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Guides



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Recpath**  
*Colorado*



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seamlessly meets the [Ten Mile Canyon Recpath](#). Take the paved rail-trail north along Tenmile Creek and I-70 to reach the small town of Frisco and additional trails in the Summit County Recreational Pathway System.

The Vail Pass Recpath is a popular route for cyclists, inline skaters and hikers who seek a paved off-road route through spectacular mountain scenery. The trail runs along Interstate 70 from the resort community of Copper Mountain to the Gore Creek Campground in White River National Forest, just outside of Vail.

East of Vail, the trail begins where Bighorn Road ends, following what used to be US 6 to Vail Pass, a cool 10,554 feet. (Restrooms are available here.) From Vail Pass, the trail descends all the way to Copper Mountain—home of Copper Mountain Resort—which offers a nice stopover for refreshments and a rest.

At the junction of I-70 and State Route 91 on the eastern edge of Copper Mountain, the Vail Pass Recpath



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**States:** Colorado

**Counties:** Eagle, Summit

**Length:** 14.4 miles

**Trail end points:** Ten Mile Canyon Recpath at Copper Rd. and SR 91 (Copper Mountain) to Gore Creek Campground on Bighorn Rd. (6 miles east of Vail)

**Trail surfaces:** Asphalt

**Trail category:** Greenway/Non-RT

**Trail activities:** Bike, Inline

Skating, Wheelchair Accessible, Walking, Cross

## Parking & Trail Access

Parking and restrooms are available near the trail's midpoint at Vail Pass. Take Exit 190 from I-70 to reach the rest area.

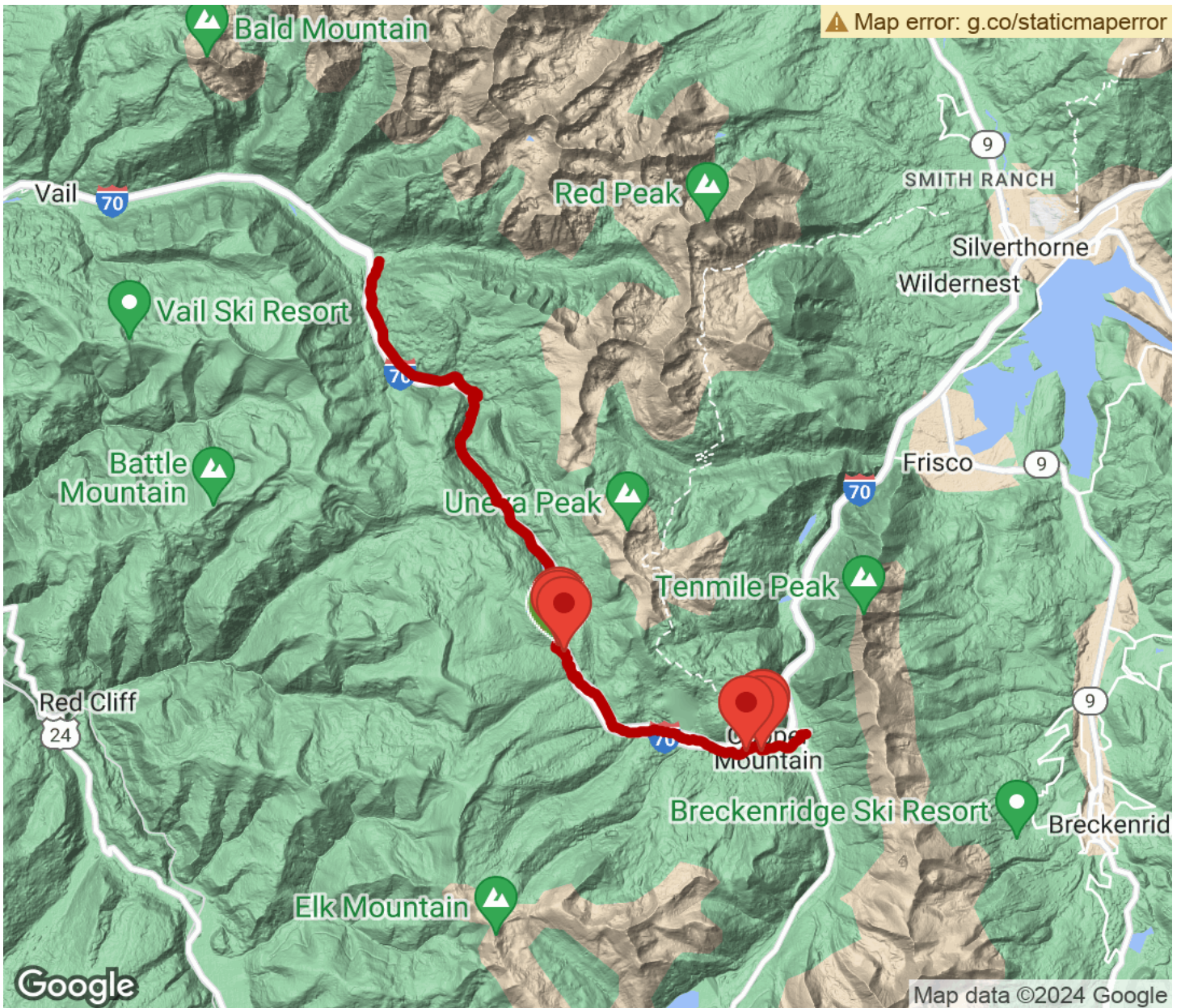
To reach the northern trailhead east of Vail, take Exit 180 from I-70 and travel east for 2.3 miles on Bighorn Road. You'll go under I-70 and past the Gore Creek Campground. Park just beyond at the road closure gate. At the other end of the trail in Copper Mountain, park in the large public parking lots on Wheeler Place, Ten Mile Circle, Copper Road or Beeler Place.





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Trailhead



Restroom



Parking



Water Fountain



Tunnel



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