FOREST LAKES

WINTER TRAIL

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

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: 3.51 miles one-way (est. mileage rounded to nearest ¼ mile)

Time: The average person snowshoes apx.1 mile an hour. Adjust your time +/based on terrain, snow conditions, wind speed, your skill and fitness levels and whether you are snowshoeing, skiing or hiking.

Elevation Gain/Loss: See trail profile on reverse side

Difficulty: Moderate to Strenuous (depending upon how far you go)

Activities: Snowshoeing, skiing and hiking (when there's not enough snow)

Season: December through March (Check <u>www.oriconline.org</u> for snow

depths and avalanche conditions)

Dogs permitted: Under owner's control

Permits: Free use permit at the trailhead

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 or the East Portal 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 Concerns and Supplemental Info: ■ Start can be windy out of the parking lot ■ Dress appropriately for winter conditions ■ Plan for shorter days in this season

Trail Description: The trail gradually ascends a valley along a stream under a canopy of trees. Start at the East Portal, following the South Boulder Creek Trail #900. Turn right onto Forest Lakes Trail #809 which follows Arapaho Creek to Forest Lakes.

TIP: Contact the Boulder Ranger District for trail updates and snow conditions.

Highlights: ■ Great views of the Continental Divide ■ Pass through dense forests

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