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**WINTER**

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## Fourth of July Road

**Difficulty:** Easy

**Trail Use:** Moderate to Heavy

**Length:** Eldora to Buckingham Campground - 5 miles. DISTANCE IS ONE-WAY.

**Elevation:** 8,700 feet at Eldora; 10,160 feet at Buckingham Campground.

**Open To:** Cross Country Skiing, Snowshoeing.

### Access

- From Nederland, head south on Colorado Highway 119 for ½ mile. Turn west onto County Road 130 (Eldora Ski Resort sign). Stay right on the main road, passing by the turnoff for the Eldora Ski Area, and continue through the town of Eldora.
- Once the pavement ends, the road may be blocked by piles of snow and inaccessible to motorized vehicles (with the exception of snowmobiles).
- When parking, be aware of private drives and signed no-parking areas.

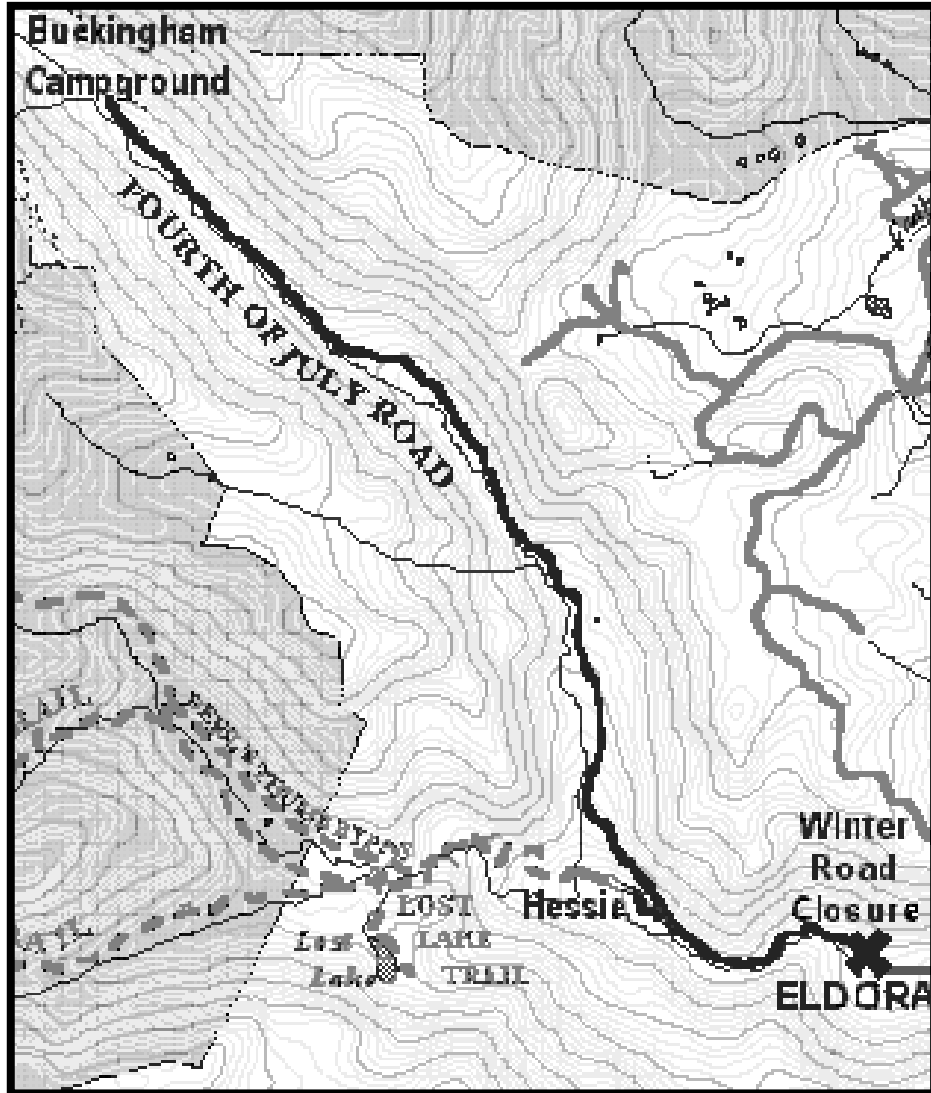
### Trail Highlights

- A mile from the end of the paved road at Eldora, the road forks. The right (north) fork leads to the Fourth of July Trailhead.
- It is a gradual grade, but may be windblown and icy in patches.
- Private property borders the road, so please stay on the route and observe posted signs.
- More ambitious winter recreationists can continue west into the Indian Peaks Wilderness.
  - The Arapaho Pass Trail past the Diamond Lake Trail junction is on a steep south-facing slope, prone to avalanches and is not recommended.
  - The Diamond Lake Trail has a lesser amount of avalanche danger on south-facing slopes. The trail progresses to a less steep north-facing slope that can have very deep snow.

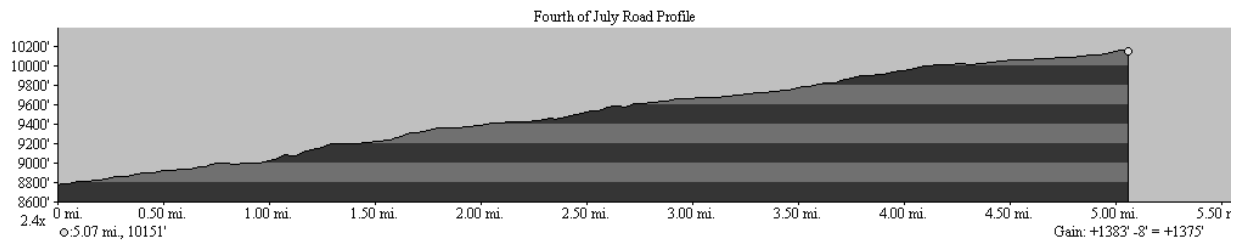
### Important Information

- Camping and campfires are prohibited within ¼ mile of the centerline along the entire length of the 4th of July Road. Campfires are also not allowed within this portion of the Indian Peaks Wilderness.
- Within the Indian Peaks Wilderness, additional permit requirements exist for large (8-12 persons) and organized groups. Groups of more than 12 are not permitted. Packstock restrictions apply.

# Trail Map & Profile



This map is intended as a general guide only and not for actual land navigation.



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