

COTTONWOOD TRAIL

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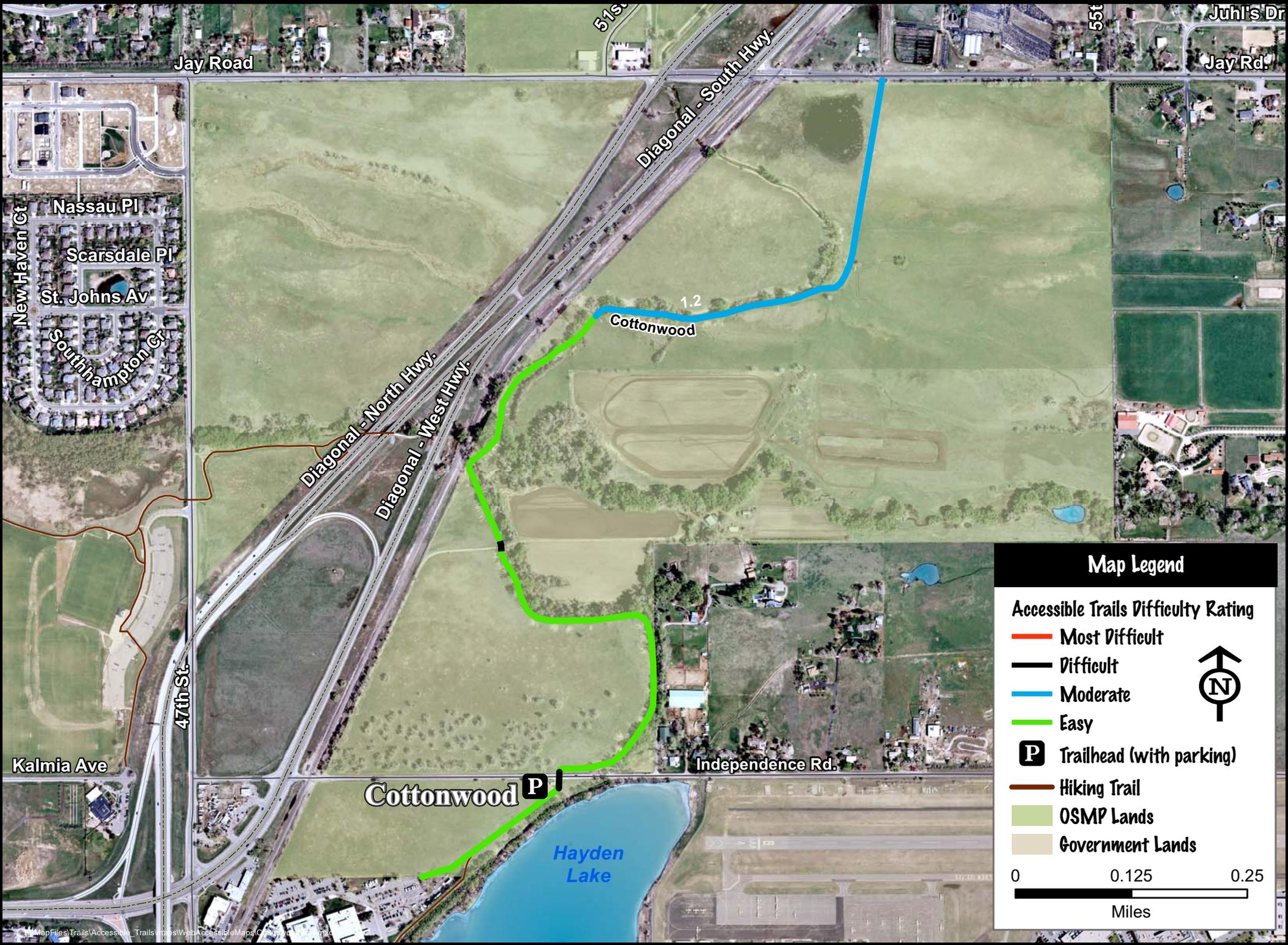
Rating:	moderate
Distance:	1 mile
Surface:	dirt, road base
Width:	Avg: 8' Min: 3'
Cross slope:	Avg: 0% Max: 5.6% for 20'
Grade:	Avg: 0% Max: 7% for 3'
Picnic:	none
Other users:	dogs (voice/sight control), horses, bikes
Parking:	general parking with 1 designated spot
Structures:	bridge
Restrooms:	none
Shade:	moderate, cottonwoods provide shade along trail
Location:	After driving east on Iris Ave. under Foothills Pkwy., travel less than 0.25 miles and turn right on Independence Rd. The parking lot is about 0.5 miles down the road on the right side.

Description

To access the trail, cross Independence Rd. and enter through the opening in the fence. The trail starts out as a dirt path following the fence. After reaching the row of trees, the trail turns to road base, dirt and gravel and maintains a width of 8 feet. The trail weaves around following a line of trees and is generally flat with some grades of 1-2%. The road base makes for a very bumpy and jarring roll in a wheelchair. If any bolts are loose on your chair or walker, I would recommend taking a different trail.

The most challenging section has a 7% grade for 3 feet about 0.5 miles down the trail. This occurs as you approach a ranch access road. Soon after, there is a bridge crossing with a 4% approach. After crossing the bridge, the trail follows Four Mile Creek. The trail has a few rolling hills with 4-7% grades with a maximum cross slope of 5.6%. The last 0.25 miles of trail veers away from the creek through fields and ends at Jay Rd. The vegetation in the area is mostly grasses and cottonwoods (thus the name of the trail). Birds of all sorts can be seen, as well as occasional deer and plenty of prairie dogs.

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Map Legend

Accessible Trails Difficulty Rating

- Most Difficult
- Difficult
- Moderate
- Easy

P Trailhead (with parking)

- Hiking Trail
- OSMP Lands
- Government Lands

