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**HIKING**

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

**Difficulty:** MODERATE

**Trail Use:** Moderate

**Length:** 9.33 miles one-way

**Elevation:** Starts at 9,490 feet and ends at 10,876 feet (highest point 10,886 feet)

**Elevation Gain:** +2,797 feet - 1,412 feet = +1,385 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 dirt 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:**

- 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 to continue on toward the Upper Slate Lake Trail (FDT 65).
- 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 Lower 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.
- The climb from Lower Slate Lake to Upper Slate Lake is approximately 1.01 miles and rises nearly 1,000 feet. The flat dirt tread of the trail becomes boulder strewn near the lake.

### **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 CAMPFIRE 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.*