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HIKING

BOOTH CREEK TRAIL - FDT 2011

Length: 4.5 miles (one way)

Difficulty: More Difficult

Beginning Elevation: 8,430 ft.

Elevation Gain: +3050 ft.-0 ft. = +3050 ft.

Trail Use: Very High

Open To: Hiking

Ending Elevation: 11,480 ft.

USGS Map(s): East Vail

Access from Vail: Travel east from Vail on I-70 to Exit 180 for East Vail. Exit here and turn left, pass under the interstate and turn left onto the North Frontage Road. Proceed about 1 mile to Booth Creek Road, turn right and continue up this road to the parking area at the end of the road. **Parking is very limited at the trailhead and is prohibited on all streets surrounding the trailhead.**

Trail Highlights: The trail climbs steeply from the trailhead through aspen groves for the first mile. Then, the trail climbs more gradually following along Booth Creek. At mile 1.8, the trail passes Booth Creek Falls. Beyond the falls, early season hikers may encounter snow patches as the trail winds through conifer forests and meadows filled with wildflowers. Above 10,000 feet the trees thin and the terrain changes offering views of the Gore Range. The last 1/4 mile to Booth Lake is steep and rocky.

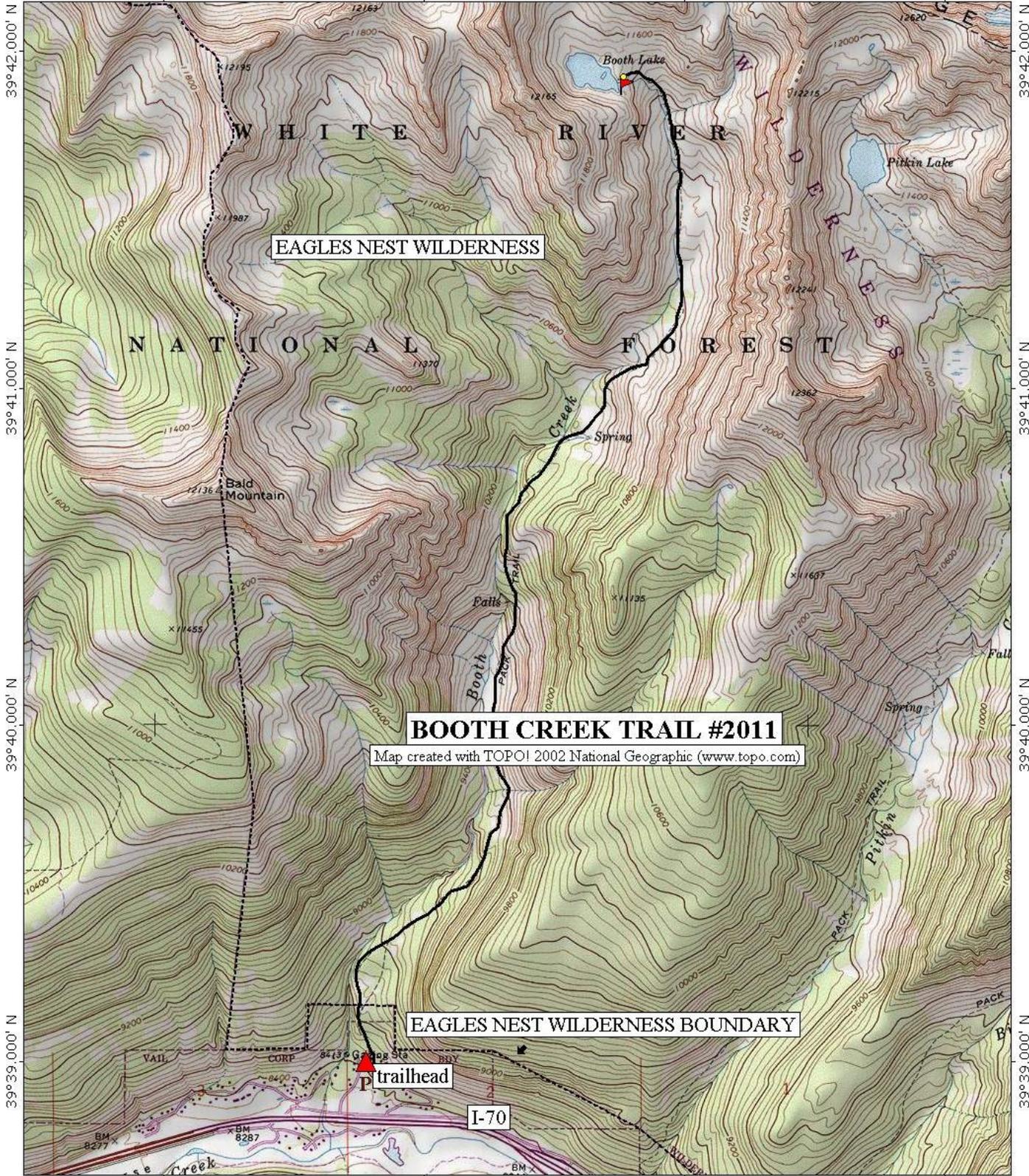
Important Information: Booth Creek is within the Eagles Nest Wilderness, please educate yourself about Wilderness Ethics and the following rules:

- * Camping - camp at least 100 feet from streams, lakes, and trails
- * Dogs - must be leashed out of consideration for both other people and wildlife
- * Fire - campstoves are recommended. Fires are prohibited within 100 feet of any stream or Forest Service Trail, within ¼ mile of any lake, or above 11,000 feet in elevation.
- * Group size - limit group sizes to 15 people
- * Sanitation - bury human waste 100 feet from water and 6 inches in the soil
- * Overnight Registration - free, self-issue registration forms are available at wilderness trailheads and are **required** for overnight camping. No registration is required for day-use.

WILDERNESS AREAS are in a delicate state of natural balance. Any careless act by man can upset this natural balance and result in the destruction of the beauty found in the Wilderness. By following the above ethics and regulations you can help protect and preserve the natural features of the Wilderness for future visits. PLEASE, RESPECT THE LAND AND RIGHTS OF OTHERS!

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 National Forest strongly suggests purchasing a topographic map and compass prior to your hiking trip.



EAGLES NEST WILDERNESS

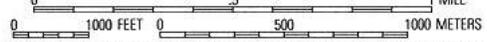
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trailhead

I-70



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