

SUMMER & WINTER RECREATION MAP



LEGEND

	CROSS COUNTRY SKIING		BEGINNER TRAIL
	SNOWSHOEING		INTERMEDIATE TRAIL
	SKI AREA / TERRAIN PARK		ADVANCED TRAIL
	SNOWMOBILE		TRAILS
	CAMPING		ROADS
	HIKING		LAKES / RESERVOIRS
	BIKING		DOG ON LEASH CCC Regulates that dogs must be on leash at all times.
	FISHING		
	4-WHEELING		
	WHITE WATER RAFTING		

1 Bakerville-Loveland Trail (BLT)

DISTANCE: 5 MILES / 10 RT
ELEVATION / GAIN / LOSS: 900', START 9,800', END 10,600'
LEVEL: BEGINNER
AVALANCHE: MINIMAL

GETTING THERE: I-70 Bakerville Exit, turn south, immediately ahead there is plenty of parking at the trailhead by the old chimney. **ABOUT:** The sounds of the Clear Creek flowing and the trees along the creek bank make this trail like an escape from civilization. Nice family rides with minimal climbing on a forested trail. Underpass now connects this trail with #14.

2 Leavenworth / Pavilion Point - Argentine Railroad Grade Trail

DISTANCE: 4 MILES / 8 RT
ELEVATION / GAIN / LOSS: 800'
LEVEL: INTERMEDIATE
AVALANCHE: CONTACT CO. AVALANCHE INFO. CENTER, 970-482-0457

GETTING THERE: I-70 Silver Plume Exit #226, go south under interstate, make left going east to parking area. **ABOUT:** In 1916, construction began on the beautiful summer resort called Pavilion Point where few remains exist. This trail starts a half a mile from the railroad yard in Silver Plume and connects with the Waldorf Road. Very scenic, beautiful aspen groves.

3 Silver Creek Wagon Trail

DISTANCE: 5 MILES / 10 RT
ELEVATION / GAIN / LOSS: 800'
LEVEL: INTERMEDIATE
AVALANCHE: N/A

GETTING THERE: I-70 Georgetown Exit #228, Park in Historic Downtown Georgetown, on your bike go south on 6th Street to its end at the Energy Museum, make a left then a right onto Biddle Street, at Main Street make a left heading east, take Main to Saxon Mountain Road, follow this to the last house and enter what appears to be a driveway, this is the start of the trailhead. **ABOUT:** This is an easy, scenic trail with a few technical spots that can be walked. The route provides a view of Alvarado Cemetery graveyard and the remains of the Silver Creek Town site.

4 Waldorf Road - Argentine Central Railroad Grade to Mount McClellan

DISTANCE: 5 MILES / 10 RT
ELEVATION / GAIN / LOSS: 1,800', START 9,600', END 11,400'
LEVEL: ADVANCED
AVALANCHE: MINIMAL

GETTING THERE: I-70 Georgetown Exit #228, follow signs for Guanella Pass Road-Scenic Byway, drive up Guanella Pass hill, go past the first reservoir (Silverdale), at the 2nd hairpin turn is Waldorf Road on the right, turn onto Waldorf and park on either side, your tour starts here heading up Waldorf Road. **ABOUT:** This National Forest System road follows the old Argentine Railroad. The last section of the ACRG takes you to the summit of Mount McClellan. Snowfall may exist even in the summer. Once you go over Argentine you are going up to the Continental Divide.

5 Rosalie Trail #603 from Guanella Pass

DISTANCE: 8.3 MILES TOTAL
ELEVATION / GAIN / LOSS: 1869', START 9,800', END 11,669'
LEVEL: ADVANCED
AVALANCHE: MINIMAL

GETTING THERE: Best to use two vehicles. From I-70 take exit #228 to Georgetown. Follow the scenic byway signs for Guanella Pass Road. Drive up Guanella Pass. Park one car at the Burning Bear Campground on the south side of Guanella Pass. Park second car atop Guanella Pass at the trailhead and start your ski. **ABOUT:** Start skiing directly east toward Mt. Bierstadt, then veer to the right and down the headwater of Scott Gomer Creek to meet with Abyss Trail. Continue down trail to Burning Bear Campground.

6 Silver Dollar Lake Trail

DISTANCE: 1.5 MILES ONE-WAY
ELEVATION / GAIN / LOSS: 1,000', START 11,200', END 12,200'
LEVEL: INTERMEDIATE
AVALANCHE: N/A

GETTING THERE: From I-70 take exit #228 to Georgetown. Follow the scenic byway signs for Guanella Pass Road. Take this road to the first road past Guanella Pass Campground to the Silver Dollar Lake trailhead. You may park here or travel another 1/4 mile up a 4-wheel drive road where the trailhead begins. This short trail is occasionally steep and challenging as it weaves above timberline to two lakes. **ABOUT:** The first lake, Naylor is private property. You make look, but please do not trespass. Silver Dollar Lake is public.

7 Silver Plume to Georgetown Express

DISTANCE: 2 MILES / 4 RT
ELEVATION / GAIN / LOSS: 600'
LEVEL: INTERMEDIATE
AVALANCHE: MINIMAL

GETTING THERE: I-70 Georgetown #228 or Silver Plume #226 Exits, park in either town, peddle toward the train depot, the paved path entrances are marked. **ABOUT:** Peddling above the railroad tracks, this paved bike path offers a moderate climb out of Georgetown.

8 Silverdale

DISTANCE: 2 MILES / 4 RT
ELEVATION / GAIN / LOSS: NONE
LEVEL: BEGINNER
AVALANCHE: N/A

GETTING THERE: I-70 Georgetown Exit #228, follow signs for Guanella Pass Road-Scenic Byway, drive up Guanella Pass hill, go to the first reservoir, Silverdale, entrance road to parking area and trailhead is on the left, start ride heading across the wooden bridge. **ABOUT:** Great beginner and family trail off of Guanella Pass. This ride has rolling streams and never ending majestic views.

9 Fall River Reservoir

DISTANCE: 3.2 MILES ONE-WAY
ELEVATION / GAIN / LOSS: 1,600', START 9,200', END 10,800'
LEVEL: INTERMEDIATE
AVALANCHE: MINIMAL

GETTING THERE: I-70 to the Fall River Road exit #238. Take this road approximately 6 miles up to the 2nd switchback, veer off to the left of the 2nd switchback and enter the dirt road. Park to the east of this switchback. The trail follows the drainage. **ABOUT:** You can see Mt. Flora, Mt. Eva and James Peak on the Continental Divide from this trail.

10 Steven's Gulch to Grays Peak National Trail & Torreys

DISTANCE: 9 MILES ONE-WAY
ELEVATION / GAIN / LOSS: 4,470', START 9,800, END 14,270'
LEVEL: ADVANCED
AVALANCHE: N/A

GETTING THERE: I-70 exit # 221 for Bakerville. The trailhead is on the south side of the interstate to the right of the large parking area by the old chimney. In the summer you may drive in about 4 miles before starting your hike. Steven's Gulch road ends at the Grays Torreys Peak trailhead and is very bumpy. **ABOUT:** There is quite a bit of private property in this area, so stay on the road and do not trespass. Being the highest mountain on the Continental Divide, even in the summer snowfields still exist at such high elevation. Be prepared for sudden weather changes.

11 Jones Pass Road Trail

DISTANCE: 6.5 MILES ONE-WAY
ELEVATION / GAIN / LOSS: 1,200', START 10,400', END 11,600'
LEVEL: ADVANCED
AVALANCHE: CONTACT CO. AVALANCHE INFO. CENTER, 970-482-0457

GETTING THERE: I-70 Empire Exit #232, take Hwy. 40 past Empire past Berthoud Falls, take a left at the Henderson Mine exit, go 2 miles to the mine and parking area, you will see signs for Jones Pass. After about 1/4 mile, Butler Gulch Trail shoots off to your left. Parking is on Henderson Mine Property, please be respectful. **ABOUT:** This route takes you on the crest of the Continental Divide and above tree line. It is a moderate to steep climb that takes you through trees on a narrow road.

12 Bill Moore / North Empire Loop

DISTANCE: 3 MILES / 6 RT
ELEVATION / GAIN / LOSS: 600', START 9,800', END 10,400'
LEVEL: INTERMEDIATE
AVALANCHE: MINIMAL

GETTING THERE: From I-70, take exit 232 onto hwy 40, and proceed west to Empire. At the center of town, turn right onto Park Ave. Road turns to gravel, follow to parking area on left, about 1 mile. **ABOUT:** Begin by riding on road# 171.2 climbing through aspen and conifers. Continue until you meet 183.1. Here you can either ride to Bill Moore Lake, or continue on 171 to make a long loop via Red Elephant Hill. Sweeping views of wildflowers dominate this ride.

13 Warren Gulch Trail

DISTANCE: 8 MILES / 16 RT
ELEVATION/GAIN/LOSS: 3,300'
LEVEL: INTERMEDIATE
AVALANCHE: N/A

GETTING THERE: I-70 Idaho Springs Exit #241, go through East Idaho Springs and find parking, start your bike ride heading west to fork in road, take the left at the fork onto Miner Street, take this to Soda Creek Road, left onto Soda Creek Rd., 1.5 miles on Soda Creek Rd.(you will pass Indian Springs Resort), to the Idaho Springs Recycling Center on the right, opposite the recycling center is Steve's Canyon Rd., turn left onto this road and bike 1/2 mile down, Warren Gulch is stenciled on a rock at your left, this is the entrance. This trail crosses private land on the north end, please be respectful. **ABOUT:** Warren Gulch is part of the Colorado East Mountain Segment of the American Discovery Trail, the nation's first coast-to-coast, non-motorized recreation trail.

14 Herman Gulch Trail & Watrous Gulch Trail

DISTANCE: 2.5 MILES ONE-WAY
ELEVATION / GAIN / LOSS: 1,800', START 10,400', END 12,000'
LEVEL: ADVANCED
AVALANCHE: CONTACT CO. AVALANCHE INFO. CENTER, 970-482-0457

GETTING THERE: I-70 exit #218, 3 miles west of Bakerville. **ABOUT:** Two trails branch from this location, Herman Gulch starts on the old sawmill road to the left and Watrous Gulch begins in the trees to the right. On Watrous Gulch above treeline wildflowers cover the ground like a quilt. On Herman Gulch, near the top of the trail, rock cairns lead the way to Herman Lake. This trail is a leg of the Continental Divide.

15 Butler Gulch Trail

DISTANCE: 2.0 MILES ONE-WAY
ELEVATION / GAIN / LOSS: 1,200', START 10,400', END 11,600'
LEVEL: INTERMEDIATE
AVALANCHE: CONTACT CO. AVALANCHE INFO. CENTER, 970-482-0457

GETTING THERE: I-70 exit #232 toward Empire. Take Hwy 40 past Berthoud Falls; take a left on Henderson Mine Road. Just before reaching the mine entrance gate, bear to the right where there is a parking area. Start traveling on the Jones Pass Road. After about 1/4 mile, Butler Gulch Trail shoots off to your left. **ABOUT:** This moderate to steep climb takes you through trees on a narrow road. This leads to an open bowl where the glades are ideal for telemark skiing.

16 Scott Landcaster Memorial Trail

DISTANCE: 5 MILES / 10 RT
ELEVATION / GAIN / LOSS: NONE
LEVEL: BEGINNER
AVALANCHE: N/A

GETTING THERE: I-70 Idaho Springs Exit #241, head east on Colorado Blvd., turn south (left) on the one way street just past the Safeway store, make right at stop sign, left at "T" intersection, you are on the bike path. **ABOUT:** This trail is mostly flat and easy in both directions. Enjoy a stop in the National Historic Landmark District of Idaho Springs.

17 Devil's Canyon Area

DISTANCE: 6 MILES (NOT INCLUDING LOOPS)
ELEVATION/GAIN/LOSS: 1050', START 9,750', HIGHEST POINT 10,800'
LEVEL: INTERMEDIATE
AVALANCHE: MINIMAL

GETTING THERE: I-70 Idaho Springs - Hwy. 103 Exit (#240), go south on Hwy. 103, approximately 10 miles up there will be a wide shoulder in the road on the left side, park here, bike through the forest service gate, this entrance will drop you into Devil's Canyon. **ABOUT:** This trail is one of the upper entrances into the Barbour Forks trail. It climbs up onto a ridge with views of Mt. Evans, Devil's Canyon and Chicago Creek. It is open to 4-wheel drive traffic, but is closed to vehicles in the winter through June 15th for elk calving.

18 Barbour Forks Trail

DISTANCE: 8 MILE LOOP (INCLUDING DIRT ROAD)
ELEVATION / GAIN / LOSS: 2,800'
LEVEL: INTERMEDIATE
AVALANCHE: N/A

GETTING THERE: I-70 Idaho Springs Exit #241, go through East Idaho Springs to fork in road, take the left at the fork onto Miner Street, take this to Soda Creek Road, left onto Soda Creek Rd., past Indian Springs Resort, go approximately 4 miles up to the end of Soda Creek Rd., there is a parking area at the Forest Service gate, trail starts here. **ABOUT:** This trail supplies hillside meadows full of wildflowers, tall stands of aspen, mixed conifers. Road is closed to vehicles from late fall to June 15.

19 South Chicago Creek Trail

DISTANCE: 1.4 MILES ONE-WAY
ELEVATION / GAIN / LOSS: 700', START 10,000', END 10,700'
LEVEL: INTERMEDIATE
AVALANCHE: MINIMAL

GETTING THERE: I-70 Idaho Springs exit #240 - Hwy. 103. Go south on Hwy. 103, take the right at the Dead End sign, which is Hefferman Gulch Road. Go past the cabins 1.5 miles and make a left at the fork. Park in the level parking area and cross back over the creek to the trailhead. The trail follows a gradual incline through thick forest. It is an excellent intermediate route for both snowshoeing and cross-country skiing.

20 Resthouse Meadow (Shelter House Trail)

DISTANCE: 6.5 MILES ONE WAY
ELEVATION / GAIN / LOSS: 960', START 10,640', END 10,450'
LEVEL: INTERMEDIATE
AVALANCHE: MINIMAL

GETTING THERE: I-70 Idaho Springs exit #240 - Hwy. 103. Go south on Hwy. 103. Travel 14 miles to Echo Lake. From Echo Lake the trail climbs over a ridge and descends to a bridge crossing over Vance Creek. At approximately 5 miles in you will see the intersection for Lincoln Lake Trail to the west. Continue on Resthouse Trail down 1.5 miles of switchbacks to the remaining chimney of the Mt. Evans Shelter House.

21 Chief Mountain Trail

DISTANCE: 1 MILE ONE-WAY
ELEVATION / GAIN / LOSS: 910', START 10,800', END 11,710'
LEVEL: INTERMEDIATE
AVALANCHE: N/A

GETTING THERE: On Hwy. 103, pull over around mile marker 18. The trailhead is on the south side of the road and is not marked as a trailhead. **ABOUT:** You will pass through spruce and fir forest and eventually reach rocky talus. The last stretch of the trail offers an overlook of Mt. Evans, Mt. Goliath, Rogers Peak, and Rosalie Peak.

22 Mt. Evans Scenic Byway

DISTANCE: 14 MILES ONE WAY
ELEVATION / GAIN / LOSS: 1050', START 10,550', END 14,130'
LEVEL: BEGINNER
AVALANCHE: NONE

GETTING THERE: I-70 Idaho Springs - Hwy. 103 exit #240. Go south on Hwy. 103. Travel 14 miles to Echo Lake. Parking is near the gate for Mt. Evans Road (closed to drivers in the winter). **ABOUT:** There is a lot of room to snowshoe or cross country ski on the gentle sloping road that leads to Mt. Evans. When the gate is open from Memorial Day to Labor Day (weather permitting) there is an entry fee.

23 Echo Lake

DISTANCE: 1/4 MILE LOOP
ELEVATION / GAIN / LOSS: 0, START 10,550', END 10,550'
LEVEL: BEGINNER
AVALANCHE: NONE

GETTING THERE: I-70 Idaho Springs - Hwy. 103 exit #240. Go south on Hwy. 103. Travel 14 miles to Echo Lake. Parking is found at Echo Lake picnic area or near the closed gate for Mt. Evans Rd. **ABOUT:** This flat 1/4 mile loop is an excellent area for beginners to learn winter sports. Echo Lake is a Denver Mountain Park and a beautiful scenic getaway from the summer heat in Denver.

24 Old Squaw Pass Road / Arapaho Springs

DISTANCE: 2.8 MILE TRAIL
ELEVATION / GAIN / LOSS: 886', START 10,600', END 11,486'
LEVEL: INTERMEDIATE
AVALANCHE: MINIMAL

GETTING THERE: Off I-70 take the Mt. Evans Exit #240. Head south on Hwy. 103. Travel 14 miles, you will pass Echo Lake. Continue on Hwy. 103 until you reach mile marker 19. The road is located on the south side where parking is available. This is the best access to the mountain. Head up Squaw Mountain Road a short distance from 103, turn left onto the trail which is the original Echo Lake Rd. After 2 1/2 miles, there is a "get-off" road down to 103, but keep on the road for the last 3/4 mile. At the top is a breathtaking view of Mt. Evan's, while the trip down is exhilarating for skiers.