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Raftman, I stayed in pagosa springs and backpacked that area 2-3 years ago. Fourmile trail is a nice hike through sub alpine meadows with some large waterfalls at the end. I didn't fish fourmile creek below the falls, but I know above the falls there are lots of cutties. If you're going to hike above the falls you better be in good shape. It's 2-3000 feet of gain up to fourmile lake, which is over 10,000. It kicked me and my friends collective a\$\$es and left us with altitude sickness. Fourmile trail is very popular up to the falls, so if you're looking for solitude it might not be the best.

We hiked through a pass from four mile lake into the turkey lake drainage. Turkey lake itself was overpopulated with stunted brookies and turkey creek also had lots of small (by western standards, ~10-11in) brookies. A trail parallels turkey creek up to the lake. We spoke with a family of fishermen on the way out who fished the lower mile or two and they said they got skunked, so i'd suggest hiking 3+ miles or more before wetting a line. Be very careful you don't get caught away from the tree line around mid day. We experienced violent, sudden thunderstorms on a daily basis around 12-1.