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**HIKING**

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## **BEAVER LAKE TRAIL - FDT 2109**

**Length:** 3.0 miles (one way)

**Difficulty:** Moderate

**Beginning Elevation:** 8,100 ft.

**Elevation Gain:** +1,776 ft.

**Trail Use:** High

**Open To:** Hiking, Horseback

**Ending Elevation:** 9,776 ft.

**USGS Map(s):** Grouse Mtn.

**Overnight Registration Information:** In order to continue to provide quality recreation experiences and to protect wilderness lands, the Forest Service must gather data regarding visitor use and travel patterns. Each party **camping overnight** in the Holy Cross Wilderness is **required to self-register at the wilderness boundary and to carry a copy of the registration with them** during their visit. There is no fee charged and no limit to the number of registration forms issued.

**Access from Vail:** Travel west from Vail on I-70 to Exit 167 for Avon. Exit here and head south from the roundabout onto Avon Road proceeding south under the Interstate, past U.S. 6, and to the gate for Beaver Creek. The road name changes here to Village Road. Follow this up to the Beaver Creek Village parking structures.

**Trail Highlights:** To begin, from the base of the Centennial Express chairlift, parallel Village Drive and then Elk Track road for approximately the first 1/4 mile until the road ends. Hike uphill through aspens and thimbleberry on an old wagon trail to an intersection with the Village to Village trail and some ski lifts. Look for trail signs as you cross the Larkspur ski run and then follow the old stage road along the creek and across a new foot bridge. You will proceed up the trail below Royal Elk Glade, part of Grouse Mountain, and through deep woods broken later by meadow. The valley narrows as the trail approaches the Holy Cross Wilderness boundary at mile 2.7. From here you are only 0.3 miles from Beaver Lake. For most, this is the final destination, but the trail does continue an additional 4 miles to Lower and Upper Turquoise Lakes.

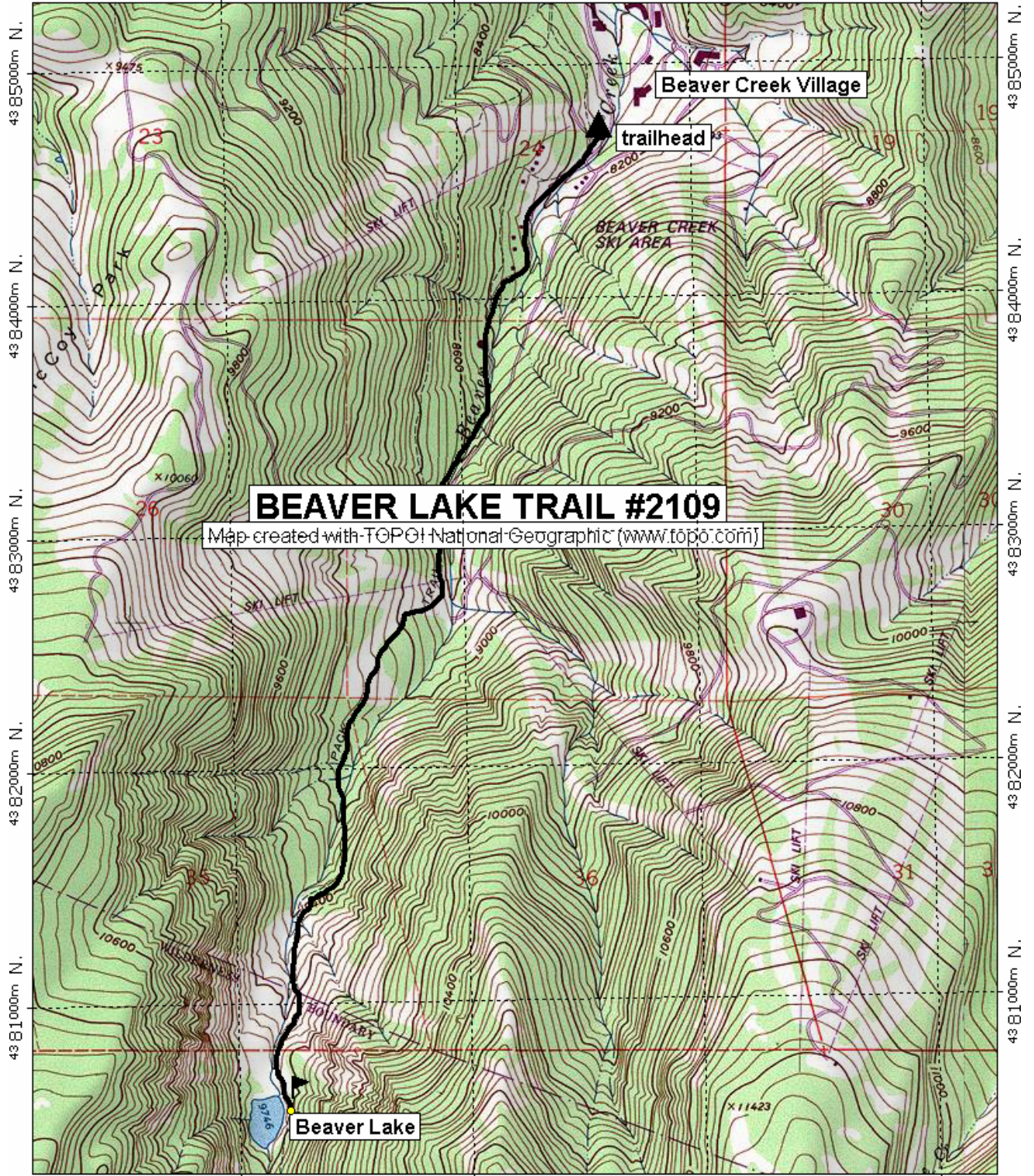
**Important Information:** Beaver Lake is within the **Holy Cross Wilderness**. Wilderness is for your use and enjoyment, but you have an obligation to leave it unimpaired for future generations. Please understand your responsibilities when visiting these special places. Leave them as you wish to find them:

- \* Camping - camp at least 100 feet from streams, lakes, and trails
- \* Dogs - must be leashed out of consideration for both other people and wildlife
- \* Fire - campstoves are recommended and fires are prohibited above 11,000 feet in elevation
- \* Group size - limit group sizes to 15 people
- \* Sanitation - bury human waste 100 feet from water and 6 inches in the soil

**PACK IT IN - PACK IT OUT!! LEAVE NO TRACE!!**

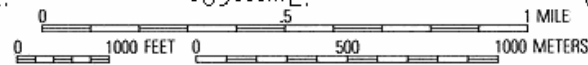
**This map is intended for use as a general guide only, not for actual land navigation. The White River National Forest strongly suggests purchasing a topographic map and compass prior to your hiking trip.**

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