

# Silver Creek Trail

## Site 1:

In 1887 the merchants of Georgetown, along with the Board of Selectmen of the Town of Georgetown, and the Clear Creek County Commissioners decided to pay for construction of a wagon road, 10 feet in width and almost 5 miles long, between Georgetown and the small mining community of Silver Creek south of Lawson. Frank Maxwell of Georgetown was paid \$6,000 for the project.

Remnants of this road are now used as a non-motorized trail shown on the attached map. The long stretch of road is one of the few in the County which has gradual grade. There is only 500 feet of difference in the elevation of the town of Georgetown (8,530) and Silver Creek (approximately 9,000).



In 1906 J. J. White built a dam at the north end of the lake for the creation of hydro-electric power. The resulting reservoir was much larger than it is today as shown on the map above. Imagine yourself standing at the lower right hand side of the document and looking across towards the interstate. The railroad grade ran along a raised grade right through the reservoir area approximately 2 blocks to the east of today's frontage road (Argentine St.) which was flooded by the lake at this time.