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## **SHRINE PASS ROAD FDR 709**

**Difficulty:** MODERATE

**Trail Use:** Moderate to Heavy

**Length:** 11.2 miles (one-way)

**Elevation:** Starts at 10,601 ft at Vail Pass and ends at 8,869 ft. in Red Cliff

**Elevation Gain:** +570 ft.- 2500 ft. = -1930 ft.

**Open In Summer To: HIKING, MTN. BIKING, 4WD, ATV, MOTORCYCLE**

**Open In Winter To: SNOWMOBILE**

### **Access:**

- From I-70 take Exit 190, Vail Pass Rest Area. Shrine Pass Rd. is the dirt road that will be to the west of the overpass bridge.

### **Trail Highlights:**

- Head west onto the Shrine Pass dirt road (FDR 709). This starts with a steady, gentle climb to a large parking area at mile 2.3 which marks the location of Shrine Pass and the trailhead for the Shrine Mtn. Trail.
- The road then descends gradually to a smaller parking area at mile 3.7 where there is a short, easy walk to "Julia's Deck." This deck overlooks Mount of the Holy Cross and is often used for picnics and wedding ceremonies.
- At 3.8 miles you will pass the Lime Creek Road - FDR 728. Stay right at mile 4.6 where FDR 713 goes left. FDR 758 is on the left at mile 7.0.
- A small wooden bridge on the left at mile 8.7 goes to McAllister Gulch Road - FDR 708 and Wearyman Road - FDR 747.
- A brown information board on the right at 9.3 miles marks start of Lime Creek Road - FDR 743. And you will reach the town of Red Cliff at 11.2 miles. Take a right to get to Hwy. 24.

### **Important Information:**

- **THIS ROAD IS PART OF VAIL PASS WINTER RECREATION AREA. A FEE IS REQUIRED FOR ENTRY DURING THE WINTER. PLEASE REFER TO VAIL PASS WINTER RECREATION AREA MAP.**

*THE INFORMATION CONTAINED HEREIN IS INTENDED TO BE A GENERAL GUIDE ONLY, NOT FOR NAVIGATIONAL PURPOSES..*



