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## **South Boulder Creek Trail #900**

**Difficulty:** Moderate

**Trail Use:** Moderate

**Length:** East Portal Trailhead (TH) to: Heart Lake - 4.2 miles; Rogers Pass - 4.6 miles.  
DISTANCES ARE ONE-WAY.

**Elevation:** 9,211 feet at East Portal TH; 11,300 feet at Heart Lake; 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.

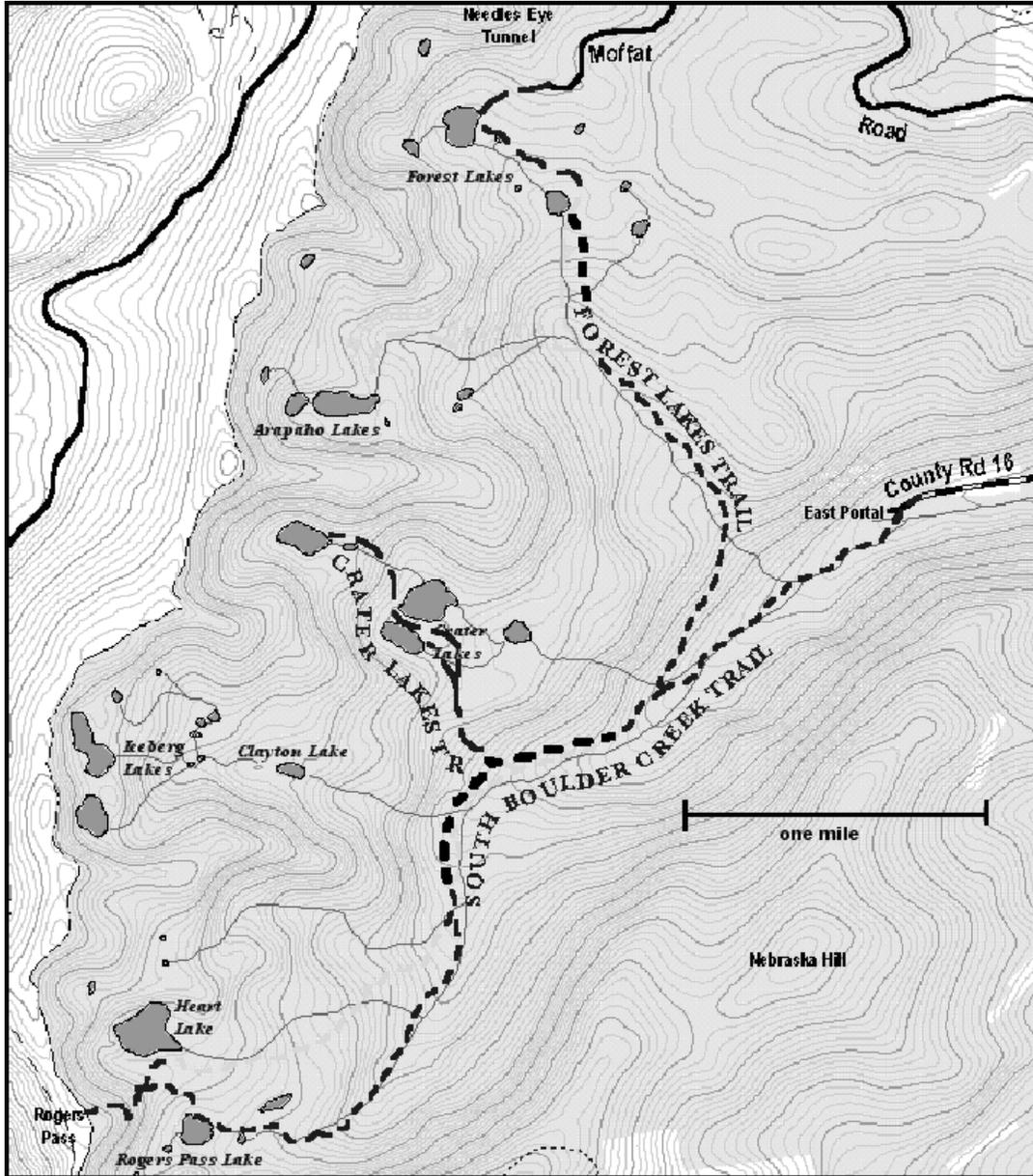
### **Trail Highlights**

- 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.
- The Crater Lakes Trail turns right (north) off the South Boulder Creek Trail at the junction sign. Again, continue straight on the South Boulder Creek Trail.
- The trail leaves the creek for a time then returns, climbs, and crosses the South Boulder Creek at several points before leveling off near Roger's Pass Lake.
- An obvious path leads beyond this lake to a saddle. From here, both Rogers Pass Lake and Heart Lake are visible.
- The South Boulder Creek Trail climbs steeply up several switchbacks to Rogers Pass. Adventurous hikers can turn south for a climb up James Peak or north, along the Continental Divide Trail to Rollins Pass.
- From Rollins Pass, hikers can loop back to East Portal Trailhead by continuing easterly along the road and traversing the blocked Needles Eye Tunnel. Once over the tunnel and back onto the road, travel south to the upper Forest Lakes Trailhead. The Forest Lakes Trail connects back to the East Portal Trailhead.

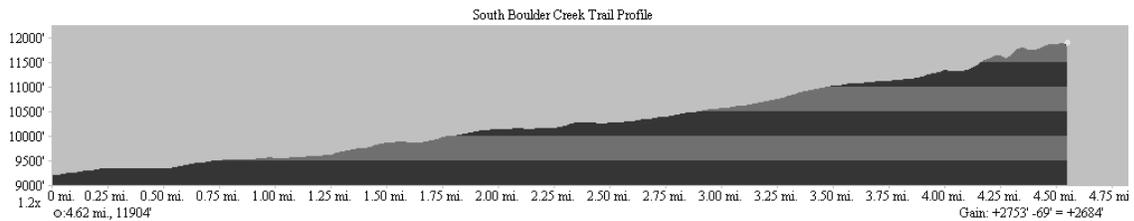
### **Important Information**

- 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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