

The Trails

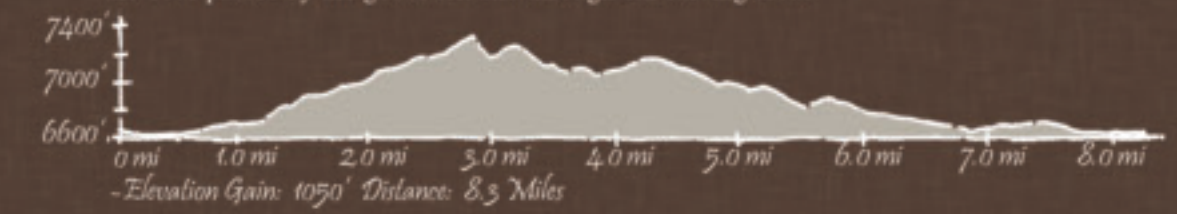
The recreation trail system at Marabou is as vast as it is diverse – over 20 miles of trails have been developed that provide access to virtually all corners of the ranch. While trails have been constructed for use by hikers, bikers, nordic skiers and horseback riders, they have been designed for all skill levels - everyone from the novice hiker to the expert rider. Five trails are described, but these are just a few examples of the wide variety of loops that can be taken throughout the ranch. As described, the trails start and finish at the River House Lodge, but the trail opportunities are endless!



Trail Descriptions / Profiles

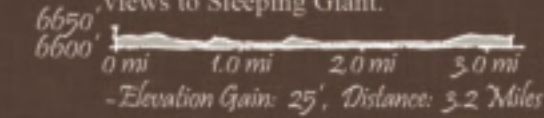
The Grand Tour (8.3 miles)

8.3 miles in length, the Grand Tour has it all – starting with a gentle meander along the Elk River the Grand Tour transitions to steeper climbs as you approach the base of Deer Mountain. For those on horseback this ride is probably an all day venture. For the mountain biker there is no way to avoid the climbing necessary to complete this epic ride, but the Tour is probably easiest when ridden in a counter-clockwise direction. Seasonal trail closures may occur where the Tour passes by the gouse lek and through elk calving areas.



Elk River Trail (3.2 miles)

This is a fantastic hike or ride for all levels, it is very flat making it a perfect trail for the entire family. The trail follows the Elk River for 1.3 miles and then loops back to the River House Lodge along a series of ponds and meandering streams. Sandhill Cranes occasionally nest in the lower end of the meadow which may require seasonal closure of portions of this trail. Alternative route – at the lower end of the meadow make a short climb up to a portion of the Grand Tour. This section of trail overlooks the meadow and offers excellent views to Sleeping Giant.



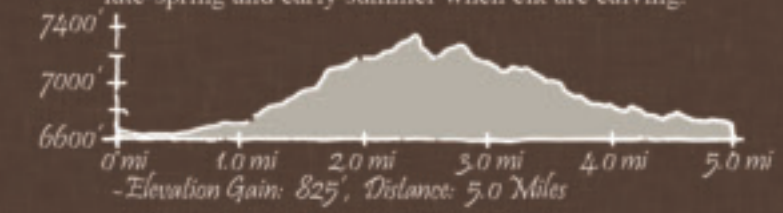
The Overlook Loop (4.3 miles)

This loop involves a fairly rigorous climb up to the Overlook and as a reward for your efforts an exhilarating ride back down to the River House Lodge. Once there, the Overlook provides an excellent place to take a rest and enjoy the views to Mount Werner, Emerald Mountain and the Flattops Wilderness Area. Alternative route – try climbing to the Overlook via the lower portion of the Grand Tour, then take your pick of descents back to the River House Lodge.



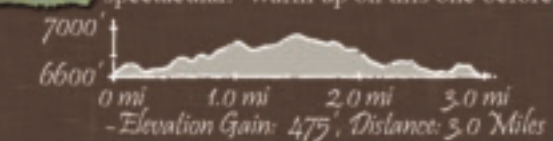
Deer Mountain Trail (5.0 miles)

This trail is sometimes called the "mini-Grand Tour" because it has some, but not all of the climbing and only about half of the distance of the Grand Tour. The climb rewards the hiker or rider with panoramic views of Marabou and long range views to the Flattops Wilderness Area. In addition to the route depicted on this plan there are many different ways to make this climb and then descend back to River House Lodge. Portions of these trails may be closed during the late-spring and early summer when elk are calving.



Giant View Loop (3.0 miles)

This loop is short, but very sweet! It can be ridden on horseback in about an hour and a strong biker can probably do it in less time (for the biker this loop is easiest when ridden in a clockwise direction). The views of Mount Werner and Sleeping Giant from the highpoint of this trail are spectacular. Warm up on this one before you tackle the Grand Tour or Deer Mountain Trail!

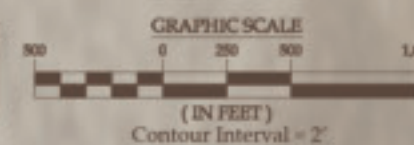


Note: All profiles are generated in a clockwise direction.

Map Legend

- Beginner Trails
- Intermediate Trails
- Advanced Trails
- Additional Trails

Main Entry to Steamboat Springs
2.7 miles



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