

Mount Sherman Trail Guide

Route	Fourmile Creek (Standard Route, Class 1)
Distance	~5.25 miles round trip
Elevation Gain	~2,100 ft
Trailhead Elevation	12,000 ft (Fourmile Creek Trailhead)
Summit Elevation	14,036 ft
Difficulty	Easiest 14er standard route, but still challenging due to altitude
Best Season	July to September (road often closed in winter)
Parking	Rough dirt road via Fourmile Creek; high-clearance recommended, limited parking near mine ruins

Route Overview

From the Fourmile Creek Trailhead (12,000 ft), follow the old mining road past several historic mine ruins. The trail climbs steadily but never steeply, weaving through open terrain above treeline. After about 2 miles, you'll reach a saddle between Mount Sherman and Mount Sheridan. From here, turn left and follow the ridge north toward Sherman's summit. The final approach involves hiking over talus and loose rock but remains non-technical. Expect windy conditions and be prepared for sudden storms.

Safety & Preparation

- Despite being considered one of the easiest 14ers, Sherman is still a high-altitude climb.
- Start early to avoid afternoon thunderstorms and high winds.
- Carry the 10 essentials, extra layers, and plenty of water.
- Be aware of loose talus near the summit ridge — watch footing.
- Snow may linger into early summer; traction may be needed in June.

Emergency Contacts

- Dial 911 in case of emergency.
- Park County Search & Rescue responds in the Sherman area.
- Cell service is limited — carry a satellite communicator if possible.

The 10 Essentials for Hiking

- Navigation (map, compass, GPS)
- Headlamp
- Sun protection (sunglasses, sunscreen)
- First aid supplies
- Knife/multi-tool
- Fire starter
- Shelter (emergency blanket/tarp)

- Extra food
- Extra water
- Extra clothing