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**HIKING**

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## LILY PAD LAKE - FDT 50

**Difficulty:** EASY

**Trail Use:** Heavy

**Length:** 1.55 miles one-way

**Elevation:** Starts at 9,800 feet and ends at 9,905 feet (highest point 9,976 feet)

**Elevation Gain:** +245 feet - 140 feet = +105 feet

**Recommended Use:** HIKING

### Access:

- From I-70 take Exit 205, Silverthorne / Dillon, and travel north on HWY 9 to the first traffic light at the intersection of Rainbow Drive / Wilderndest Road. Turn left onto Wilderndest Road (this road eventually turns into Ryan Gulch Road).
- Travel for 3.6 miles to the top of Ryan Gulch Road. Toward the end of the road there will be a parking area on the left, park in this area. Ryan Gulch Road continues on into a loop.
- The trailhead is on the right side of the road from the parking area at a road with a chain across it.

### Trail Highlights:

- This trail allows one of the easiest access to a true wilderness experience in Summit County.
- The trail travels south from the trailhead going uphill on a dirt road to a water tank where there are great views of the Dillon Reservoir. Don't be discouraged by the initial climb from the trailhead.
- Once past the water tank, the trail continues through thick stands of lodgepole pine and aspen.
- Along the trail you will cross some small streams and several beaver ponds will be visible from the trail. These beaver ponds attracted fur trappers during 1810 - 1840, the boom years of the fur trade.
- Approximately .65 miles from the trailhead you will come to the intersection with the Salt Lick Trail, which is a non-system trail. Continue for another .9 miles to Lily Pad Lake.
- You will first come to a smaller lake covered with lily pads on your left and the larger Lily Pad Lake will be on your right about 100 yards further along the trail.
- You may turn around and return the same way or continue south toward the Meadow Creek Trail (FDT 33). This will require a car shuttle or ride the free Summit County bus back to the trailhead.

### 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 can be especially busy on weekends, so try and plan your hike during the week.

**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 TRIP.*