

# GUANELLA PASS

For an all day outing that almost guarantees a full basket, Guanella Pass is hard to beat. Start at the Grant side a few miles past Bailey on Highway 285, or begin at Georgetown. Follow the Guanella Pass signs at the West end of town. The pass is about twenty-two miles long, with the Grant side usually the most productive.

All of the campgrounds, picnic areas, gulches and hiking trails from Geneva Creek to Guanella Pass campground at the top have provided lots of oddities and edibles for CMS members. As an added bonus, the scenery and wildflowers are spectacular.

Although the Georgetown side of the pass is generally not as moist, there are often large fruitings of *Leccinum* in the Aspens adjacent to the road. The four mile side trip to Waldorf on foot or by four wheel drive vehicle provides diversion and frequently many mushrooms.

Members have found *Boletus edulis*, *Agaricus augustus*, many unusual *Agaricus* species and lots of wild raspberries on their forays. The elevation ranges from 9,000' at Geneva Creek picnic ground to 10,000' at Guanella Pass campground.

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