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## **GOLD HILL - FDT 79**

**Difficulty:** MODERATE

**Trail Use:** Moderate

**Length:** 3.42 miles one-way to Peaks Trail (FDT 45)

**Elevation:** Start at 9,207 feet and ends at 10,032 feet (highest point 10,291 feet)

**Elevation Gain:** +1,198 feet - 373 feet = +825 feet

**Recommended Use:** MTN. BIKING, HKG

### **Access:**

- From I-70 take Exit 203, Frisco / Breckenridge, and travel south on HWY 9 through Frisco toward Breckenridge.
- After approximately 6.08 miles and turn right at FSR 950. Immediately to your right is the trailhead parking area for the Gold Hill Trail.
- The trail begins across the road from the parking area.

### **Trail Highlights:**

- This trail eventually connects with the Peaks Trail (FDT 45), Miners Creek Trail (FDT 38) and both the Colorado and Continental Divide Trails (CDT).
- The trail passes through a series of clear cuts that were cut in 1988. The thick lodgepole pine in the area average 70 to 100 years in age. These trees, because of their density and age, are especially susceptible to disease and fire. Small clear-cut areas are designed to minimize the danger to the over-all forest by creating age differences and open glades.
- We encourage people to watch this area as a new healthy ecosystem reclaims the area where the clear cut areas are.
- The trail passes through an interesting evergreen forest as it climbs over Gold Hill providing views of the Upper Blue River Valley eastward and the rugged Tenmile Range to the west.
- The Gold Hill Trail will eventually intersect with the Peaks Trail (FDT 45). This trail will take you north to Frisco or south toward Breckenridge.
- To access the Miners Creek Trail (FDT 38), Colorado Trail and the CDT turn left (south) on the Peaks Trail for approximately .39 miles and turn right at the non-system trail. Follow this trail approximately 1.25 miles to the Miners Creek Trail, Colorado Trail and CDT.

### **Important Information:**

- **STAY ON DESIGNATED ROADS AND TRAILS TO PREVENT RESOURCE DAMAGE.**
- **THIS TRAIL IS USED FOR MULTIPLE ACTIVITIES TO INCLUDE MTN. BIKING AND HIKING. PLEASE RESPECT OTHER USERS.**

*THIS MAP IS INTENDED FOR USE AS A GENERAL GUIDE ONLY, NOT FOR ACTUAL LAND NAVIGATION. THE WHITE RIVER NATIONAL FOREST STRONGLY SUGGESTS PURCHASING A TOPOGRAPHIC TRAIL MAP AND GPS OR COMPASS PRIOR TO BEGINNING YOUR MOUNTAIN BIKING TRIP.*