

This is the 2021 RFV Horse Council sponsored Trail Survey for Hikers and Horseback Riders, with Questions about Trails & Equestrian Access to Parking in the Roaring Fork Valley.

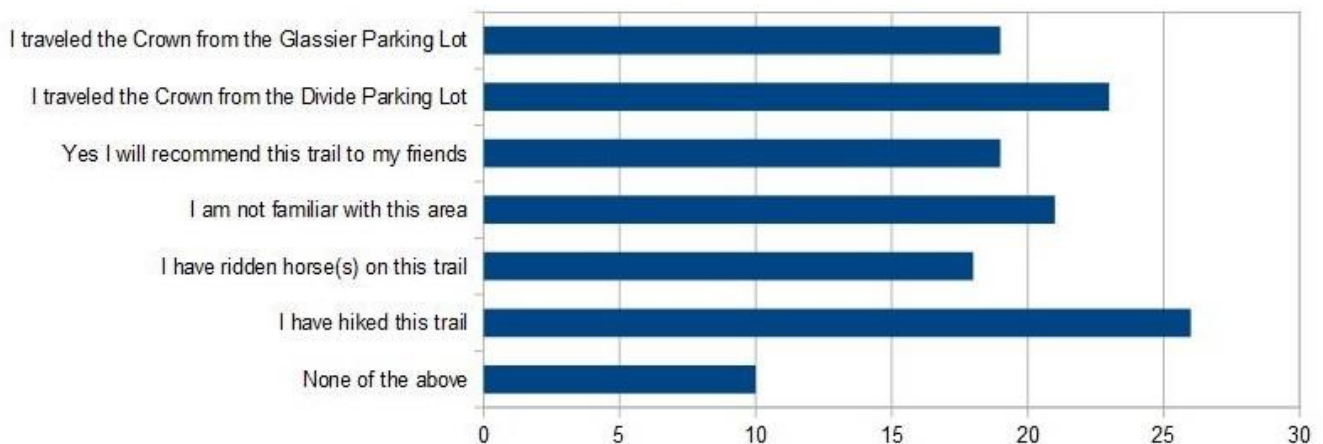
### Q1

**IN THE AREA OF CARBONDALE, COLORADO** *The Crown Jewel Horse Trail (horses & hikers only) BLM's Divide Parking Lot is accessed from two locations: #1 – From Highway 82, to Route 133, then to Prince Creek Road to the Divide Parking Lot. #2 – Turn off Highway 82 at the Emma School House, taking the left fork, Sopris Creek Road; follow to the next fork; turn right on West Sopris Creek Road; follow to the top of the Divide Parking Lot.*

**Did you know** that the Bureau of Land Management's (BLM) Crown Mountain is a "Special Recreation Management Area (SRMA)" Mountain Bike Recreation area? There are now two hiker and horseback rider-only trails on the 9,100 acres of The Crown. The BLM Crown Jewel Horse Trail starts at the Divide Parking Lot and connects to the Pitkin / Glassier Equestrian Trail, ending at the Hooks Spur / Glassier Parking Lot. RFVHC collaborated with BLM to provide signage for the trails and each summer we work together to improve the trails for your use.

Have you personally hiked or ridden this trail? Select all that apply.

**The Crown Jewel Horse Trail (horses & hikers only)**  
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**Please tell us about your experiences, the signage, time on the Crown Jewel Horse Trail and in the parking lots and feel free to make suggestions.**

Sep 06 2021 09:09 AM      Have only driven by it. It's always too crowded for me to want to take horses!

Aug 19 2021 11:00 AM      I am an experienced trail rider [former endurance rider]. the trails around here are inundated with motor vehicles, often rude mountain bikers and motocross types that are very inconsiderate of equestrians. we are in desperate need of safe horse/pedestrian trails only! I am more that willing to support and help your outfit.

- Aug 11 2021 05:57 AM Incredible area - glad to see there is a trail for equestrians and hikers on this mountain
- Aug 04 2021 02:25 PM So very few horses and hikers on these trails. A lot of money was spent for a considerable few. I like trail separation from bikes, but when you have 1-2% users on these trails compared to bikers, the management plan needs to be rethought to make sensible use of the demographics. There are so many more trails bikers can't use and only hikers and horses can.
- Jun 20 2021 09:48 PM The signs were easy to follow.
- Jun 06 2021 07:09 AM Please be aware that cattle are grazing on the Crown in the summer, and all gates must be closed!
- Jun 02 2021 08:16 AM I am a mountain biker and have ridden many trails in these areas. However, I also like hiking and like the idea of hiking only trails.
- May 28 2021 08:27 PM I've snowshoed that trail, used to take my horses up there for spring conditioning before snow melted in the high country. Haven't been there in a while - when I used to go up there, I took a pack horse - packed out tons of trash left by inconsiderate people. Motorized use was a problem, but I assume it is now non-motorized. It's a great trail with a lot of options . . .
- May 28 2021 07:44 PM Lovely and scenic....and disrespected. Needs better oversight and enforcement.
- May 28 2021 12:01 PM I have some mixed feelings about horse trailer parking, sometimes wondering why we need to take up so much gosh darn space compared to others. Is it only justified if we consider that there are fewer of us riding horses than other users? I personally feel a little guilty taking up more public land to recreate on horseback relative to other users (for example hikers and bikers), due to the large size of my vehicle and horse trailer (not to mention the land needed to keep our horses at the stable). If there are plans for expansion at the Divide, I would hope that the infrastructure needed to accommodate my larger footprint would not take away parking spaces that could be used by other more compact and spatially efficient users such as hikers, runners, and bikers. I feel that it would be better if I could have an exclusive parking lot provided to me but funded by a special licensing tag or tax, dedicated to my exclusive recreational needs. Alternatively, if myself and others could simply ride to the trails from the stable, that would be even better.
- May 27 2021 12:09 PM Planning to complete signage at the divide.
- May 25 2021 10:22 AM I am new to the area and am ALWAYS looking for good, safe parking and trails. Signs help a LOT. They don't have to be big, just a little guidance helps. This area is on my list for this summer and I have a friend who just got back into riding so we'll go together.
- May 24 2021 12:33 PM We don't hike or ride horses on the Crown area. We prefer trails in the wilderness.
- May 21 2021 12:19 PM Seems like little equestrian use but a decent amount of hikers and runners use portions of this trail.
- May 20 2021 05:13 PM H
- May 20 2021 03:15 PM I think the signage is good and I think the gate from the Divide side that starts as the single track branches right from the road is very good as it keeps bikes from bombing down. (FYI I am primarily a biker but also hike) It is probably a hassle for the horses but perhaps worthwhile.
- May 15 2021 08:14 AM I have only hiked up Nancy's trail from Ginny Parker's place. I try to stay off the Crown so there is one less person to impact the wildlife.
- May 14 2021 07:45 PM Steep. Signage is fine. Generally good.

May 11 2021 04:55 PM Well done!

May 11 2021 03:38 PM Some additional signage from the divide creek side would be helpful. Easier gate latches (from the horse) would be fantastic as well.

May 11 2021 07:25 AM Wonderful trails, but they need more horse trailer parking. Better signage is needed to inform mountain bikers about equestrian only trails. I have seen mountain bike tracks and even bikers on the trails.

May 11 2021 12:55 AM Good signage So nice to have a separate trail from the bikes and motorized vehicles

May 10 2021 09:28 PM Please, we need truck & trailer parking improved at Hooks Spur bridge/Glassier trail access. We love our time on both the Crown & Glassier trails, as well as the easier (vs. steeper) switchbacks on Glassier trail. Good & clear instructions with signage on Glassier. It really irritates us to see bike tire tracks on equestrian trails there! We were just there on Saturday, May 8, 2021 and it looked like 3 sets of bike tracks on Glassier equestrian trail.

May 10 2021 08:06 PM There are lots of great improvements since I first started ridding here. Thank you!

May 10 2021 06:19 PM Where is the Glassier access?

May 03 2021 01:41 AM Both trails are nice but the Crown trail has become too crowded, especially in the evening when I used to go to look for Common Poorwills and Nighthawks.

May 02 2021 11:19 AM It was before signage. I'm glad that signs are being put up. I'd love to see more horse / hiking trails. As a horse person, I feel horses are getting displaced !