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GOLD HILL - FDT 79

Difficulty: MODERATE

Trail Use: Moderate

Length: 3.0 miles one-way to Peaks Trail (FDT 45)

Elevation: Start at 9,219 feet and ends at 9,921 feet (highest point 10,289 feet)

Elevation Gain: +1,070 feet - 368 feet = +702 feet

Open To: **HIKING, HORSE, MTN. BIKING, X-C SKIING, SNOWSHOEING**

Access:

- From I-70 take Exit 203, Frisco / Breckenridge, and travel south on HWY 9 through Frisco toward Breckenridge.
- After approximately 6.1 miles turn right at Gateway Drive (County Road 950). Immediately to your right is the trailhead parking area for the Gold Hill Trail. The trail begins across the road from the parking area.

Trail Highlights:

- This trail eventually connects with the Peaks Trail (FDT 45), Miners Creek Trail (FDT 38) and coincides with both the Colorado and Continental Divide Trails (CDT).
- The trail passes through a series of clear cuts that were cut in 1988. The thick lodgepole pine in the area average 70 to 100 years in age. These trees, because of their density and age, are especially susceptible to disease and fire. Small clear-cut areas are designed to minimize the danger to the overall forest by creating age differences and open glades.
- We encourage people to watch this area as a new healthy ecosystem reclaims the area where the clear cut areas are.
- The trail passes through an interesting evergreen forest as it climbs over Gold Hill providing views of the Upper Blue River Valley eastward and the rugged Tenmile Range to the west.
- To access the Miners Creek Trail (FDT 38), Colorado Trail and CDT turn left (south) on the Peaks Trail for approximately .0.4 miles and then turn right onto the Miners Creek Trail (FDT 38). The Colorado Trail and CDT follow this same route.

Important Information:

- **THIS TRAIL HAS MULTIPLE USES, PLEASE RESPECT OTHER USERS.**

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