

LEGEND

- - Easy, flat or relatively so
- - Moderate, generally hilly
- ◆ - Difficult, steeper
- ◆◆ - Much more difficult, very steep
- ♿ - Accessible to some people with disabilities
- ♿♿ - Restroom at trailhead or in vicinity. Many restrooms are closed in the winter
- Paved—Asphalt or concrete
- Gravel—Gravel surface
- Natural—Improved natural surface trail

COLORADO SPRINGS

PARKS, OPEN SPACE

Austin Bluffs Open Space (Includes Pulpit Rock) ● ■
 Several miles; natural surface and paved ◆

Enter the University Park development off North Academy and go south on Rockhurst at the roundabout to the trailhead at the end of the road. Cross the street to the trail. To access the Pulpit Rock area, take Nevada north just about as far as you can go. Park at the trailhead adjacent to the Utilities Substation.

From winding paved greenways to difficult single track trails, Austin Bluffs Open Space offers spectacular trails and views mixed with wildlife in the heart of Colorado Springs. Once the Houck Estate, this was one of the earliest open spaces preserved through the City's TOPS program. Look for a connection to Nevada Ave. through the Four Diamonds Softball Complex in 2004. Trails connect both Austin Bluffs Park and Pulpit Rock Park through UCCS property. (It's OK to use their trails.)

Pulpit Rock towers over I-25 providing a spectacular rock formation on one of the City's open spaces.

Blodgett Peak Open Space ● ■
 3+ mile, natural

Take I-25 north to the Woodmen Road exit. Exit west. At the first traffic light, turn north onto Woodmen Road and continue for approximately five miles. The Blodgett Peak Open Space trailhead is on the west side of the road. The open space has a new trailhead with a restroom. ♿♿

The parcel offers a beautiful mountain setting for people to walk along existing roads and new trails. It has active streams, transitions from Pon-

derosa to Douglas fir, and is home to the peregrine falcon. While next to Blodgett Peak itself, there is no Forest Service access due to the sensitivity of the wildlife preservation area adjacent to the open space.

Bluestem Prairie Open Space ●
 2.1 miles, gravel—no bikes or dogs

Take I-25 south of Colorado Springs to Exit 138. Turn east onto South Circle Drive and then south onto Hancock Road which turns into Hancock Expressway. Turn east on Drennan Road. From Drennan Road, turn south onto Grinnel Street, east on Fontaine Blvd and finally back north onto Goldfield. The trailhead is on the east side of Goldfield.

The 650-acre open space area is home to over 200 species of birds and 80 mammal species. You will see Pronghorn, Black-tailed prairie dogs and Mountain plovers, red-tailed hawks, burrowing owls and migratory shorebirds.

Chamberlain Trail ● ■
 3.3 miles, gravel ♿♿

5' gravel trail runs from Stratton Forest Heights south to the Chutes Trail (by Gold Camp Reservoir). Park at one of the four trailheads for Stratton Open Space or on-street in Stratton Forest west of Cresta Road. (Beware that if you leave your car overnight you will be ticketed.)

Beautiful trail winding through the foothills. It passes through Upper Skyway, has a gap, and then starts over in Stratton Forest as it heads south into Stratton Open Space. Wonderful views of the city and the mountains. Enjoy the incredible variety of wildlife and habitat as you wander on this trail. It will eventually go north to the Foothills Trails and south to Cheyenne Mountain State Park.

Chutes Trail ■
 1.3 miles, natural ♿♿

This trail is accessed from Stratton Open Space near the upper reservoir or from Gold Camp Road. Take 21st St. south from Hwy. 24—it turns into Cresta Road. One trailhead is at the west end of La Veta (turn right immediately south of Cheyenne Mountain High School.) The Ridgeway trailhead is north off Cheyenne Blvd., just west of Cresta. For the Gold Camp Road access, turn west on Lower Gold Camp off 21st St. and pass Section 16 and most of the houses. Look for the large rock with the pine tree growing out of it on the left.

One of the most popular mountain biking trails in the region, but is also open to other uses. However, to avoid conflicts, a hikers-only trail has been built just north of the Chutes. If you choose to walk or run, watch



out for bikes. They might be flying downhill.

Take time to enjoy the beautiful Ponderosa pine and Douglas fir as you use this trail. It is moderately steep going up and heavily trenched from use. While you are there, enjoy some of the other trails in Stratton Open Space.

Columbine Trail ■ ◆
 4 miles; natural ♿♿

Parking is available at the Starsmore Discovery Center on Cheyenne Blvd., at the trailhead in North Cheyenne Canyon and at Helen Hunt Falls.

Columbine Trail starts at Starsmore Discovery Center at the intersection of North and South Cheyenne Canyons and consists of three legs: Lower, Mid and Upper Columbine. The trail follows the creek up the canyon. The trail provides a beautiful view of the canyon, the road below and Silver Cascade and Helen Hunt Falls. The steep and narrow trail ends on the road above Helen Hunt Falls.

GARDEN OF THE GODS

23 miles; natural (paved trail through main park area is accessible to those with disabilities)

The park is located at 30th Street and Gateway Road. Park at Garden of the Gods Visitors Center on 30th, the main parking lot on the very north end of the park, Balanced Rock or near the Trading Post on the southern end of the park. Horse trailer parking is available at South Spring Canyon Picnic Area just up from the Trading Post on Garden Lane.

Garden of the Gods is a 1367-acre park owned by the City of Colorado Springs. It contains famous red sandstone rock formations known throughout the United States. The park is interlaced with numerous hiking and equestrian trails providing spectacular views of the park and the City as they crisscross around and through grasslands and juniper woodlands. The park is home to an incredible variety of wildlife including deer, hawks, bighorn sheep and rattlesnakes. Some of the trees are over 1,000 years old. Mountain biking is only allowed on specifically marked trails on the southeast side of the park. All trails are multi-use (except for bikes).

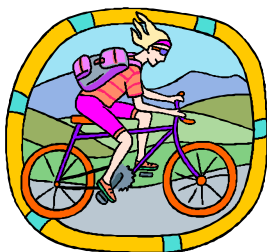
1. Chambers, Bretag, Palmer Trails—no bikes

3 miles; natural surface

Access Garden of the Gods Park off 30th St. or Ridge Road. Park at the north or south parking lots on Juniper Way Loop or various other pull offs along the road.

The Sue Bretag Trail, the Palmer Trail and the Chambers Trail comprise one long continuous trail that encompasses most of the Garden of the Gods. They may be accessed from a variety of points. Heading south from the north end of the park, you can look out on an incredible

view of rock spires and junipers spread out before you. The trails themselves are rocky with twists and turns. Rattlesnakes can be found in the park, so



watch your step and stay on the trail. No bikes are allowed and dogs must be on leash throughout the park.

2. Bicycle and Pedestrian Paths

Short Loop – follows Juniper Way Loop in either direction from parking lot - 2.5 miles; paved

Medium Loop – take Juniper Way uphill from parking lot and then south, changing to Garden Drive down around the Trading Post and back north to the parking lot – 3.9 miles; paved

Long Loop – do as above but take Juniper Way Loop as you come back north and go around that loop before heading north up hill back to the parking lot – 5.3 miles; paved

The on-street bicycle and pedestrian lanes on Juniper Way



Blodgett Peak Open Space

Loop, Garden Drive and Garden Lane are some of the most popular running and biking paths in the city. They are also heavily used by visitors of the park. No parking is allowed in these lanes. Bicycles must follow the vehicular direction of traffic. Spectacular views of Pikes Peak and the park are seen all along the way.

3. Mountain Biking Trails

5 miles – depending on route; natural surface

Access Garden of the Gods Park off 30th St. or Ridge Road. Park at the south parking lot on Juniper Way Loop, located in the southeast corner of the park in the old reservoir area.

These are the only trails in the park open to mountain bikers. There are a number of trails with loops to offer longer rides. Single track trails offer a variety of rides from beginner to the more experienced rider. Take the eastern ridge trail to overlook of Rock Ledge Ranch and park. This is also a popular route for neighborhood hikers and their dogs. Be courteous and yield to hikers and horses.

Check out the new trailheads at Blodgett Peak and Bluestem Prairie open space. The Trails and Open Space Coalition helped fund both new trailheads.



Runners love Garden of the Gods

ment. Take an immediate right and follow Rose Ridge to the southwest towards the water tank. There is a new trailhead.

High Chaparral is the most prominent ridgeline on the east side of Colorado Springs. This 54-acre parcel provides exceptional vantage points to see the Front Range, the Spanish Peaks and Wet Mountains to the south and Black Forest to the north. It provides trails, wildlife habitat and a visual buffer for the busy Powers Blvd. corridor.

Mesa Valley Trail

2.4 miles; gravel



From I-25 go west on Uintah and north on Mesa. Park at Holmes Middle School; or from I-25, go west on Uintah, right on Chesnut and left on Caramillo to the Beidleman Environmental Center.

This is a short spur off of the Palmer-Mesa Trail running from Holmes Middle School and connecting to Sonderrmann Park and the Beidleman Environmental Center.

Mount Cutler Trail

1 mile; natural

From S. Nevada, turn west on Cheyenne Blvd. Continue west on North Cheyenne Canyon Blvd to the trailhead about 1.5 miles up the road on the left.

One of the most beautiful trails in town. Perfect for a short hike to show flatlanders the beauty of Colorado Springs. The trail is moderately difficult but very short. The trail does have drop offs, so hold onto your children. There are spectacular views overlooking Seven Falls and the Broadmoor.

number of horses that use them from Academy Riding Stables. They are being rebuilt to diminish the impact of erosion with funds from the stables. Rattlesnakes can be found in the park, so watch your step. No bikes are allowed and dogs must be on leash throughout the park.

6. Siamese Twins Trail - no bikes

0.9 mile; natural surface



Access Garden of the Gods Park off 30th St. or Ridge Road. Park at Spring Canyon Trailhead on the south end of the park or various other pull offs along the road.

Spectacular rock formation of Siamese Twins make this short easy trail memorable. Sweeping views of the front range and the park. The trail connects to the Palmer Trail and the Scotsman Trail. No bikes are allowed and dogs must be on leash throughout the park.

High Chaparral Open Space

2 miles, natural



From I-25, take the Garden of the Gods exit east. Head east/northeast to Stetson Hills Blvd. and head east. Near the top of the hill, turn right on Rose Ridge Drive into the develop-

4. Perkins Interior Garden Trail—no bikes

1 mile; paved



Access Garden of the Gods Park off 30th St. or Ridge Road. Park at the north or south parking lots on Juniper Way Loop or various other pull offs along the road. This is a paved, handicapped accessible trail providing access to the views of the Kissing Camels and other Garden of the Gods rock formations. It weaves in and out among the rock formations and tall junipers. No bikes or horses are allowed – pedestrians only!

5. Scotsman and Buckskin Charlie Trails- no bikes

2.1 miles; natural surface



Access Garden of the Gods Park off 30th St. or Ridge Road. Park at the north or south parking lots on Juniper Way Loop or various other pull offs along the road.

The Scotsman and Buckskin Charlie Trails make up a group of loops between Juniper Way Loop and Garden Drive. They may be accessed from the Scotsman Picnic Area and many entry points along the roadways. These trails are generally soft due to the high num-

Colorado Springs Open Space Rules

Bikes and equestrians only permitted on the multi-use trails.

Bikes yield to all other trail users.

Dogs must be on a leash at all times. Remove your pet's waste.

Some areas do not permit dogs or cats.

Collection of wildlife, wildflowers or other natural resources prohibited.

Due to ground nesting birds, remain on the trails.

Due to fire danger, no smoking or campfires allowed.

No camping.

Motor vehicles prohibited.

No trash dumping.

No alcohol permitted.

For a complete list of Parks Rules and Regulations, visit www.SpringsGov.com.

PALMER PARK

25.6 miles, natural. Located between Union Blvd. on the west and Academy Blvd. on the east, Austin Bluffs Parkway on the north and Maizeland on the south. It has entrances off Maizeland, Paseo and Austin Bluffs Parkway.

This 737-acre park was donated to the City of Colorado Springs by General William J. Palmer in 1902. Many of the trails were built by the Civilian Conservation Corps in the mid-30's with the construction of 14 miles of trails. The trails are heavily used by cyclists, equestrians, runners and hikers.

1. Edna Mae Bennett Nature Trail

3/4 mile, natural and rock surface



The trailhead is at the Palmer Park entrance on Paseo Road just past Reyner Stables.

One of the most scenic trails in Palmer Park but also one of the more difficult. It was rebuilt in 1994 but still is very rocky with a number of rock steps up very steep slopes. It offers wonderful views as it passes through a number of picturesque rock formations. It connects to other park trails such as the Templeton Trail.

2. Greencrest Trail

2.6 miles, gravel and natural surface



This trail is located on the east side of Palmer Park. Take the Maizeland entrance west of Academy Blvd. Turn into the parking area. The trail starts at the end of the paved road at the east end of the parking lot near the playground.

This is one of many, many trails in Palmer Park. It passes some nice rock formations and if you take the short spur that says 'To Greencrest Trail', you will get to a spectacular overlook of Pikes Peak.

3. Mesa Trail

3.1 miles, natural



Access the trail off the Bennett Trail. Park at the Palmer Park entrance on Paseo Road just past Reyner Stables. Go up the Bennett Trail a short distance to the Templeton Trail.

A beautiful trail on the top of the park. Connects to the Yucca Trail and provides scenic views of the mountains and the city.

4. Templeton Trail

4.3; natural surface



The trailhead can be accessed at the Palmer Park entrance on Paseo Road just past Reyner Stables.

Another spectacular trail that goes in a rough loop around much of the northern part of Palmer Park. Greatly favored by mountain cyclists but also used by runners and people walking their dogs. Expect lots of rocks to go over as you look at hoodoos and other gorgeous scenery.

5. Yucca Trail and Dog Loop

2.8 miles; natural surface



There are two ways to get there. Take the Maizeland entrance one block west of Academy Blvd and go straight ahead 0.7 miles and turn right. Go another 0.1 miles to Ute Crest. Bear left to Yucca Crest. 0.2 miles more will get you to the Yucca Trailhead. The second way is to enter the park from Paseo near the stables. Go 0.6 miles up the hill to Ute Crest and then follow the directions as above.

This trail is an old road on the top of Palmer Park that connects to several other trails. It offers tremendous views and provides the opportunity to have your dog off-leash if it is under voice command. Watch out for coyotes and rattlesnakes. There will be other trail users on the trail as well.

Rockrimmon Trail

6 miles; gravel, natural



This Rockrimmon trail can be accessed from Ute Valley Park, Golden Hills and Foothills Park and Foothills Elementary School.

Rockrimmon Trail is a gravel neighborhood connection weaving from Monument Creek through Rockrimmon to Ute Valley Park. It joins the Ute Valley Park trails and the Foothills Trail.

Stratton Open Space

8 miles; natural



Parking is available at the trailheads off Ridgeway, La Veta and just past the Starsmore Discovery Center (at the entrance to North Cheyenne Canyon.) Take 21st. St south from Hwy. 24. It turns into Cresta. Head west on La Veta, just south of Cheyenne Mountain High School. Ridgeway is north off Cheyenne Blvd.

Stratton Open Space is a diverse region of five ecosystems including a ponderosa pine forest, scrub oak brush land, a high meadow grassland, a cattail marsh and a riparian area. The area contains a wide variety of wildlife. Trails range from easy to difficult. It has one of the region's most popular mountain biking trails—the Chutes. Please stay on marked trails and don't use any of the still existing social trails. The City is trying to re-vegetate those.

There are trails for everyone including hiking-only trails for those wishing to avoid bikes. The Chamberlain Trail through Stratton will be the key north-south trail on the west side of the City.

Union Meadows Trail

0.9 miles; natural surface.



Park on Garden Ranch Drive (One block south of Academy Blvd., east of Union. Take the sidewalk to the end of the culvert to the toe of the hill. The trail goes all the way to the intersection of Austin Bluffs



Living with urban wildlife is a fact of life in the Pike Peak region.. Know what to do by checking out the Colorado Division of Wildlife website at: http://wildlife.state.co.us/Education/CoExisting_with_wildlife/

Vary your trail experience. If you normally use a paved trail in your neighborhood, try out one of the incredible national forest, park or open space trails in the

Please don't let your dog chase wildlife. It or the wildlife could get hurt.



and Union.

This trail is located in Union Meadows Open Space adjacent to one of the busiest streets in Colorado Springs. Despite that, you will enjoy this trail as it shows off wetlands, a tremendous number of wildflowers in the spring and a variety of wildlife. It is heavily used by neighborhood residents. At the south end, you may use the tunnels at the Austin Bluffs/Union intersection to get to Palmer Park.

Ute Valley Park Trail ●
7.6 miles; natural

Ute Valley Park is located off Vindicator, east of Centennial in Rockrimmon. Park at the parking lot on Vindicator.

This trail starts in the Ute Valley Park and travels east toward Monument Creek Trail. It is a popular trail for people from all over the City. Although the trail itself is only two miles long, numerous routes can be taken that can provide much longer hikes or rides. The trail connects to the Foothills and Rockrimmon Trail on the west.

URBAN

Austin Bluffs Trail ■
4.3 miles; paved

No trailhead parking. The trail is reached from UCCS, Nevada Ave. or Union Blvd.

Austin Bluffs Trail follows Austin Bluffs Parkway from North Nevada Ave. to Union Blvd. It is a paved sidewalk paralleling the north side of Austin Bluffs Parkway through the CU the Springs campus. It is steep in places but commut-

ers ride their bicycles on it.

Cottonwood Creek Trail ●
3.6 miles; gravel and paved

Trailhead parking is at Cottonwood Creek Park, Montarbor Dr. & Dublin Blvd

A significant new portion has been built by Rangewood forming a loop following Cottonwood Creek. Bridges on Union and Rangewood have sidewalks making the creek crossing safe and easy. Traveling west along the north side of the creek gives the best view of Pikes Peak. The south side has more shade. The trail is stroller accessible and the park has playground for kids. An additional segment will be completed west to Academy Blvd. in 2004.

Foothills Trail ●
7.6 miles; gravel and paved

Park at Chipita Elementary School on Flying W Ranch Road, Blair Bridge Park on 30th or Garden of the Gods Visitors Center.

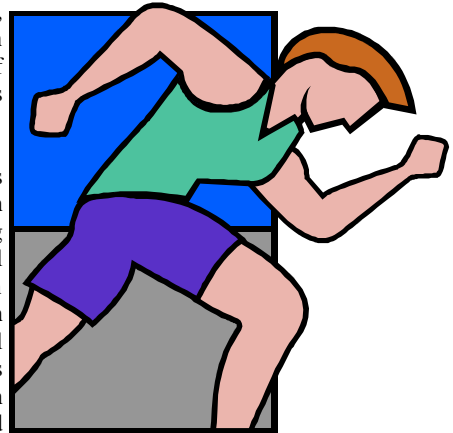
This trail runs through Mountain Shadows following a greenbelt parallel to Flying W Ranch Road and along 30th St. From Centennial Blvd. the trail is uphill to Mountain Shadows Pass and downhill on the other side. It passes Mountain Shadows Park and Chipita Elementary School. The trail connects to Ute Valley Park on the east, Garden of the Gods Park on the south and almost to the Sinton Trail at Garden of the Gods Road. Once you are on the trail heading south along 30th, you have a moderately hilly trail into Garden of the Gods and past the Rock Ledge Ranch. South of the ranch,

there is a bicycle lane along 31st St.

Homestead Ridge Trail ●
6.1 miles; paved, gravel

The north trailhead is found by taking North Academy Blvd; east on Austin Bluffs Parkway; right on Old Farm Drive and then left on Old Farm Circle. Park at the Community Center. The trail is up the street on the right—look for the sign. Mid-trail parking is available at Rudy Elementary School, Rustic Hills North Shopping Center on the south or Maizeland and Academy.

Most of this trail is relatively easy as it runs from the Community Center on Old Farm Circle south to Maizeland Road and Radiant Drive. Along the way, you pass Old Farm Park, up rather steep switchbacks above the park and the top of the ridge overlooking Sky Sox Stadium. You continue along the eastern boundaries of Ridge Subdivision and Village Seven. Once the trail gets to Maizeland, it goes west to Academy Blvd.



and then follows along the west side of Academy Blvd. The surface varies from asphalt and concrete to gravel, and provides an interesting round-trip bicycle ride any time of the year unless snow and ice are present. New segments have been built north of Inspiration Dr. and south of Carefree Cir. South and Stetson Hills Blvd southwest to a point north of Old Farm Park.

Mesa Springs Trail

3.1 miles, paved



Runs from just south of Fillmore to Bijou immediately west of the I-25 sound wall. Take any of the streets west that cross the interstate to access the trail.

One of the few true greenways in the City of Colorado Springs. Landscaped the entire length, it is a model for the other trails in the city. It is a nice trail for skating or just a quiet stroll. It connects to Monument Valley Park and the Pikes Peak Greenway via the I-25 pedestrian bridge.

Midland Trail

2 miles, paved



Access south of Cimarron St. or at 21st St. and Hwy. 24.

We've added this trail along Hwy. 24 since it should be completed in the near future. It provides a link to the west side and will eventually connect Confluence Park and Manitou Springs.

N. Douglas Creek Trail

1.4 miles, gravel and paved



Take Centennial Blvd. north from Garden of the Gods Rd. to Mule Deer Dr. Turn right to Pinion Valley Park. Or park at Ute Valley Park and go west to the beginning of the trail at the corner of Vindicator and Centennial.

This trail runs from the corner of Vindicator and Centennial to Pinion Valley Park, along the Douglas Creek drainage. It provides neighborhood connections to Ute Valley Park and the Foothills Trail.

Palmer-Mesa Trail

3.3 miles; paved and gravel



The trail is accessed at Holmes Middle School south of Fillmore or the Garden of the Gods overlook on Mesa.

This trail along Mesa Road runs from Uintah Street to the

Foothills Trail on 30th Street and offers a safe and attractive route for children, commuters, exercise enthusiasts, and recreational users.

Pikes Peak Greenway

17.5 miles; paved and gravel



Get on the trail at the Edmondson Trailhead on Woodmen Road, the Youth Sports Complex on Mark Dabbling, Monument Valley Park, Dorchester Park and the Cray Trailhead south of Circle.

This trail forms the central segment of the region's "Spine Trail" running from Palmer Lake through Fountain Creek Regional Park. It is the most heavily used trail in the region and is a segment of both the American Discovery Trail and the America the Beautiful Trail. The trail runs parallel to Monument and Fountain Creeks through wooded areas. It is used by pedestrians and bicyclists and accesses many other connecting trails and all downtown activity centers. Following the creeks, you see beautiful views of the Front Range and pass through wildlife habitat and riparian areas that house numerous varieties of birds and aquatic life. The trail passes the Goose Gossage Youth Sports Complex, Monument Valley Park (no horses allowed) and will connect to Confluence Park when the park is built. The trail is temporarily closed south of Janitell Road. It is expected to be open again in mid 2004.

Prospect Lake Trail

1.25 mile loop, paved



Located in Memorial Park at the intersection of Union Blvd and Pikes Peak Ave. Can be accessed from inside the park or on the south end off Prospect Lake Drive.

The trail completely circles Prospect Lake. Rollerblade, walk, push a stroller, walk your dog on the paved trail around the lake as you watch the waterfowl. The lake is now closed to boating and swimming.

Quail Lake Trail

1 mile; paved and gravel surface



Go south on Hwy. 115, east on Cheyenne Mountain Blvd. to the lake or east on Lake, southeast on Venetucci and then right on Cheyenne Mtn. Blvd.

This short trail circles picturesque Quail Lake in the southwest part of Colorado Springs. The park contains picnic benches, a restroom and a playground. The lake is very low due to the extreme drought conditions in the Pikes Peak area. A number of different aquatic birds may be seen.

Rock Island Trail

5.5 miles; paved



Take Powers south from Constitution to Victor (the west access road adjacent to Powers) to access the east end of the trail. Park at the north end of Victor by the utilities substation; alternatively, access the trail from Rustic Hills Mall North on Academy, the Bon Shopping Center on Wahsatch or the shopping center at the corner of Circle and Constitution.

This is an easy trail paralleling the Rock Island Railroad and Constitution Ave.. It is completed from Wahsatch to Powers. The new segment between Powers and Murray has a separated soft surface trail for equestrians and the concrete trail is well suited for rollerbladers.

Sand Creek Trail

2 miles; paved (in segments)



Take Circle Dr. east from I-25 to Janitell Road. Go south to Executive Drive. Turn east on Executive Drive to the El Pomar Sports Complex. Follow the sidewalk to the Seymour Cray Trailhead. The trail is just south of the trailhead and heads east. A recently completed new section is found between Chelton and Hancock Expressway. Parking for this section is at Sierra High School on Jet Wing Drive.



You don't have to be a cyclist or runner to enjoy an area trail. Many are suited for a casual walk on a beautiful day.

Shooks Run Trail will be extended to Las Vegas Street in 2004 and eventually to the southern end of the Pikes Peak Greenway forming a downtown loop.

Sand Creek Trail is a work in progress currently completed from the Pikes Peak Greenway at the El Pomar Sports Complex to Las Vegas Street, between Chelton and Hancock and a small piece south of Palmer Park Blvd.. The trail will eventually run north to Black Forest following the creek. Significant new segments were built in 2003 with more planned for 2004.

Shooks Run Trail

4.2 miles; paved



Trailheads are numerous, including: Bon Shopping Center, (2200 N. Wahsatch Ave.), El Paso Street at Costilla Ave., Pikes Peak Ave., and Willamette Ave..

Shooks Run goes from the Rock Island Railroad south through Shooks Run Park to Fountain Blvd. It's a paved trail running north-south through linear parks on the old railroad grade along a stream. A new underpass under Pikes Peak Ave. has been built and the trail will be completed to Las Vegas St. in 2004.

Sinton Trail

3 miles, paved



Parking is available at the Youth Sports Complex on Mark Dabling. Go west under the railroad trestle just north of the playground. The trail can also be accessed from the Foothills Trail on the west at 30th St.

The Sinton Trail is a critical link to the major employers along Garden of the Gods Road and is a portion of the American Discovery Trail and the America the Beautiful Trail. It connects to Templeton

Gap, the Pikes Peak Greenway at the Goose Gossage Youth Sports Complex and to the Foothills Trail running to the Garden of the Gods.

Skyline Trail

4 miles; paved



Parking is available at the Conoco Station at Union and Briargate and behind King Soopers west of Range-wood.

This northeastern trail travels through rolling hills and prairie north of Woodmen. The majority of the trail is paved and good for bicycling, skating and walking. There are many small feeder trails coming out of the residential areas. The trail connects to Cottonwood Creek near Woodmen Road, and will connect to the yet-to-be developed La Foret Trail near Shoup Road. The trail needs to be connected through the City utilities substation to make it continuous and it still lacks a portion just west of Union.

Stetson Hills Trail

2 miles; paved



Follows Stetson Hills Blvd. on the north side of Colorado Springs. Currently runs from Austin Bluffs Parkway to just west of Marksheffel Road. Parking is available at the new High Chaparral Open Space Trailhead on Stetson Blvd.

Neighborhood trail that connects to High Chaparral Open Space and Homestead Ridge Trail. It is in a landscaped area along Stetson Hills Blvd. More of the trail is currently being built as it heads east.

Templeton Gap Trail

4.3 miles; paved



Park at the Goose Gossage Youth Sports Complex on Mark Dabling or Portal Park at Hancock and E. Newcastle.

Templeton Gap is essentially the extension of the Sinton Trail going east along the Templeton Gap Floodway from Monument Creek to Palmer Park. The trail has an on-street crossing at Nevada and goes under Union and Austin Bluffs.

Both the City of Colorado Springs and El Paso County have created dog friendly areas where dogs can be off-leash in their parks. Some of these are trails, and two of the city's areas are enclosed, fenced areas. **Dogs must be under voice command and under control.** The trails are signed so that other trail users are aware that dogs will be off-leash. The two trails that are dog friendly are described separately under their trail names: Bear Creek Trail and the Yucca Trail in Palmer Park.

Bear Creek Park – Dog loop is located off 21st St. in the northwest corner of the park. Other trail users are discouraged from using the dog loop and encouraged to use the regional trail.

Palmer Park – Trail is in the Yucca Flats area of the park. See separate description.

Palmer Park – Take the Maizeland entrance straight ahead. Fenced dog area is on the right about ¼ mile ahead.

Rampart Park – Dog area is west of Rampart High School track. 8270 Lexington Drive.



Many area trails have been built by volunteers. Check our web site for information on trail projects