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Dillon Ranger District  
680 Blue River Parkway  
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**UTE PEAK - # 24**  
**UTE PASS - #31**

**Difficulty:** Difficult

**Trail Use:** Low

**Length:** 3.4 miles one-way to Ute Peak, 10.8 miles one-way to Ptarmigan Peak

**Elevation:** Starts at 9,576 feet and ends at 12,297 feet (highest point 12,297 feet)

**Elevation Gain:** +2,974 feet - 253 feet = +2,721 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 for approximately 13 miles to the intersection with Ute Pass Road (CR 15). You will see a sign that says “Henderson Mine”.
- Follow Ute Pass Road for approximately 5.2 miles to the top of the pass where there is a large parking area on the right side of the road. The trail heads southerly across a small open grassy field.

**Trail Highlights:**

- The Ute Peak and Ute Pass Trails offer some of the best views of the Gore Range available.
- Approximately 2.6 miles from the trailhead you will come to a trail intersection. Turning left will take you into the Sulphur Ranger District of the Arapaho National Forest and on into the Williams Fork River drainage. To continue on the Ute Pass Trail take the right fork.
- Continue on the Ute Pass Trail to Ute Peak, elevation 12,303 feet. The Ute Peak Trail starts here.
- Approximately 0.5 miles from Ute Peak you will come to the Ptarmigan Peak Wilderness boundary (see regulations below).
- Approximately 0.7 miles past the Wilderness boundary you will come to the intersection with the Acorn Creek Trail (FDT 71). This trail will take you west toward Highway 9.
- The Ute Peak trail will become steeper and less obvious toward treeline and above as you continue on toward Ptarmigan Peak, elevation 12,498 feet, approximately 6.7 miles further south from Acorn Creek.
- At Ptarmigan Peak you will intersect with the Ptarmigan Trail (#35) which will take you southwest to the town of Silverthorne.

**Ptarmigan Peak 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.**
- **Please contact Dillon Ranger District office for more information and regulations regarding the Ptarmigan Peak Wilderness Area.**

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