

GREENBELT PLATEAU TRAIL

Modified 3/3/11

Rating:	moderate-difficult
Distance:	1.6 miles
Surface:	gravel, road base
Width:	Avg: 9' Min: 7'6"
Cross slope:	Avg: 0% Max: 3% for 20'
Grade:	Avg: 4% Max: 8% for 500'
Picnic:	none
Other users:	dogs (voice/sight control), horses, bikes
Parking:	general parking with no designated spots
Structures:	3 gates
Restrooms:	none
Shade:	none
Location:	The Greenbelt Plateau Trailhead is located on the corner of Hwy 93 and Hwy 128 just south of Boulder.

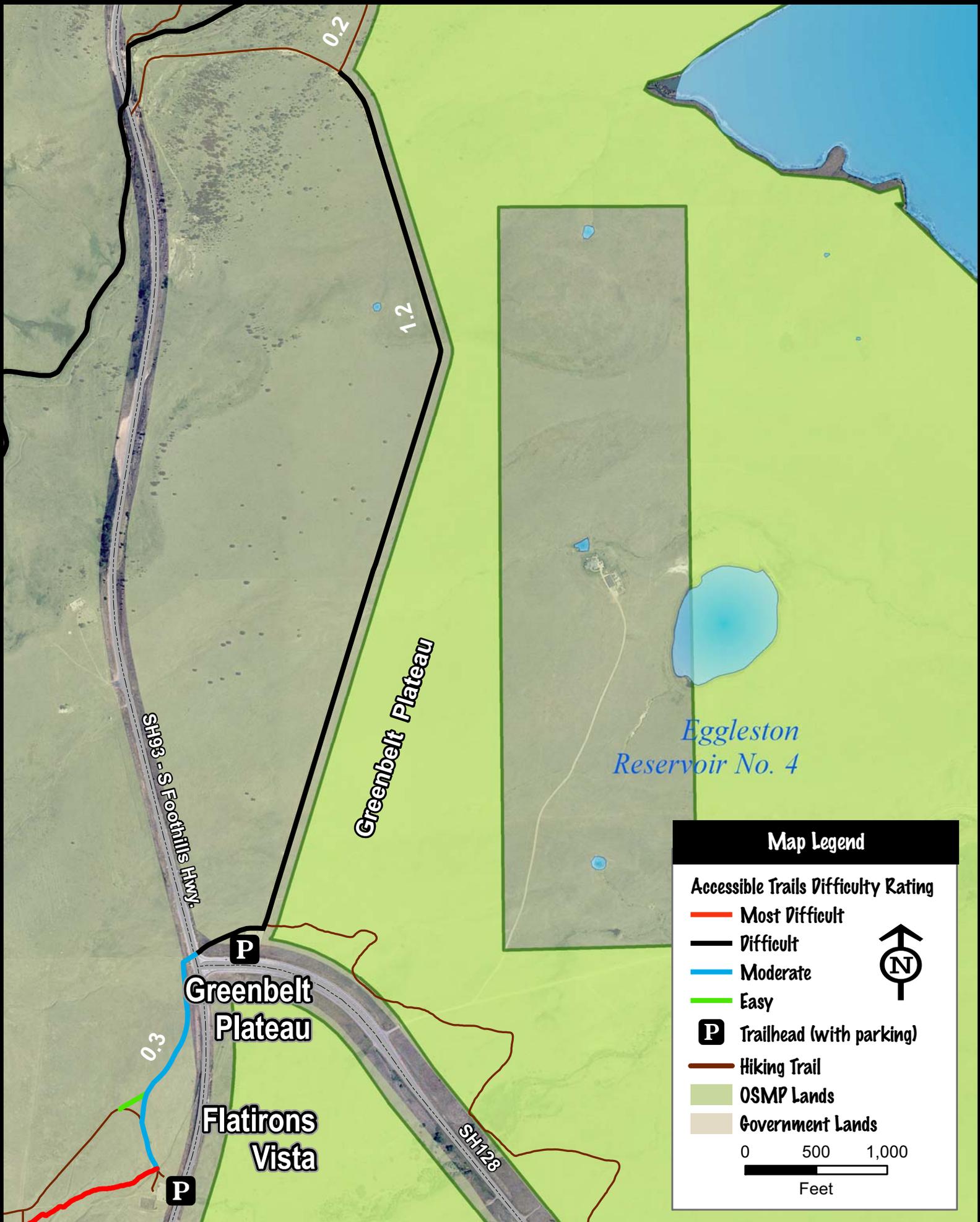
Description

There are no designated parking spots at the trailhead but the lot is large, flat and rarely full. The trail is moderate to difficult in a wheelchair due mainly to the surface type. It is road base and dirt, thick with loose gravel. This road base surface continues on for almost one mile as you climb to the top of the plateau. Dropping down the other side, the trail turns to a dirt road with smaller loose gravel for the duration. The trail has some long flat sections, but also has some long descents and ascents (0.1 mile with 8% and 0.3 mile with 7%). After traveling a little over 1.5 miles, the trail ends at Hwy. 93. There is limited parking there and it is a busy road that is difficult to enter.

There are three gates on the trail, one at the beginning (0.5 lbs, 44"), one at the end (2 lbs, 36"), and one in the middle (35"). This middle gate has a difficult lever/latch opening mechanism, no springs.

The trail runs along the border of the Southern Grasslands Habitat Conservation Area, a prairie preserve of outstanding biological significance in North America. Look for examples of rare tallgrass prairie grasses, wildflowers, and an occasional yucca. A few ponderosa pine trees are scattered haphazardly along the plateau. The trail is wide open most of the way. This does not provide for much shade on hot days but does allow for a great view of Eldorado Canyon and the Flatirons.

Greenbelt Plateau



Map Legend

Accessible Trails Difficulty Rating

- Most Difficult (Red line)
- Difficult (Black line)
- Moderate (Blue line)
- Easy (Light Green line)

P Trailhead (with parking)

Hiking Trail (Brown line)

OSMP Lands (Light Green background)

Government Lands (Light Brown background)

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