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MIDDLE FORK ROAD (SWAN RIVER) - FDR 6.2

Difficulty: MODERATE

Trail Use: Moderate to Heavy

Length: 9.2 miles (one-way to summit of Wise Mountain)

Elevation: Starts at 9,915 feet and ends at 12,052 feet (highest point 12,052 feet)

Elevation Gain: +3,136 feet – 1,020 feet = +2,116 feet

Open In Summer To: HIKING, HORSE, MTN. BIKING, 4X4, ATV, MOTORCYCLE

Open In Winter To: X-C SKIING, SNOWSHOEING, SNOWMOBILING

Access:

From I-70 take Exit 203, Frisco / Breckenridge, and travel south on HWY 9 toward Breckenridge.

After approximately 6.7 miles turn left onto Tiger Road (County Road 6).

- Travel east on Tiger Road for approximately 4.7 miles to the old Tiger Townsite Trailhead, this is the trailhead for both summer and winter.
- Continue approximately 1 mile to a junction, bear right following the signs to Middle Fork. You will be passing through private property, Good Times Tours will be on your left.
- At the next junction, continue straight on the Middle Fork Rd.
- <u>Seasonal Closure</u>: Middle Fork Swan Road is closed to motor vehicles (except snowmobiles) from Nov. 23 thru May 20 or until road is dry.

Trail Highlights:

- The Middle Fork Road continues past the Tony Mine and the old mining town of Swandyke.
- To your left you will see Wise Mountain, elevation 12,052 feet. To your right is Sheep Mountain, elevation 12,495 feet. Just to the south of Sheep Mountain you will see the Continental Divide.
- Continue on the Middle Fork Road past Swandyke and the road eventually climbs steeply to the Continental Divide. You can connect with other roads in the area including Deer Creek, Garibaldi Gulch, Saints John or Radical Hill.
- The Middle Fork Road provides an excellent opportunity to view the alpine environment

Important Information:

- Off-highway vehicles must be registered with Colorado State Parks. Out-of-state residents who bring OHVs into Colorado must purchase a Colorado Non-Resident OHV permit.
- STAY ON DESIGNATED ROADS TO PREVENT RESOURCE DAMAGE.
- Horse travel not recommended due to high motorized use.

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