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## **TIPPERARY LAKE - FDT 61 / 60**

**Difficulty:** MODERATE

**Trail Use:** Heavy (especially on weekends)

**Length:** 4.5 miles one-way

**Elevation:** Starts at 8,743 feet and ends at 9,761 feet (highest point 10,304 feet)

**Elevation Gain:** +1,670 feet - 652 feet = +1,018 feet

**Open To:** **HIKING, HORSE, X-C SKIING, SNOWSHOEING, DOGS ON LEASH**

### **Access:**

- From I-70 take Exit 205, Silverthorne / Dillon, and travel north on HWY 9 approximately 16 miles. Just after mile marker 118 turn left onto Heeney Road (County Rd 30).
- Follow Heeney Rd for 5.3 miles and turn left onto Cataract Creek Road (FDR 1725).
- **Seasonal Closure:** Cataract Creek Rd is closed to motor vehicles Nov 23rd to May 20th or until road is dry. Winter parking by gate is limited and on private land - park at your own risk.
- Continue for approximately 2.2 miles and turn right on FDR 1726. This road lasts for approximately 0.4 miles and loops around at the end. Park in the spaces provided.
- You can access the Tipperary Lake Trail from the Eaglesmere Lakes (FDT 61) Trailhead.

### **Trail Highlights:**

- This trail enters into the Eagles Nest Wilderness area (see regulations below), where an abundance of wildflowers can be seen from mid-late June.
- The Eaglesmere Lakes Trail maintains a steady climb through aspen and pine forests, eventually reaching a clearing offering views down to Lower Cataract Lake and the Lower Blue Valley beyond.
- After approximately 2.8 miles you will come to the intersection with the Gore Range Trail (FDT 60). Turn left (south) at the intersection and continue for approximately 1.5 miles to the intersection with the Tipperary Lake Trail. Turn left and follow the Tipperary Lake Trail approximately 0.1 miles to Tipperary Lake.
- A loop can be made back to the same general parking area, please check the topo map on the back. From the intersection of the Tipperary Lake Trail and the Gore Range Trail turn left (east) and follow the Gore Range Trail for approximately 2.1 miles to the intersection with the Surprise Lake Trail (FDT 62). Turn left (north) at the Surprise Lake Trail and follow this trail for approximately 2.4 miles to the trailhead. From the trailhead it is a short walk back to the Eaglesmere Lake Trailhead parking area.

### **Eagles Nest Wilderness Regulations:**

- Motor vehicles, mountain bikes and motorized equipment are prohibited.
- **DOGS MUST BE ON A LEASH AT ALL TIMES** IN THE EAGLES NEST WILDERNESS.
- Group size is limited to 15 people.
- Camping is prohibited within 100 feet of lakes, streams and trails.
- Campfires are prohibited within 1/4 mile of Tipperary Lake (stoves only).
- Please contact Dillon Ranger District office for more information and regulations regarding the Eagles Nest Wilderness Area.

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