## CROSS CREEK TO TREASURE VAULT LAKE



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## **BACKPACKING TRIP**

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

Location: Holy Cross Wilderness White River National Forest Tigiwon Rd S. of Minturn Contact Info: Holy Cross Ranger District 970-827-5715 www.fs.fed.us/r2

Length: 13.51 miles one-way (estimate using Nat'l Geo Mapping Software)

**Time:** 3 nights, 4 days. The average person hikes apx. 2 miles an hour. Adjust your time +/- based on terrain, trail and weather conditions and your skill and fitness level.

Elevation Gain/Loss: See trail profile on reverse side

Difficulty: Moderate

Season: July through September

Trail Users: Hikers, Ilamas and wildlife

Dogs: On hand-held leash

Permits: Free use permit available at trailhead

**Getting There from Denver:** I-70 west to Dowd's Junction. Get off I-70 at exit 171 and take US Highway 24 south to Forest Development Road 707 (a.k.a. Tigiwon Road). The Tigiwon Road will take you to the Cross Creek Trailhead.

**Maps:** National Geographic Trails Illustrated #126E, #149S, Sky Terrain Summit Vail Trail Map and or the Minturn, Mt. Jackson and Mt. of the Holy Cross USGS 7.5 topographic quadrangle maps. **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: 
Get updates on weather and fire restrictions at <u>www.oriconline.org</u> 
Be prepared for mosquitoes from July through September 
Treat water that is drawn from sources along the trail Be prepared for afternoon thunderstorms and lightening

**Trail Description:** Cross Creek Trail #2006 more or less follows Cross Creek up valley to Treasure Vault Lake. **TIP:** Contact the Holy Cross Ranger District for trail updates.

**Highlights:** ■ Backside views of the Mt. of the Holy Cross ■ Large meandering meadows full of wildflowers ■ Beaver Ponds ■ The sound of cascading creeks ■ Good fishing ■ Picturesque Treasure Vault Lake ■ Good fishing at Harvey Lake and Blodgett Lake ■ Mining relics ■ Reed's Meadow ■ Views of Notch Mountain ■ Glacial Valley ■ Fragrant conifers and Aspen Groves © 2007 ORIC All rights reserved.

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