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## **SAINTS JOHN ROAD - FDR 275**

**Difficulty:** MODERATE TO MORE DIFFICULT

**Trail Use:** Heavy

**Length:** 2.9 miles (one-way to the Wild Irishman Mine)

**Elevation:** Starts at 10,301 feet and ends at 11,717 feet (highest point 11,731 feet)

**Elevation Gain:** +968 feet - 11 feet = +957 feet

**Open In Summer To:** HIKING, HORSE, MTN. BIKING, 4X4, OHV, MOTORCYCLE

**Open In Winter To:** X-C SKIING, SNOWSHOEING, SNOWMOBILING

### **Access:**

- From I-70 take Exit 205, Silverthorne / Dillon, and travel east on HWY 6 toward Keystone.
- Just past Keystone, turn right onto Montezuma Road (County Road 5).
- Follow Montezuma Road for 7 miles to the town of Montezuma. Travel through Montezuma to the Saints John Road. Park at the trailhead.

### **Trail Highlights:**

- Follow the Saints John Road from Montezuma toward the old mining town of Saints John for approximately .5 miles to the intersection with the Hunkidori Mine Road (FDR 276). Bear to the left and continue toward Saints John.
- From Saints John the road continues 1.6 miles on to the Wild Irishman Mine and another .8 miles to the General Teller Mine.
- The Saints John Mine was the first silver strike in Colorado (1863). This glacial valley boasted a mining camp, library, mill, smelter and sawmill, but no saloons. Saints John was named after St. John the Baptist and St. John the Evangelist.
- The reward at the end of the road is a spectacular view of Grays and Torreys Peaks to the north-east.

### **Important Information:**

- The trail intersects potentially dangerous avalanche paths, especially above Saints John.
- Horses are not recommended on this road due to high motorized use.
- The buildings at Saints John are privately owned. Please respect these and other private structures.

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