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**HIKING**

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## **SLATE LAKE (LOWER)- FDT 65**

**Difficulty:** MODERATE

**Trail Use:** Moderate

**Length:** 8.29 miles one-way

**Elevation:** Starts at 9,490 feet and ends at 9,912 feet (highest point 10,099 feet)

**Elevation Gain:** +1,834 feet - 1,412 feet = +422 feet

**Open To:** HIKING

### **Access:**

- From I-70 take Exit 205, Silverthorne / Dillon, and travel north on HWY 9.
- 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:**

- This is a good trail for horse travel. There is good pull-through parking in the Rock Creek Trailhead parking lot for trucks with trailers.
- Follow the Rock Creek Trail (FDT 46) for approximately .34 miles to the intersection of the Gore Range Trail (FDT 60).
- Turn right at the intersection and travel north for approximately .95 miles to the fork in the trail. The trail to Lower and Upper Boulder Lake (FDT 59) will be to your left.
- Bear to the right and continue on this trail for approximately 2.84 miles to the next trail that will continue on to Lower Slate Lake. You will pass several meadows that are home to many varieties of wildlife.
- After traveling 2.84 miles from the Boulder Lakes Trail, the Slate Lakes Trail will be on your left.
- Travel approximately 3.18 miles to Lower Slate Lake. The first 2 miles are fairly easy hiking as the trail contours the Slate Creek drainage. The trail then steepens and, during the last .5 miles to the lake, the climb becomes more difficult. The lake can be seen through the trees.

### **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.**

**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 OR HORSE TRIP.*