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MTN. BIKING

PTARMIGAN - FDT 35

Difficulty: MORE DIFFICULT

Trail Use: Moderate

Length: 6.82 miles roundtrip

Elevation: Start at 9,081 feet and ends at 9,081 feet (highest point 11,476 feet)

Elevation Gain: +2,605 feet - 2,594 feet = +11 feet

Recommended Use: MTN. BIKING UP TO WILDERNESS BOUNDARY, HIKING

Access:

- From I-70 take Exit 205, Silverthorne / Dillon, and travel north on HWY 9 for approximately .2 miles to the intersection of Wilderndest Drive / Rainbow Drive, (Wendy's is on the corner).
- Turn right onto Rainbow Drive and proceed to the 3-way stop sign. At the stop sign turn right onto Tanglewood Lane.
- Follow Tanglewood Lane to Ptarmigan Trail and turn right. Follow this road for approximately .8 miles to the trailhead parking, which is on the right side of the road.
- The trail starts across the road from the parking area. There are arrows to guide you to the trail from the parking area through the private homes.

Trail Highlights:

- The Ptarmigan Trail is an excellent ride to experience a panoramic view of all the mountain ranges in the Dillon Ranger District: the Continental Divide, Gore Range, Tenmile Range and Williams Fork Range.
- Approximately 3.72 miles from the trailhead you will come to a fork in the trail at the Ptarmigan Peak Wilderness boundary. To continue mountain bike riding, you must turn right at the wilderness boundary and follow the trail approximately 3.10 miles back down to the trailhead in a loop.
- To continue on foot, approximately .48 miles past the wilderness boundary you will come to a fork in the trail. Follow to the right to travel approximately 2.08 miles to Ptarmigan Pass, elevation 11,777 feet, and on into the Arapaho National Forest; or, follow to the left and go approximately 1.05 miles to the summit of Ptarmigan Peak, elevation 12,498 feet, and on into the Arapaho National Forest.

Important Information:

- **STAY ON DESIGNATED ROADS AND TRAILS TO PREVENT RESOURCE DAMAGE.**
- **THIS TRAIL IS USED FOR MULTIPLE ACTIVITIES TO INCLUDE MTN. BIKING AND HIKING. PLEASE RESPECT OTHER USERS.**
- **BECAUSE THIS TRAIL TRAVELS INTO THE PTARMIGAN PEAK WILDERNESS NO BICYCLES ARE ALLOWED PAST THE WILDERNESS BOUNDARY!**
- There is limited water on this ride so bring plenty of water with you!

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.