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680 Blue River Parkway
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SLATE LAKES (LOWER & UPPER) FDT 65

Difficulty: MODERATE

Trail Use: Moderate

Length: 8.3 miles one-way

Elevation: Starts at 9,490 feet and ends at 9,912 feet (highest point 10,099 feet)

Elevation Gain: +1,834 feet - 1,412 feet = +422 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 north on HWY 9 for approximately 7.7 miles. On your left will be Rock Creek Road (FDR 1350) across from the Blue River Campground.
- Follow the gravel road for approximately 1.2 miles and turn left at the road marked "Rock Creek".
- Follow this road approximately 1.7 miles to the Rock Creek Trail (FDT 46) parking lot.

Trail Highlights:

- This trail enters the Eagles Nest Wilderness Area (see regulations below).
- Follow the Rock Creek Trail (FDT 46) for approximately 0.3 miles to the intersection of the Gore Range Trail (FDT 60).
- Turn right at the intersection and travel north for approximately 1.8 miles to the fork in the trail. The trail to Lower and Upper Boulder Lake (FDT 59) will be to your left.
- Bear to the right and continue on this trail for approximately 3.3 miles to Slate Creek. After crossing the creek you will turn left on the Lower Slate Lake Trail. You will pass several meadows that are home to many varieties of wildlife.
- Travel approximately 3.2 miles to Lower Slate Lake. The first 2 miles are fairly easy hiking as the trail contours the Slate Creek drainage. The trail then steepens and during the last 0.5 miles to the lake, the climb becomes more difficult.
- The climb from Lower Slate Lake to Upper Slate Lake is approx. 1.0 mile and rises nearly 1,000 feet.

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 not allowed at Lower or Upper Slate Lakes (stoves only).**
- **Please contact Dillon Ranger District office for more information and regulations regarding the Eagles Nest Wilderness Area.**

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