

DRY CREEK TRAIL

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Rating:	easy
Distance:	0.75 miles
Surface:	crusher fines
Width:	Avg: 8' Min: 6'
Cross Slope:	Avg: 0% Max: 9% for 20'
Grade:	Avg: 3% Max: 10.5% for 10'
Picnic:	table (moderate)
Other users:	dogs (voice/sight control), horses, bikes
Parking:	2 designated spots plus general parking
Structures:	3 bridges
Restrooms:	none
Shade:	some, very little
Location:	Dry Creek Trailhead and parking are located on the south side of Baseline Rd. one mile east of Cherryvale Rd. (east of Hwy. 157) in southeast Boulder.

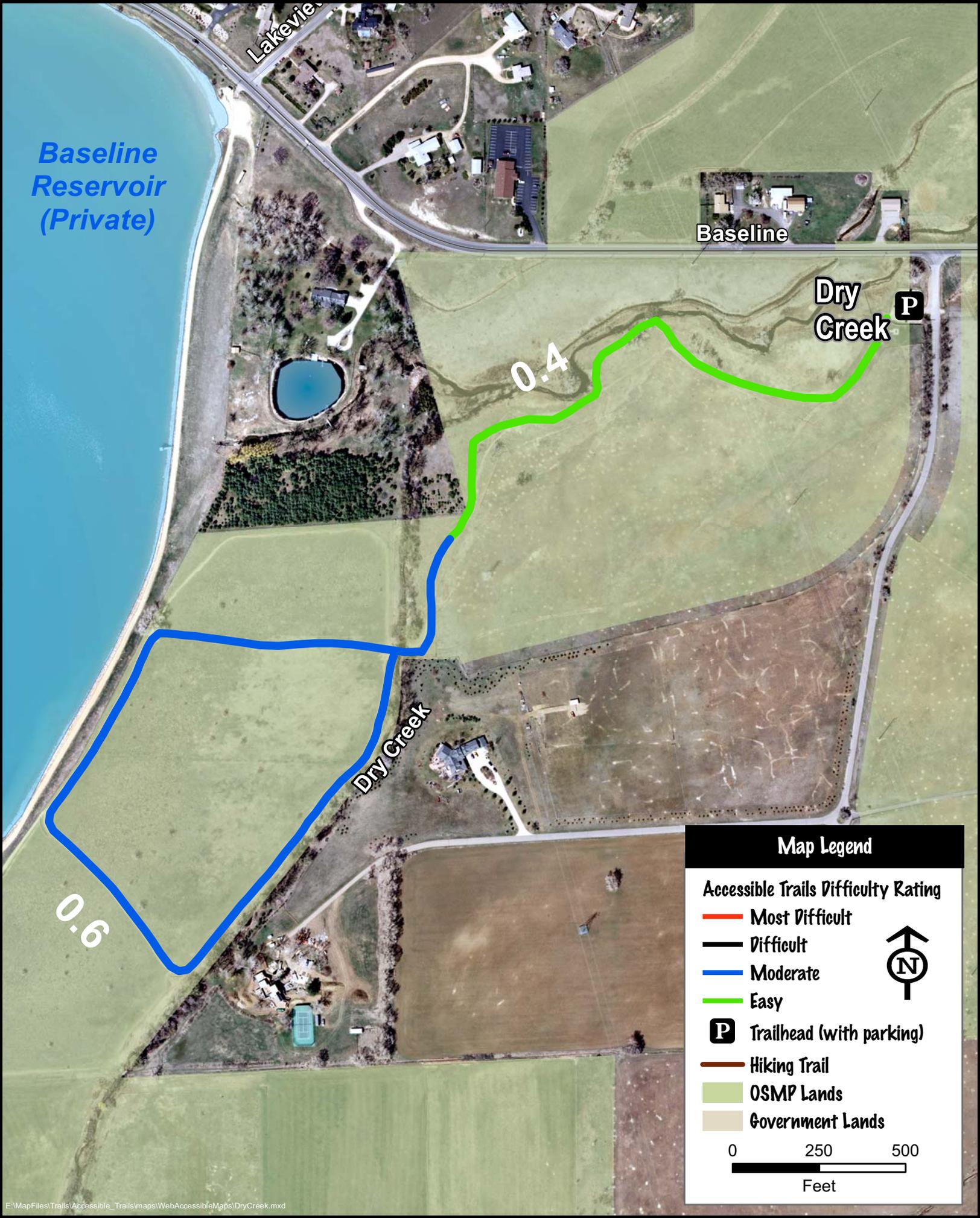
Description

The Dry Creek Trail is a 0.75-mile trail running through the grasslands east of Boulder that attracts many dog walkers. Watch out for the many wet dogs running around. Entering the Dry Creek area through a gate (no tension spring), the trail aims south to a prairie dog colony for about 300 ft, then turns toward Dry Creek. A little cover is provided by trees as the trail skirts along the creek.

The trail is generally easy, but moderately difficult in some sections. Exposed gravel trail base can be hard to maneuver in a wheelchair. Some sections of the trail can be very muddy or rutted when dry. There is a raised platform of crusher fines for about 200' to mitigate erosion. There are three bridges: one at 1100' (15'x 8', 1/2" -1" lip), the second at 2000' (30'x 8', 2" lip), and the third at 2200' (15'x 12', no lip, 4' railings). Don't fall into the dog pond below this one. Between the first and second bridges, there is a 100' section of trail with a 7.7% grade and an 3.2% crosslope. This can be difficult, especially when wet. The toughest slope on the trail is after the second bridge for 10' at 10.5% with a crosslope of 6.6%.

After crossing the third wooden bridge the trail forks three ways. Straight ahead or to the left, it turns into a crusher fines trail. This crusher fines trail makes an easy 1/4 mile loop. The trail is 8% for 20' with a 5% cross slope near the lone cottonwood tree at the westernmost part of the trail. Cutting to the right after the bridge, the trail becomes a dirt path. This is negotiable with a wheelchair, but can be muddy during spring or after a rain shower. After less than 0.5 miles it connects with the crusher fines trail at the lone cottonwood.

Dry Creek Trail



Baseline Reservoir (Private)

Lakeview

Baseline

Dry Creek P

0.4

Dry Creek

0.6

Map Legend

Accessible Trails Difficulty Rating

- Most Difficult
- Difficult
- Moderate
- Easy

P Trailhead (with parking)

- Hiking Trail
- OSMP Lands
- Government Lands

