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**4WD / OHV**

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## **HOLY CROSS CITY JEEP ROAD - FSR 759**

**Length:** 3.8 miles (one way)

**Difficulty:** Most Difficult!!

**Beginning Elevation:** 9,322 ft.

**Elevation Gain:** +2350 ft.- 0 ft. = +2350 ft.

**Trail Use:** Moderate to Heavy

**Open To:** 4WD, OHV, Mtn Biking, Hiking

**Ending Elevation:** 11,672 ft.

**USGS Map(s):** Mount of the Holy Cross

**Access from Vail:** Travel west on I-70 to Exit #171 for Minturn, Leadville, and Hwy 24. Exit here and turn right onto Hwy 24. Proceed south for 13 miles to Homestake Road #703. Turn right and proceed past the Gold Park Campground to mile 7.4. Look for a sign on your right shortly after the campground.

**Trail Highlights:** This is one of the most difficult and popular hardcore roads in the state. It is recommended to consult a 4-wheel drive guide book for a detailed description of this route and recommended vehicle specs. Stock vehicles should not attempt this one. Many people choose to hike this road to reach Holy Cross City. Historic features include Gold Park town site and cemetery at the road beginning, Holy Cross City mill, cabins, and the old town site at the end of the road. The road to Cleveland Lake continues to the right across the creek, through the parking area and up the hill. The road to Fancy Lake is closed to motorized vehicles. If you wish to go to the lake, please walk. The road to the right is a hiking trail to Hunky Dory Lake and is also closed to motorized vehicles.

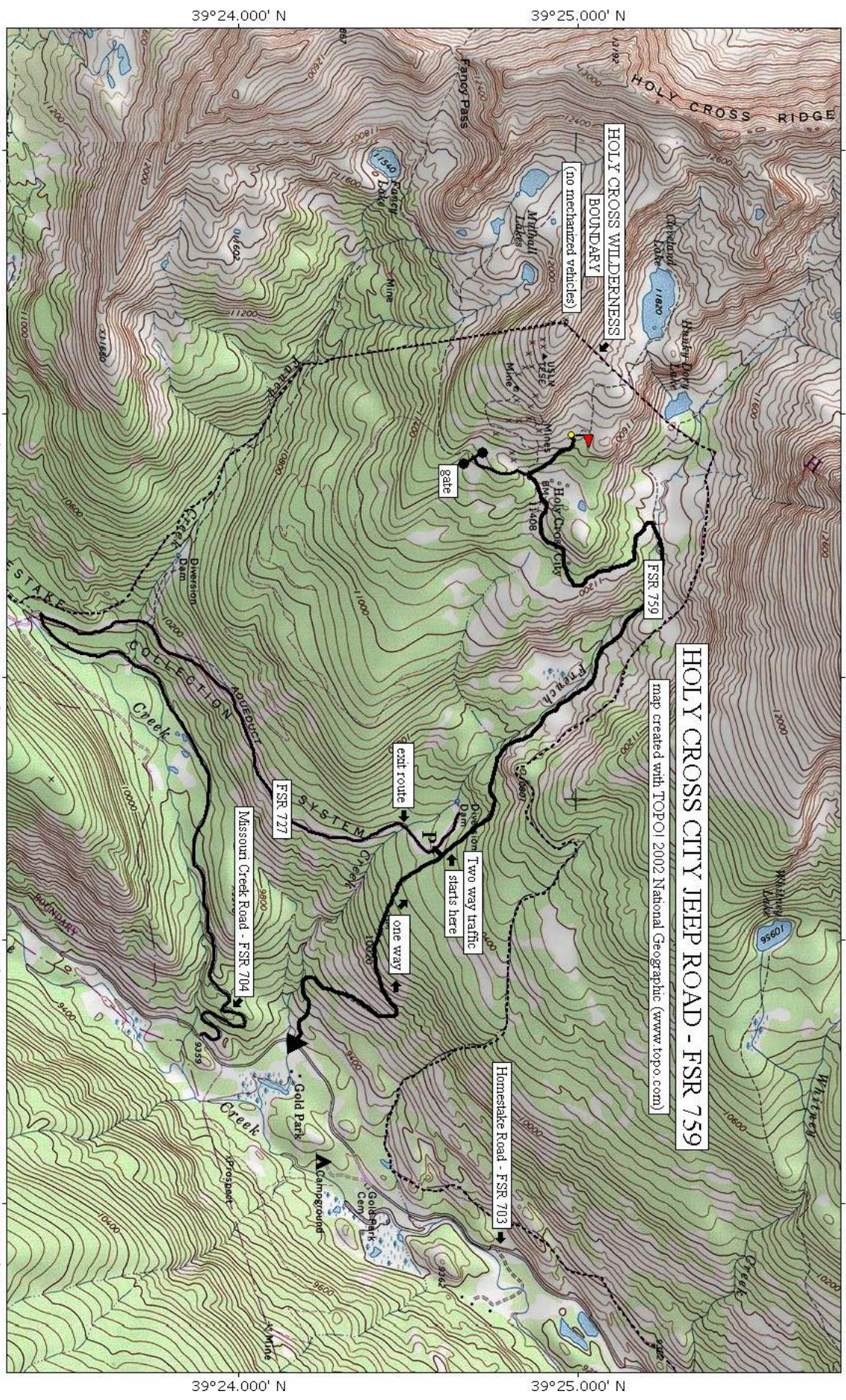
**ETHICS/REGULATIONS:** With the number of OHV operators rapidly growing every year, the repeated and often unintentional misuse by OHVs can quickly create environmental damage. By using common sense and taking a few precautions, OHV operators can assure that the backcountry they frequent will remain available and in good condition for future use.

- \* **Always stay on designated roads and trails;** off-trail riding is not permitted on the White River National Forest.
- \* Ride in the middle of the trail to avoid widening it.
- \* Avoid side slipping, which can start a rut, leading to erosion.
- \* Cross streams at fording points only.
- \* Sanitation - Bury human waste 100 feet from water and 6 inches in the soil.
- \* Wilderness areas are managed to maintain their primitive character and to provide opportunities for solitude. These designated areas are solely for non-mechanized travel—access is restricted to foot and horseback only. Sorry, no OHVs or bicycles.
- \* For tips on OHV techniques and responsible recreation, visit [www.treadlightly.org](http://www.treadlightly.org).

**PACK IT IN - PACK IT OUT!! TREAD LIGHTLY!**

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 trip.





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