



CROSS CREEK & FALL CREEK 2 CAR SHUTTLE



BACKPACKING TRIP

FYI: The map on the reverse side is for general orientation, not for navigation.

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Location: Holy Cross Wilderness
White River Nat'l Forest
S. of Minturn

Contact Info: Holy Cross Ranger District
970-827-5715
www.fs.fed.us/r2

Length: 26.78 miles (estimate using Nat'l Geo Mapping Software)

Time: 2 nights and 3 days with the option of staying longer. The average person hikes apx. 2 miles an hour. Adjust your time +/- based on terrain, trail and weather conditions and your skill and fitness level.

Elevation Gain/Loss: See trail profile on reverse side

Difficulty: Strenuous

Season: July through September

Trail Users: Hikers, llamas and wildlife

Dogs: On hand-held leash

Permits: Yes, free use permit at trailhead

Getting There From Denver: I-70 west to Dowd's Junction. Get off at exit 171 and take US Highway 24 south to the Tigiwon Road (Forest Road 707). Leave car 1 at the Half Moon Trailhead and car 2 at the Cross Creek Trailhead.

Maps: Nat'l Geographic Trails Illustrated # 126E, or #149S and or the Summit Vail & Holy Cross Sky Terrain Trail Map. **IMPORTANT:** Stay found with the aid of a topographic map, a compass, a GPS receiver and the skill to use them.

Safety Considerations and Supplemental Info: ■ Be prepared for mosquitoes from July through Sept ■ Get a weather forecast and current fire restrictions at www.oriconline.org ■ Consider packing gaiters and waterproof boots since these trails pass through some of the wettest areas in Colorado

Trail Description: Start at the Cross Creek Trailhead. Proceed on Cross Creek Trail #2006 up Cross Creek Valley. Camp out at one of the numerous meadows along the way. Continue up the valley to Harvey Lake, Treasure Vault Lake and then over Fancy Pass to Fancy Lake. Stay left at the fork just past Fancy Lake and proceed to Holy Cross City. Hike the 4-wheel drive road to the Hunky Dory Trailhead. From here take the Fall Creek Trail #2001 to the Seven Sisters Lakes. Take an optional, but worthwhile, side trip to the Tuhare Lakes. Return to the Fall Creek Trail and hike to your next destination which will be pretty Lake Constantine. Relax and catch your breath and then head up the trail to the Notch Mountain Trail junction. From here you can either hike up to Notch Mountain or follow the Fall Creek Trail to the Half Moon Fall Creek Trailhead and to your car. **TIP:** Contact the Holy Cross Ranger District for trail updates.

Highlights: ■ Backside views of the Mt of the Holy Cross ■ Large meandering meadows full of seasonal wildflowers ■ Beaver ponds ■ The sound of gurgling and cascading creeks ■ Good fishing ■ Picturesque Treasure Vault Lk. ■ Good fishing at Harvey Lk. and Blodgett Lk ■ Mining relics ■ Reeds Meadow ■ Views of Notch Mountain ■ Glaciated valley ■ Fragrant conifers and aspen groves

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