ROGER'S LAKES AND HEART LAKE



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: James Peak Wilderness

Arapaho National Forest

Near East Portal

Contact Info: Boulder Ranger District

303-541-2500 www.fs.fed.us/r2

Length: 4 miles one-way (estimate using the Nat'l Geo Mapping Software)

Time: Overnight to multi-day backpack. 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

Trail Users: Hikers and wildlife

Season: July to October

Dogs: On-hand held leash

Permits: Free, self-issued at the trailhead

Getting There From Denver: Take I -70 west to CO Highway 119 (Exit 244). Go north on State Highway 119 to Rollinsville. Turn left (west) on Boulder County Road 16 (a.k.a. The Tolland Road, Moffat Road or Rollins Pass Road). Drive 7 miles to the end of County Road 16 at a T-junction. Go left 1 mile to park near the entrance to the East Portal of the Moffat Tunnel.

Maps: National Geographic Trails Illustrated # 103E and or the East Portal and Empire 7.5 topographic 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: ■ Campfires are not permitted in the James Peak Wilderness ■ Check <u>www.oriconline.org</u> for fire restrictions ■ Be prepared for mosquitoes from July through September ■ Treat or filter water drawn from sources along the trail

Trail Description: South Boulder Creek Trail #900 starts at the East Portal of the Moffat Tunnel. The trail takes you up a valley along the South Boulder Creek under a canopy of trees. Stretches of the trail are steep. The trail becomes less distinct as it approaches the Rogers Pass Lakes. Continue past the Rogers Lakes to Heart Lake. There is a potential for a loop by hiking up to the Continental Divide Trail, proceeding north and then dropping down to Arapaho Lakes from Rogers Pass. You may have to put your route finding skills to use to complete this loop. **TIP:** Contact the Boulder Ranger District for trail updates.

Highlights: ■ Great views of and from the Continental Divide ■ Good fishing

- Sensitive alpine tundra Meadows carpeted with wildflowers Dense subalpine forest
- Bubbling creeks along the trail

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