



# Sharkstooth Trail #620

## San Juan National Forest



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<b>Length:</b> 6.8 miles/ 10.9 km	<b>Hiking level:</b> Moderate to Difficult
<b>Starting Elevation:</b> 10,900 ft	<b>Facilities:</b> There are no facilities at the Sharkstooth Trailhead.
<b>Ending Elevation:</b> : 11,600 ft joins the Highline National Recreation trail at the junction with the Colorado Trail.	<b>Amount of use:</b> Light
  <b>Use restrictions:</b> This trail is located in a non-motorized area; <b>Motorized vehicles are Prohibited.</b>	<b>USGS Map(s):</b> La Plata (7.5') Quads.

**Directions to trailhead:** From the town of Mancos, turn north on Highway 184, continue .3 miles then turn right (east) onto West Mancos Road, also known as CR 42. Continue on the West Mancos Road for several miles; approximately two miles past the Transfer Recreation Area turn onto the Spruce Mill Road (#350). Travel another 6 miles, turn onto Road #346, and continue another mile to the Sharkstooth Trailhead.

**Trail Description:** The trail climbs immediately to the pass 11,936 ft (1.8 miles) between Sharkstooth and Centennial Peaks. There is a short loop hike to Windy Williams Mine interpretive site on the way. The trail then drops to meet the junction with Bear Creek headwaters (3.6 miles) and the Highline Loop Trail at 11,200 ft where the Sharkstooth Trail terminates. The trail continues and climbs over Indian Trail Ridge at 11,900 ft to the Highline National Recreation Trail and Colorado Trail near Kennebec Pass.

The Sharkstooth Trailhead also provides access to the West Mancos Trail, which terminates at the Sharkstooth Trailhead. Access to Bear Creek Trail, Highline National Recreation Trail and Colorado Trail can also be accessed via this trailhead.



**PACK IT IN - PACK IT OUT!**  
**LEAVE NO TRACE!!!**



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