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McCULLOUGH GULCH - FDT 43

Difficulty: MODERATE

Trail Use: Heavy

Length: 1.3 miles one-way

Elevation: Start at 11,105 feet and ends at 11,919 feet (highest point 11,920 feet)

Elevation Gain: +815 feet - 1 feet = +814 feet

Open To: **HIKING, HORSE (not recommended), X-C SKIING, SNOWSHOEING**

Closed To: **MOUNTAIN BIKES AND MOTORIZED VEHICLES**

Access:

- From I-70 take Exit 203, Frisco / Breckenridge, and travel south on Hwy 9 toward Breckenridge.
- Continue through Breckenridge and travel approximately 7.4 miles on Hwy 9 through the town of Blue River. Turn right onto Blue Lakes Road (FDR 850). Parking lot will be immediately on the right. This parking lot is available without reservations during winter months.
- Hike up McCollough Gulch Road approximately 1.6 miles to the trailhead.
- Parking on area County roads, such as McCollough Gulch Rd, Blue Lakes Rd, and Highway 9 **will not be permitted** and enforced by Summit County.

Trail Highlights:

- Although private property exists along this trail, hikers and mountain bikers are allowed access and are asked to stay on the trail and to respect private property.
- The trail is located on the north side of Quandary Peak, elevation 14,265 feet. From the trailhead you will be hiking on an old mining road through the McCullough Gulch drainage.
- The trail continues through lodgepole pine and eventually comes to a clearing that contains a large boulder field. Follow the rock cairns marking the trail through the boulder field and cross the bridge.
- After you cross the bridge, you can hear White Falls to the left of the trail.
- Approximately .0.3 miles above White Falls is a glacial lake providing a magnificent view of the entire McCullough Gulch drainage.

Important Information:

- **Horses are not recommended on this trail due to the difficult terrain and the number of hikers.**

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