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Dillon Ranger District
680 Blue River Parkway
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ACORN CREEK - FDT 71

Difficulty: MORE DIFFICULT

Trail Use: Low (heavy during hunting season)

Length: 4.0 miles one-way

Elevation: Starts at 8,647 feet and ends at 11,318 feet (highest point 11,344 feet)

Elevation Gain: +2,965 feet - 294 feet = +2,671 feet

Open To: HIKING, HORSE, X-C SKIING, SNOWSHOEING

Access:

- From I-70 take Exit 205, Silverthorne / Dillon, and travel north on HWY 9 for approximately 10.6 miles to the intersection with FDR 2400.
- Turn right at FDR 2400 and travel approximately 0.4 miles to a fork in the road.
- Turn right onto FDR 2402 (Rodeo Dr) and travel approximately 0.6 miles to the trailhead/parking lot.

Trail Highlights:

- The Acorn Creek Trail offers the hiker solitude as well as an excellent opportunity to view wildlife.
- Magnificent views of the Gore Range to the west are found on this hike.
- This is an excellent trail for horse travel.
- Approximately 30 yards from the trailhead you will come to a barbed wire fence with a gate and a step stile over the fence. If you enter through the gate: **PLEASE CLOSE THE GATE BEHIND YOU!**
- Approximately 1.7 miles from the trailhead you will come to the Ptarmigan Peak Wilderness boundary.
- Upon reaching the end of the Acorn Creek Trail you will intersect with the Ute Peak Trail (FDT 24).
- To continue north toward Ute Peak, elevation 12,303 feet, turn left onto the Ute Peak Trail and continue for approximately 1.2 miles.
- To continue south toward Ptarmigan Peak, elevation 12,498 feet, turn right onto the Ute Peak Trail and continue for approximately 6.7 miles.
- At Ptarmigan Peak you will intersect with the Ptarmigan Trail (FDT 35) which will take you southwest to the town of Silverthorne.

Important Information:

- **DOGS MUST BE ON A LEASH AT ALL TIMES IN THE PTARMIGAN PEAK WILDERNESS AREA.**
- **CHECK WITH THE DISTRICT OFFICE AND TRAILHEAD SIGNS FOR RESTRICTIONS THAT APPLY FOR BACKCOUNTRY TRAVEL AND CAMPING THROUGHOUT THE PTARMIGAN PEAK WILDERNESS.**

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