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WOODY CREEK TRAIL #1994

Length: 9.7 miles one-way (15.6 km)

Difficulty: Moderate

Trail Use: Low

Beginning Elevation: 8,690 feet (2649 m)

Ending Elevation: 11,650 feet (3551 m)

USGS Map(s): Aspen, Thimble Rock

ACCESS: Drive approximately 7 miles west of Aspen on Highway 82 to the Woody Creek turnoff (about 1 mile past the Brush Creek Road turnoff to Snowmass Village). Turn right following the road downhill. After crossing the bridge bear left and continue 2 miles to the town of Woody Creek. Just past the town take a sharp right onto Woody Creek Road #18 or FDR road #103. Continue on this road 8 1/2 miles to the town of Lenado. Approximately 3/4 of a mile past Lenado the road makes a sharp left turn and crosses Woody Creek. The Woody Creek Trailhead lies on the right side of the road, just **before** the bridge. The Spruce Creek Trailhead also begins on the Woody Creek Trail.

NARRATIVE: The trail climbs steeply in sections to the junction with the Spruce Creek Trail. Take the right fork up the hill. The Spruce Creek Trail is straight ahead. The trail continues to climb crossing the creek four times before reaching the ridge between the Woody Creek and Hunter Creek drainages. The trail follows the ridge, then descends to Deer Park. From here the trail winds to the junction with the Hunter Creek Trail. A right at this junction provides for a loop back to Lenado. If you want to continue to Aspen follow the Hunter Creek Trail.

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

- * **Respect private property.** Ask permission before entering.
- * **Avoid disturbing wild animals** by staying out of elk and deer wintering areas. Detour if you spot wildlife.
- * **BEWARE OF AVALANCHES!** Avalanches may occur at any time during the winter. Avoid mountainous terrain after heavy snowfalls or prolonged periods of high wind. Stay on the windblown side of ridges. Avoid crossing steep hillsides and entering narrow, steep canyons.
- * Remember to notify a responsible person of your travel plans.

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 cross-country/snowshoe trip.