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## WILDER GULCH - FDT 75

**Difficulty:** MODERATE

**Trail Use:** Heavy

**Length:** 3.5 miles (one-way)

**Elevation:** Starts at 10,536 feet and ends at 11,768 feet (highest point 11,768 feet)

**Elevation Gain:** +1,253 feet - 21 feet = +1,232 feet

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

### Access:

- From I-70 take Exit 190, Vail Pass Rest Area, and go to the rest area on the west side of I-70. Park in the designated area.
- From the parking area travel south, paralleling the interstate until you reach the first major drainage, this is Wilder Gulch.
- During the winter, there is a groomed snowcat track out of the parking area and up Wilder Gulch.

### Trail Highlights:

- Upon reaching the trail, travel southwest up the valley away from the interstate.
- The trail climbs continuously as it parallels the stream where numerous beaver ponds are found.
- After approximately 2.5 miles the trail swings to the left then winds up to Ptarmigan Pass at the head of the valley.
- Ptarmigan Pass offers a fantastic view of the Sawatch Range and the west side of the Gore Range.

### Important Information:

- **DURING THE WINTER THIS IS PART OF THE VAIL PASS WINTER RECREATION AREA. PLEASE REFER TO MAP FOR WINTER USES.**
- During the winter, you can expect to encounter snowmobiles and other snow equipment, especially on weekends.

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