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LOST LAKE TRAIL

Length: 7.8 miles (one way)
Difficulty: Moderate
Beginning Elevation: 8,248 feet
Elevation Gain: +2,205 feet - 240 feet = +1,965 feet

Trail Use: Light to Moderate
Open To: XC, Snowshoe, Snowmobile
Ending Elevation: 10,213 feet
USGS Map(s): Vail West

Access from Vail: Exit I-70 at Vail exit 176 and take the North Frontage Road west to Red Sandston Road. Turn right and follow to the winter road closure gate and park here.

Attractions/Considerations: Due to past timber sales, this trail offers many excellent open areas suitable for cross-country skiing. Excellent views of the Gore and Sawatch Ranges are abundant. Snowmobiles may be encountered on the first 1.5 miles of road due to a commercial snowmobile guide service that is located on Red Sandston Road.

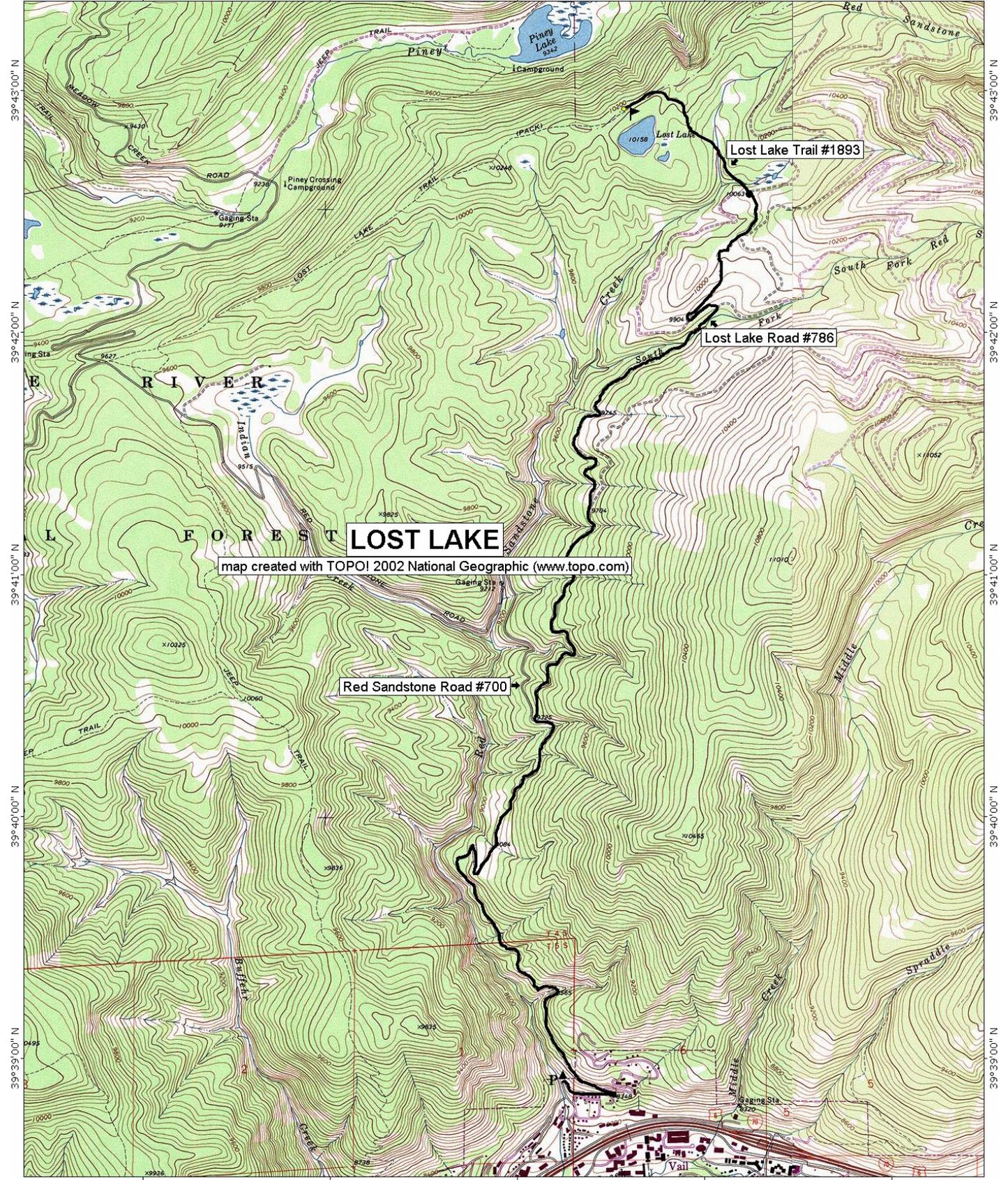
Trail Highlights: The trail begins at the Forest Service road closure on Red Sandstone Road #700. It follows this road for 3 miles to the junction with Lost Lake Road #786. After the junction at Lost Lake Road, three more junctions are encountered. The left fork should be taken in each case as the trail follows Lost Lake Road for 4 miles to the trailhead for the Lost Lake Trail. One more mile, and the trail ends at Lost Lake. Lost Lake is a popular place to hike or drive to in the summer. However, due to its distance from the parking area (15 miles round trip) it receives less use in the winter and is suggested for skiers in good physical condition.

Ethics/Regulations: Before you go out, check into available routes, ownership of land, posted areas, regulations that apply, and the following rules:

- **Respect private property.** Ask permission before entering.
- **Be considerate** of other winter back-country travelers. We're all out to enjoy the outdoors.
- **Avoid disturbing wildlife** by staying out of elk and deer wintering areas. Detour if you spot wildlife.
- **Wilderness Areas and Primitive areas are closed to motorized vehicles.** Inquire at a local Forest Service office if in doubt. Obey all signs.
- **Beware of avalanches!** Avalanches may occur at any time during the winter. Avoid mountainous terrain after heavy snowfalls of prolonged periods of high wind. Stay on the windblown side of ridges. Avoid crossing steep hillsides and entering narrow, steep canyons.
- **Remember** to notify a responsible person of your travel plans.

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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Red Sandstone Road #700

Lost Lake Trail #1893

Lost Lake Road #786

