SAINT MARY'S GLACIER & LAKE



WINTER TRAIL

FYI: The map on the reverse side is for general orientation, not for navigation.

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Location: Arapaho National Forest

Off Fall River Road Near the town of Alice Contact Info: Clear Creek Ranger District

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Length: .65 miles one-way (est. mileage rounded to the 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: Easy to Moderate

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: On hand-held leash

Permits: None required

From Denver: Drive west on I-70 to Idaho Springs. Drive 2 miles past Idaho Springs and then take exit #238 to the Fall River Road (Clear Creek County Road 275). Take the Fall River Road apx. 9 miles passing the town of Alice. The St. Mary's Glacier trailhead will be on your left. Continue past the trailhead sign apx .1 mile to the parking area on the left side of the road. **FYI:** The March 12, 2008 edition of the Clear Creek Courant indicates that a private land owner is now charging \$5.00 to park.

Maps: National Geographic Trails Illustrated #103E and the Empire 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: ■ Glacier travel, without specialized equipment and training, may result in death or serious injury ■ Dress appropriately for winter conditions ■ Plan for shorter days in this season

Trail Description: This trail is somewhat steep, but is less than a mile long.

HINT: Contact the Clear Creek Ranger District for trail updates and snow conditions.

Highlights: ■ The trip through lodgepole pines gives way St. Mary's Glacier (really a snow field) ■ Alpine views ■ Frozen St. Mary's Lake

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