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**HIKING**

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## **BOULDER LAKE (UPPER)- FDT 59**

**Difficulty:** MORE DIFFICULT

**Trail Use:** Low to Upper Boulder Lake, Moderate to Lower Boulder Lake

**Length:** 5.99 miles one-way

**Elevation:** Start at 9,494 feet and ends at 11,004 feet (highest point 11,044 feet)

**Elevation Gain:** +2,048 feet - 538 feet = +1,510 feet

**Open To:** HIKING

### **Access:**

- From I-70 take Exit 205, Silverthorne / Dillon, and travel north on HWY 9.
- Travel north on HWY 9 for approximately 7.7 miles. On your left will be Rock Creek Road (FDR 1350) across from the Blue River Campground.
- Follow the gravel road for approximately 1.23 miles and turn left at the road marked "Rock Creek". If you come to a gate on the road you have traveled too far.
- Follow this road approximately 1.70 miles to the Rock Creek Trail (FDT 46) parking lot. Park in the spaces provided. From the trailhead walk up the old road, which will turn into the trail.

### **Trail Highlights:**

- Follow the Rock Creek Trail (FDT 46) for approximately .34 miles to the intersection with the Gore Range Trail (FDT 60) and turn right (north) at the intersection.
- After turning on the Gore Range Trail you will pass several meadows that are home to many varieties of wildlife. You will travel approximately .98 miles to a 4-way intersection in the trail.
- At the intersection disregard the trails to the right and left (there is a big X made of logs on the ground) and continue straight (north). Travel another 1.13 miles to the first trail which will take you to the south shore of Lower Boulder Lake.
- To reach the north shore of Lower Boulder Lake continue on the Gore Range Trail for another 100 yards and then turn left. This is the trail you need to take to travel to Upper Boulder Lake.
- The trail continues past Lower Boulder Lake for approximately 3.13 miles to Upper Boulder Lake. Past Lower Boulder Lake this trail is maintained at a primitive level and may be difficult to follow at times. The hike is through dense forest with numerous deadfall across the trail. Occasional boggy areas are especially prevalent in June making the trail difficult to follow. This part of the trail is NOT recommended for horse travel.

### **Important Information:**

- **BECAUSE THIS TRAIL TRAVELS INTO THE EAGLES NEST WILDERNESS NO BICYCLES ARE ALLOWED AND DOGS *MUST* BE ON A LEASH NOT LONGER THAN SIX (6) FEET IN LENGTH!**
- **WITHIN THE EAGLES NEST WILDERNESS, NO CAMPFIRE ARE ALLOWED ABOVE TREELINE NOR WITHIN .25 MILES (440 YARDS) OF ANY LAKE.**

**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 NF STRONGLY SUGGESTS PURCHASING A TOPOGRAPHIC MAP AND GPS OR COMPASS PRIOR TO YOUR HIKING OR HORSE TRIP.*