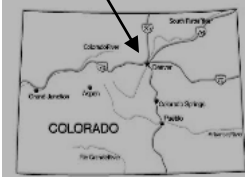


BEAR PEAK



DAY HIKE

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

Location: City of Boulder
Open Space
Mountain Parks

Contact Info: City of Boulder OS & MP
303-441-3440

Length: 4.25 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 30 minutes from the REI Flagship Store-Denver.

Elevation Gain/Loss: See trail profile on reverse side

Difficulty: Strenuous

Season: April through mid-November

Trail Users: Hikers. Horseback riding is allowed on the Mesa Trail

Dogs: Leash or voice/sight control on Mesa Trail segment and then dogs must remain on corridor through Shadow Canyon

Permits: None required

Getting There From Denver: Take CO Highway 93 north from Golden (or south from Boulder) to CO Highway 170. Turn west towards Eldorado Canyon State Park. Drive approximately 1 ¾ miles and take the dirt road on the right to the parking area

Maps: National Geographic Trails Illustrated # 100. **IMPORTANT:** Stay found with the aid of a topographic map, compass, GPS receiver and the skill to use them.

Safety Considerations and Supplemental Info: ■ The trail may be closed when there are bear sightings in Shadow Canyon ■ The last portion of this hike, after the saddle, leads to bare rock with some exposure for the last 100 feet to the summit. Be careful ■ This is a dry hike; take plenty of water ■ The Mesa South Trailhead has parking, restrooms and a picnic area ■ Afternoon thunderstorms and lightning ■ Begin your climb early ■ Be off the peak by noon ■ Be prepared for mosquitoes from May through September

Trail Description: This is a strenuous hike with almost 3,000 feet of elevation gain (much of it in Shadow Canyon). The exposed rock section near the summit merits your attention. The Homestead and or Towhee Trails can add variety to the first or last leg of the hike. The highest elevation at Bear Peak is 8,461'. **TIP:** Contact the City of Boulder Open Space and Mountain Parks for trail updates.

Highlights: ■ The views of Boulder and the entire Front Range are spectacular

