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**HIKING**

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## **WHEELER NATIONAL RECREATION TRAIL - FDT 39**

**Difficulty:** MORE DIFFICULT

**Trail Use:** Low overall (some segments may be high)

**Length:** 14.13 miles one-way north to south

**Elevation:** Start at 9,718 feet and ends at 11,629 feet (highest point 12,502 feet)

**Elevation Gain:** +4,843 feet - 2,932 feet = +1,911 feet

**Open To:** HIKING, MTN. BIKING

**Access #1 (TH1) (Wheeler Junction):**

- From I-70 take Exit 195, Copper Mountain / Leadville, and travel south on HWY 91 toward Leadville.
- Immediately past I-70, turn left at the gas station and continue on the road to the parking area.

**Access #2 (TH2) (Hoosier Pass):**

- From I-70 take Exit 203, Frisco / Breckenridge, and travel south on HWY 9 through Frisco and travel toward Breckenridge. Stay on HWY 9 all through Breckenridge and continue south toward Fairplay.
- From the southern town limits of Breckenridge drive south 11 miles on HWY 9 to the summit of Hoosier Pass. Park in the large parking lot with the Continental Divide sign and follow the signs to the WNRT.

**Trail Highlights:**

- The Wheeler National Recreation Trail (WNRT) has the following access points which are listed from north to south. The mileage listed below is the approximate distance from one access point on the WNRT to the next access point. The mileage listed does not include the distance from a trailhead to the WNRT.

<u>TRAIL NAME</u>	<u>LENGTH</u>
(TH1) Wheeler Junction to (2) Miners Creek	2.85 miles
(2) Miners Creek to (3) Spruce Creek	5.48 miles
(3) Spruce Creek to (4) McCullough Gulch	2.74 miles
(4) McCullough Gulch to (5) Blue Lakes Road	1.46 miles
(5) Blue Lakes Road to (TH2) Hoosier Pass	1.60 miles

- For directions to access points and distance from the trailheads to the WNRT, please refer to the specific ROG sheet for that trail.

**Important Information:**

- **THIS TRAIL IS USED FOR MULTIPLE ACTIVITIES TO INCLUDE HIKING AND MTN. BIKING. PLEASE RESPECT OTHER USERS.**
- Because this trail travels above timberline, you should begin your hike early in the morning because of the ever changing mountain weather. There is always a strong chance of afternoon thundershowers accompanied by LIGHTNING.

**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.*