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**BIKING**

## **SMUGGLER MOUNTAIN—WARREN LAKES #133**

**Length:** 6.3 miles one-way (10.2 km)

**Difficulty:** Difficult

**Trail Use:** First 1 1/2 miles are Very Heavy; Low to Warren Lakes

**Beginning Elevation:** 7,900 feet (2408 m)

**Ending Elevation:** 10,700 feet (3261 m)

**USGS Map(s):** Aspen

**ATTRACTIONS/CONSIDERATIONS:** Smuggler Road is heavily used by mountain bikers, runners and hikers. It provides a short (1 1/2 mile) work-out with great views of Aspen which makes it very popular. From Smuggler Road you can also access Hunter Creek, Van Horn Park, and Lenado.

**ACCESS:** Travel east on Highway 82 into Aspen and turn left (north) onto Mill Street. Travel 1/4 mile and turn right after the bridge onto Gibson Street. Follow Gibson 1/8 mile to a "Y" intersection and bear left onto South Avenue. Turn right onto Park Circle and follow it 1/8 mile to the Smuggler mountain Road on the left. There is parking on the right.

**NARRATIVE:** Smuggler Road is a fairly well maintained 4WD road. It immediately begins a steep ascent. The road switchbacks up Smuggler with views of Aspen below. The switchbacks get longer and in about 1 1/2 miles the road curves behind Smuggler Mountain. There is a short steep path on the right leading to a platform which is good for viewing Aspen. To continue to Warren Lakes, keep straight on the road (left goes to Hunter Creek). Go straight again past the next left, the road becomes a more rugged 4WD road and continues to climb steeply. At the 2 1/2 mile mark there are some communication disks on the right. The road becomes even steeper until about the 3 mile mark and then it flattens. Soon the road becomes level with only brief steep sections until reaching the Forest Service bulletin board at the 6 mile mark. The road continues a short distance farther to the gate at Warren Lakes. **Beyond the gate is Wilderness; please respect this and do not trespass.**

**ETHICS/REGULATIONS:** Before you go out, check on 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.