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HIKING

TIPPERARY LAKE - FDT 61 / 60

Difficulty: MODERATE

Trail Use: Heavy (especially on weekends)

Length: 4.46 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, MTN. BIKING UP TO WILDERNESS BOUNDARY

Access:

- From I-70 take Exit 205, Silverthorne / Dillon, and travel north on HWY 9 approximately 16.75 miles.
- Just after mile marker 118 turn left onto County Road 30, toward the town of Heeney.
- Follow County Road 30 for 5.3 miles and turn left onto Cataract Creek Road (FDR 1725).
- Continue for approximately 2.16 miles and turn right on FDR 1726. This road lasts for approximately .39 miles and loops around at the end. Park in the spaces provided.
- The Tipperary Lake Trail begins from the Eaglesmere Lakes (FDT 61) Trailhead.

Trail Highlights:

- 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 2.82 miles the Eaglesmere Lakes Trail intersects with the Gore Range Trail (FDT 60). Turn left (south) at the intersection and continue for approximately 1.45 miles to the intersection with the Tipperary Lake Trail. Turn left (north) and follow the Tipperary Lake Trail approximately .11 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 2.11 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 2.35 miles to the trailhead. From the trailhead it is a short walk back to the Eaglesmere Lake Trailhead parking area.

Important Information:

- **THIS IS A REC FEE DEMO AREA.**
- **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!!

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