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BIKING

LINCOLN CREEK ROAD #106

Length: 11 miles one-way (17.7 km)

Difficulty: Moderate

Trail Use: Heavy to Grizzly Reservoir; Moderate to Ruby

Beginning Elevation: 9,785 feet (2982 m)

Ending Elevation: 11,400 feet (3475 m)

USGS Map(s): Independence Pass, NY Peak

ATTRACTIONS/CONSIDERATIONS: The first 6 miles to Grizzly Reservoir is fairly accessible and attracts people of all interests. There is fishing, picnicking, hiking, mountain biking, 4 wheeling, and even swimming and sun bathing along this section of the road. It is heavily used on weekends by all user groups. The section of road from Grizzly Reservoir to the ghost town of Ruby is much more lightly traveled. It is a good idea to start early as early afternoon thunderstorms are frequent.

ACCESS: Travel 11 miles east of Aspen on Highway 82 to Lincoln Creek Road. There is parking just off the highway.

NARRATIVE: The road crosses a bridge and heads downhill past Lincoln Gulch Campground. The road follows Lincoln Creek with an uphill/downhill pattern to Grizzly Reservoir at the 6 mile mark. To continue to the ghost town of Ruby, stay on the main road which curves behind the reservoir and past Portal Campground. The road climbs easily to the ruins of an old mining cabin at the 9 mile mark. The road forks in another 1/2 mile; take the left fork. The ghost town of Ruby is a short distance before the road ends.

ETHICS/REGULATIONS: Before you go out check into available routes, their condition, ownership of land, posted areas, regulations that apply, and the following rules:

- * Avoid running over young trees, shrubs, and grasses - **Stay on established routes.**
- * Avoid wetlands, meadows, steep hills, and streams where the surface is easily scarred by churning wheels.
- * Ford streams at designated sites only.
- * **Sanitation** - Bury human waste 100 feet from water and 6 inches in the soil.
- * A reminder: Wilderness Areas are closed to all mechanized vehicles, including mountain bikes.

PACK IT IN—PACK IT OUT!! LEAVE NO TRACE!!

This map is intended for use as a general guide only, not for actual land navigation. The White River National Forest suggests purchasing a topographical trail map prior to your biking trip.