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HIKING

MT. ROYAL / MASONTOWN - FDT 1

Difficulty: MORE DIFFICULT

Trail Use: Moderate

Length: .91 miles one-way to Masontown, 1.97 miles one-way to summit of Royal Mountain

Elevation: Start at 9,122 feet and ends at 10,494 feet (highest point 10,494 feet)

Elevation Gain: +1,385 feet - 13 feet = +1,372 feet

Open To: HIKING, MTN. BIKING

Access:

- From I-70 take Exit 201, Frisco Main Street, and travel east toward the town of Frisco.
- Turn right into the large paved parking lot on Main Street approximately 140 yards east of I-70, park here.
- Walk over the footbridge and turn left on the paved bike path. Watch out for bike riders!
- Follow the bike path for approximately .5 miles and turn right at the Mt. Royal trail sign.

Trail Highlights:

- This trail begins as a gradual climb through boulders and lodgepole pine forest for approximately .91 miles to the old mining town of Masontown. This portion of the trail is relatively easy
- Spectacular views of Dillon Reservoir, the Tenmile Range and Grays and Torreys Peaks, both over 14,000 feet on the Continental Divide, can be seen from Masontown. Mt. Guyot, elevation 13,370 feet, can be seen rising from the southeast.
- A non-system trail intersects with this trail near Masontown. You can take this trail down to Rainbow Lake and then connect with the Peaks Trail (FDT 45). From the Peaks Trail at Rainbow Lake you can then either go to the right and on toward Breckenridge or go to the left and return toward Frisco.
- To continue toward Royal Mountain, follow the trail up from Masontown which then crosses an old avalanche path. An avalanche down this chute wiped out Masontown in 1926 so be very careful!
- From the avalanche path on toward the summit, the trail becomes very steep. The elevation gain is nearly 1,356 feet in just over the one mile to the summit of Royal Mountain.
- I-70, below in Tenmile Canyon, is quite a sight more than 1,300 feet below the summit of Royal Mountain.

Important Information:

- **THIS TRAIL IS USED FOR MULTIPLE ACTIVITIES TO INCLUDE HIKING AND MTN. BIKING, ESPECIALLY AT THE LOWER PART OF THE TRAIL. PLEASE RESPECT OTHER USERS.**
- There are many historical artifacts along this trail, so please leave them so others may enjoy them.

PACK IT IN - PACK IT OUT!! LEAVE NO TRACE!!

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