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## **ROCK CREEK - FDT 46**

**Difficulty:** EASY TO MODERATE

**Trail Use:** Moderate

**Length:** 1.98 miles one-way

**Elevation:** Start at 9,494 feet and ends at 10,248 feet (highest point 10,248 feet)

**Elevation Gain:** +754 feet - 0 feet = +754 feet

**Open To:** HIKING

### **Access:**

- From I-70 take Exit 205, Silverthorne / Dillon, and 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 1.74 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:**

- Approximately .34 miles from the beginning of the trail you will come to the intersection with the Gore Range Trail (FDT 60), inside the Eagles Nest Wilderness boundary. The Gore Range Trail runs north - south through the Eagles Nest Wilderness.
- To continue on the Rock Creek Trail, continue straight (west) at the intersection.
- Approximately .5 miles past the Gore Range Trail intersection the Alfred M. Bailey Bird Nesting Area may be seen on the left side of the trail. This site was designated a special management area in 1971 and contains examples of nearly all the many habitats found in the Gore Range.
- At the end of the trail is the historic Boss Mine. There are several old structures there from when this was an active mine. Please leave all mining artifacts where they are so others may enjoy them also.
- There is good pull-through parking in the parking lot for trucks with trailers. This is a nice trail for horse trips.

### **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 CAMPFIRES ARE ALLOWED ABOVE TREELINE NOR WITHIN .25 MILES (440 YARDS) OF ANY LAKE.**
- There are several trails taking off from the main trail that lead to other mining areas. Because of the possibility of other mines and mine shafts, we encourage you to stay on the main trail.

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

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