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BIKING

SMUGGLER MOUNTAIN—LENADO #130

Length: 9 miles one-way (14.5 km)

Difficulty: Moderate

Trail Use: Very Heavy

Beginning Elevation: 7,900 feet (2408 m)

Ending Elevation: 8,600 feet (2621 m)

USGS Map(s): Aspen

ATTRACTIONS/CONSIDERATIONS: Smuggler Road is used heavily by mountain bikes, runners and hikers. Smuggler Road provides a short (1 1/2 mile) work out with great views of Aspen. The section of trail through Hunter Creek is not as heavily used, but is popular with hikers, mountain bikers, and cross-country skiers in the winter.

ACCESS: Travel east on Highway 82 into Aspen and turn left (north) onto Mill Street. Travel 1/4 mile and turn right after the bridge onto Gibson Street. Follow Gibson 1/8 mile to a "Y" intersection and bear left onto South Avenue. Turn right onto Park Circle and follow it 1/8 mile to the Smuggler mountain Road on the left. There is parking on the right.

NARRATIVE: The Smuggler Road is a fairly well maintained 4WD road. It begins its steep ascent immediately. The switchbacks get longer and in about 1 1/2 miles the road curves behind Smuggler Mountain. There is a short steep path on the right leading to a platform which affords good views of the town of Aspen. To continue to Lenado and Hunter Creek, take the left fork just after the platform (the right fork leads to Warren Lakes). There are several side roads, please stay on the main route. At the 2 mile mark there is a gate. Go around the gate and continue up the hill. At about the 3 1/2 mile mark there is an old bridge, cross and turn left. This trail will intersect with the 4WD road to Van Horn Park and Lenado. For the other option, follow the trail along the river, past several old buildings. The road climbs steeply; at approximately the 5 1/2 mile mark, the road branches. Keep straight to reach Lenado; the right fork goes to Van Horn Park. The road levels at the intersection known as 'Four Corners'. The left fork leads to Red Mountain. The Sunnyside Trail can also be picked up from this direction. The right fork which leads to Van Horn Park is a single track which continues straight to reach Lenado. The trail comes out on the main road in Lenado. There is a sign in the grass saying 'Bike Trail to Aspen'. Turn left onto the gravel and ride and another 8 miles to the junction of Woody Creek Road and Road #18. Turn left to reach Woody Creek and return to Aspen via the bike path (this is an additional 7 miles).

ETHICS/REGULATIONS: Before you go out, check on available routes, their condition, ownership of land, posted areas, regulations that apply and the following rules:

- * Avoid running over young trees, shrubs, and grasses - **Stay on established routes.**
- * Avoid wetlands, meadows, steep hills, and streams where the surface is easily scarred by churning wheels.
- * Ford streams at designated sites only.
- * **Sanitation** - Bury human waste 100 feet from water and 6 inches in the soil.
- * A reminder: Wilderness Areas are closed to all mechanized vehicles, including mountain bikes.

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 National Forest suggests purchasing a topographical trail map prior to your biking trip.