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JAMES PEAK

DAY HIKE

FYI: The map on the reverse side is for general orientation, not for navigation. *P.S.* Get and give trail updates at <u>www.facebook.com/oriccolorado</u>

Location: James Peak Wilderness Arapaho National Forest E. Portal of Moffat Tunnel Contact Info: Boulder Ranger District 303-541-2500 www.fs.fed.us/r2

Length: 3.58 miles one-way (estimate using the Nat'l Geo Mapping Software)

Time: The average person hikes approximately 2 miles an hour. Adjust your time +/- based on terrain and weather conditions and your skill and fitness level and whether you are hiking or trail running. GPS drive time is approximately 1:20 from the REI Flagship Store-Denver.

Elevation Gain/Loss: See trail profile on reverse side

Difficulty: Moderate to Strenuous

Trail Users: Hikers and wildlife

Season: July through October

Dogs: On hand held leash

Permits: Yes, self-issued wilderness permits at the trailhead

Getting There From Denver: Take I -70 west to CO Highway 119 (exit 244). Go north on CO Highway 119 to Rollinsville. Go west on Gilpin County Road 16 to the large parking area at the East Portal of the Moffat Tunnel.

Maps: National Geographic Trails Illustrated # 103E and or the East Portal USGS topographic map. **IMPORTANT:** Stay found with the aid of a topographic map, a compass, a GPS receiver and the skill to use them.

Safety Considerations and Supplemental Info:
Start can be windy out of the parking lot
Potential for altitude sickness for those not acclimatized
Afternoon thunderstorms and lightning
Check <u>www.oriconline.org</u> for fire restrictions
Prepare for mosquitoes from July through September

Trail Description: Gradual ascent up a valley along a stream under a canopy of trees. The trail begins at the East Portal. Start this trip on the South Boulder Creek Trail #900. After apx. 1 mile turn right onto the Forest Lakes Trail #809. Stay on the Forest Lakes Trail to the lakes. **TIP:** Contact the Boulder Ranger District for trail updates.

Highlights: ■ Great views of the Continental Divide ■ Good fishing ■ Sensitive alpine tundra ■ Meadows carpeted with wildflowers ■ Dense subalpine forest ■ Bubbling creeks along the trail

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