



Nolan Lake-FDT 1898

Difficulty: Moderate
Trail Use: High
Length: 3.0 miles
Elevation: Starts at 9900 feet, ends at 11,264 feet, highest point 11,412 feet
Elevation Gain: +1512 feet - 148 feet = +1364 feet
Open To: Hiking

Access:

- From I-70 exit 147 for Eagle, turn south on Eby Creek Rd to the Route 6 roundabout.
- At roundabout, turn right (west) on Route 6/Grand Ave and travel 0.8 miles to next roundabout.
- At this roundabout, take the third right onto Sylvan Lake Road.
- Continue 1.6 miles to Brush Creek Road, and take a right on Brush Creek Road.
- Follow Brush Creek Rd for roughly 9 miles to the fork of East and West Brush Creek.
- Turn left onto East Brush Creek Rd., FDR 415 and drive for another 10 miles, passing Yeoman Park.
- After passing Yeoman Park make a left at the first switchback onto FDR 418.
- Travel for 3 3/4 mile and look for the trailhead on the right, sitting back from the road a bit.
- Parking is available on the left side of the road.

Trail Highlights:

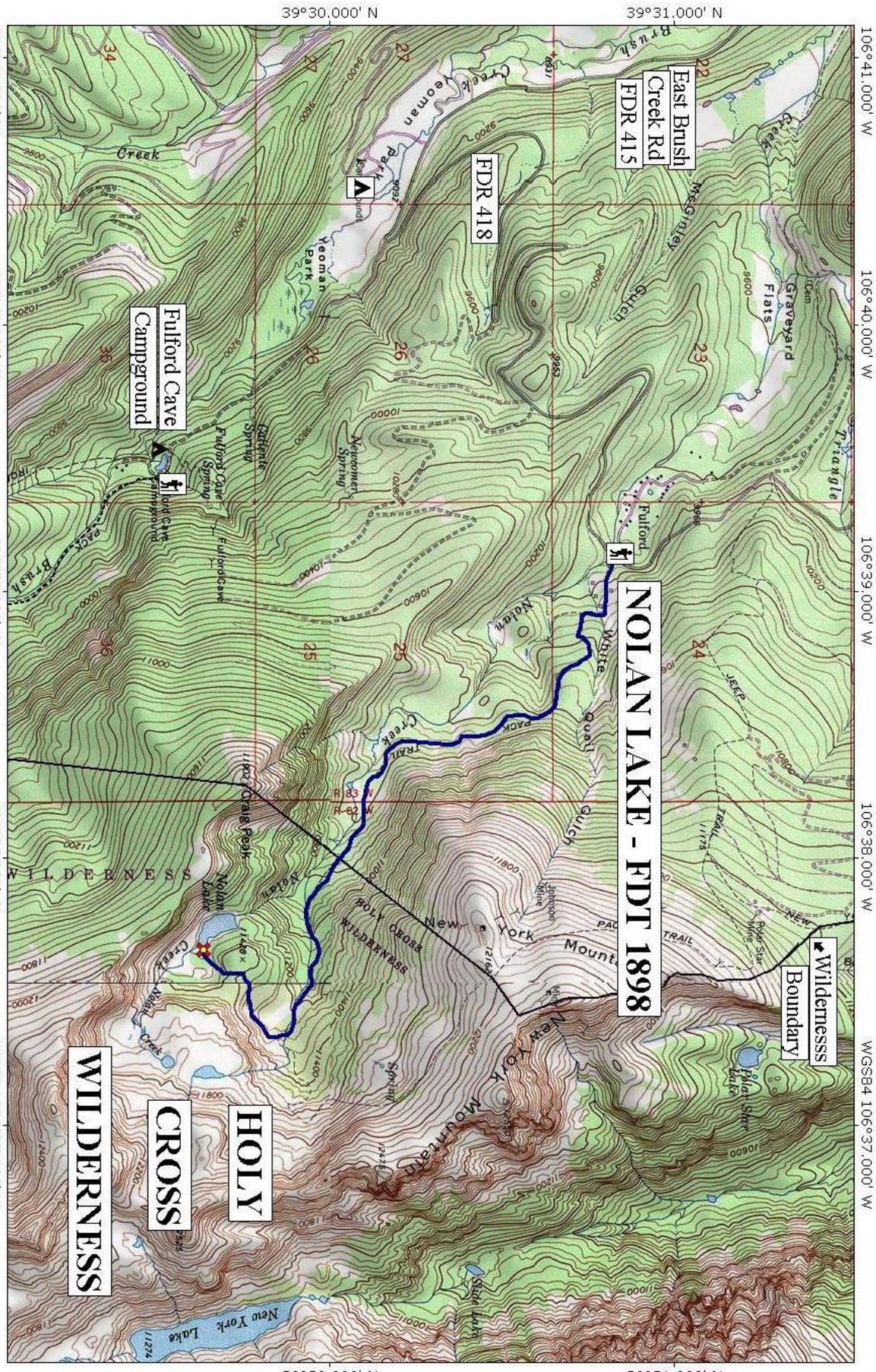
- This wooded trail begins as an old mining road up through aspen, spruce and fir forest.
- At a 1/4 mile, the trail passes through a meadow and the upper town of Fulford, and a series of old log cabins, just before it crosses Nolan Creek and heads east up White Quail Gulch.
- At the fork, continue right going downhill towards the creek, the trail is then level before becoming fairly steep with exposed rocks and roots.
- The trail then takes a left curve up a large sloping gray rock near a talus slope and waterfall.
- Near the end, the trail heads westward going up and over a ridge before descending through wet meadows of paintbrushes and marsh marigolds to Nolan Lake.
- This 7.2 acre lake offers excellent photo opportunities as well as fishing for brook trout.
- The sharp-pointed granite peaks of Craig Peak, 11,902 feet, accent the lake beautifully.
- At the south ridge top of rocks there is a nice view of the town of Fulford in the foreground with the snow-capped Gore Range beyond.
- Pikas (a relative of the rabbit) can be seen in large rock slides as you hike.

Important Information:

- ALL DISTANCES ARE ONE WAY.
- THIS TRAIL ENTERS THE HOLY CROSS WILDERNESS, PLEASE PRACTICE WILDERNESS ETHICS TO HELP PRESERVE THIS RESOURCE.

PACK IT IN—P ACK IT OUT!! LEAVE NO TRACE!!

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