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## **EAGLESMERE LAKES - FDT 61**

**Difficulty:** MODERATE Trail Use: Moderate

Length: 3.6 miles one-way

**Elevation:** Start at 8,727 feet and ends at 10,400 feet (highest point 10,422 feet)

**Elevation Gain:** +1,695 feet - 22 feet = +1,673 feet

Open To: HIKING, HORSE, X-C SKIING, SNOWSHOEING

## Access:

From I-70 take Exit 205, Silverthorne / Dillon, and travel north on HWY 9.

- Travel 16 miles north on HWY 9. Just after mile marker 118 turn left onto Heeney Rd (County Rd 30).
- Follow Heeney Road for 5.3 miles and turn left onto Cataract Creek Road (FDR 1725).
- Continue for 2 miles to a junction, turn right onto FDR 1726 and follow road to the Eaglesmere Trailhead and parking area.

## **Trail Highlights:**

- This trail enters the Eagles Nest Wilderness Area (see regulations below).
- Approximately 2.8 miles from the trailhead, the trail intersects with the Gore Range Trail (FDT 60). Turn right and continue approximately 0.6 miles to the next fork and turn left and head south to the Eaglesmere Lakes.
- The trail maintains a steady climb through aspen and pine forests, eventually reaching a clearing offering views down to Lower Cataract Lake and the Lower Blue Valley beyond
- An abundance of wildflowers can be seen from late June to mid July.
- This is an excellent hike to view fall colors.

## **Eagles Nest Wilderness Regulations:**

- Motor vehicles, mountain bikes and motorized equipment are prohibited.
- DOGS MUST BE ON A LEASH AT ALL TIMES IN THE EAGLES NEST WILDERNESS.
- Group size is limited to 15 people.
- Camping is prohibited within 100 feet of lakes, streams and trails.
- Campfires are prohibited at Eaglesmere Lakes (stoves only).
- Please contact Dillon Ranger District office for more information and regulations regarding the Eagles Nest Wilderness Area.

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