



White River National Forest | Dillon Ranger District

French Gulch Road – FDR 2 (County Rd 450)

Difficulty: Easy to More Difficult

Trail Use: Moderate

Length: 4.13 miles one-way

Elevation: Starts at 10,315 feet and ends at 12,055 feet (highest point 12,064 feet)

Elevation Gain/Loss: 1,740 ft

Open in Summer To: HIKING, HORSE, MTN. BIKING (e-BIKES PROHIBITED)

Open in Winter To: X-C SKIING, SHOWSHOEING

GETTING THERE

From I-70 take Exit 203, Frisco / Breckenridge, and travel south on HWY 9 through Frisco and travel to Breckenridge. Turn left at the 7-11 store at the intersection of County Road 450 and HWY 9. After approximately 0.4 miles the road forks, take the right fork Reiling Rd (County Road 460) into the subdivision. In approx. 0.71 miles you will come to a stop sign. Turn left onto French Gulch Rd. (County Road 2). In approximately 2.75 miles there is a trailhead parking area on your right. Beyond this point there is no public parking so please park here. Overnight parking is prohibited.

ATTRACTIONS AND CONSIDERATIONS

- The trail initially follows the road and continues past the gate along the road. **e-Bikes are only permitted on the first 2.25 miles of the road.**
- Mt. Guyot will come into view as the road traverses Humbug Hill. You will pass several privately owned cabins, then continue southeast on a pleasant rolling run with a spectacular view of Bald Mountain.
- Gold was discovered in French Gulch in 1860 by French Pete. This valley proved to be wildly rich in gold, silver, lead and zinc. You will see the remains of many mines in this area, as well as the rounded rock piles left by dredge boats.
- Once you have reached French Pass, you may continue downhill toward Michigan Creek located in the Pike National Forest in Park County.



ETHICS AND REGULATIONS

- Much of the land along the trail is privately owned. Please stay on the trail & don't disturb buildings.
- The mining ruins and tailings are typically on private land and can be very dangerous.

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>.



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