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**HIKING**

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## **NORTH TRAIL #1896 - RED SANDSTONE TO SON OF MIDDLE CREEK**

**Length:** 3.9 miles (one way)

**Difficulty:** Moderate

**Beginning Elevation:** 8,254 ft.

**Elevation Gain:** +1113 ft. - 1163 ft. = -50 ft.

**Trail Use:** High

**Open To:** Hiking, Biking, Horseback

**Ending Elevation:** 8,204 ft.

**USGS Map(s):** Vail West, Vail East

**Access from Vail:** From Exit 176 for Vail, travel west about 1 mile on the North Frontage Road to Red Sandstone Road. Turn right onto Red Sandstone Road and proceed for 1.3 miles to a gate and the second of two intersections with the North Trail. This is the trailhead on the right.

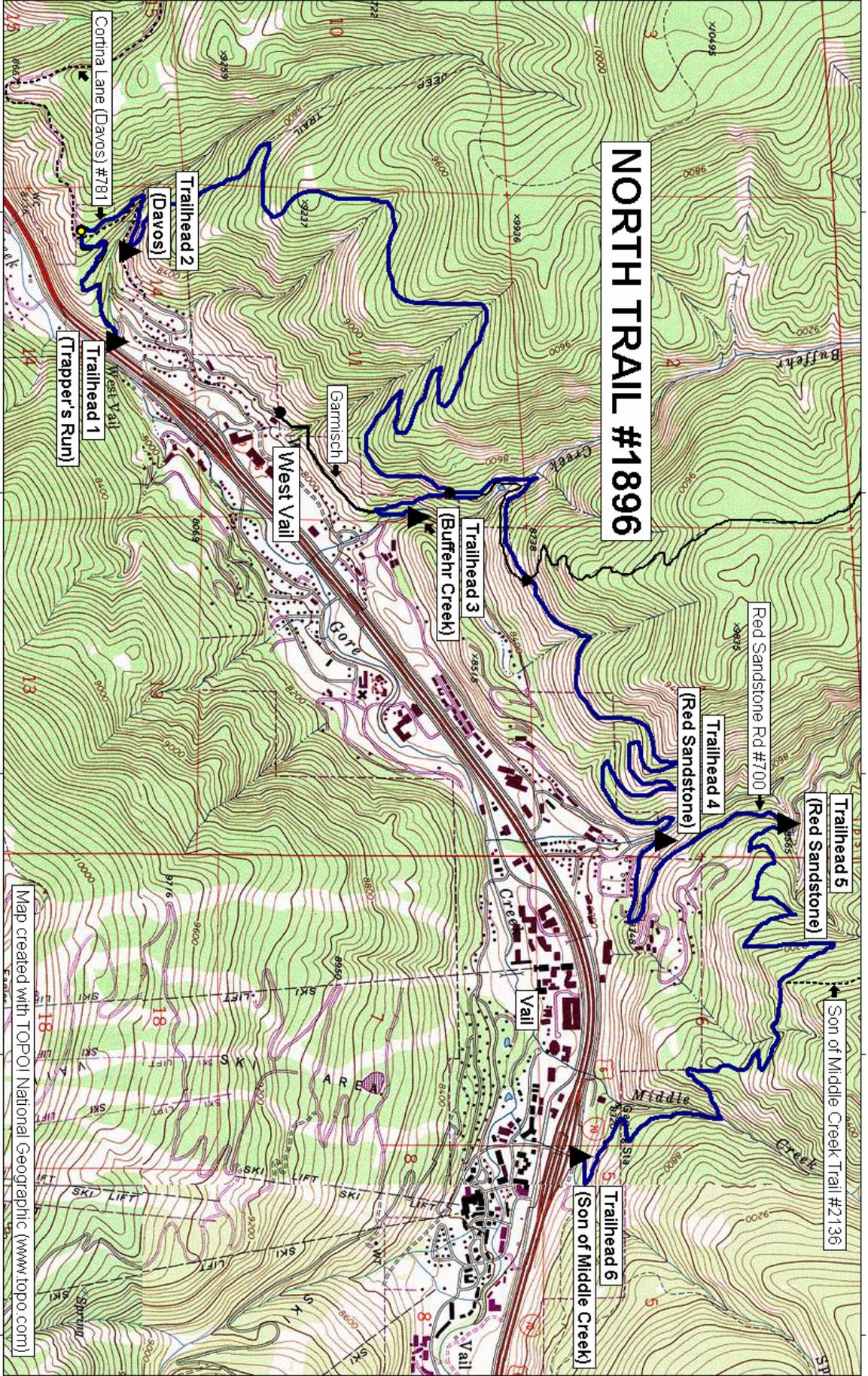
**Trail Highlights:** Follow switchbacks as you climb steadily for about 2.3 miles to an intersection with the Son of Middle Creek Trail #2136. Views from here are excellent as this is one of the two highest points on the entire length of the North Trail. Stay right here and descend the last 1.6 miles of the North Trail to the Spraddle Creek Road on the north side of the I-70 Exit 176 for Vail.

**Important Information:** The North Trail is closed from April 15 to June 15 for elk calving season and for soil protection and erosion controls from seasonal runoff.

**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.**

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106°26'00" W  
106°25'00" W  
106°24'00" W  
106°23'00" W  
WGS84 106°22'00" W

HOLY CROSS RANGER DISTRICT WHITE RIVER NATIONAL FOREST

39°38'00" N  
39°39'00" N

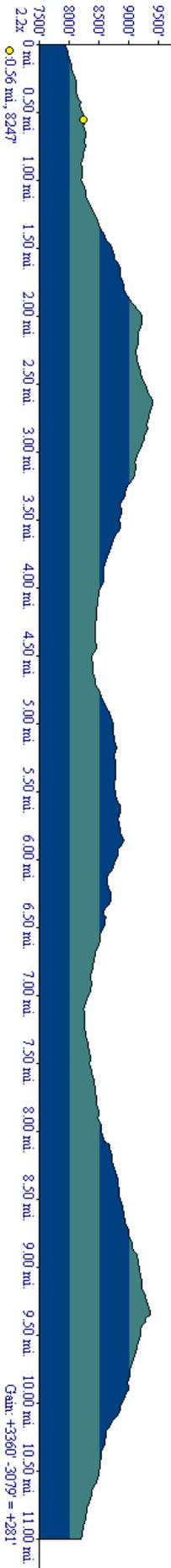
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