



White River National Forest | Dillon Ranger District

## Quandary Peak – FDT 47

**Difficulty:** More Difficult

**Trail Use:** Heavy

**Length:** 3.1 miles one-way

**Elevation:** Start at 10,917 feet and ends at 14,247 feet

**Elevation Gain:** +3,330 ft

**Open To:** **HIKING, HORSE (NOT RECOMMENDED), SNOWSHOEING, X-C SKIING**

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### GETTING THERE

The parking lot for Quandary Peak is located off of Highway 9 at the intersection of Blue Lakes Road, approximately 9 miles south of Breckenridge in the Blue River neighborhood.

In the summer months, access to the trailhead is available only through parking reservation or by shuttle from Breckenridge to the Quandary Peak Trailhead parking lot. From there, it is ¼ mile walk up McCollough Gulch Road to the trailhead. Up to date information regarding parking reservation and shuttle information can be found through this Summit County website:

<https://summitcounty.civilspace.io/en/projects/quandary-peak-mccullough-gulch-trip-information>

Alternatively, visitors can be picked up and dropped off at the parking lot without a reservation. 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

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### ATTRACTIONS AND CONSIDERATIONS

- Hikers that make it to the summit are rewarded with spectacular views. From the summit of Quandary Peak to the north you can view the Tenmile and Gore Ranges.
- To the east are Grays, elevation 14,270 and Torreys Peaks, elevation 14,267, (also considered easier “14’ers”)
- To the south is a fantastic view of the South Park Ranger District
- To the west is Mount of the Holy Cross, elevation 14,005, in the Holy Cross Ranger District.



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### ETHICS AND REGULATIONS

- Because this trail travels above timberline, you should begin your hike early in the morning because of the ever-changing mountain weather. There is always a strong chance of afternoon thundershowers accompanied by LIGHTNING.
- Be aware of the possibility of hypothermia and exposure.
- There is limited water on this hike so bring plenty of water with you!
- Horses are not recommended due to the high numbers of hikers on the trail.

## KNOW BEFORE YOU GO!

Before you go check on current road conditions, ownership of land, posted areas and certain regulations that apply. Visit the White River National Website for current weather and alerts in the area. <https://www.fs.usda.gov/alerts/whiteriver/alerts-notice>.



Download the COTrex app for additional trail maps and information.



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