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HIKING

HELL ROARING TRAIL #1960

Length: 7 miles one-way (11.3 km)

Difficulty: Difficult

Trail Use: Moderate

Beginning Elevation: 9,400 feet (2865 m)

Ending Elevation: 12,400 feet (3780 m)

USGS Map(s): Capitol Peak, Redstone

PERMIT INFORMATION: In order 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 overnighiting** in the Maroon Bells-Snowmass 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.

DAY/BACKPACKING OVERVIEW: A good backpacking hike with access to the Avalanche Creek Trail, West Snowmass Trail, Capitol Creek Trail, Williams Lake and Hardscrabble Lake. The Hell Roaring Trail is not used as much as other areas within the Aspen Ranger District. Williams and Hardscrabble Lakes are good day hikes.

ACCESS: Drive 14 miles west of Aspen on Highway 82 to Old Snowmass and turn left. Continue 2 miles to the "T" intersection, take a right and travel 7 1/2 miles until the pavement ends. Follow the dirt road about 3 miles to the trailhead. The last 2 1/4 mile is on a 4WD road. If you don't have 4WD park in the BLM meadow on the right approximately 2 1/4 miles below the trailhead. The road is slick when wet.

NARRATIVE: From the Hell Roaring Trailhead go straight through the green gate. In approximately 1/4 mile the trail forks. The right fork goes to Hardscrabble Lake (another 1/4 mile). Continue straight on the main trail to reach Williams Lake. There is another junction in 3/4 mile. The right branch goes to William's Lake (another 1 1/4 miles). Continue on the main trail which begins to climb steeply. Approximately 7 miles from the start the trail intersects with the Avalanche Creek Trail. To reach the Avalanche Campground go right, or to continue on the Avalanche Creek Trail, take a left. A loop trip can be made by continuing on the Avalanche Creek Trail to the intersection with Capitol Creek Trail. Continue on Capitol Creek Trail to reach the parking lot just below the trailhead to the Hell Roaring Trail.

ETHICS/REGULATIONS: The Hell Roaring Trail is within the Maroon Bell-Snowmass Wilderness, please educate yourself about Wilderness Ethics and the following rules:

- * **DOGS MUST BE LEASHED** out of consideration for both other people and wildlife.
- * Limit group sizes to 10 people and 15 stock/pack animals.
- * **SANITATION** - bury human waste 100 feet from water and 6 inches in the soil.
- * Lightweight campstoves are recommended and required above the timberline.

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 suggests purchasing a topographical trail map prior to your hiking trip.

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