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**HIKING**

## **WOODY CREEK TRAIL #1994**

**Length:** 9.7 miles one-way (15.6 km)

**Difficulty:** Moderate

**Trail Use:** Moderate

**Beginning Elevation:** 8,690 feet (2649 m)

**Highest Elevation:** 11,650 feet (3551 m)

**USGS Map(s):** Aspen, Thimble Rock

**DAY/BACKPACKING OVERVIEW:** This is a good moderate hike or backpack through wooded areas with plenty of places to camp. This trail is not used as heavily as some of the other trails within the Aspen Ranger District. Horseback travel is difficult for the first 1 1/2 miles along Woody Creek through the rock scree areas. The Woody Creek Trail intersects with the Hunter Creek Trail so you can end your trip in Aspen or loop back to Lenado.

**ACCESS:** Drive approximately 7 miles west of Aspen on Highway 82 to the Woody Creek turnoff (about 1 mile past the Brush Creek Road turnoff to Snowmass Village). Turn right following the road downhill. After crossing the bridge bear left and continue 2 miles to the town of Woody Creek. Just past the town take a sharp right onto Woody Creek Road #18 or FDR road #103. Continue on this road 8 1/2 miles to the town of Lenado. Approximately 3/4 of a mile past Lenado the road makes a sharp left turn and crosses Woody Creek. The Woody Creek Trailhead lies on the right side of the road, just **before** the bridge. The Spruce Creek Trailhead also begins on the Woody Creek Trail.

**NARRATIVE:** The trail climbs steeply in sections to the junction with the Spruce Creek Trail. Take the right fork up the hill. The Spruce Creek Trail is straight ahead. The trail continues to climb crossing the creek four times before reaching the ridge between the Woody Creek and Hunter Creek drainages. The trail follows the ridge, then descends to Deer Park. From here the trail winds to the junction with the Hunter Creek Trail. A right at this junction provides for a loop back to Lenado. If you want to continue to Aspen follow the Hunter Creek Trail.

**ETHICS/REGULATIONS:** Most of the Woody Creek 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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