

GRIFFIN MONUMENT

DAY HIKE

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

Location: Arapaho National Forest

Near Silver Plume, CO

Contact Info: Clear Creek Ranger District

303-567-4382 www.fs.fed.us/r2

Length: 1.81 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.

Elevation Gain/Loss: See trail profile on reverse side

Difficulty: Easy to moderate on mining roads with few obstacles

Trail Users: Hikers and Cyclists

Season: Mid June through end of October

Dogs: Under owner's control

Permits: None required

Getting There From Denver: Take I-70 west. Get off I-70 at Exit 221 at Silver

Plume. Park on the street in town, by the bakery, and away you go.

Maps: National Geographic Trails Illustrated #104E and or the Georgetown USGS 7.5 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: ■ Old mine shafts

■ Lightning from afternoon thunderstorms ■ Check www.oriconline.org for fire restrictions ■ Prepare for mosquitoes from June through September

Trail Description: From Silverplume hike up the road, switchbacking and heading generally north and a little West to the road's end at Brown Gulch. The Griffin Monument is a few yards from the end of the road (by the 7:30 mine) down a short path to the left (south). TIP: Contact the Idaho Springs Visitor Center (303-567-4382) for trail updates.

Highlights: ■ Sample a part of Colorado's Mining History ■ In 1887 Clifford Griffin managed a mine nearby, and was despondent over lost love, fatally shooting himself. His father buried him and erected the monument.



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