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## **Crater Lakes Trail #819**

**Difficulty:** Moderate

**Trail Use:** Moderate

**Length:** East Portal Trailhead (TH) to: Lower Crater Lake - 3 miles; Rogers Pass - 4.6 miles.  
DISTANCES ARE ONE-WAY.

**Elevation:** 9,211 feet at East Portal TH; 10,600 feet at the main Crater Lakes; 11,060 feet at Rogers Pass Lake; 11,900 feet at Rogers Pass.

**Open To:** Hiking. Groups of 12 or fewer. Pets must be on a hand-held leash at all times.

### **Access**

- From Nederland, travel south for 4.5 miles on Colorado Highway 119 to Rollinsville.
- Turn west onto the gravel County Road 16 and continue eight miles to the end. A large parking area is available at the East Portal TH.

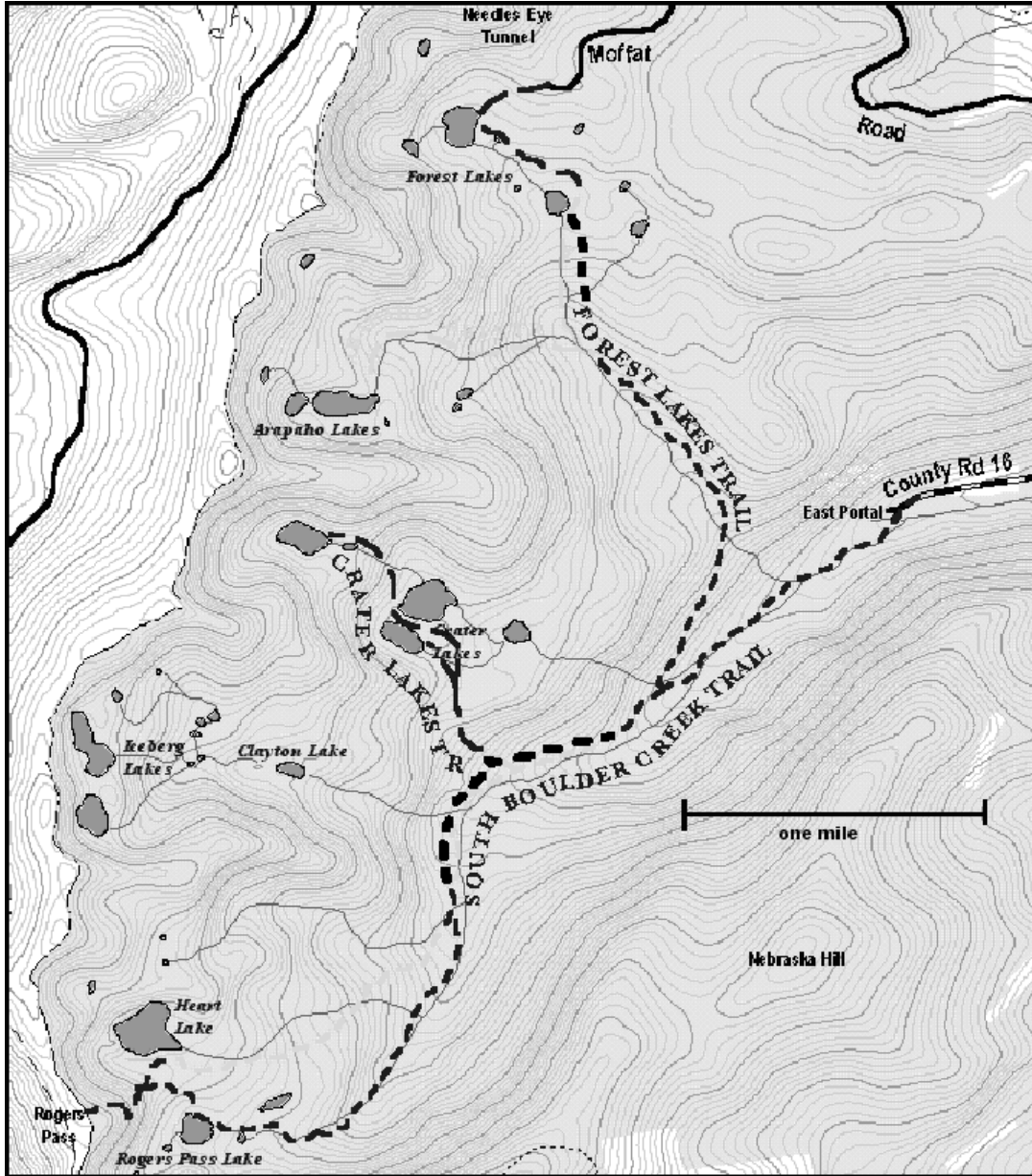
### **Trail Highlights**

- From the northwest corner of the parking area, continue for 1.2 miles on the South Boulder Creek Trail #900 to the signed Forest Lakes Trail junction. Continue straight on the South Boulder Creek Trail for an additional mile.
- The Crater Lakes Trail turns right (north) off the South Boulder Creek Trail at the junction sign. It climbs for a mile into a wide valley before crossing the narrow spit of land between the two main lakes. In June and early July, this valley can be full of deep snow and the trail not visible.
- Following South Boulder Creek Trail beyond the junction with Crater Lakes leads to Roger's Pass and Heart Lakes.

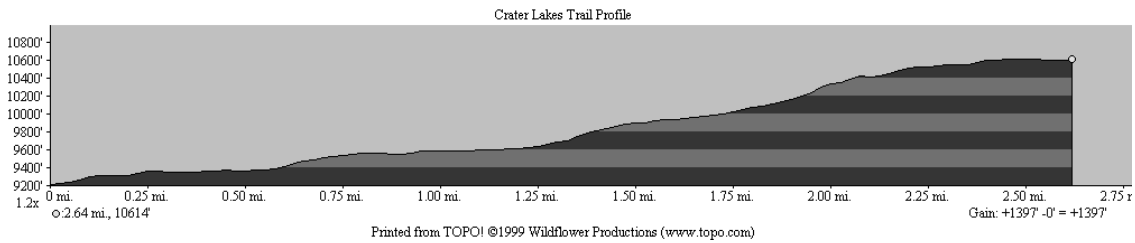
### **Important Information**

- Do not confuse the Crater Lakes in the James Peak Wilderness with Crater Lake in the Indian Peaks Wilderness.
- CAMPFIRES ARE NOT ALLOWED. Permits are not required for overnight stays inside the James Peak Wilderness. However, other wilderness regulations apply.
- Access to the East Portal TH is available year round.

# Trail Map & Profile



This map is intended as a general guide only and not for actual land navigation.



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