

HIKING IN ROCKY MOUNTAIN NATIONAL PARK



Longs Peak and the Estes Park Valley from the Gem Lake Trail

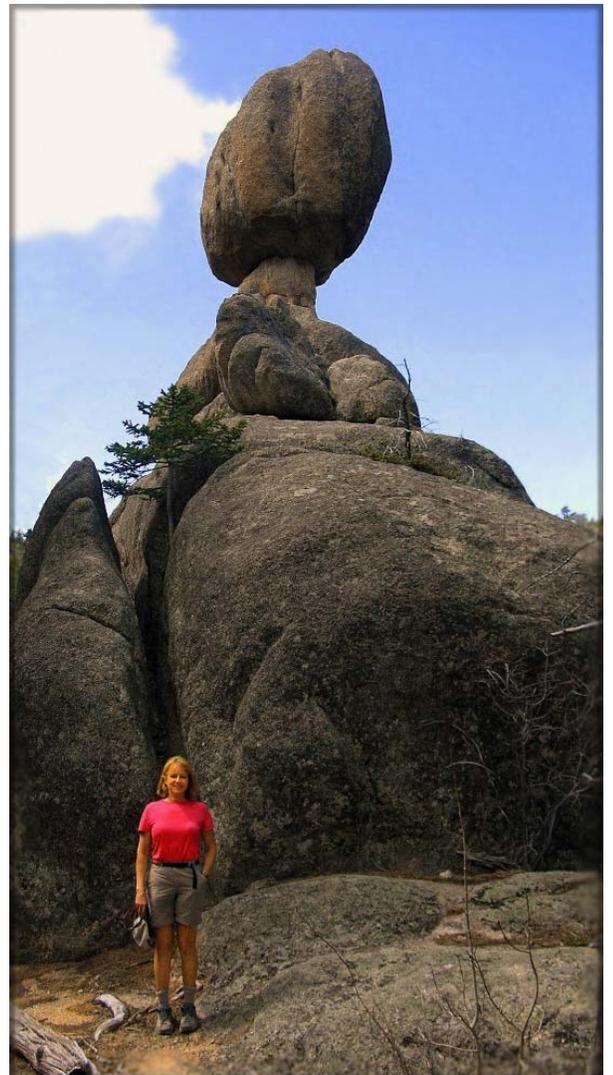
This year's hike will tour the eastern end of Lumpy Ridge. Along the way, we'll visit Paul Bunyan's Boot, Balanced Rock and Gem Lake.

The hike is six miles round trip with 2100 feet of elevation gain/loss. Just for fun it will include about a half mile of cross country (off trail) hiking between Paul Bunyan's Boot and Balanced Rock.

The Gem Lake Trail offers spectacular views of the Estes Park Valley and the high peaks of the Northern Front Range in Rocky Mountain National Park.

Participants will have an opportunity to visit the Rocky Mountain National Park Research Center at the historic McGraw Ranch after the hike.

Maximum participants limited to 12. Leave from Hilton Friday, April 23 at 8:00 am and return around 5:00 pm.. Snowshoes not required. Bring brown bag lunch, lots of water, layered clothing. Temperatures expected to be in the 50s.



Balanced Rock

