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MESA CORTINA / SOUTH WILLOW FALLS - FDT 32 / 60

Difficulty: EASY TO MODERATE

Trail Use: Moderate

Length: 2.7 miles one-way to the Gore Range Trail (FDT 60)
4.2 miles one-way to the South Willow Falls

Elevation: Start at 9,217 feet and ends at 10,007 feet (highest point 10,007 feet)

Elevation Gain: +1,043 feet - 253 feet = +790 feet

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

Access:

- From I-70 take Exit 205, Silverthorne / Dillon, and travel north on HWY 9 to the first traffic light at the intersection of Rainbow Drive / Wilderndest Road. Turn left onto Wilderndest Road / Ryan Gulch Rd.
- Continue through two stoplights onto Buffalo Mountain Drive.
- After 0.8 miles, turn right onto Lakeview Drive. Travel 0.45 miles and turn left onto Aspen Drive.
- The Mesa Cortina trailhead and parking area will be on your right in 0.15 miles.

Trail Highlights:

- This trail enters the Eagles Nest Wilderness Area.
- There are great views of Dillon Reservoir and the entire Blue River Valley from the trailhead.
- The trail winds through aspen groves into a meadow which offers a good view of the Ptarmigan Peak Wilderness. After the meadow is the Eagles Nest Wilderness boundary.
- The trail then travels through lodgepole pine forests and crosses South Willow Creek just before intersecting the Gore Range Trail (FDT 60). Continue left (west) on the Gore Range Trail toward South Willow Falls.
- Eventually you will come to a junction which is the dead-end spur trail to the falls. You can continue on the Gore Range Trail to Red Buffalo Pass (elevation 11,748 feet) and, eventually, Eccles Pass (elevation 11,900 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 prohibited within 1/4 mile of lakes, and within 100 feet of streams and trails.**
- **Please contact Dillon Ranger District office for more information and regulations regarding the Eagles Nest Wilderness Area.**

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