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MOUNT ROYAL / MASONTOWN - FDT 1

Difficulty: MORE DIFFICULT

Trail Use: Moderate

Length: 1.0 miles one-way to Masontown, 2.0 miles one-way to summit of Mt. Royal

Elevation: Start at 9,122 feet and ends at 10,494 feet (highest point 10,494 feet)

Elevation Gain: +1,385 feet - 13 feet = +1,372 feet

Open To: **HIKING, HORSE, MTN. BIKING, X-C SKIING, SNOWSHOEING**

Access:

- From I-70 take Exit 201, Frisco Main Street, and travel east toward the town of Frisco.
- Turn right into the large paved parking lot approximately 100 yards east of I-70, park here.
- Walk over the footbridge and turn left on the paved bike path.
- Follow the bike path for approximately 0.5 miles and turn right at the Mt. Royal trail sign.

Trail Highlights:

- This trail begins as a gradual climb through lodgepole pine forest for approximately 0.9 miles to the old mining town of Masontown.
- Just before you reach the Masontown site, you will come to a trail junction with Masontown Trail (FDT 9077). This trail will take you down to Rainbow Lake and then connect with the Peaks Trail (FDT 45). If you want to go to Masontown site, continue straight on the Mount Royal trail.
- Spectacular views of Dillon Reservoir, the Tenmile Range and the Continental Divide can be seen from Masontown. Mt. Guyot, elevation 13,370 feet, can be seen rising from the southeast.
- To continue toward Mount Royal, follow the trail up from Masontown which then crosses an old avalanche path. An avalanche down this chute wiped out Masontown in 1926 so be very careful!
- From the avalanche path on to the summit, the trail becomes very steep. The elevation gain is nearly 1,356 feet in just over the one mile to the summit of Mt. Royal.
- I-70 in Tenmile Canyon is quite a sight more than 1,300 feet below the summit of Mt. Royal.
- There are many historical artifacts along this trail, so please leave them so others may enjoy them.

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