

Respect Wildness... Practice the 7 principles of Leave No Trace skills and ethics

- ◆ **Plan ahead and prepare:** Plan your trip carefully. Prepare for extreme weather, hazards and emergencies. Plan for the least experienced member of your party.
- ◆ **Travel and camp on durable surfaces:** Hike single file in the middle of the trail or side by side in areas without trails. Camp in hardened areas only, not in meadows or on vegetation.
- ◆ **Dispose of waste properly:** Pick up all spilled foods and trash. Disperse washing and cooking wastewater 70 adult steps (200') from camps and all water sources. Leave no evidence of your stay.
- ◆ **Leave what you find:** Leave plants, rocks, antlers and artifacts as you find them for others to enjoy.
- ◆ **Minimize campfire impacts:** Cook with a camp stove. Simply enjoy a candle lantern or the night sky.
- ◆ **Respect Wildlife:** Bear canisters are required at all backcountry campsites below treeline. Minimize noise. Avoid lakes and streams at dawn and dusk.
- ◆ **Be considerate of other visitors:** Respect the quality of every visitor's experience.

EMERGENCIES: In case of emergency, call Park Dispatch at (970) 586-1203 or 911. Map (over) shows the location of the nearest phone.

Site Location: Ouzel Lake lies in a spruce-fir forest on the northeast slope of Copeland Mountain. The site is located north of the trail and east of the privy. A wood sign indicates the path to the site; the path may be marked by red arrowheads on trees. Pitch tent(s) as close to the indicated site as is safely possible out of potential hazard from standing dead trees.

Number of Sites: 1

Distance: 4.9 mi.

Privy: Yes

Elevation: 10,020 ft.

Bear Box: Yes

Elevation Change: 1,520 ft. gain

Approx. Travel Time: 3 to 5 hours

Water Source: Water may be obtained from the lake or from the inlet stream. Boil or adequately treat all water.

To Reach the Trailhead (TH): Wild Basin TH: Drive south on Colo. Hwy. 7 via Mary's Lake Road for approx. 12.5 miles to the Wild Basin Road. Drive past the Wild Basin Inn and take the right hand fork to the Entrance Station. Proceed another 3 miles to the Ranger Station and Wild Basin Trailhead.

