

TIPPERARY & SURPRISE LAKES LOOP



BACKPACKING TRIP

FYI: The map on the reverse side is for general orientation, not for navigation.
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Location: Eagles Nest Wilderness
White River National Forest
Summit County

Contact Info: Dillon Ranger District
970-468-5400
www.fs.fed.us/r2

Length: 8.85 mile loop (estimate using Nat'l Geo Mapping Software)

Time: Two to three night backpack with options for a longer stay. The average person hikes at a speed of 2 miles per hour. Adjust your time +/- based on terrain, trail and weather conditions and your skill and fitness level.

Elevation Gain/Loss: +2123' -2249' = -126'

Difficulty: Moderate

Season: Early July through October

Trail Users: Hikers, backpackers, stock equestrians and wildlife

Dogs: On hand-held leash no longer than 6 feet

Permits: \$5 Day Use Fee for each vehicle valid for 5 consecutive days

Getting There From Denver: 1-70 west to Silverthorne. Take Exit 205 and drive north through Silverthorne on CO Hwy 9 16.6 miles to Heeney Rd (Summit County Rd 30). Drive on Heeney Rd for 5.5 miles to the Cataract Crk Rd sign. Turn sharp left and follow the Cataract Crk Rd 2.2 miles to the Eaglesmere Trailhead. Turn right and drive .3 miles to the trailhead.

Maps: NG Trails Illustrated Maps #107 (west side) and #149 (north side), Latitude 40° Summit County Trails Recreation Topo Map and or Mt Powell USGS 7.5 topo maps.

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: ■ Afternoon thunderstorms and lightening ■ Treat water drawn from sources along the trail ■ Stream crossings can be a challenge in the Spring and early Summer ■ Check www.oriconline.org for fire restrictions

Trail Description: The Eaglesmere Tr. #61 ascends W. and then S. to the junction with the Gore Tr. #60. The Gore Tr. then descends and crosses a stream and contours S. and then E. to the turn-off to Tipperary Lk. The Gore Range Tr. then ascends to the junction of the U. Cataract Lk Tr. #63. The Gore Range Tr. then crosses a small stream and descends to Surprise Lk. The trail then crosses a stream and descends to the junction with the Surprise Tr. #62. The Surprise Tr. descends through aspen groves and spruce-fir forests to the Surprise trailhead. **TIP:** Contact the Dillon Ranger District for trail updates.

Highlights: ■ Wilderness serenity ■ Good fishing ■ Fantastic wildflowers from mid June to mid July ■ Views of the high peaks of the Gore Range ■ Optional side trips to nearby lakes ■ Views of aspen groves and Lower Cataract Lake

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