

Full Itinerary & Trip Details

Rocky Mountain High Alpine Adventure

- Hike to Thunder Lake via scenic waterfalls
- Explore Box and Eagle Lakes among wildflowers
- Climb to Lake of Many Winds and Continental Divide
- Descend past alpine lakes with moose sightings
- Visit Adams Falls before returning to Estes Park



Trip Overview



PRICE STARTING FROM

\$1,550.00

DURATION

4 days

STARTS IN → ENDS IN

Estes Park → Estes Park

OPERATED IN

English

OPERATOR

Wildland Trekking

TOUR CODE

#220032













Itinerary

Introduction

Hiking over the Continental Divide via the Boulder Grand Pass is the most physically challenging and rewarding backpacking trip Wildland Trekking offers in Rocky Mountain National Park. This point to point trek starts near Estes Park and ends in Grand Lake, featuring a bit of everything. Dramatic waterfalls, isolated alpine lakes, plentiful wildlife, and significant off-trail hiking in seldom visited areas. Crossing the Continental Divide on day three will be the highpoint of the trip, literally. This is an excellent tour choice for individuals willing to put in the extra effort to escape the crowds.

Day 1

Start Point



Shuttle to trailhead: 25 minutes

Hiking Mileage: 6.5 miles

Elevation Gain: 2,500 feet

This Rocky Mountain National Park backpacking trip begins with pick up from your hotel in Estes Park. We will head to Wild Basin Trailhead and begin our adventure. Today's hike is a gradual incline to our campsite at Thunder Lake. Along the way we will stop by Copeland, Calypso, and Ouzel Falls. Each waterfall increases in size and majesty as we ascend the trail. Thunder Lake is beautiful body of water surrounded by towering granite cliffs we will call home for two days.













Day 2

Hiking Mileage: 4 miles day hiking

Elevation Gain/Loss: 1000 feet

Today we remain in the same campsite, allowing ample time for day hikes and relaxation. From camp we will hike off-trail to the secluded Box and Eagle Lakes. Wildflowers are abundant in this region, as are opportunities to see marmot, pika, and elk. We'll eat lunch with a view before making our way back. From shores of Thunder Lake we have a great viewpoint of the Boulder Grand Pass. We will enjoy a hearty dinner, and get to bed early to prepare for tomorrows hike.

Day 3

Hiking Mileage: 4 miles

Elevation Gain: 1,600 feet

Elevation Loss: 2,000 feet

Anticipate waking early in order to make the most of our day by getting ahead of the afternoon thunderstorms. Dawning our backpacks we will ascend to the justifiably named, Lake of Many Winds. Now begins the steepest and most difficult section of our journey, the Boulder Grand Pass. Before we know it, we will break on top of the Continental Divide, enjoying 100-mile views. After a break we continue off-trail, gradually descending through meadows and forests till we reach our camp at the stunning Lake Verna.













Day 4

End Point

Estes Park, USA

Hiking Mileage: 7 miles

Elevation Loss: 2,400 feet

Shuttle to Estes Park: 1.5 hours

After a relaxing morning, we'll break camp and begin our hike to the East Inlet Trailhead. Our last hike is all downhill, taking us by serene alpine lakes known for frequent moose sightings. Prior to finishing we will detour to magnificent Adams Falls, for our last break. At the trailhead, we will reminisce our trip over lunch before driving across Trail Ridge Road to Estes Park.

What's Included

Accommodation

3 nights camping

Guide

A professional, knowledgeable, certified Rocky Mountain hiking guide

Meals

All meals are included from breakfast the first day through lunch on the last day















Transport

Transportation for the duration of the trip beginning and ending in Estes Park, CO

Others

Top-of-the-line tent, backcountry sleeping pad and multi-day backpack

High quality, synthetic sleeping bag (professionally laundered after every use) – or bring your own.

Use of trekking poles

Entrance fees and national park permits

Bear cannisters for food storage

Emergency equipment including a company-issued first-aid kit and satellite phone

You will receive a Lifetime Hiking Membership entitling you, your spouse and kids to a lifetime discount of 10% off any Wildland Trekking hiking trip after your first one!

What's Not Included

Flights

International flights are not included

Insurance

Travel insurance is not included













Others

Clothes, raingear and footwear

Sunscreen, toiletries and personal items

Water bottles and a headlamp or flashlight

Guide gratuity (industry recommendation is 10-20% of trip cost)

Mandatory 5% National Park Fee (added at time of booking and passed through directly to the National Park Service)

Optional

Other activities and services are not included













Departure Dates

starting in Estes Park	\rightarrow	Ending in Estes Park
18 August 2025		21 August 2025
03 September 2025		06 September 2025

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