

## **SOUTH BOULDER CREEK TRAIL**

**(S. Boulder Rd. to Marshall Rd.)**

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- Rating:** moderate-difficult  
**Distance:** 2 miles  
**Surface:** road base dirt/gravel  
**Width:** Avg: 10'  
Min: 3'9"  
**Cross slope:** Avg: 0%  
Max: 3%  
**Grade:** Avg: 1%  
Max: 7% for 6'  
**Picnic:** none  
**Other users:** bikes, horses, cattle (dogs not allowed)  
**Parking:** nearby road-side parking only. no parking lot unless you park in designated spots at East Boulder Community Center  
**Structures:** 3 bridges, 8 gates  
**Restrooms:** several (easy) at EBCC  
**Shade:** very little shade, wide open  
**Location:** You can access this section of the South Boulder Creek Trail from several spots. The closest place to park, although limited and dangerous, is on the shoulder of Marshall Rd. near where the trail comes out. The best way to get there is by way of S. Broadway. At the bottom of the hill south of Greenbriar Blvd., turn east off of S. Broadway and onto the frontage road (Marshall Rd.). The trailhead is off to the left less than a hundred feet down the road. Other parking is available on Cherryvale Rd. near the Open Space and Mountain Parks Administrative Building. This lot is near the intersection of S. Boulder Rd. and Cherryvale Rd. You can also park at the EBCC (see SBCT – East Boulder Community Center to S. Boulder Rd.), but this will add an extra section of trail to your hike.

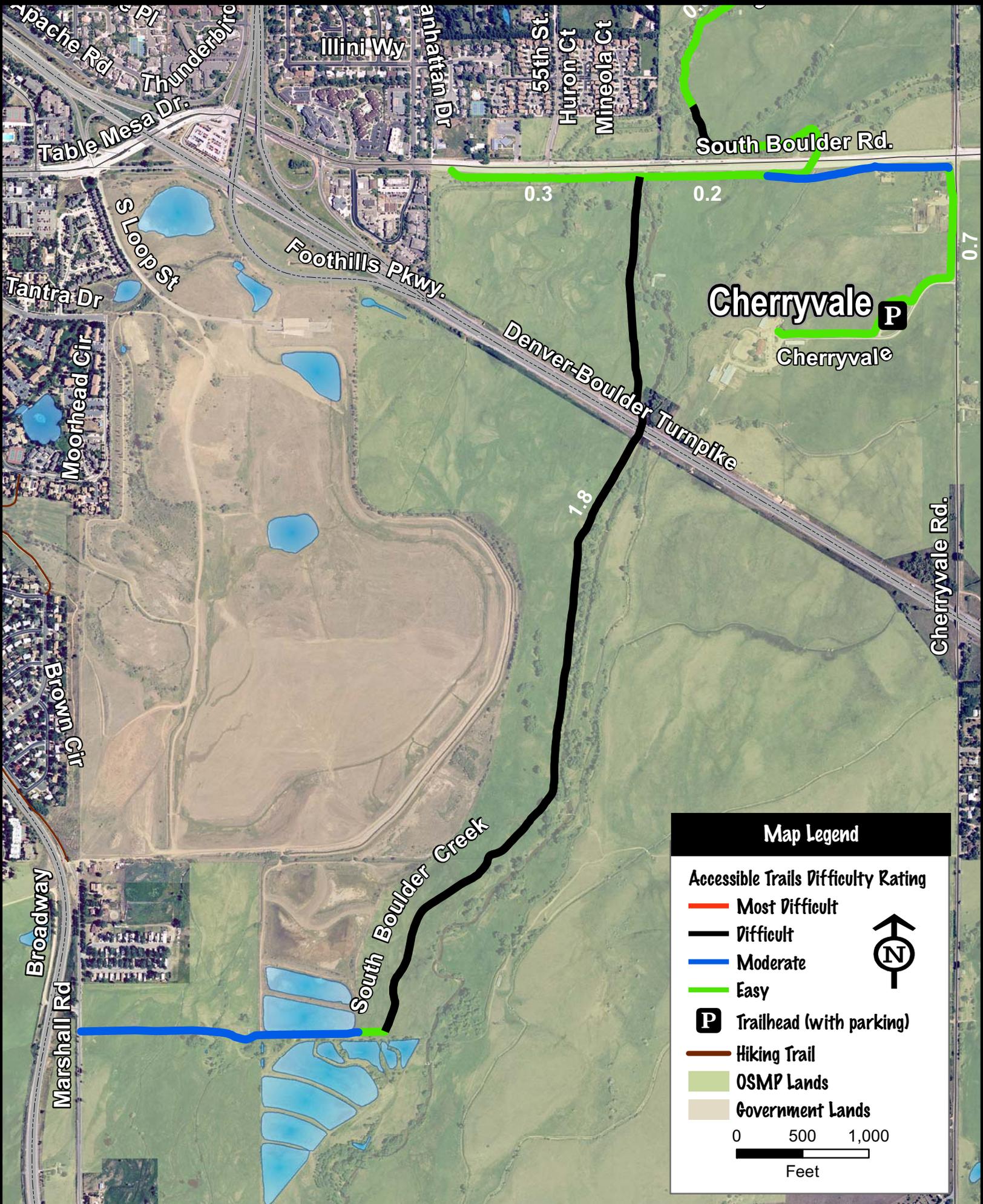
### **Description**

This S. Boulder Rd. to Marshall Rd. section of trail is flat with a slight downhill grade as you travel from Marshall Rd. to S. Boulder Rd. and is often used for cattle grazing. It follows the South Boulder Creek but only comes within 50 feet of it. The road base dirt/gravel makes this trail difficult. It is an old ranch road that is popular among runners in the Boulder community, probably because of the spectacular view of Devil's Thumb and the Flatirons.

The trail runs through grassland and wetland habitats often grazed by cattle. A prairie dog colony is on the southwest part of the trail and deer can sometimes be seen near the creek. Various birds, including bobolink, rails, and great crested flycatchers, can also be spotted. Vegetation includes various grasses and wildflowers.

There are three bridges, all easy to cross. A total of eight gates are on this trail, four of which are seldom closed (narrowest width 3'). The gate at the Marshall Rd. trailhead is usually closed with a grade of 6% as you approach it from the road (5 lbs., 36"). The S. Boulder Rd. gate is also kept closed (5 lbs., 43"). Two gates near the bridges are usually closed as well. All gates are very easy to open and close.

# South Boulder Creek Trail - South Boulder Road - Marshall Road



## Map Legend

### Accessible Trails Difficulty Rating

- Most Difficult
- Difficult
- Moderate
- Easy
- P** Trailhead (with parking)
- Hiking Trail
- OSMP Lands
- Government Lands



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