



Hiking in the Kawuneeche Valley

Adams Falls (East Inlet Trailhead) This easy 1/3 mile hike leads to a small, pleasant waterfall. If you wish to go further, past the falls, you will come to a large, grassy, glaciated valley with a river running through it. Moose are sometimes sighted in this valley. Many types of wildflowers are found in this area. (79'gain)

Cascade Falls (North Inlet Trailhead) Photogenic Cascade Falls is 3.4 miles into the North Inlet trail. This easy hike passes through an open meadow where marmots are often found, and by a river that winds through a lodgepole pine forest. Fishing is good for small brook trout and an occasional brown trout. Allow about 3-4 hours for hiking this trail. (300'gain)

Lulu City (Colorado River Trailhead) A flowered field is all that remains of this once booming mining town. Pass by the remains of log cabins and look for tailings from Shipler Mine about 2 miles into the trail. The trail parallels the Colorado River and passes meadows on this easy to moderately difficult 7.4-mile round trip hike. (350'gain)

Lulu City/Yellowstone Loop (Colorado River Trailhead) After passing Shipler's cabins, you will come to a sign that will designate Lulu City to the left and Little Yellowstone to the right. Stay right at the Y. Follow the trail all the way to the Grand Ditch. Little Yellowstone is a miniature version of the Grand Canyon of Yellowstone, formed of stark gray volcanic rock. At the Grand Ditch take a left and follow the Ditch for two miles until you see a sign that says "Stage Road, Lulu City," take the left and follow the trail down. At the bottom of the trail, take a right and head toward Lulu City. The hike is 13.8 miles in length and is a moderate to strenuous hike. (990'gain)

Green Mountain Loop (Green Mountain or Onahu Trailhead) This trail passes through the lush, marshy Big Meadow, and through forests of lodgepole pine, quaking aspen, subalpine fir, and Engelmann spruce. See moose and elk foraging in the meadow, explore the cabin ruins of early settlers. This hike is 7.6 miles long and should take about 3 ½ - 4 hours. (1100'gain)

Shadow Mountain Lookout Trail (East Shore Trailhead) Visit an early fire lookout resting near the summit of Shadow Mountain and experience a fantastic view of Shadow Mountain Lake, Grand Lake, and Lake Granby. Park at Shadow Mountain Dam by the Green Ridge Campground in Arapaho National Forest. The trailhead is at the far side of the dam. Allow a minimum of 4-5 hours for this hike. An ANRA pass is required for parking at this trailhead. (1,533'gain)

Coyote Valley Trail (Coyote Valley Trailhead) This 1-mile round trip, level trail is wheelchair accessible and has numerous benches for resting while contemplating nature. Follow this path along the Colorado River in Kawuneeche Valley. Elk can often be seen grazing on the various sedges and grasses of the area. Picnic at the tables found at one end of the trail, or fish along the trail. Allow about 45 minutes to 1 hour for a short but enjoyable hike. (level trail)

Timber Lake (Timber Lake Trailhead) This is a 5.3 mile hike to picturesque Timber Lake. The trail climbs through a number of short switchbacks leading to a meadow where subalpine flowers bloom. After a second set of switchbacks, Timber Lake comes into view. Allow 5-6 hours for this steep hike. (2060'gain)

Tonahutu (Kawuneeche V.C.) This trail has two points of origin, one from the West Portal Road in Grand Lake and one from the Kawuneeche Visitor Center. Leaving from the visitor center, the trailhead is at the south end of the parking lot. The trail parallels the Tonahutu Creek uphill to Big Meadows, 4.2 miles from the trailhead. If you leave from West Portal Road, it is 5.4 miles from the trailhead. (680'gain)

Holzwarth Trout Lodge – This is a one-half mile flat walk across the Kawuneeche Valley to the Holzwarth Trout Lodge, a rustic tourist complex created in the 1920's. (level trail)

