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**The trails on the bases are subject to closure at any time.**



**Trails abound at Academy Stables**

### Military Bases

#### AIR FORCE ACADEMY

##### Air Force Academy Roads ● ■

##### 1. Stadium Blvd. Loop

11 miles, paved roads with wide shoulders; easy

This loop is extremely popular with cyclists who want an easy ride with few traffic worries. It starts just after the South Gate entrance on South Gate Blvd. and then turns north on Stadium Blvd., running up to the north end by the B-52 display and returns.

**2. Perimeter Loop** – 14 miles, paved roads with mostly wide shoulders, easy to moderate with some long hill climbs. Park at the Thunderbird display on the south end of Stadium Blvd. and go north to

North Gate Blvd. Climb the hill west as the road turns into Academy Dr. At the top of the hill turn south and follow the road until it intersects Pine Dr. (at the hospital). Follow Pine Dr. around until it intersects Stadium Dr. and takes you back to your car.

##### Air Force Academy Stables ● ■


20+ miles, soft surface, \$5/day fee

To get to the parking area, go in the South Gate of the Air Force Academy and go north to Pine Drive. Take Pine Drive to Pine Loop (there is a blinking light there); go left. Take the first right and go about 3 blocks. You will see a small brown sign that says "stables". Turn left and follow the road to the T intersection; go right. At the bottom of

the hill on the left by the hay barn is horse trailer parking.

The trail from the parking area goes either east or west along the creek. From there, there are lots of options. If you go west as far as the fire station road and follow it west you can pick up Forest Service Trail 713 which goes to Rampart Reservoir and all the trails in the national forest. If you go east toward Ice Lake you will come to a perimeter road and it will take you on a loop around the south boundary of the Academy. There are broad views. If you turn left when you hit the road, continue north through the gate and go right across the railroad tracks, then you can pick up the New Santa Fe Trail that you can ride all the way to Palmer Lake or Greenland Open Space.

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### Fort Carson

**Falcon Trail** ■  
12-mile loop; natural

You can park and get on the trail at numerous locations including south of the Youth Center, Building 5132; near the auto hobby shop and on the west side off Interior Drive. Be aware! On the Air Force Academy, you can't park in an area unless it is specifically marked for parking.

This Air Force Academy trail is open to cyclists, equestrians and hikers. It has been designed to give a good look at the natural and man-made beauty of the Academy. It loops through all the various landforms and ecosystems of the Rocky Mountain Front Range, including a pioneer homestead, and is the home for many different types of plants and animals (watch for rattlesnakes.) A trail brochure is available at the Academy Visitor Center


and the trail is well signed.

**Stanley Canyon Trail** ◆  
3 miles, natural

Enter the Air Force Academy from either the north or south entrances, take Stadium Blvd. to Academy Drive. Go west to Pine Drive. Turn on the west side of the Academy Hospital onto a gravel road that ends at the trailhead (0.8m).

This trail begins on Academy property but quickly passes into Pike National Forest. It is heavily eroded at the bottom so wear sturdy shoes. It offers scenic (sometimes spectacular) views of the Academy. On the way to Stanley Reservoir, it passes through a narrow canyon and then a meadow filled with flowers. Watch the ice, it can be dangerous on the trail at times.

**FORT CARSON** ●  
8-9 miles; gravel ■

Off Hwy. 115, parking is available at the Golf Course and various park locations. 

The Fort Carson trails network is currently closed to the public but remains open to people with a military ID. Call TOSC (633-6884) for a map of the trails. There are four different trails, all interconnected. The trails are available to hikers, runners and bicyclists (unless marked otherwise). Horses are not allowed.