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## **Recreation Done Right**

### **Hiking in the 'Boat**

**Enjoy the great views, vistas and valleys literally IN our backyard**

All you need is a good pair of shoes to enjoy this activity for everyone – hiking. Whatever your interest or ability may be, the versatile Steamboat Springs landscape of rolling valleys and mountain trails offers something for everyone. Reminder: These are just a sampling of what is in the area.

#### **Looking to stroll rather than climb? - Easy Hikes**

If you are looking for a low impact hike with all the great views and scenery check out the Yampa River Core Trail that winds its way along the Yampa River in town. Springs Creek Trail and lower Fish Creek Falls Trail will get you a workout without pushing your limits.

#### **For a moderate challenge - Medium Hikes**

Steamboat Springs has dozens of hikes that will satisfy your craving for adventure while not taking you quite off the beaten path. Check out hikes like the upper Fish Creek Falls trail, Mad Creek and Seedhouse Road.

#### **Baby, there aint no mountain high enough - Difficult Hikes**

If no peak frightens you, challenge yourself to take on some of our valley's toughest terrain. The possibilities are endless, but put on your "to-do" list hikes like the Steamboat Ski Area, Hahn's Peak and Devil's Causeway in the Fat Tops Wilderness. Be prepared for some unbelievable sights

#### **Explore our Surrounding Terrain**

The hikes in town and in the surrounding areas might take your breath away (literally, so be prepared for the altitude), but Steamboat Springs' proximity to some of Colorado's most popular and scenic national forests and wilderness will give you an idea of just how special our slice of Colorado really is.

#### **Flat Tops Wilderness Area, 235,035 acres**

Also a part of the White River National Forest as well as the Routt National Forest, the Flat Tops Wilderness Area compares to no other mountain range in the state of Colorado. The headwaters for the Yampa River begin here, capturing the snowmelt of the many storms that feed almost 110 trout-laden lakes and ponds dotting the flat-topped cliffs. The Flat Tops Wilderness is Colorado's second largest wilderness area.

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#### **Mt. Zirkel Wilderness Area, 159,935 acres**

The Mount Zirkel Wilderness is literally in Steamboat Springs' backyard. The area contains three mountain ranges including the Park Range, Sawtooth and Sierra Madre Range. There are more than 70 lakes along the headwaters for the Elk River's three forks. There are 173 miles of trails including 27 miles of the Continental Divide Trail. The Mount Zirkel Wilderness was one of the first five original wilderness areas designated by the 1964 Wilderness Act.

#### **Sarvice Creek Wilderness Area, 47,190 acres**

Sarvice Creek is named so for its stock of Sarvice berries, a favorite cuisine of native black bears. What makes Sarvice Creek stand out among other Colorado wilderness areas is its complete lack of alpine tundra. It is due to the solitude of its lodgepole pine, Engelmann spruce and subalpine fir forests that it received its designation. Only 13 miles south of down town, Sarvice, Silver and Morrison Creeks meander their way to the Yampa River and eventually through Steamboat Springs.

#### Helpful Hiking Literature

Hiking the 'Boat

Hiking the 'Boat II

Steamboat Springs Chamber Resort Association Visitors' Guide

#### **Useful Hints**

- Sunscreen and water are going to be a MUST at the higher mountain altitude
- Layers, layers, layers! Changing Colorado weather can bring some surprises, so remember to pack long-sleeves along with your short-sleeves
- Also remember some snacks, a rain jacket and appropriate footwear

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