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**MTN. BIKING**

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## **CRYSTAL LAKES - FDT 44**

**Difficulty:** MORE DIFFICULT

**Trail Use:** Moderate

**Length:** 2.98 miles one-way to Lower Crystal Lake  
4.91 miles one-way to Upper Crystal Lake

**Elevation:** Starts at 10,174 feet and ends at 12,982 feet (highest point 12,982 feet)

**Elevation Gain:** +2,808 feet - 0 feet = +2,808 feet

**Open To:** MTN. BIKING, HIKING, OHV UP TO LOWER CRYSTAL LAKE

### **Access:**

- From I-70 take Exit 203, Frisco / Breckenridge, and travel south on HWY 9 through Frisco and travel to Breckenridge.
- Travel through Breckenridge on HWY 9. Approximately 1.5 miles past the Boreas Pass Road traffic light turn right at "The Crown" subdivision on Crown Drive (CR 800).
- Crown Drive eventually turns into Spruce Creek Road (FDR 800). Approximately 1.82 miles from turning off of HWY 9, you will come to the parking area for the Spruce Creek Trail (FDT 58). To the right is the beginning of the Crystal Creek Road (FDR 803).

### **Trail Highlights:**

- The trail begins as a summer OHV road (FDR 803) and turns into a hiking trail at Lower Crystal Lake.
- Crystal Creek Road will take you through numerous alpine meadows filled with wildflowers through late June. These meadows are fed by the tributaries of Crystal Creek.
- The road rises onto a shelf with Lower Crystal Lake nestled against the mountain walls. A cabin at the lower lake offers some shelter from the wind.
- Directly west of the cabin is Peak 10, elevation 13,633 feet, at the Breckenridge Ski Area. To the southeast is Mt. Helen, elevation 13,164 feet.
- The OHV road ends here and a hiking trail continues for approximately 2.11 miles up toward Upper Crystal Lake. Just to the west is Crystal Peak, elevation 13,852 feet.

### **Important Information:**

- **STAY ON DESIGNATED ROADS TO PREVENT RESOURCE DAMAGE!**
- **THIS ROAD IS USED FOR MULTIPLE ACTIVITIES TO INCLUDE MTN. BIKING, HIKING AND OHV USE. PLEASE RESPECT OTHER USERS.**
- A large portion of this route travels above timberline. For this reason, be sure to check the weather forecast and choose a clear day for your trip to avoid afternoon lightning and thunderstorms.

*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 TRAIL MAP AND GPS OR COMPASS PRIOR TO BEGINNING YOUR MOUNTAIN BIKING TRIP.*