

*Picnic table & manger in Horse Ranch Park.  
East Beckwith in the background.*

*Photo by Jamie Strauss*

*Paonia R.D.*

Horse Ranch Park is a large meadow about 4.5 miles west of the summit of Kebler Pass, with an elevation of 8,868 feet. There is a vaulted toilet, mangers for feeding livestock and picnic tables. Because the meadow receives heavy camping use, dispersed camping is allowed with a 7 day camping limit. Livestock must be high-lined or contained within an electric fence to reduce any impact. Please practice "Leave No Trace" horsemanship. Certified weed free hay is required on all National Forest Lands.

Horse Ranch Park is on the northeast side of Kebler Pass Road and is the Trail Head for the Dark Canyon Trail #830 and the Dyke Mountain Bike Trail #838. The Dark Canyon Trail enters the Ragged Wilderness Area and is maintained for foot and horseback only. The Dyke Trail is a very popular bicycle trail.

On the southwest side of Kebler Pass Road is the Trail Head for the Cliff Creek Trail #840. This trail enters the West Elk Wilderness and is maintained for foot and horseback. At this trailhead camping is very limited with mostly room for parking.

### **Horse Ranch Park**

Open to dispersed camping, horseback riding, hiking, and bicycles.



ATV's are not allowed on Kebler Pass Rd., Gunnison County Road 12. The Dark Canyon & Cliff Creek trails enter the Wilderness which is closed to all motorized and mechanical use. The Dyke Trail is maintained for bicycle, foot or horseback.



#### **Stream Safety:**

**DO NOT** drink water directly from a river or stream. Water needs to be treated first by either filtering, boiling for at least 10 minutes or treating with iodine tablets.



#### **Multiple use:**

As you use this area you may notice that the Forest is managed for a broad range of uses. Recreation use alone includes hiking, horseback riding, hunting, snowmobiling and sightseeing. In addition, the vegetation in the Forest requires some form of management. Timber harvest and livestock grazing are both forms of land management you may encounter while using this area. The livestock grazing on this area is managed in a very progressive and specific manner. The fences and gates that you may see are critical to managing the livestock and meeting the resource objectives that are planned for this area. Please close all gates that you open as you travel through the area. Controlling the livestock in the manner that we have planned is important.



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*A View of Horse Ranch Park taken from the Cliff Creek FH.*

*The Ruby Range & Dyke in background*

## Gunnison National Forest Paonia Ranger District



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**From Paonia:**

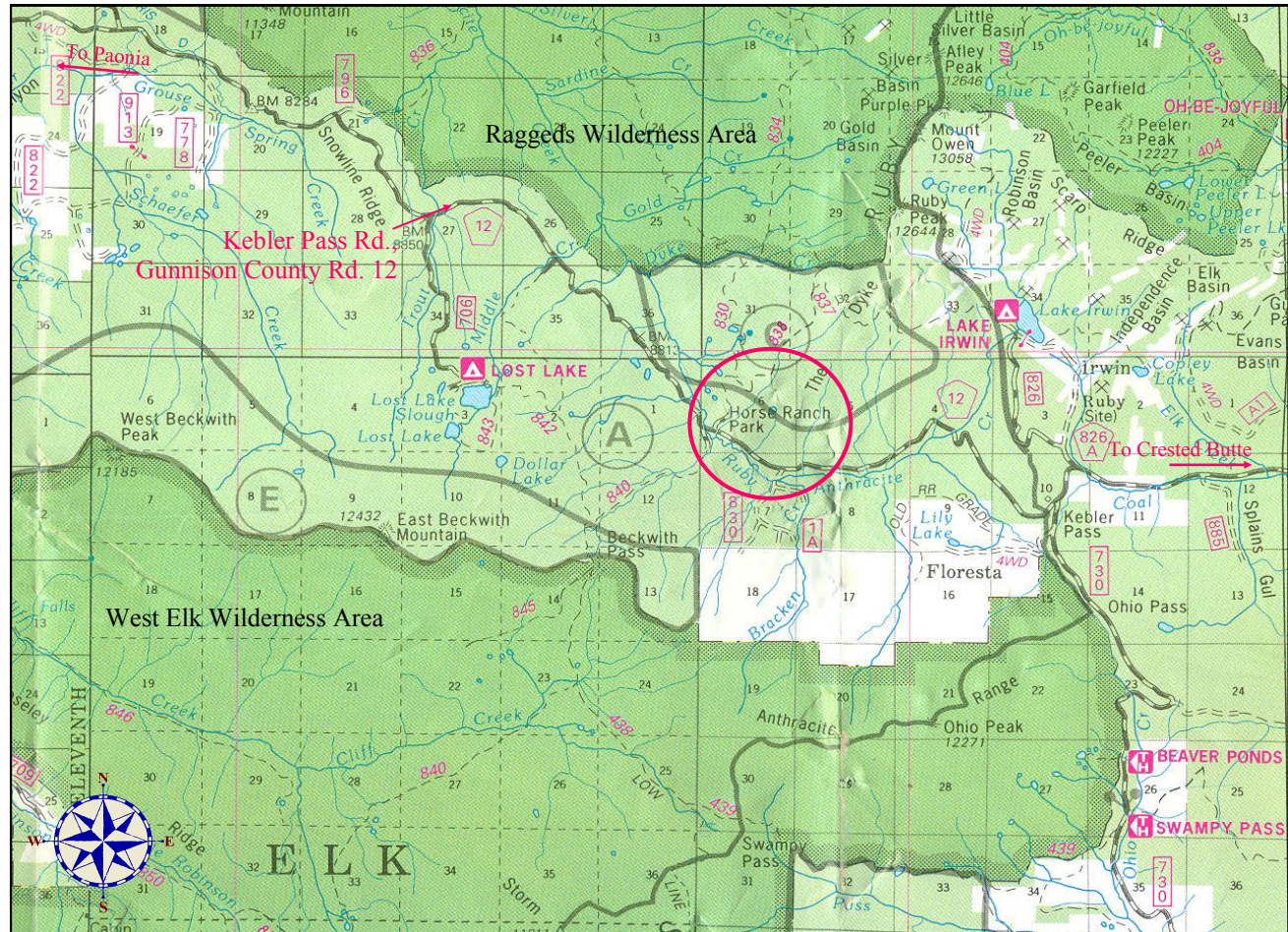
1. Northeast on Hwy 133 for 15 miles.
2. East on Gunnison County Road 12, Kebler Pass Road, for 19 miles.
3. Horse Ranch Park is on the North side of the road.

**From Crested Butte:**

1. West on Gunnison County Road 12, Kebler Pass Road, for 15 miles.
2. Horse Ranch Park is on the North side of the road.

USGS Map: Anthracite Range  
Elevation: 8,880 feet

Please be aware there is no potable water at Horse Ranch Park.



*Vaulted Toilet at Horse Ranch Park*

**Dispersed Camping**

Dispersed camping is permitted in most areas of the Forest. Recreation maps are available at all local Forest Service offices and personnel can answer questions on specific sites. Camping in undeveloped areas require more from the camper to help keep the site in the condition in which it was found. If you pack it in—Pack it out!

**FIRE SAFETY:**

**CHECK IN WITH YOUR LOCAL FOREST SERVICE OFFICE TO SEE IF FIRE BANS ARE IN EFFECT.**




**Principles of Leave No Trace:**

1. Plan Ahead & Prepare
2. Travel & Camp on Durable Surfaces
3. Dispose of Waste Properly
4. Leave What You Find
5. Minimize Campfire Impacts
6. Respect Wildlife
7. Be Considerate of Other Visitors

