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HIKING

MINERS CREEK - FDT 38

Difficulty: MODERATE TO MORE DIFFICULT

Trail Use: Low to Moderate

Length: 4.77 miles one-way to intersection with Wheeler National Recreation Trail (FDT 39)
7.46 miles one-way to trailhead of Wheeler National Recreation Trail - Copper Mountain

Elevation: Start at 10,562 feet and ends at 11,233 feet (highest point 12,466 feet)

Elevation Gain: +1,904 feet - 1,233 feet = +671 feet (to intersection of WNRT)

Open To: HIKING, MTN. BIKING

Access:

- From I-70 take Exit 203, Frisco / Breckenridge, and travel south on HWY 9 toward Breckenridge.
- From the Frisco Main Street and Summit Boulevard (HWY 9) traffic light continue for .5 miles to the next traffic light at the County Commons entrance (CR 1004).
- Turn right at the traffic light and follow this road for approximately 100 yards and turn right, then make an immediate left turn and continue up the gravel road to the parking area at the paved bike path.
- **USE EXTREME CAUTION** when crossing the paved Frisco/Breckenridge bike path. Cross the paved bike path and continue up the gravel road. The trail travels along the road and will continue through the woods at the turnaround area at the end of the road. The actual "Miners Creek Trail" begins after you have ridden approximately 3.31 miles and gained 1,433 feet in elevation.

Trail Highlights:

- The Miners Creek Trail intersects with the Colorado Trail at the upper trailhead and both share the same trail for the length of the Miners Creek Trail, approximately 4.77 miles, until the intersection with the Wheeler National Recreation Trail (WNRT) (FDT 39).
- At the intersection with the WNRT, turn right (north) to go to the WNRT trailhead at Wheeler Junction near Copper Mountain Ski Area. Turn left (south) to continue on the WNRT toward Breckenridge Ski Area and Hoosier Pass further south.
- Plan your hike to be off the high ridges by afternoon because dangerous thunderstorms are common in the summer.

Important Information:

- **STAY ON DESIGNATED TRAIL TO PREVENT RESOURCE DAMAGE.**
- **THIS TRAIL IS USED FOR MULTIPLE ACTIVITIES TO INCLUDE HIKING AND MTN. BIKING. PLEASE RESPECT OTHER USERS.**
- Pack adequate water because there is very little water along this route once you leave the road.
- Hikers that are making the trek from Miners Creek trailhead to the trailhead of the Wheeler National Recreation Trail, or vice versa, may want to leave a car at one of the trailheads.

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

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