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HIKING

DELUGE LAKE TRAIL #2014

Length: 3.8 miles (one way)

Difficulty: More Difficult

Beginning Elevation: 8,710 ft.

Elevation Gain: +3102 ft.-66 ft. = +3036 ft.

Trail Use: Moderate

Open To: Hiking

Ending Elevation: 11,746 ft.

USGS Map(s): Vail East

Access from Vail, CO: Travel east on I-70 to exit 180, exit here and turn right onto the south frontage road. Continue on this road about 2 miles to a small parking area on the left just before the Gore Creek Campground.

Trail Highlights: There are 2 trails starting at this location. After 0.1 miles, the Deluge Lake Trail turns left and the Gore Creek Trail continues straight. Take this left onto the narrow trail which heads north before curving and heading northeast the rest of the way. The trail will pass through several boulder fields, and then cling to a very steep slope as it climbs through aspen woods. Don't step off the trail's downhill side to let other hikers pass. The trail climbs steeply for the first 3 miles, gaining about 2,500 feet. At mile 3.2, the trail drops to Deluge Creek where you need to find the tricky spot to cross the creek. The trail is gentler now, and if it becomes confusing, you can follow the creek to the lake where view to the Sawatch Range and Mount of the Holy Cross emerge.

Important Information: Deluge Lake is in the **Eagles Nest Wilderness**. Wilderness is for your use and enjoyment, but you have an obligation to leave it unimpaired for future generations. Please understand your responsibilities when visiting these special places. Leave them as you wish to find them.

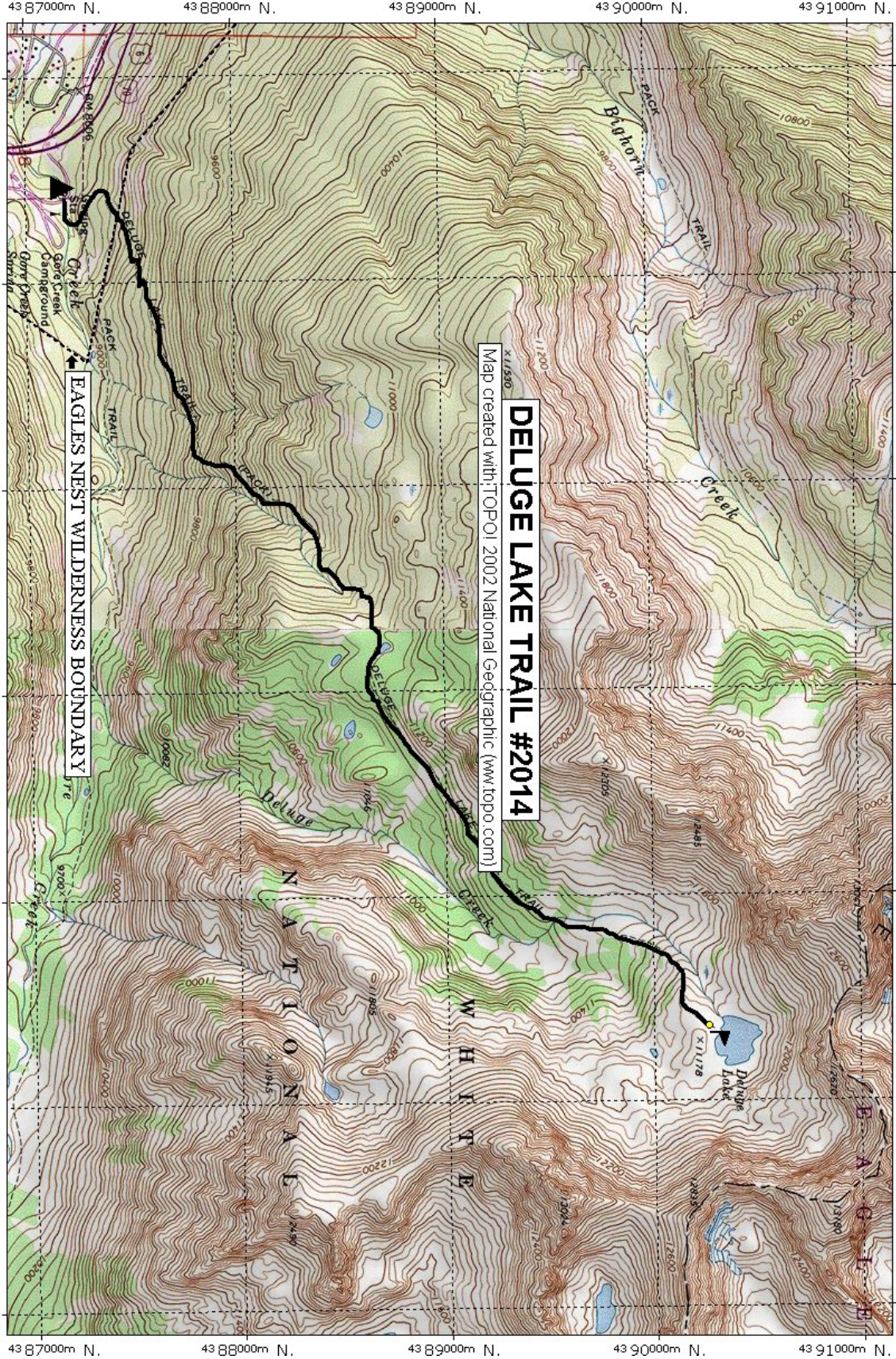
- * Camping - camp at least 100 feet from streams, lakes, and trails
- * Dogs - must be leashed out of consideration for both other people and wildlife
- * Fire - -- campstoves are recommended. Fires are prohibited within 100 feet of any stream or Forest Service Trail, within ¼ mile of any lake, or at any point above treeline.
- * 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.

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.

HOLY CROSS RANGER DISTRICT WHITE RIVER NATIONAL FOREST

WGS84 Zone 13S 396000m E.



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