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HIKING

BOULDER LAKE (LOWER) - FDT 59

Difficulty: MODERATE

Trail Use: Moderate (heavy on weekends)

Length: 2.73 miles one-way to Lower Boulder Lake

Elevation: Start at 9,494 feet and ends at 9,751 feet (highest point 10,098 feet)

Elevation Gain: +828 feet - 571 feet = +257 feet

Open To: HIKING

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 1.23 miles and turn left at the road marked "Rock Creek". If you come to a gate on the road you have traveled too far.
- Follow this road approximately 1.74 miles to the Rock Creek Trail (FDT 46) parking lot. Park in the spaces provided. From the trailhead walk up the old road, which will turn into the trail.

Trail Highlights:

- This is a good trail for horse travel. There is good pull-through parking in the Rock Creek Trailhead parking lot for trucks with trailers.
- Follow the Rock Creek Trail (FDT 46) for approximately .34 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. You will travel approximately .98 miles to a 4-way intersection in the trail.
- At the intersection disregard the trails to the right and left (there is a big X made of logs on the ground) and continue straight (north). Travel another 1.13 miles to the Boulder Creek Trail and turn left. This is the trail which will take you to the south shore of Lower Boulder Lake.
- To reach the north shore of Lower Boulder Lake continue on the Gore Range Trail for another 100 yards, past Boulder Creek, and then turn left. This will also take you to Upper Boulder Lake.

Important Information:

- **BECAUSE THIS TRAIL TRAVELS INTO THE EAGLES NEST WILDERNESS NO BICYCLES ARE ALLOWED AND DOGS MUST BE ON A LEASH NOT LONGER THAN SIX (6) FEET IN LENGTH!**
- **WITHIN THE EAGLES NEST WILDERNESS, NO CAMPFIRE ARE ALLOWED ABOVE TREELINE NOR WITHIN .25 MILES (440 YARDS) OF ANY LAKE.**
- This trail can be especially busy on weekends, so try and plan your hike during the week.

PACK IT IN - PACK IT OUT!! LEAVE NO TRACE!!

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