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HIKING

GRAYS PEAK NATIONAL RECREATION TRAIL - FDT 54

**** CLEAR CREEK RANGER DISTRICT PREFERRED ACCESS ****

Difficulty: MORE DIFFICULT

Trail Use: Heavy (especially on summer weekends)

Length: 3.39 miles one-way to Grays Peak, 4.15 miles one-way to Torreys Peak

Elevation: Starts at 11,244 feet and ends at 14,243 feet (highest point 14,253 feet)

Elevation Gain: +3,566 feet - 565 feet = +3,001 feet

Open To: HIKING

Access:

- From Summit County travel on I-70 east toward Denver and take Exit 221, Bakersville, and travel south on Stevens Gulch Road (FDR 189).
- Just past I-70, bear left on Stevens Gulch Road where the paved road turns into a gravel road.
- Follow Stevens Gulch Road for approximately 2.87 miles all the way to the end of the road. Park where directed and continue on foot.

Trail Highlights:

- Grays and Torreys Peaks are considered to be among the easiest "14'ers" to summit.
- Both Grays and Torreys Peaks can be reached in one day. However, hikers must leave early in the morning to accomplish this feat.
- Due to the popularity of this trail on weekends, please consider hiking these peaks during the week.
- Each of the peaks will reward the hiker with spectacular views of both sides of the Continental Divide.
- An abundance of wildflowers can be seen on this hike from mid-late July.
- From the trailhead you will notice Mt. Kelso, elevation 13,164 feet, to your right.
- Upon reaching the summit of Grays Peak you can view Mt. Edwards, elevation 13,850 feet, to the east.
- Torreys Peak, approximately .71 miles to the north, can be reached via the Continental Divide Trail.
- Return to the trailhead via the same trail you took up.

Important Information:

- Because this trail travels above timberline, you should begin your hike early in the morning because of the ever changing mountain weather. There is always a strong chance of afternoon thundershowers accompanied by LIGHTNING.
- There is limited water on this hike so bring plenty of water with you!
- Even in summer months snowfields remain on the slopes of these peaks.

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

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