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**HIKING**

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## **BUFFALO MOUNTAIN - FDT 31**

**Difficulty:** MORE DIFFICULT

**Trail Use:** Moderate

**Length:** 2.83 miles one-way to summit (elevation 12,777)

**Elevation:** Start at 9,778 feet and ends at 12,274 feet (highest point 12,274 feet)

**Elevation Gain:** +2,996 feet - 0 feet = +2,996 feet

**Recommended Use:** HIKING

**NOTE: THIS TRAIL WAS EXPANDED TO THE SUMMIT IN JUNE 2004**

### **Access:**

- From I-70 take Exit 205, Silverthorne / Dillon, and travel north on HWY 9 and turn left at the first traffic light, Rainbow Drive / Wilderrest Road.
- Travel 3.6 miles on Wilderrest Road (turns into Ryan Gulch Road). You will pass many condos and at the top of the hill there will be a parking area on the left and park there. The road will continue in a loop. The trailhead will be on the north end of the parking area at the sign.

### **Trail Highlights:**

- The Buffalo Mountain trail will take you to an historic site where you will find ruins of two log cabins, and on to the summit of Buffalo Mountain.
- The trail begins by winding through a lodgepole pine forest and intersects with an old road.
- Take a left at the intersection and follow the old road toward the cabin ruins.
- The trail steepens at this point and will become rocky all the way to the cabins. Please leave all artifacts at the cabin ruins for others to enjoy.
- From the cabins, the trail continues toward the summit of Buffalo Mountain.
- There are extremely steep sections along the switchbacks toward the summit.
- Mountain goats can occasionally be seen on the summit. Even though the goats may be used to human presence, for your safety please do not approach the animals.

### **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 CAMPFIRES ARE ALLOWED ABOVE TREELINE NOR WITHIN .25 MILES (440 YARDS) OF ANY LAKE.**
- Since most of this trail travels above treeline, beware of the lightning danger during afternoon storms.

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

*THIS MAP IS INTENDED FOR USE AS A GENERAL GUIDE ONLY, NOT FOR ACTUAL LAND NAVIGATION. THE WHITE RIVER NF STRONGLY SUGGESTS PURCHASING A TOPOGRAPHIC MAP AND GPS OR COMPASS PRIOR TO YOUR HIKING OR HORSE TRIP.*