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HIKING

QUANDARY PEAK - FDT 47

Difficulty: MORE DIFFICULT

Trail Use: Moderate to Heavy

Length: 3.11 miles one-way

Elevation: Start at 10,917 feet and ends at 14,247 feet (highest point 14,247 feet)

Elevation Gain: +3,330 feet - 0 feet = +3,330 feet

Open To: HIKING

NOTE: THIS TRAILHEAD WAS RELOCATED 06/04

Access:

- From I-70 take Exit 203, Frisco / Breckenridge, and travel south on Hwy 9 toward Breckenridge.
- Continue through Breckenridge and travel approximately 7.36 miles past the last traffic light in Breckenridge at Boreas Pass Road. You will pass through the town of Blue River on the way toward Blue Lakes Road (FDR 850) where you will turn right.
- Turn right onto McCullough Gulch Road (FDR 851) approximately .10 miles from HWY 9. Due to the limited parking at the trailhead many hikers park along the road here and hike to the trailhead, or;
- Follow McCullough Gulch Road for approximately .23 miles to the trailhead which will be on the left. Park on the far right side of the road because parking is extremely limited.

Trail Highlights:

- Quandary Peak is widely regarded as one of the easier "14'ers" to summit.
- Hikers that make it to the summit are rewarded with spectacular views. From the summit of Quandary Peak to the north you can view the Tenmile and Gore Ranges.
- To the east are Grays, elevation 14,270 and Torreys Peaks, elevation 14,267, (also considered easier "14'ers")
- To the south is a fantastic view of the South Park Ranger District
- To the west is Mount of the Holy Cross, elevation 14,005, in the Holy Cross Ranger District.

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.
- Be aware of the possibility of hypothermia and exposure.
- There is limited water on this hike so bring plenty of water with you!

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