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BOULDER LAKE (UPPER) - FDT 59

Difficulty: MORE DIFFICULT

Trail Use: Low to Upper Boulder Lake, Moderate to Lower Boulder Lake

Length: 6.0 miles one-way

Elevation: Start at 9,494 feet and ends at 11,004 feet (highest point 11,044 feet)

Elevation Gain: +2,048 feet - 538 feet = +1,510 feet

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

Access:

- From I-70 take Exit 205, Silverthorne / Dillon, and travel north on HWY 9.
- Travel north on HWY 9 for approximately 7.7 miles. On your left will be Rock Creek Road (FDR 1350) across from the Blue River Campground.
- Follow the gravel road for approximately 1.2 miles and turn left at the road marked "Rock Creek".
- The winter trailhead parking lot is immediately on your left.
- For summer access, you can continue up the 4WD road for approximately 1.7 miles to the Rock Creek Trailhead and parking lot.

Trail Highlights:

- At the end of Rock Creek Road, follow the Rock Creek Trail (FDT 46) for approximately .3 miles to the intersection with the Gore Range Trail (FDT 60) and turn right (north) at the intersection.
- After turning on the Gore Range Trail you will pass several meadows that are home to many varieties of wildlife.
- To reach the north shore of Lower Boulder Lake continue on the Gore Range Trail for another 100 yards, cross the bridge at Boulder Creek, turn left to continue to Lower Boulder Lake.
- Continue 1.5 miles past Lower Boulder Lake to where the maintained trail ends at a meadow. A non-maintained route continues 1.8 miles to Upper Boulder Lake which is difficult to follow.
- The hike is through dense forest with numerous deadfall across the trail. Occasional boggy areas are especially prevalent in June making the trail difficult to follow. This part of the trail is NOT recommended for horse travel.

Important Information:

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

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