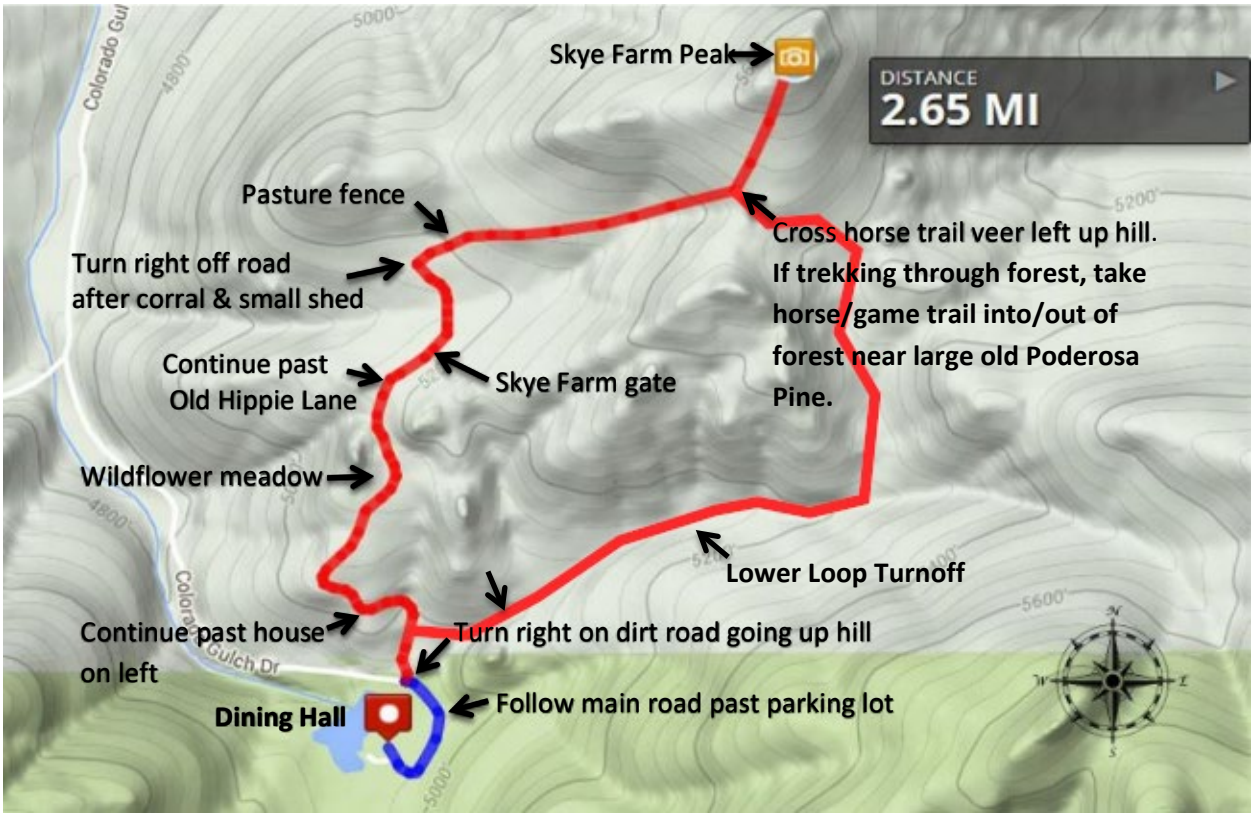
Skye Farm/Keiser Peak Trail



Skye Farm Trail is a hike up to a mountain peak that overlooks, Skye Farm, Feathered Pipe Ranch and all of Colorado Gulch. The view at sunset is spectacular and not to be missed while at the Ranch. After taking in the view in all directions, you then return upon the same route you came on or head back down through the forest to connect into Lower Loop Trail, with the entire hike taking between 1 ½ -2 hours total.

From the dining hall front entrance, take the main dirt road as if you were leaving the Ranch. After passing the parking lot, continue on the main road about another 150 yards to your first dirt road on the right heading up the hill (Brook Trout Trail). Turn right there, and follow the dirt road up the hill. You pass a house on your left and continue up the road for about a half mile. When you pass a dirt road on your left (Old Hippie Lane), you are almost to Skye Farm.

Continue on the road (Don't turn on Old Hippie Lane) until you come to Skye Farm gate. Cross through their gate and continues on the dirt road until you pass a corral and small shed on left. After this, look for opening in trees on right. Turn right off the dirt road and walk through the pasture about 50 yards to a fence. (DO NOT follow road all the way to private residence.) Cross over fence/gate and continue up the hill/mountain. Follow the hillside along the edge of tree line and pasture at a gradual climb.

After a considerable hike (15 – 20 minutes), you'll see a point up ahead where the tree line juts out farthest into the pasture. At that point, you will cross a heavily traveled horse/game trail that heads of into the forest to your right. Bear slightly left and head up the hill out onto the open hillside, which can be steep/strenuous at times and is often best managed by switch-backing. There is no real path. Just look for the highest point and keep that as your bearing. Once reaching the mountain top, you will be standing on a rock outcropping that you can follow a short ways or simply enjoy the view in all directions. Off on the northern horizon you will see the outline of Sleeping Giant and MacDonald Pass to the west.

