

# Wilderness Recreation Field Trips

## Missouri Lakes

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### **Logistics for June 22nd (Saturday) hike:**

- 1). Meet at the Holy Cross District Office (I-70, Exit 171 at Minturn) at 9:30 am on Saturday, July 22, 2006. It will take about 2 ½ hours to 3 hours to get to the Holy Cross District Office from Denver. Please, don't be late.
- 2). If you camp out on Friday night (Gold Park Campground), you can meet us at the Missouri Lakes Trailhead at 10:30 am.
- 3). We will return to the Missouri Lakes Trailhead by 5 pm in the afternoon. Plan your trip home accordingly. Please consider camping out if the trip back will be late night drive home.
- 4). You must be self-contained (your pack, lunch, water, boots, raingear, first-aid kit, etc.). Bring plenty of water.
- 5). Please, no dogs allowed on this trip.
- 6). Group size limit is fifteen people per group. We will split into two hiking groups; Group 1 (Easy- 6 miles) and Group 2 (More Difficult – 10 miles).
- 7) We plan to be back at the trailhead by 5 pm (Group 1). We will have lunch at the lakes (about 4 miles in the Holy Cross Wilderness).
- 8). We will meet with Forest Service personnel to discuss, (1) required registration before we begin the hike, and (2) high recreation use at popular areas -- Missouri Lakes area.
- 9). If you do not feel you can hike the four miles to the lake, you can turn back at any time. However, the last person (identified sweeper) will need to know that you are turning back. Do not leave the group without notifying the FS contact person.
- 10). Finally, in case of bad weather on Friday, 7/21, Ralph will call or email all attendees to cancel the Saturday trip – if needed. We will only cancel the trip if the weather report indicates that we would be putting the group in an unsafe situation (heavy rain, big storm, etc.). If you do not get a phone message or email from Ralph on Friday, 7/21 – the trip is on!

Call if questions,

Ralph Swain, R2 Wilderness Program Manager, 303-275-5058

**If you have questions about the hike or pre and post camping opportunities, contact Beth Boyst, 970-328-6388.**