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HIKING/HORSE

GORE RANGE - FDT 60

Difficulty: EASY TO MORE DIFFICULT

Trail Use: Moderate

Length: 44.97 miles one-way north to south

Elevation: Start at 10,253 feet and ends at 9,705 feet (highest point 11,732 feet)

Elevation Gain: +7,600 feet - 8,147 feet = -547 feet

Recommended Use: HIKING, HORSE TRAVEL

Access:

- The Gore Range Trail has the following access points which are listed from north to south. The mileage listed below is the approximate distance from one access point on the Gore Range Trail to the next access point. **The mileage listed does NOT include the distance from the trailhead to the Gore Range Trail.**
- For directions to access points and distance from the trailhead to the Gore Range Trail, please refer to the specific hiking sheet.

TRAIL NAME

LENGTH

DIFFICULTY

(A) Eaglesmere to (B) Surprise	3.44 miles	MODERATE
(B) Surprise to (C) Brush Creek Road	4.39 miles	MODERATE
(C) Brush Creek Road to (D) Rock Creek Road	9.21 miles	EASY TO MODERATE
(D) Rock Creek Road to (E) Mesa Cortina	8.04 miles	EASY
(E) Mesa Cortina to (F) Buffalo Cabin	1.48 miles	EASY
(F) Buffalo Cabin to (G) Meadow Creek	3.43 miles	MODERATE TO MORE DIFFICULT
(G) Meadow Creek to (H) North Tenmile	2.6 miles	MODERATE TO MORE DIFFICULT
(H) North Tenmile to (I) Wheeler Flats	7.29 miles	MORE DIFFICULT

Trail Highlights:

- The Gore Range Trail runs the north-south length of the Dillon Ranger District portion of the Eagles Nest Wilderness.
- The Gore Range Trail is named after Sir St. George Gore, an Irish nobleman, who led a hunting expedition across this mountain range in 1853. Jim Bridger, known as "King of the Mountain Men," served as his guide. In 1854 the expedition crossed what is now known as the Gore Range and hunted extensively in the Vail area.

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.