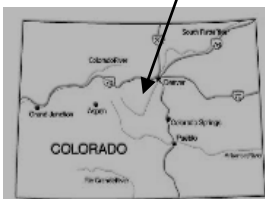


# MERIDIAN TRAIL



# WINTER TRAIL

**FYI:** The map on the reverse side is for general orientation, not for navigation.  
**P.S.** Give and get snow and trail updates at [www.facebook.com/oriccolorado](http://www.facebook.com/oriccolorado)

**Location:** Pike National Forest  
North of US Hwy 285  
North of Harris Park

**Contact Info:** South Platte Ranger District  
303-275-5610  
[www.fs.fed.us/r2](http://www.fs.fed.us/r2)

**Length:** 2.89 miles one-way (est. mileage rounded to the nearest ¼ mile)

**Time:** The average person snowshoes apx.1 mile an hour. Adjust your time +/- based on terrain, snow conditions, wind speed, your skill and fitness levels and whether you are snowshoeing, skiing or hiking.

**Elevation Gain/Loss:** See trail profile on reverse side

**Difficulty:** Moderate

**Activities:** Snowshoeing, skiing and hiking (when there's not enough snow)

**Season:** December through April (Check [www.oriconline.org](http://www.oriconline.org) for snow depths and avalanche conditions)

**Pets permitted:** On hand-held leash and under control at all times

**Permits:** Free use Wilderness Permit available at the trailhead

**Maps:** NG Trails Illustrated Map #104E or Harris Park USGS 7.5 topographic map. **Important:** Stay found with the aid of a topographic map, a compass, a GPS receiver and the skill to use them.

**From Denver:** Take U.S. Highway 285 west to Pine Junction. Continue west from Pine Junction for about 4 ½ miles to the turn-off for Deer Creek Road (Park County Road 43). Turn right onto Park County Road 43 and follow it for approximately 6 ½ miles at which point you will need to branch off to the right to get on Park County Road 47. Get off of Park County Road 47 at Elk Creek Road #102. Follow this road to the trailhead.

**Safety Concerns and Supplemental Info:** ■ Dress appropriately for winter conditions ■ Plan for shorter days in this season

**Trail Description:** Meridian Trail # 604 begins its journey by paralleling Elk Creek for about a mile. The trail then skirts an unnamed mountain and continues to the Mount Evans Wilderness Boundary. **Tip:** Contact the South Platte Ranger District for trail updates and snow conditions.

**Highlights:** ■ Rosedale Peak ■ Pegmatite Points ■ Option to go off trail to the Mud Lakes ■ Proximity to Mt. Evans Wilderness

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