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## **CATARACT LAKE LOOP (LOWER) - FDT 57**

**Difficulty:** EASY

**Trail Use:** Heavy

**Length:** 2.0 miles around the loop

**Elevation:** Start at 8,652 feet and ends at 8,662 feet (highest point 8,770 feet)

**Elevation Gain:** +136 feet - 126 feet = +10 feet

**Open To:** HIKING, 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 Road (County Rd 30).
- Follow Heeney Road for 5.3 miles and turn left onto Cataract Creek Road (County Rd 1725).
- Continue for 2.5 miles to the Lower Cataract Trailhead and parking area at the end of the road. Please do not block the gate.

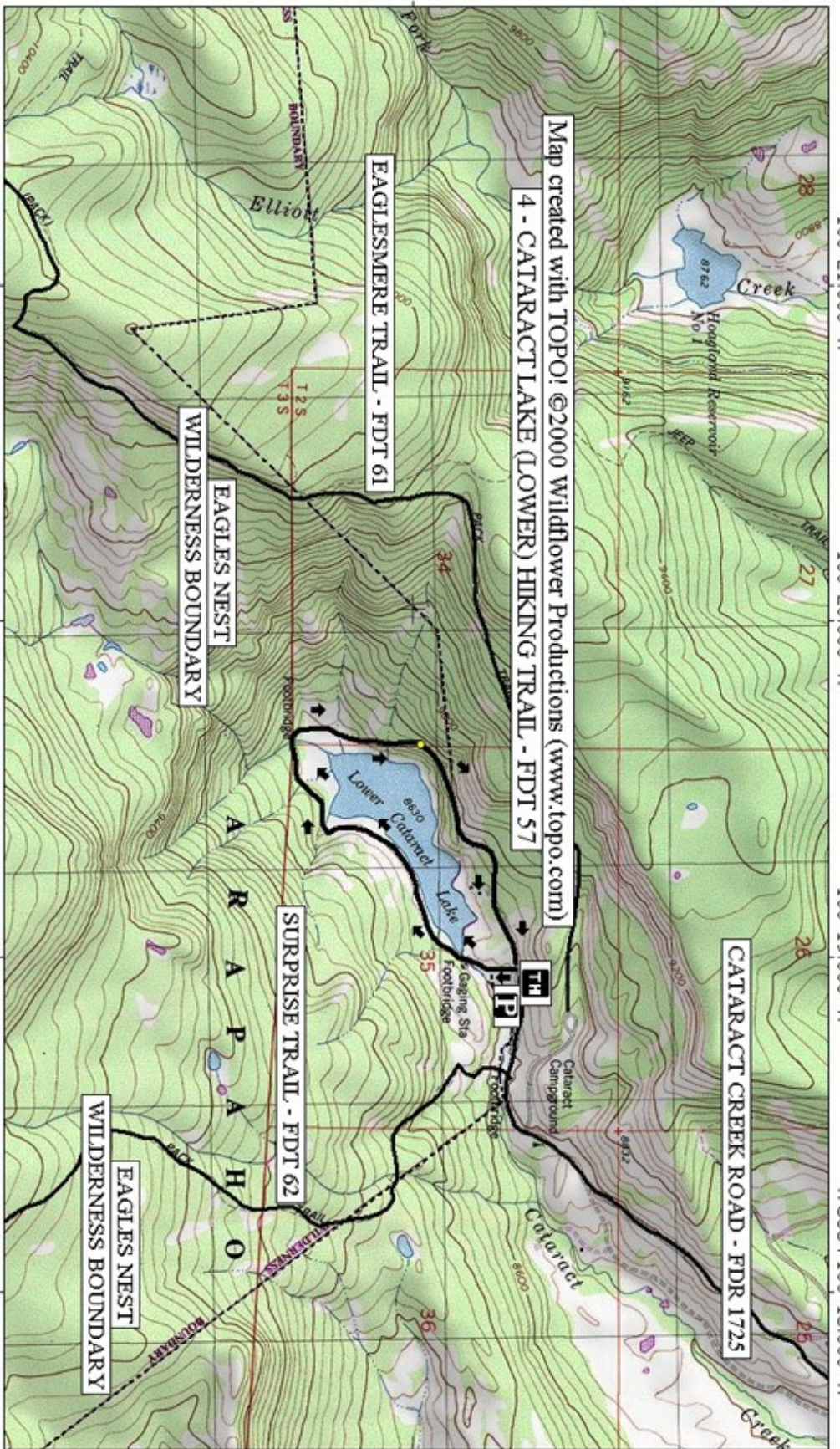
### **Trail Highlights:**

- This is a loop trail which can be hiked in either direction. There are wonderful views of the lake and surrounding mountains.
- A great area for fishing, hiking and picnicking.
- An abundance of wildflowers can be seen from late June through mid July.
- There isn't a trail to the base of the waterfall. Therefore, hiking to the waterfall is strongly discouraged due to slippery and steep terrain.

### **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 1/4 mile of Lower Cataract Lake.**
- **Campfires are prohibited at Lower Cataract Lake.**
- **Please contact Dillon Ranger District office for more information and regulations regarding the Eagles Nest Wilderness Area.**

*THE INFORMATION CONTAINED HEREIN IS INTENDED TO BE A GENERAL GUIDE ONLY, NOT FOR NAVIGATIONAL PURPOSES..*



DILLON RANGER DISTRICT WHITE RIVER NATIONAL FOREST  
 106°21.000' W 106°20.000' W 106°19.000' W 106°18.000' W  
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CATARACT CREEK ROAD - FDR 1725

EAGLESMEERE TRAIL - FDT 61

WILDERNESS BOUNDARY

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SURPRISE TRAIL - FDT 62

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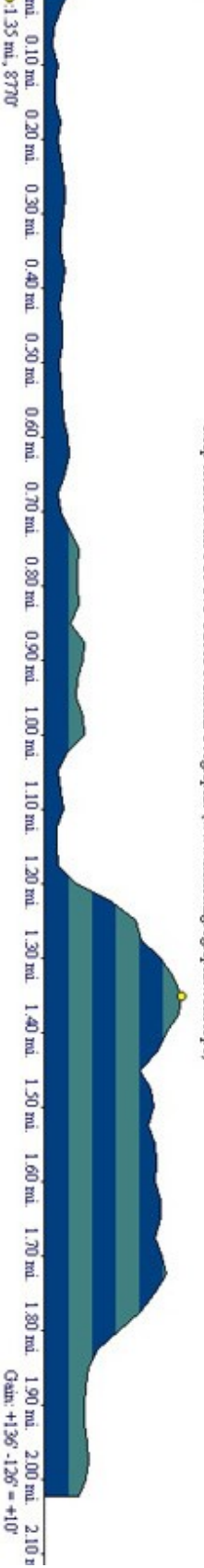
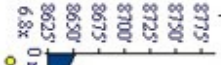
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