surrounded by aspens

### North Canyon Trail

The trail begins on the National Forest Service gravel road, on the east side of the lake near the entrance to North Canyon Campground. There is no trail marker.



## Things to Remember.....

### Altitude Sickness

When hiking in higher elevations, it is easy to experience altitude sickness. Symptoms include nausea, insomnia, restlessness, headache, nasal congestion, and becoming easily fatigued. To adapt to the change in elevation, eat lightly, avoid alcohol, and drink plenty of water. Rest appropriately, and do not over exert yourself.

### Tread Lightly

Tread lightly, pack out what you pack in, and leave the beauty of the land for others to enjoy.

### Trail Courtesy

Be courteous to others when hiking. Remember that horses can be spooked from unseen sources, show respect by making your presence known. Step off the lower side of the trail while they pass.

### First Aid

When Hiking remember to bring a first aid kit. You can make your own.... Bring water, adhesive bandages, antiseptic, aspirin, eye wash, adhesive tape, insect repellent, sun screen, tweezers and lip balm

### Travel Time

In the Colorado mountains, hiking conditions are most favorable from June to October. If you travel to early, snow may inhibit your trip. Keep in mind that in July and August afternoon thunderstorms are common

## Vallecito Lake



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### Pine River Trail

The trail starts at Pine River Campground on Pine River Road. It is approximately 3 miles to the Weminuche Wilderness Area, mostly on easement through private property. The trail is a major entry point to the Weminuche Wilderness Area and is heavily used by hikers and horse riding groups: no bikes allowed.

### Tuckerville Trail

The trail starts at mile marker 11 on the Middle Mountain Road. An old jeep road continues on to Tuckerville, going downhill at a slight grade. Beyond Tuckerville, the trail climbs upward at a modest grade. Upon reaching the ridge line the trail divides overlooking Cave Basin. The hike totals 3 miles in length.

### Vallecito Creek Trail

This heavily used trail begins at Vallecito Campground at the north end of C.R. 500, and is a major entry point into the Weminuche Wilderness Area. It is approximately three miles to the first bridge. The trail is used by hikers as well as horse riding groups.

### Vallecito Lake Walk Path

Starting at the west side of the dam. Walk north along the lake trail up to C.R. 501. Follow the road past private property to the first Marina/ Boat Ramp. Walk along shoreline past public boat ramp to Walk Path. Follow trail (approximately 2.8 miles) along lake to Vallecito Community Center.

### West Mountain Trail

Park at the north marina (on C.R.501 at the north end of the lake.) Walk back out to the road and follow the horse trail on the far side of the road to the left (south). Disregard the first place the trail leaves the road 100 yard later and head up the hill again. The trail goes steeply uphill to West Mountain Ridge and is often used

