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**HIKING**

## **LINKINS LAKE TRAIL #1979**

**Length:** 0.6 miles one-way (1 km)

**Difficulty:** Moderate

**Trail Use:** Moderate

**Beginning Elevation:** 11,506 feet (3507 m)

**Highest Elevation:** 12,008 feet (3660 m)

**USGS Map(s):** Mt. Champion

**DAY/BACKPACKING OVERVIEW:** : This is a moderately steep trail to a high alpine lake above timberline with fair fishing. Beware of severe afternoon thunderstorms. Please, be careful of the three-foot trees along the way, as they may be 200 years old. Camping is not recommended, due to fragile alpine tundra and exposure.

**ACCESS:** Drive 18 1/2 miles east of Aspen on Highway 82 to the last switchback before Independence Pass. The trailhead is on the left (north) side of the Highway.

**NARRATIVE:** From the parking area, the trail begins to the left (west) of the Roaring Fork River. This is the trailhead for the Lost Man Trail also. In 200 yards the trail forks, take the left to Linkins Lake (the right goes to Lost Man). The trail ascends steeply to a glacial cirque containing the lake. There are magnificent views of the Continental Divide.

**ETHICS/REGULATIONS:** Linkins Lake Trail is within the Hunter-Fryingpan Wilderness, please educate yourself about Wilderness Ethics and the following rules:

- \* Out of consideration for others and wildlife - **DOGS MUST BE ON A LEASH.**
- \* Limit group sizes to 15 people and a maximum combination of 25 people and 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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