

General Trail Information: North Cheyenne Cañon & Stratton Open Space

Columbine Trail:

Length: About 4 miles from the Starsmore Discovery Center to the Upper Columbine trailhead.

Elevation Gain: Lower Columbine trailhead 6250', Mid Columbine trailhead 6500', Upper Columbine trailhead 7300'

General Description: This trail makes its way up the Canon from behind the Starsmore Discovery Center to the Upper Columbine trailhead near Helen Hunt Falls. The Mid Columbine trailhead is about 1 mile up the road from the main park gate by the Starsmore Discovery Center. The Upper Columbine trailhead is about 350' east of Helen Hunt Falls. Hikers, cyclists and equestrians can use this trail.

Mt. Cutler Trail:

Length: About 1.1 miles from the trailhead to the overlook just east of the top of Mt. Cutler.

Elevation Gain: Trailhead 6785', highest point by the top of Mt. Cutler 7200', overlook 7050'

General Description: The trailhead is about 1.5 miles up the road from the main park gate by the Starsmore Discovery Center. Hikers, cyclists and equestrians can use this trail.

Silver Cascade Falls Trail:

Length: About .3 miles from the Helen Hunt Falls Visitor Center to the top of the Silver Cascade Falls.

Elevation Gain: Trailhead 7225', top of Silver Cascade Falls 7400'

General Description: Park in front of the Helen Hunt Falls Visitor Center, hike over Helen Hunt Falls and continue along the trail. Please **DO NOT** try and hike up beyond the plaza area to the closed off portion of Gold Camp Rd.

St. Marys Falls Trail (Pike National Forest):

Length: About 1.2 miles from parking area to trailhead, about 1.6 miles from trailhead to base of St. Marys Falls.

Elevation Gain: Parking area 7500', trailhead at Tunnel #3 7700', base of St. Marys Falls 8800'

General Description: Drive about 3.2 miles from the Starsmore Discovery Center to the gravel pit (area where North Cheyenne Canon Rd, High Dr, and Gold Camp Rd intersect). Park here. Hike along the closed portion of Gold Camp Rd to Tunnel #3. Follow the trail up and over the tunnel to St. Marys Falls.

Captain Jacks & Mt. Buckhorn Trails (1.2 miles in park; 2.25 miles in Pike National Forest):

Length: About 2.55 miles from the trailhead to the top of High Drive, about .9 miles from the top of High Drive to a saddle behind Mt. Buckhorn.

Elevation Gain: Trailhead 7200', top of High Dr 7900', saddle behind Mt. Buckhorn 8200'

General Description: The trailhead is directly east of Tunnel #1 at the Multi-Use Trail sign. The Captain Jacks Trail system is a multi-use system that allows hikers, bicyclists, equestrians, and motorcycles. For those who are up for a real challenge, the Captain Jacks Trail joins with the Mt. Buckhorn Trail at the saddle behind Mt. Buckhorn, and the trail continues for another 2.4 miles to Jones Park.

Seven Bridges Trail (Pike National Forest):

Length: About 1.6 miles from the trailhead to Jones Park.

Elevation Gain: Trailhead 7600', Jones Park 8900'

General Description: The trailhead is directly off the closed portion of Gold Camp Rd (on the west side). Park at the intersection of Gold Camp Rd, High Dr and Cheyenne Cañon Rd. Hike past the gate to the northwest of the parking area and follow the closed portion of Gold Camp Rd .7 miles to the trailhead. The trail is a moderate hike, which criss-crosses Cheyenne Creek over a series of seven bridges.

The Chutes Trail:

Length: About 1.1 miles from the top of Gold Camp Rd to the Chamberlain Ridgeway Spur between the reservoirs.

Elevation Gain: Trailhead 6950', Chamberlain Ridgeway Spur between reservoirs 6500'

General Description: Beginning at the parking area on Gold Camp Rd, the Chutes is a popular trail for cyclists because of it's winding curves and fairly fast descent. Hikers will enjoy glimpses of the Stratton Open Space and the city. Once to the reservoirs, there are several developed trails through the Stratton Open Space that can be accessed easily.

Stratton Open Space Trails:

Current Trail Lengths: Chamberlain-Ridgeway Spur: 1 mile; Gold Camp Path: .9 miles; Ponderosa: .6 miles; South Suburban Lower Loop: .4 miles; South Suburban Upper Loop: .6 miles; Stratton Springs Path: .6 miles; Upper Meadows Loop: 1.3 miles; Wildflower Path: .4 miles.

General Description: There are three trailheads that service the Stratton Open Space: 1) Le Veta Way off Cresta Rd; 2) Ridge Rd off W Cheyenne Blvd and 3) trailhead on north side of road about .3 miles up the road from the main park gate by the Starsmore Discovery Center. Most of the trails within the Stratton Open Space are easy to moderate in difficulty, and offers "loops" that allow users to enjoy the Open Space. Keep in mind that all trails designated as "paths" are for hiking only; equestrians and cyclists may use all of the other loops.



For everyone's safety, please remember trail etiquette on any trail system.