

## WONDERLAND LAKE

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<b>Rating:</b>	easy – moderate
<b>Distance:</b>	1.75 miles
<b>Surface:</b>	crusher fines, paved, concrete
<b>Width:</b>	Avg: 8' Min: 3'
<b>Cross slope:</b>	Avg: 0% Max: 3% for 5'
<b>Grade:</b>	Avg: 2% Max: 11% for 20' (avoidable)
<b>Picnic:</b>	none
<b>Other users:</b>	dogs on leash, bikes, anglers
<b>Parking:</b>	2 designated spots (2% grade, 1 bumpy) plus general parking
<b>Structures:</b>	2 bridges
<b>Restrooms:</b>	none
<b>Location:</b>	The Wonderland Lake Trailhead is on the west side of N. Broadway just south of Utica Ave. in north Boulder.

### Description

The Foothills Nature Center (a small white building) is directly behind the Wonderland Lake Trailhead and parking lot. Two designated parking spots are available in the lot. Other trail access points lie on Wonderland Hill Ave, Poplar Ave, and Utica Ave.

This 1.75-mile crusher-fines trail starts on the south side of the Foothills Nature Center. The trail crosses a grassy field on an uphill slope of 2%, sometimes reaching grades of 4%. At about 0.15 miles, the trail travels up a hill with an 8-9% grade for 100 feet. It then flattens out as you approach a fork in the trail in less than 0.1 mile. At this point the trail circles the lake, so either direction is fine.

Turning to the right, the trail is hard-packed dirt and gravel. You will soon reach a fence with a 5-foot wide opening. An 11% grade for 12 feet climbs to the road and sidewalk from the fence opening. Take this route uphill and west to the paved driveway on your left. On the right of the driveway, the trail starts again. This crusher fines path goes up a short 4% grade and skirts around the hillside. Eventually you will come to a cottonwood tree and a fork in the road. To the right and up a very steep hill is the Foothills Trail. To the left is Wonderland Lake Trail.

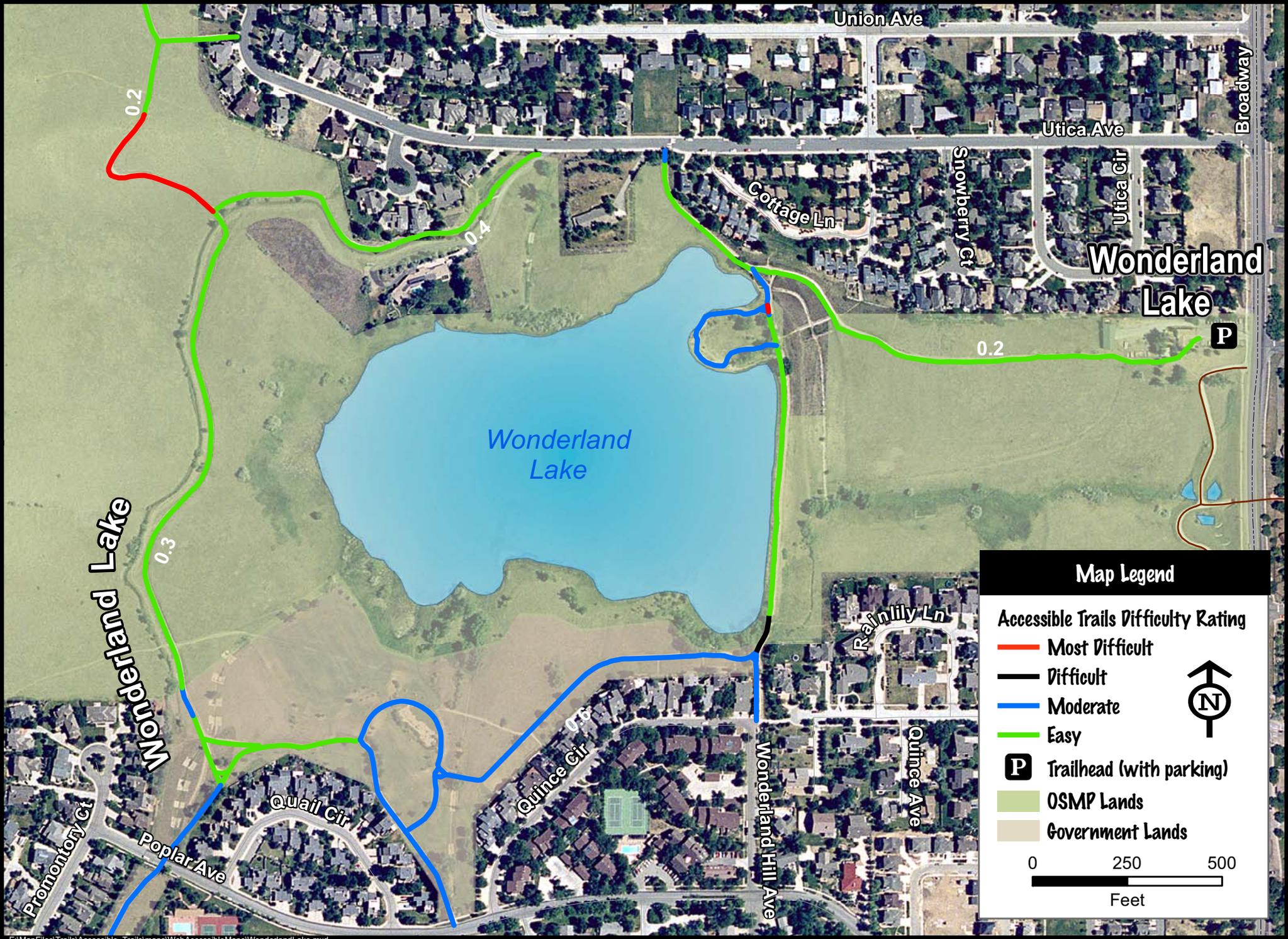
The Wonderland Lake Trail is relatively flat for the next 0.25 mile. The trail then turns to concrete, travels up an 11% grade for 10 feet, and reaches a fork in the trail. Take the crusher fines path to the left. Shortly, you will reach another fork where you should turn left again. The trail has a downhill grade of about 10% for 100'. It levels out as it winds around a playground. A picnic table and several benches (moderate) surround the playground.

After the playground, the sidewalk reaches a grade of 9% for 70 feet. When you reach another fork, turn to the left and continue over the bridge, up a short 8% rise and 800 feet down the concrete path to a crusher fine path on the left. Follow the crusher fine trail down an 11% (5') grade and an 8% (20') grade. This downhill is sometimes washed out, so be careful. The trail continues on flat for 0.1 mile where you'll reach another fork in a stand of trees.

Turning left will take you on a crusher fines path that meanders along the water's edge and reconnects with the main trail. This area is great for fishing from a wheelchair since it brings you very close to the water. State fishing regulations apply. For more info on regulations, go to: <http://wildlife.state.co.us/fishing/Pages/Fishing.aspx> .

After reconnecting with the main trail, the trail dips into a canal and comes up the other side. A 7%-graded crusher fines path with a 5-foot upper section at 12% is the easier route. Turning right at the top of the hill will take you back to the Foothills Nature Center.

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## Map Legend

- Accessible Trails Difficulty Rating**
- Most Difficult
  - Difficult
  - Moderate
  - Easy
- P** Trailhead (with parking)
- OSMP Lands
- Government Lands
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