LEAVE NO TRACE ON OPEN SPACE & MOUNTAIN PARKS

Manage Your Dog
If your dog is off leash, it must visibly display the Voice and Sight Control tag. Keep your dog near you and under control. Carry a leash for each dog, even if under Voice and Sight Control.

Pick Up Poop
Pet-dog poop is raw sewage. It stinks and causes damage to the environment. Pack a pick-up bag and always pick up your dog's poop. Never leave a used bag by the trail - dispose of immediately or carry it with you.

Stay on Trail
Traveling on trail leaves room for wildlife and their homes. Shortcutting trails causes erosion. Get muddy! Step right through puddles. Boots dry overnight; plants take years to recover.

Trash Your Trash
Please take out all trash - yours and others'. Even organic garbage such as orange peels, apple cores and food scraps, takes years to break down. Animals which feed on trash often die!

Leave It as You Find It
Picking flowers, collecting rocks, or picking berries may not seem to be a big deal, but it means others won't have a chance to enjoy them. Millions of people visit Open Space & Mountain Parks. If each takes something, what will remain?

Share Our Trails
We all enjoy Open Space & Mountain Parks in different ways. Pay attention, expect to encounter others and be courteous. Yield to all.

Open Space & Mountain Parks
www.osmp.org
(303) 441-3440
66 South Cherryvale Road
Boulder, CO 80303
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Open Space & Mountain Parks Trail Guide
Mountain Parks Region

Please return this map when no longer needed so others can reuse it.

Open Space & Mountain Parks Mountain Backdrop Trails

Open Space & Mountain Parks Multi-Use Trail
Trailhead - OSMP Designated Parking
Parking along public streets unless otherwise noted
Access Point

Distance Between Symbols:
- OSMP Hiking Trail
- OSMP Multi-Use Trail
- Trail Not Managed By OSMP

200 Foot Elevation Contour
Habitat Conservation Area (HCA)
OSMP Multi-Use Trail
OSMP Property
Other OSMP Managed Lands

Please respect our regulations Please check trailhead boards for the latest information, visit www.osmp.org or call 303-441-3440.

Be “Light on the Land”
Although off trail hiking is permitted on many parts of OSMP, we encourage you to stay on trail. A hiker’s foot can crush delicate flowers and cause trails to widen over time. Please stay on the trail tread even when it is muddy or icy to protect surrounding vegetation.

Please, No Collecting
Picking flowers, collecting rocks or fossils, or harvesting wild berries or mushrooms removes important resources from the land and is prohibited.

Habitat Conservation Areas (HCAs) - Stay on Trail
Special areas on OSMP are home to very rare plants and animals and have been set aside to conserve their habitat. These areas are marked on the map in darker green, and indicated by trail signs. You may not travel off trail through Habitat Conservation Areas without a free permit, available at www.osmppermits.com.

Mountain Biking
Biking is allowed on some OSMP trails, including those in yellow on this map. Please consult the OSMP website or information boards at trailheads. Bikes must remain on trail to limit erosion and resource damage.

Dogs on OSMP
Dogs are allowed off leash on most trails if their guardian is registered through the city’s Voice and Sight Control program, and the dog visibly displays the Voice and Sight program tag. By law, excrement must be picked up and disposed of immediately.

GO TO www.osmppermits.com
or call 303-441-3440.
Boulder is surrounded by over 45,000 acres of city-owned open space land. From the plains grasslands to the forests and towering rock formations of the foothills, residents and visitors are able to enjoy over 150 miles of trails through some of the most scenic open space land in the country. These lands help to preserve the natural environment of the Boulder area, while providing buffers between Boulder and adjacent communities.

PLANTS

There are over 700 species of trees, shrubs, flowers, grasses and ferns on Open Space and Mountain Parks. Our flora includes prairie species of the Great Plains alongside plants of the Southern Rocky Mountains and Chihuahuan Desert. Ice Age plants such as paper birch trees and big bluestem grass thrive in cooler, moister nooks. In drier areas you’ll find short and tallgrass prairie. Ponderosa pines cover the slopes of the mountains, while pockets of dense shrubs fill drainages. Plants protected under the Federal Endangered Species Act find refuge here.

Open Space and Mountain Parks is one of the most diverse wildlife areas in all of Colorado, providing habitat for many species. Boulder residents have chosen to protect this intricate tapestry of ecosystems.

Some of our most frequently seen mammals include mule deer, golden-mantled ground squirrel, fox, spinach, chickaree and Abert’s or tassel-eared squirrel. Occasionally, visitors are fortunate enough to catch a glimpse of a coyote, red fox, or long-tailed weasel. Rarely seen are the secretive bobcat, mountain lion, badger and black bear.

Many birds also live here year-round, including black-billed magpie, Steller’s jay, mountain and black-capped chickadees, red- and white-breasted nuthatches, northern flicker, common raven and dark-eyed junco. Some of our summer visitors include broad-tailed hummingbird, Western wood-pewee, western wren, rufous-fronted warbler, Western tanager and spotted towhee. Cliffs and crags shelter nesting falcons and golden eagles. Some areas are seasonally closed to protect the birds from disturbance.

Please help us keep our wildlife wild—do not approach or feed animals. Enjoy them from a respectful distance.

Photos: Fritillary butterfly on a Gaillardia flower, Mariopila Lillies.

Open Space and Mountain Parks

Chautauqua - Bluebell-Baird - Mesa (easy)

From the W side of the Ranger Cottage, follow Chautauqua Trail up through meadow. Enjoy flowers and prairie grasses as well as magnificent views. At Bluebell Trail, turn left through ponderosa pines to the Bluebell picnic shelter. Follow Bluebell Road downhill back to the Ranger Cottage. 1 hour, 1.6 miles.

Chautauqua - Bluebell-Baird Loop

MCCLINTOCK - ENCHANTED MESA (easy)

On McClintock Trail, turn left after 0.5 miles. Follow McClintock Trail through pine forest, then turn left again. Enjoy magnificent views of the Flatirons and the Boulder Reservoir, then continue left for a short distance to the Enchanted Mesa Trailhead. Follow Enchanted Mesa Trail downhill to return to Chautauqua Auditorium. 2 hours, 2.1 miles.

Chautauqua - Bluebell-Baird Loop

McClintock - Enchanted Mesa Loop

GREEN MOUNTAIN SUMMIT (strenuous)

Follow directions for Gregory Canyon hike above. But remain on Ranger Trail until its intersection with Green Mountain West Ridge Trail. Turn left and follow the trail to the summit. In summer, watch for butterflies and in fall swarms of ladybird beetles. Follow the E.M. Greenman Trail to Saddle Rock Trail and return to Gregory Canyon parking lot. Please note: dogs are not allowed on portions of the Greenman Trail. Avoid summit during lighting storms. 5 hours, 5.3 miles.

Chautauqua - Bluebell-Baird Loop

Gregory Canyon - Ranger - Greenman - Saddle Rock Loop (strenuous)

Trail begins at Gregory Canyon parking lot off Baseline Rd. It climbs steadily to its junction with Ranger Trail on S side of Green Mountain Lodge, which continues steeply to the Greenman Trail. Just after the creek, Greenman Trail meets the Saddle Rock Trail. Follow it back to Gregory Canyon parking lot. 3.5 hours, 3.7 miles.

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Boy Scout - May’s Point Loop (easy)

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