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MTN. BIKING

PERU CREEK ROAD - FDR 260

Difficulty: MODERATE TO MORE DIFFICULT

Trail Use: Heavy

Length: 6.74 miles one-way to the Horseshoe Basin

Elevation: Starts at 10,024 feet and ends at 12,166 feet (highest point 12,176 feet)

Elevation Gain: +2,223 feet - 81 feet = +2,142 feet

Open To: MTN. BIKING, HIKING, OHV TO THE SHOE BASIN MINE

Access:

- From I-70 take Exit 205, Silverthorne / Dillon, and travel east on HWY 6 toward Keystone.
- Just past Keystone, turn right onto Montezuma Road (County Road 5).
- Follow Montezuma Road for 4.6 miles to the pull-out parking area on your left. This is the Peru Creek Road trailhead.

Trail Highlights:

- Peru Creek Road travels up the Peru Creek drainage on a steady ascent from the trailhead past several private homes. A great deal of the Peru Creek drainage is privately owned. Because of this, visitors are asked to respect all private property.
- After approximately .5 miles, Morgan Peak comes into view on the right and soon thereafter the snowcapped top of Copper Mountain is visible to your left across the valley.
- Another .5 miles further on you will come to an overhead power line and cross Peru Creek itself.
- Approximately .57 miles past crossing Peru Creek and you will see Lenawee Trail (FDT 34) to the left and Chihuahua Gulch Road (FDR 263) on the left another .46 miles further on.
- Travel approximately 1.64 miles further to the right turn up Cinnamon Gulch which will take you .35 miles to the Pennsylvania Mine.
- Continue approximately .98 miles to the end of motorized access at the Shoe Basin Mine. Travel another .28 miles to the trailhead of the Argentine Pass Trail (FDT 77).
- Approximately 1.34 miles past the Argentine Pass trailhead you will come to a beaver pond, be careful because of potential resource damage to the alpine tundra. Another .56 miles further and you will come to a high alpine lake which is the end of Peru Creek Road.

Important Information:

- **STAY ON DESIGNATED ROADS TO PREVENT RESOURCE DAMAGE.**
- **THIS ROAD IS USED FOR MULTIPLE ACTIVITIES TO INCLUDE MTN. BIKING, HIKING AND OHV USE. 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.