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**HIKING/HORSE**

## ELLIOT RIDGE - FDT 1889

**Difficulty:** MODERATE

**Trail Use:** Low

**Length:** 6.10 miles one-way

**Elevation:** Start at 11,153 feet and ends at 12,405 feet (highest point 12,405 feet)

**Elevation Gain:** +1,525 feet - 273 feet = +1,252 feet

**Recommended Use:** HIKING, HORSE TRAVEL

### Access:

- From I-70 take Exit 205, Silverthorne / Dillon, and travel north on HWY 9 for approximately 27.02 miles into Grand County.
- Turn left onto Spring Creek Road, Grand County Road 10.
- Follow Spring Creek Road (GCR 10) for 6.8 miles and bear left at FDR 1830 (Doenz Place). After this intersection the road becomes FDR 23.
- Continue on FDR 23 for approximately 1.10 miles until the fork in the road. Take the right fork, FDR 23 / 1831, and travel approximately 5.39 miles to the trailhead. Park in the area provided.

### Trail Highlights:

- Elk and mule deer typically congregate along the Forest Service roads to the trailhead.
- High alpine meadows and exposed rock exist throughout the Elliott Ridge area.
- Wildflowers reach their peak display in mid-July.
- Approximately 5.5 miles from the trailhead you will come to the intersection with the Mirror Lake / Upper Cataract Lake Trail (FDT 63). Turn left (east) to drop down into the upper Cataract Creek drainage.
- Continuing on the Upper Cataract Lake Trail will eventually take you to the Gore Range Trail (FDT 60) where you can travel north or south throughout the Eagles Nest Wilderness.
- The Elliot Ridge Trail provides great scenic summit views of the surrounding Gore Range peaks, eventually ending at Meridian Peak, elevation 12,426 feet.

### 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!**
- **NO CAMPFIRES ARE ALLOWED ABOVE TREELINE NOR WITHIN .25 MILES (440 YARDS) OF ANY LAKE WITHIN THE EAGLES NEST WILDERNESS.**
- **THIS TRAIL IS USED FOR MULTIPLE ACTIVITIES TO INCLUDE HIKING AND HORSE TRAVEL. PLEASE RESPECT OTHER USERS.**

***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.***