

## Thompson Creek Trail



### Attractions:

- Steep walled canyon with sandstone cliffs and rock outcrops with outstanding displays of the Grand Hogback.
- Dinosaur footprints have been reported here.
- Vegetation includes spruce and cottonwood, canyon sides are pinon and juniper.
- Wildlife: deer, elk, bear, small birds, small mammals, mountain lion, coyote, turkey and grouse.
- History of prehistoric Ute occupation as well as mining and railroad activity.
- Recreation includes: [hiking](#), [biking](#), [camping](#), [fishing](#) (Brook Trout), [hunting](#), and [horseback riding](#)



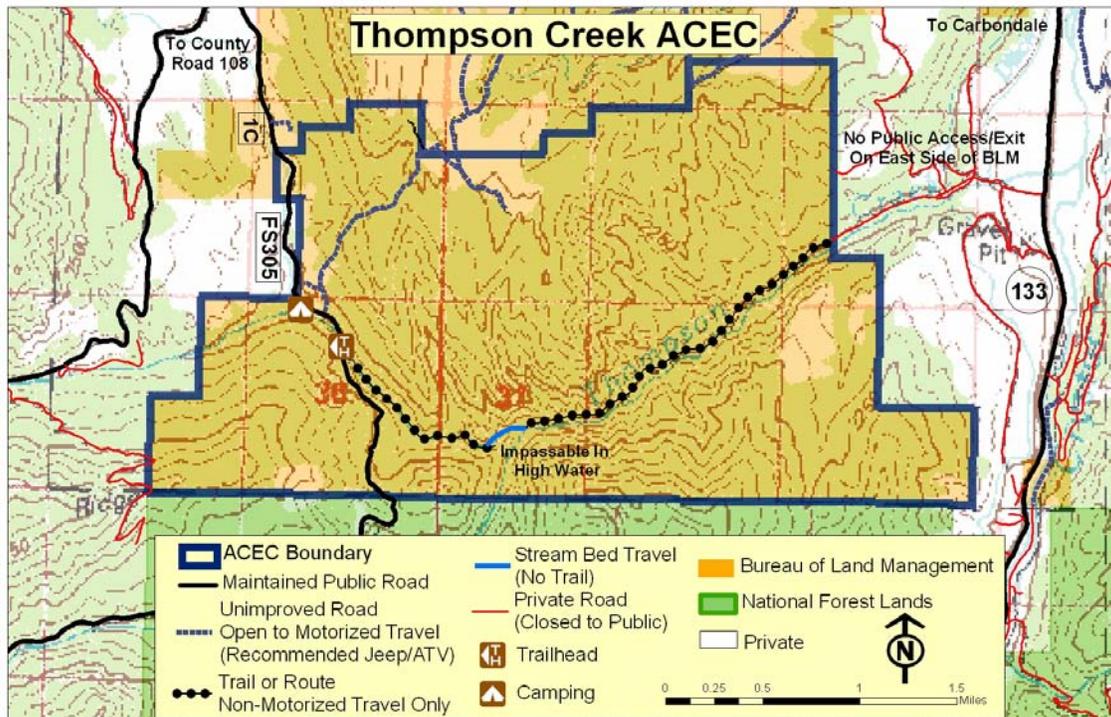
### Access

Take the paved county road, 108, from Carbondale to Jerome Park and turn east on the dirt road to the trail head. The dirt road gets very muddy and slippery when wet and should be avoided during rainy periods. Dirt road continues into the Forest Service land.

## *Welcome to Thompson Creek Area of Critical Environmental Concern*

Thompson Creek is an Area of Critical Environmental Concern (ACEC), designated in 1984. The BLM protects and preserves the area's important geologic, scenic, historic, educational and primitive recreation values. Enjoy the area and help preserve this special place by following these guidelines:

- Try to keep your group size small (3-6 people)
- Travel only by foot. While the trail is 2 miles long, several hundred yards involve wading through the creek which can be dangerous or impassable. There is no public access/exit on the east end.
- Camp at least 150 feet from the creek.
- Practice "Leave No Trace" and pack out what you pack in.
- No motorized uses are allowed except on approved routes.
- Be careful with fire. Completely extinguish campfires before leaving. Build campfires in areas free of flammable materials to prevent wildfire. Use only dead and down fuels. No firewood cutting allowed.
- Please treat this area as you would any other primitive or wilderness area.



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