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HIKING

BEAVER CREEK #2109

Length: 3.0 miles (one way)

Difficulty: Moderate

Beginning Elevation: 8,120 ft.

Elevation Gain: +1669 ft.-1 ft. = +1668 ft.

Trail Use: Moderate to High

Open To: Hiking, Horseback

Ending Elevation: 9,788 ft.

USGS Map(s): Grouse Mtn

Permit Information: In order to continue to provide quality recreation experiences and to protect the wilderness lands, the Forest Service must gather data regarding visitor use and travel patterns. Each party staying overnight in the Holy Cross Wilderness is **required to self-register at the trailhead and to carry a copy of the registration with them** during their visit. There is no fee charged and no limit to the number of permits issued.

Access from Vail: Travel west from Vail on I-70 to Exit 167 for Avon. Exit here and head south from the roundabout onto Avon Road, proceeding south under the interstate, past US Hwy 6, and to the gate for Beaver Creek. The road name changes here to Village Road. Follow this up to the Beaver Creek Village parking structure.

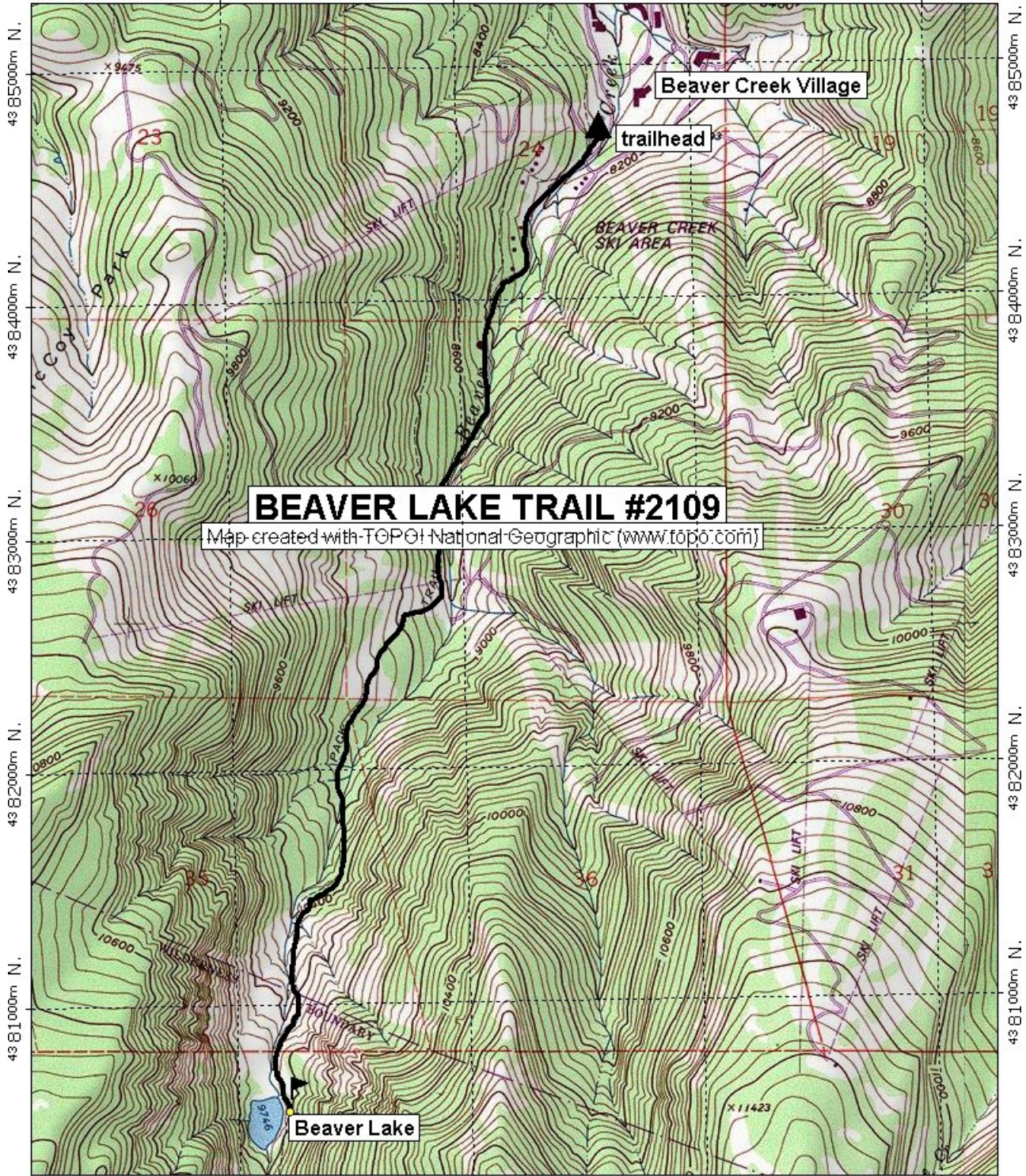
Trail Highlights: The trail begins at the base of the Centennial Express chairlift and parallels Village Drive and then Elk Track road for approximately the first 1/4 mile until the road ends. Hike uphill from here through aspens and thimbleberry on an old wagon trail to an intersection with the Village to Village trail and some ski lifts. Look for trail signs as you cross the Larkspur ski run and then follow the old stage road along the creek, past the Matawin Teepee Village, and across a new foot bridge. You will proceed up the trail below Royal Elk Glade, part of Grouse Mountain, and through deep woods broken later by meadow. The valley narrows as the trail approaches the Holy Cross Wilderness boundary at mile 3. From here you are only 0.3 miles from Beaver Lake. For most, this is the final destination, but the trail does continue an additional 4 miles to Lower and Upper Turquoise Lakes located at the foot of Grouse Mountain.

Important Information: Beaver Lake is within the **Holy Cross 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 and leave no trace of your visit. A few of the Holy Cross Wilderness regulations include:

- * Camping - camp at least 100 feet from streams, lakes, and trails.
- * Dogs - must be under control and must not harass wildlife, people, or damage property.
- * Fire - campstoves are recommended and fires are prohibited at and above timberline.
- * Group size - limit group sizes to 15 people.
- * Sanitation - bury human waste at least 100 feet from water and 6 inches in the soil.

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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