

1 Jones Pass Road

LEVEL: EASY

DISTANCE: 4.1 Miles (one way)

ELEVATION START/HIGH/GAIN: 10,304'/12,456'/2,237'

TH LAT/LON: 39.770508, -105.852709

LAND MGR: USFS (Clear Creek Ranger District)

RECOMMENDED USES: Jeep, hiking, biking, snowshoeing, backcountry skiing, snowmobile

TYPE: Dirt Road

GETTING HERE: Jones Pass Rd. (FSR 144.1) begins across from the Henderson Mine, just west of Berthoud Falls off Hwy 40, approx. address 1746 Co Rd 202, Empire, 80438.

ABOUT: Jones pass road travels above treeline for several miles until it dead-ends after crossing the Continental Divide. Essentially a dirt road with some steep grades along the way, hikers, bikers and backcountry skiers will find it a challenging workout. During the winter season, Jones Pass is open to snowmobiles, cross-country skiing, snowshoeing and fat bikes and is groomed regularly by local business, Powder Addiction out of Empire, offering snowcat ride service for a fee to adventurous skiers - more information, visit www.powderaddiction.com.

2 **Butler Gulch Trail (Trail #144)**

LEVEL: INTERMEDIATE

DISTANCE: 4.9 Miles (roundtrip)

ELEVATION START/HIGH/GAIN: 10,516'/11,926'/1,573'

TH LAT/LON: 39.77204, -105.85827

LAND MGR: USFS (Clear Creek Ranger District)

RECOMMENDED USES: hiking, biking, snowshoeing, backcountry skiing

TYPE: Singletrack

GETTING HERE: Butler Gulch TH is located on Jones Pass Rd. (FSR 144.1), west of Berthoud Falls, approx. 0.5 mi up Road 202 from Henderson Mine, approx. address 1746 Co Rd 202, Empire, 80438.

ABOUT: The trail starts out as a narrow, closed road winding up through the forest at a slight grade, but about halfway up the grade becomes much steeper as the trail climbs through spruce/fir forest past the timberline until it ends at an open bowl with incredible views of the surrounding peaks. This trail is great for viewing wildflowers in the summer and snowshoeing, backcountry skiing and fat biking in the winter. You will notice many snowshoe and backcountry ski tracks made by backcountry explorers heading out from the main trail.

3 Continental Divide Trail (CDT)

LEVEL: INTERMEDIATE/ADVANCED

DISTANCE: 35 Miles (one way)

ELEVATION START/HIGH/GAIN: 11,320'/14,270'/11,548'

TH LAT/LON: Berthoud Pass TH: 39.798130, -105.776809

Argentine Pass TH: 39.608670, -105.800000

LAND MGR: USFS (Clear Creek Ranger District)

RECOMMENDED USES: hiking, *biking, snowshoeing, backcountry skiing

TYPE: Singletrack

GETTING HERE: Argentine Pass TH: Take Hwy 6 east towards Keystone, then right on Montezuma Rd, travel 4.5 miles then left on Peru Creek Rd. (County road 260), continue until the dead end, park and walk 0.3 miles up the road to the trailhead on the right. The Berthoud Falls TH (large parking lot) is located 6 mi north of Berthoud Falls on US 40 west of Empire.

ABOUT: The Continental Divide Trail (CDT) runs 3,100 mi between Mexico and Canada, crossing 5 states as it follows along the Rocky Mountains. The CDT section through Clear Creek County travels from James Peak to Argentine Pass (51.4 mi.) Several remote high elevation sections of the CDT make it a primitive, adventurous route. Unless you are a thru hiker, the trail is best traveled between Berthoud Pass and Argentine Pass (35 mi). Part of the route overlaps other trails and dirt roads through the County. * **Not all sections are open to mtn bikes.**

4 Herman Gulch (Trail #98)

LEVEL: INTERMEDIATE

DISTANCE: 6.4 Miles (roundtrip)

ELEVATION START/HIGH/GAIN: 10,294'/12,012'/1,853'

TH LAT/LON: 39.702491, -105.853941

LAND MGR: USFS (Clear Creek Ranger District)

RECOMMENDED USES: hiking, snowshoeing, backcountry skiing

TYPE: Singletrack

GETTING HERE: TH with large dirt parking lot on north side of I-70 at exit# 218. Approximate Addr: Watrous Way, Silver Plume, CO 80435.

ABOUT: A former sawmill road, this trail winds its way up Herman Gulch at a moderate grade, but steepens significantly as the trail continues on to Herman Lake above treeline (marked with rock cairns). Herman Gulch offers hikers and snowshoers a great walk through the forest, wildflower lined meadows and creeks, the occasional bighorn sheep or mountain goat, and fantastic views of the surrounding area year round. This trail is very busy during the summer weekends, mtn bikes are allowed but not recommended due to trail configuration and significant hiker traffic. Mountain bikers shuttling and riding downhill from Jones Pass Trail should use extreme caution. A portion of the CDT (Continental Divide Trail) overlaps most of the Herman Gulch trail and connects to the BLT (Bakerville Loveland Trail).

5 **Watrous Gulch (Trail #95)**

LEVEL: ADVANCED

DISTANCE: 2.1 Miles (one way)

ELEVATION START/HIGH/GAIN: 10,294'/11,759'/ 1,558'

TH LAT/LON: 39.702491, -105.853941

LAND MGR: USFS (Clear Creek Ranger District)

RECOMMENDED USES: hiking, snowshoeing

TYPE: Singletrack

GETTING HERE: TH with large dirt parking lot north side of I-70 at exit #218, approx. address Watrous Way, Silver Plume, 80435.

ABOUT: This steep, rocky trail winds upwards a little over two miles from the lower trailhead to a spot high up on Woods Mtn, not quite to the top. At around the 1.3mi mark it intersects with the west end of the Bard Creek Trail. Watrous Gulch is a great trail for those looking for a fitness challenge and awesome views on an uncrowded hike. Mtn bikers heading downhill from the Bard Creek Trail should use caution.

6 Bakerville Loveland Trail - BLT (Clear Creek Greenway Segment)

LEVEL: EASY

DISTANCE: 5 Miles (one way)

ELEVATION START/HIGH/GAIN: 9,776'/10,682'/1,218'

TH LAT/LON: East TH: 39.69151, -105.80518

West TH: 39.68690, -105.88289

LAND MGR: USFS (Clear Creek Ranger District), CCGA

RECOMMENDED USES: hiking, biking, snowshoeing, backcountry skiing

TYPE: Singletrack

GETTING HERE: East TH and parking lot in Bakerville, just south of I-70 at exit #221. West TH on the frontage road at the east side of the Loveland Valley ski area at I-70 exit# 216.

ABOUT: Paved multi-use recreation path, perfect for biking and hiking all year round, this trail has a somewhat uphill grade as it runs parallel to I-70 from Bakerville to the Loveland Valley ski area. Snowcat grooming during the winter season provides an improved experience for fat bikes, cross country skiers and snowshoers. The CDT (Continental Divide Trail) also overlaps with this trail, connecting to the Herman Gulch trail head at I-70 exit# 218.

7 Grays & Torreys Peaks (Trail #54)

LEVEL: ADVANCED

DISTANCE: 8 Miles (roundtrip)

ELEVATION START/HIGH/GAIN: 11,236'/14,260'/3,765'

TH LAT/LON: 39.66077, -105.7847

LAND MGR: USFS (Clear Creek Ranger District)

RECOMMENDED USES: hiking, snowshoeing

TYPE: Singletrack

GETTING HERE: I-70 to Bakerville, exit# 221. Lower (overflow) parking area located at the bottom of Stevens Gulch road, 1/4 mi south of the exit. Trailhead and upper parking lot 3 miles up Stevens Gulch Rd.

ABOUT: The Grays and Torreys 14'ers are situated very close together on the continental divide, and normally combined into a single day hike. Grays Peak is the highest point on the Continental Divide, and as such provides fantastic views of the surrounding area. This popular hike gets crowded on summer weekends, the upper parking lot fills up quickly and users must either park at the bottom of Stevens Gulch Rd. and hike the 3 miles up to the trailhead or park in one of the few pullouts along the road. From the upper trailhead, the trail winds up the southern slope of Kelso Mountain for 1.85 miles, continue straight on to reach Grays Peak (the small trail on the right leads up Kelso Ridge to Torreys Peak). When hiking both peaks in one day, take the trail to the left at the intersection 2.8 miles up to travel the route clockwise, hiking up Grays Peak first. The trail crosses the north slope through a series of switchbacks until it turns southeast just before the final climb to the summit, about 3.75 miles from the trailhead. From the summit of Grays Peak, Torreys Peak is less than a mile away. Begin your descent down the North Ridge of Grays toward Torreys Peak and follow the trail through tight switchbacks for .4 miles to the trail junction with the Torreys Peak Trail. Follow the Torreys Peak Trail across the saddle between the peaks to the Torreys summit. To return to the trailhead, descend back through the Grays-Torreys saddle and traverse across the North Slopes of Grays to join the Grays Peak Trail and descend the main trail back down.

8 Iron Fens / Geneva Basin

LEVEL: INTERMEDIATE

DISTANCE: 4 Miles (trail network)

ELEVATION START/HIGH/GAIN: 10,253'/11,798'/1,688'

TH LAT/LON: 39.572889, -105.794282

LAND MGR: Clear Creek Open Space / USFS (Clear Creek Ranger District)

RECOMMENDED USES: hiking, biking, snowshoeing, backcountry skiing, *Jeep/OHV

TYPE: 4x4 roads

GETTING HERE: Follow Guanella Pass Rd to the top and turn on County Rd 1038 (FSR 119), Grant, CO 80448. Follow the rough dirt road for 5 miles to the fork, past campsite #42. Turn right at the fork to enjoy the Geneva Basin jeep/OHV trails or go left and follow the road a short way to the locked gate, this is the (non-motorized) Iron Fens trailhead.

ABOUT: Located in the Geneva Creek Basin, the Geneva Creek Iron Fens are an amazing site; large areas of peat-forming wetlands receiving nutrients from upslope mineral soils and groundwater movement, they are quite reddish in color due to the iron in the ground water draining from surrounding calcareous rocks. Feel free to hike (or bike) the non-motorized mile or so of old dirt roads that weave through the Iron Fen area, but please stay on trail as these Iron Fens are environmentally sensitive, this location is also registered as a Colorado State Natural Area. * Jeep/OHV are not allowed in the Iron Fens area, only in the adjacent Geneva Basin 4x4 area.

The Geneva Basin jeep/OHV trails are a network of old mining roads now utilized by 4x4 enthusiasts near the Geneva Creek Iron Fens. Many old mines, historic cabins and other structures litter the area, including the remnants of the Sill Mine. Geneva Basin (also known as Upper Geneva Creek) is one of the more diverse trail networks in Colorado, offering amazing views of Geneva Basin and the valley along Geneva Creek up to what was Geneva City.

9 Silver Dollar Lake (Trail #79)

LEVEL: EASY

DISTANCE: 4.2 Miles (roundtrip)

ELEVATION START/HIGH/GAIN: 11,199'/12,208'/1,148'

TH LAT/LON: 39.607258, -105.727224

LAND MGR: USFS (Clear Creek Ranger District)

RECOMMENDED USES: hiking, biking, snowshoeing, backcountry skiing

TYPE: Singletrack

GETTING HERE: Follow Guanella Pass Rd. to Silver Dollar Lake Rd., a rough dirt road for .7 mi to the Silver Dollar Lake TH. Park in the lot on the right. Silver Dollar Lake Rd is extremely difficult in winter conditions and users should park at the Guanella Pass Rd. intersection and hike the .7 mi to the TH.

ABOUT: The Silver Dollar Lake Trail is great for hiking and wildlife viewing near three high alpine lakes. Silver Dollar Lake is a 1.6 mi hike from the TH, Murray Lake is another .5 mi beyond Silver Dollar Lake. Please be aware that Naylor Lake is private property, no access.

10 Argentine Pass (Leavenworth Creek Rd, McClellan Mountain Rd)

LEVEL: INTERMEDIATE

DISTANCE: 24 Miles (trail network)

ELEVATION START/HIGH/GAIN: 9,456'/13,208'/4,065'

TH LAT/LON: 39.683162, -105.702744

LAND MGR: USFS (Clear Creek Ranger District), Clear Creek County

RECOMMENDED USES: Jeep/OHV

TYPE: 4x4 roads

GETTING HERE: TH is 2.5 mi up Guanella Pass Rd from Georgetown, at the turnoff to Leavenworth Creek Rd.

ABOUT: This Jeep/OHV offroad trail network consists mainly of two trails, Argentine Pass and McClellan Mountain, which start together and run parallel to each other for the first 3.5 miles. Leavenworth Creek becomes FSR 248.1, which continues on past the Waldorf Mine as McClellan Mtn Rd up to the Santiago mine spur, and eventually to the top of McClellan Mountain. The remains of old mines, including several structures, are prevalent everywhere. A section of trail winds up the creek, and two creek crossings become fairly deep and daunting in the Spring, but the views from higher are up are well worth the effort. Feel free to explore the spurs along the way. Route finding can be tricky, please refer to a geo-referenced trail map such as the USFS MVUM (Motor Vehicle Use Map) available in the Avenza app online library (Android or IOS) or at <https://www.fs.usda.gov/goto/arp/mvum>

11 Mt Bierstadt (Trail #711)

LEVEL: INTERMEDIATE

DISTANCE: 7.2 Miles (roundtrip)

ELEVATION START/HIGH/GAIN: 11,630'/14,061'/2,697'

TH LAT/LON: 39.596662, -105.710068

LAND MGR: USFS (South Platte Ranger District)

RECOMMENDED USES: hiking, snowshoeing

TYPE: wide dirt path

GETTING HERE: TH with asphalt parking lot near the summit of Guanella Pass Rd. Limited Parking.

ABOUT: This trail offers fantastic views of the surrounding area as it winds its way up to one of Colorado's most accessible 14'ers. The trail is within the Mt. Evans Wilderness Area and bikes are not allowed. Mt. Evans can also be reached via the Sawtooth connector for those hikers who are up for the additional challenge. Weekend usage is very heavy, so plan accordingly.

12 7:30 Mine Trail

LEVEL: INTERMEDIATE

DISTANCE: 4.5 Miles (roundtrip)

ELEVATION START/HIGH/GAIN: 9,148'/10,586'/1,667'

TH LAT/LON: 39.697954, -105.725475

LAND MGR: HDPLC

RECOMMENDED USES: hiking, biking, snowshoeing

TYPE: Singletrack

GETTING HERE: TH w/limited parking at the upper (north) end of Silver St. in Silver Plume, approx address: 805 Silver St, Silver Plume, 80476. Additional parking in town of Silver Plume.

ABOUT: This trail started out as an old, narrow mining road beginning at the northern end of Silver Plume and winding its way up to the 7:30 Silver Mine. The grade varies from 10-15%, providing a great workout for hikers and bikers alike. The trail is lined with historical markers, long shuttered mines and old mining equipment along the way. The Griffin Monument, approximately 2 miles up, provides an excellent vantage point of the surrounding area. The trail continues approximately .25 mi beyond the Griffin Monument, ending at its namesake - the 7:30 Mine.

13 Argentine Central RR Grade

LEVEL: INTERMEDIATE

DISTANCE: 3.2 Miles (one way)

ELEVATION START/HIGH/GAIN: 9,146'/10,038'/1,433'

TH LAT/LON: Silver Plume TH: 39.34223, -105.73230

Leavenworth Creek TH: 39.685297, -105.706906

LAND MGR: HDPLC

RECOMMENDED USES: hiking, biking, snowshoeing, backcountry skiing, *Jeep

TYPE: Singletrack, 4x4 road

GETTING HERE: Main TH in Silver Plume, ½ mi west of the Loop Railroad on the frontage road, approx. address 120 Mountain St., Silver Plume, 80476. Lower TH for the 4x4 segment on Leavenworth Creek Rd (FRS248.1 continues to the left up to Argentine Pass), 1.2 mi up from Guanella Pass Rd provides access to Pavilion Point.

ABOUT: From the main trailhead in Silver Plume, the (non-motorized) 2.4 mi singletrack segment winds its way up to Pavilion Point where the 4x4 road continues down .8 mi to Leavenworth Creek Rd. The Argentine Central RR Grade represents remnants of an old railroad running from Silver Plume to Pavilion Point to Waldorf and Mt McClellan. Grade maxes out at 7.5%, making it perfect for hiking, biking, and snowshoeing. This trail is great as an up & down hike or Jeep ride to Pavilion Point, or as a connector between Silver Plume and Silver Dale. Mountain bikers may want to enjoy the optional Pulaski trail on their way back down to Silver Plume, a steeper more challenging descent departing the main singletrack near the top and reconnecting near the bottom.

14 Silver Plume to Georgetown Express (Clear Creek Greenway Segment)

LEVEL: EASY

DISTANCE: 1.5 Miles (one way)

ELEVATION START/HIGH/GAIN: 8,687'/9,114'/541'

TH LAT/LON:

LAND MGR: CCGA (Clear Creek Greenway Authority)

RECOMMENDED USES: hiking, biking, snowshoeing, backcountry skiing

TYPE: paved multi-use recreation path

GETTING HERE: East TH at the upper (back) corner of the Georgetown Loop Railroad station parking lot, approx address: 646 Loop Dr, Georgetown, CO 80444. West TH located at the Silver Plume Loop Railroad station, approx address: 274 Silver Plume to Georgetown Express, Silver Plume, 80476. Additional parking available in Georgetown and Silver Plume.

ABOUT: The Silver Plume to Georgetown Express segment of the Clear Creek Greenway is an older, paved bike path running between the historic Georgetown and Silver Plume Loop Railroad stations. With a view of the nearby train and tracks, including an excellent overlook area, this short stretch is perfect for biking and hiking all year round. At only 1.5 miles long, with a slight uphill grade as it runs alongside I-70 from Georgetown to Silver Plume (I-70 exit# 226), this path is great for all skill levels. Visitors are encouraged to park in town and hike/ride the short distance from each trailhead to visit historic Georgetown and Silver Plume for shopping, dining and other amenities. Mtn Bikers can also utilize this path to create a fun loop from Georgetown to the Argentine Central RR Grade, through Silver Dale and down the Raspberry Trail back to Georgetown.

15 Tom Bennhoff Lake Trail

LEVEL: EASY

DISTANCE: 1.3 Miles (loop)

ELEVATION START/HIGH/GAIN: 8,468'/8,530'/227'

TH LAT/LON: 39.725517, -105.691168

LAND MGR: Georgetown

RECOMMENDED USES: hiking, biking, snowshoeing, backcountry skiing

TYPE: wide natural surface path

GETTING HERE: Parking and TH at Georgetown Lake, approx. address 2001 22nd St., Georgetown, 80444.

ABOUT: Named after former Georgetown Mayor Tom Bennhoff, this wide, fairly flat gravel walking path loops around Georgetown Lake. Hikers, bikers, fishermen, snowshoers and others looking for an easy stroll around the lake will thoroughly enjoy this trail any time of year. The short Purdy and Dunbarton connector trails on the backside of the lake provide access to the Silver Creek Trail higher up on the ridge side.

16 Silver Dale

LEVEL: EASY/INTERMEDIATE

DISTANCE: 4.2 Miles (trail network)

ELEVATION START/HIGH/GAIN: 9,266'/10,127'/

TH LAT/LON: 39.68787, -105.69945

LAND MGR: HDPLC

RECOMMENDED USES: hiking, biking, snowshoeing, backcountry skiing

TYPE: Singletrack

GETTING HERE: TH and parking located on Guanella Pass Rd, 2 mi up from Georgetown, approx. address 1380 Co Rd 381, Georgetown, 80444.

ABOUT: Beginner oriented non-motorized trail network with a few intermediate sections, open and enjoyable year-round. Three, well-marked, color coded "loops" enable easy route navigation among the six short trails within the Silver Dale area; Sporting Times, Railbed, Clear Branch, Chicago Road, Highline Trail, and the Anna Trail, offering fantastic mountain views and river access for walkers, hikers and mtn bikers. Silver Dale is an old mining area and QR coded markers provide additional info on historic sites - the Colorado Central Mill is a highlight for visitors. The Highline Trail continues on, steeply winding its way to the top of Saxon Mtn for those in search of a serious workout. The Rutherford Trail connects to the Sporting Times Trail for those wishing to access Silver Dale from Georgetown.

17 Rutherford Trail

LEVEL: INTERMEDIATE

DISTANCE: 1 Mile (one way)

ELEVATION START/HIGH/GAIN: 8,553'/9,234'/798'

TH LAT/LON: 39.703954, -105.695783

LAND MGR: HDPLC

RECOMMENDED USES: hiking, snowshoeing

TYPE: Singletrack

GETTING HERE: Lower TH and parking lot at the end of 3rd St. in the southwest corner of Georgetown. Upper TH located in Silver Dale, along the Sporting Times Trail.

ABOUT: The Rutherford trail provides an excellent hiking and snowshoe route from Georgetown up to Silver Dale, where it connects to the Sporting Times Trail. The trail runs adjacent to South Clear Creek with grades varying from 5-12% and is most appropriate for hiking and snowshoeing due to its construction. The trail begins through a gate and up a dirt road past a water tower and water facility along the Creek. A kiosk sign at the bottom provides a map and other information, QR code signs along the way mark historic locations. The trail changes from dirt road to narrow singletrack across the last bridge, about .3 mi up, where it continues to climb uphill along the creek until ending into the Sporting Times trail in Silver Dale. Several sections now have steps and wooden bridges, lifting the trail out of low lying areas.

18 Saxon Mountain Road

LEVEL: INTERMEDIATE

DISTANCE: 6.6 Miles (one way)

ELEVATION START/HIGH/GAIN: 8,617'/11,418'/3,546'

TH LAT/LON: 39.722717, -105.689906

LAND MGR: Clear Creek County, USFS (Clear Creek Ranger District)

RECOMMENDED USES: Jeep/OHV

TYPE: 4x4 road

GETTING HERE: TH on Saxon Mtn Rd. in Georgetown (I-70 exit #228), approx. 1 mi from the intersection of 11th and Main St. (Main St. becomes Saxon Mtn Rd).

ABOUT: An old mining road that climbs from Georgetown to the mine on Saxon Mtn summit at 11,500ft. Significant exposure and tight spots along this narrow 4x4 road make for some nerve wracking moments, but the views across the I-70 corridor as you climb and perspective from the top are fantastic! Be sure to notice the old cabins and ruins of the Anglo-Saxon, Loranzie and Highland Mines as you work your way up. The first portion is County road 712, which becomes FSR 712.1. This trail is great as an up&down or to connect to/from the Cascade/Ute Creek loop (FSR 712.1) where it intersects with the South Spring Gulch Trail about 1.2 miles from the summit.

19 Silver Creek Trail

LEVEL: INTERMEDIATE

DISTANCE: 4.6 Miles (one way)

ELEVATION START/HIGH/GAIN: 8,618'/9,005'/1,778'

TH LAT/LON: West TH: 39.72389, -105.68957

Access Trail TH: 39.73701, -105.68395

LAND MGR: HDPLC

RECOMMENDED USES: hiking, biking, snowshoeing, backcountry skiing

TYPE: Singletrack

GETTING HERE: West TH located just off the last driveway on Saxon Mtn Rd in Georgetown, approx address: 350 Saxon Mtn Rd, Georgetown, 80444. Trail can also be accessed via the Purdy and Dunbarton connector trails on the Tom Bennhoff - Lake Trail, or via a .4 mi access trail (with small parking lot) on the frontage road just east of Georgetown, approx address: 849 Alvarado Rd, Empire, 80438.

ABOUT: The Silver Creek Trail started out as an old wagon road, now singletrack, running from Saxon Mtn road to the Spring Creek (Silver City) 4x4 jeep road high above Lawson with fantastic views of the I-70 corridor along the way. Grade/elevation change is minimal, but several technical sections, obstacles, and narrow segments with steep drops on the side will keep your heart rate up if you are biking this trail. Old mines at several points along the way and a silver mine at the end add to the experience, making this a must-do trail! The trail is fairly easy for hikers, but significant exposure along much of the trail makes it intermediate level for mountain bikers. Recommended for hikers to access the Silver Creek Trail via the Purdy connector trail off the Tom Bennhoff - Lake Trail at Georgetown Lake or the Access Trail on the frontage road. Biking access is best up the Purdy Trail or at the TH on Saxon Mtn Rd.

20 PAW Education Research Trail (PERT)

LEVEL: EASY (ADA ACCESSIBLE)

DISTANCE: 0.2 Miles (roundtrip)

ELEVATION START/HIGH/GAIN: 8,629'/8,641'/14'

TH LAT/LON: 39.761774, -105.692505

LAND MGR: CCMRD (Clear Creek Metro Recreation District)

RECOMMENDED USES: hiking

TYPE: natural surface walking path

GETTING HERE: ¼ mile west of Empire on US 40, just north of West Park Ave.

ABOUT: The PAW (Partners for Access to the Woods) Education Research Trail (PERT) opened in Sept of 2013 as an accessible trail showcasing the history of the wagon road over Berthoud Pass. This trail is designed to represent the original wagon road over Berthoud Pass, with exhibits along the way telling the story about Big Horn Sheep, the Disney Avalanche, the Empire – Middle Park Wagon Road and the construction of the trail itself. Tactile maps with audio recordings describe the trail ahead with special emphasis to include persons with visual and mobility impairments. In addition to being accessible to people in wheelchairs and walkers, the trail experience is enhanced for the visually impaired and blind with Gravelpave2 sections that are flush with the level of the trail but provide a differing texture as a “tactile warning” to indicate the location of three-dimensional “way finding” maps. The maps are miniature representations of the elevation changes representing the next section of trail. Visitors will be able to touch the map and know what’s coming next on the trail.

The entire route is around .2 miles, with about half of its length having a running grade of 5% or less. The remaining section of the trail, a short loop with grades up to 18%, represents the steep grades of the wagon road as it climbed up to the Summit of Berthoud Pass. The surface of the trail has a soil stabilizer which provides a firm and stable surface. More information available at:

<http://www.co.clear-creek.co.us/index.aspx?NID=614> and <http://www.co.clear-creek.co.us/DocumentCenter/View/2526>

21 North Empire Jeep/OHV Roads (Bill Moore Lake, Red Elephant, Mill Creek)

LEVEL: MIXED

DISTANCE: 15 Miles (trail network)

ELEVATION START/HIGH/GAIN: 8,751'/10,458'/2,109'

TH LAT/LON: North Empire TH: 39.772469, -105.683739

Red Elephant (lower) TH: 39.764247, -105.635306

LAND MGR: USFS (Clear Creek Ranger District), Clear Creek County

RECOMMENDED USES: Jeep/OHV

TYPE: 4x4 roads

GETTING HERE: Take US 40 to Empire, right on Main St. to N. Empire Rd, continue to the North Empire trailhead at intersection with Lions Creek Rd. From here, continue on North Empire Rd to FS 171.1 and then left on FS 183.1 to Bill Moore Lake, or follow FS 171.1 to access the Mill Creek Loop. The Red Elephant upper TH is at the intersection of FS 171.1 and 171.3A. The lower Red Elephant TH is accessed from US 40 at the I-70 underpass; approx. address 2342 County Rd 308 Idaho Springs, 80452.

ABOUT: Jeep and OHV enthusiasts can explore the North Empire Trails network of forest service roads and dead end spurs, or for an all-day epic take the popular Bill Moore Lake (FSR 183.1), Mill Creek loop (FSR 171.1) and Red Elephant Hill (FSR 171.3A) route. A mix of beginner, intermediate and advanced jeep roads, with Red Elephant Hill being the toughest, the route will take most of the day as it winds its way through thick forest, rock obstacles, and open meadows to Bill Moore Lake, a high alpine lake with fantastic views. Don't forget to stop at the "Empire Hilton", an historic survival cabin on the Mill Creek Loop. We strongly recommend you research more information regarding this area and download a geo-referenced trail map such as the USFS MVUM (Motor Vehicle Use Map) available in the Avenza app online library (Android or IOS) or at <https://www.fs.usda.gov/goto/arp/mvum> to avoid getting lost.

22 Bard Creek (Trail #83)

LEVEL: INTERMEDIATE/ADVANCED

DISTANCE: 9.8 Miles (one way)

ELEVATION START/HIGH/GAIN: 10,130'/12,037'/3,647'

TH LAT/LON: East TH: 39.736316, -105.737114

West TH: 39.712376, -105.837614

LAND MGR: USFS (Clear Creek Ranger District)

RECOMMENDED USES: hiking, biking, snowshoeing, backcountry skiing

TYPE: Singletrack

GETTING HERE: East TH (w/limited parking) at the end of the Bard Creek 4x4 road (FSR 777.1), 4 mi west of Empire. Additional parking in pull-outs along FSR 777.1 or in town. West TH at the intersection with Watrous Gulch trail, 1.5 miles up from the large dirt parking lot at the Herman Gulch TH off of I-70 exit #218.

ABOUT: Singletrack running high up in the mountains, from the end of Bard Creek Road (FSR 777.1) west of Empire to an intersect 1.3 miles up the Watrous Gulch trail. This is a fairly long (9.8mi), mixed intermediate/advanced level trail, an all day hike if you are planning to travel from one end to the other. For those starting in the town of Empire, add 4 miles to the route length for Bard Creek Rd. The eastern half of this scenic trail runs along Bard Creek and much of the western half offers fantastic views above treeline. Mtn bikers should plan on some hike-a-bike along the way, the advanced level Watrous Gulch trail segment is steep with many rock obstacles. Route finding can be challenging in some areas above treeline, keep an eye out for rock cairns and be prepared for changing weather conditions, including snow and wind at higher elevations.

23 Spring Creek (Silver City Rd)

LEVEL: ADVANCED

DISTANCE: 5 Miles (one way)

ELEVATION START/HIGH/GAIN: 8,113'/11,099'/3,350'

TH LAT/LON: 39.763050, -105.633551

LAND MGR: USFS (Clear Creek Ranger District)

RECOMMENDED USES: Jeep/OHV

TYPE: 4x4 road

GETTING HERE: Trailhead and staging area at the intersection of Alvarado and Silver City Rd, immediately on your left after crossing the bridge on Alvarado Rd at I-70 exit #233. Approx addr: 70 Silver City Rd, Dumont, CO 80436. From Denver, take I-70 exit #234 and turn right onto Mountain St, then immediate left onto the frontage road. Follow the frontage road west for 1.6 miles and turn left onto Alvarado Rd.

ABOUT: Spring Creek is a serious rock crawling trail with constant challenges, including named obstacles such as "The Wall" - this is NOT a trail for beginners! The trail climbs straight up the mountain on FSR 712.2J, providing spectacular views high above I-70 of the surrounding mountain towns. A short distance beyond the final obstacle, appropriately named the "Rock Garden", you will intersect with the Cascade/Ute Creek loop where you can head down FSR 712.1 to Hwy 103 or take Saxon Mtn Rd to Georgetown. Weekend usage in the summer is very heavy, so plan accordingly.

24 Mt Evans Ridge Trail (Trail #51)

LEVEL: ADVANCED

DISTANCE: 2.4 Miles (one way)

ELEVATION START/HIGH/GAIN: 12,248'/14,246'/2,000'

TH LAT/LON: Lower TH: 39.598744, -105.640576

Upper TH: 39.587870, -105.643104

LAND MGR: USFS (Clear Creek Ranger District)

RECOMMENDED USES: hiking

TYPE: Singletrack

GETTING HERE: Mt. Evans lower TH and parking area at Summit Lake, 9 miles up Mt. Evans Rd from the gate at Hwy 103. The upper TH is at the top of Mt. Evans. Fees apply for vehicles.

ABOUT: This steep/rocky trail at high altitude is not for beginners, bikes are not allowed on this trail. Hike from Summit Lake as an up & down, or catch a ride back down Mt Evans Rd. You are encouraged to visit the interpretive center and continue the short .3 mi walk up Trail #51.1 to the summit of Mt Evans at 14,271' for amazing views and wildlife such as marmots and mountain goats. Those who prefer a paved route to the top can travel the 14.4 mi up Mt. Evans Rd by car or bike from the Forest Service gate on Squaw Pass Rd to the top of Mt Evans. The road is closed to vehicles Memorial Day through Labor Day, weather permitting, but non-motorized use such as bicycling, snowshoeing and back country skiing is permissible year-round. Weekend usage is very heavy, so plan accordingly.

25 Chicago Lakes (Trail #52)

LEVEL: INTERMEDIATE

DISTANCE: 6 Miles (one way)

ELEVATION START/HIGH/GAIN: 10,600'/12,865'/3,024'

TH LAT/LON: Echo Lake Campground (lower) TH: 39.656357, -105.594961

Summit Lake (upper) TH: 39.601521, -105.642726

LAND MGR: USFS (Clear Creek Ranger District)

RECOMMENDED USES: hiking, snowshoeing, backcountry skiing

TYPE: Singletrack

GETTING HERE: From I-70 exit #240, travel 14 miles south on highway 103 to Echo Lake Campground. The trail begins on the campground loop (FSR 191.1), same TH as Resthouse Meadows, or access the trail from the backside of the Echo Lake Trail. The upper TH is at Summit Lake, 9 miles up Mt. Evans Rd.

ABOUT: The Chicago Lakes Trail #52 climbs its way up a steady grade from Echo Lake, then alongside Chicago Creek through the Mt. Evans Wilderness past the Idaho Springs Reservoir and Chicago Lakes, then up a rocky section to Summit Lake. Bikes are not allowed on this trail. The upper TH intersects with the Mt. Evans Ridge Trail #51. Users can hike this as an up&down, shuttle from Summit Lake, or continue on to the top of Mt. Evans.

26 Echo Lake

LEVEL: EASY

DISTANCE: 0.75 Miles (one way)

ELEVATION START/HIGH/GAIN: 10,600'/10,661'/90'

TH LAT/LON: 39.660410, -105.604773

LAND MGR: USFS (Clear Creek Ranger District)

RECOMMENDED USES: hiking, snowshoeing, backcountry skiing

TYPE: Natural surface walking path

GETTING HERE: Take I-70 exit #240 and follow Hwy 103 south for 10.2 miles to the trailhead at FSR 246.1. Approx Addr: 9795 Squaw Pass Rd, Idaho Springs, CO 80452. Parking at Echo Lake picnic area or near the gate for Mt Evans.

ABOUT: Enjoyed year round, Echo Lake Trail offers an easy, relaxing walk around the south side of Echo Lake as it follows along the back edge of the lake to the Mt. Evans visitor center. This trail also provides access to the more challenging Chicago Lakes Trail# 52 for those hikers interested in continuing their journey up to Summit Lake.

27 Devils Canyon Area

LEVEL: INTERMEDIATE

DISTANCE: 10 Miles (trail network)

ELEVATION START/HIGH/GAIN: 10,327'/10,415'/

TH LAT/LON: 39.680435, -105.604932

LAND MGR: USFS (Clear Creek Ranger District)

RECOMMENDED USES: Jeep/OHV

TYPE: 4x4 roads

GETTING HERE: Take I-70 exit #240 and follow Hwy 103 south for 10.2 miles to the trailhead at FSR 246.1. Approx address; 9795 Squaw Pass Rd, Idaho Springs, CO 80452.

ABOUT: Devils Canyon is a vast network of forest service 4x4 roads. Most spurs come to a dead end, but present interesting challenges along the way. The first section is a fairly steep but easy climb, after which it is possible to travel this area as a large loop that starts and ends at the first fork, or you could spend the day exploring all the side roads. The most scenic spot is just off the trail on a very short spur near the top of "Devil's Hill", one of the named obstacles in this area, another is the "Hill Climb". The Devils Canyon area is closed to vehicles each year from Dec-Jun.

28 Cascade/Ute Creek

LEVEL: EASY/INTERMEDIATE

DISTANCE: 12 Miles (loop)

ELEVATION START/HIGH/GAIN: 8,527'/9,601'/1,293'

TH LAT/LON: 39.706342, -105.605458

LAND MGR: USFS (Clear Creek Ranger District)

RECOMMENDED USES: Jeep/OHV

TYPE: 4x4 roads

GETTING HERE: I-70 exit# 240 in Idaho Springs, 5.3 miles up Hwy 103 to the Cascade Creek trailhead (0.5 mi past Ute Creek Rd) on the right. Approx addr: 5494 CO-103, Idaho Springs, 80452.

ABOUT: The Cascade/Ute Creek Jeep/OHV loop is a fun, rocky dirt road that follows alongside Ute and Cascade Creeks as it winds its way through the forest, fairly easy with a few short challenging, steep sections and a couple of creek crossings. The route starts up Cascade Creek Road (County road# 116), which becomes FS 710.1. Take a right turn at FS 710.1C to run this loop in the counter-clockwise direction, left on Ute Creek Rd, then right on Lamartine Rd (FSR 712.2A), follow Lamartine around to the saddle between Saxon and Ute Mountains (left at FSR 712.1). Go left at FSR 710.1 and follow it back around, continuing on Cascade Creek road alongside the creek to the trailhead. Alternatively, you can drive to the top of Saxon Mountain or explore the many spurs along the route to make for a longer trip. This route can also be used to access Saxon Mountain road to Georgetown or Spring Creek (Silver City Rd) to Idaho Springs. We strongly recommend you research more information regarding this area and download a geo-referenced trail map such as the USFS MVUM (Motor Vehicle Use Map) available in the Avenza app online library (Android or IOS) or at <https://www.fs.usda.gov/goto/arp/mvum> to avoid getting lost.

29 Resthouse Meadows (Trail #57)

LEVEL: INTERMEDIATE

DISTANCE: 6.4 Miles (one way)

ELEVATION START/HIGH/GAIN: 10,655'/11,444'/1,754'

TH LAT/LON: 39.656357, -105.594961

LAND MGR: USFS (Clear Creek Ranger District)

RECOMMENDED USES: hiking, snowshoeing

TYPE: Singletrack

GETTING HERE: From I-70 exit #240, travel 14 miles south on highway 103 to Echo Lake Campground. The trail begins on the campground loop (FSR 191.1). Look for the "TRAIL" sign which takes you past the restrooms and camp sites.

ABOUT: The first mile climbs gradually through the trees, then levels out a bit for the next three miles. Once you cross Vance Creek, the trail climbs slowly up to a meadow where 700 acres of forest burned in the 1968 Lincoln Lake Fire, elk now graze in this newly developed meadow at treeline. Out&back hikers can take the right fork onto the Lincoln Lake Trail (Trail #45) midway through the meadow for the 0.5mi walk to Lincoln Lake before heading back down to Echo Lake for an 11+ mile hike. Long distance hikers can continue the last, steep and rocky mile to the Summit Lake Flats Trail (Trail #82) for the hike to Summit Lake, or continue a short distance beyond that intersection to the trail's end at Beaver Meadows Trail (Trail #44).

30 Chief Mountain (Trail #58)

LEVEL: INTERMEDIATE

DISTANCE: 2.9 Miles (roundtrip)

ELEVATION START/HIGH/GAIN: 10,722'/11,707'/1,039'

TH LAT/LON: 39.682546, -105.521087

LAND MGR: USFS (Clear Creek Ranger District)

RECOMMENDED USES: hiking, snowshoeing

TYPE: Singletrack

GETTING HERE: Parking in pullout on north side of Hwy 103, just west of Echo Mountain Ski Resort near mile marker 18, trailhead across the highway.

ABOUT: Users will encounter a consistent uphill grade through a spruce and fir forest to above treeline where the alpine tundra begins. This is a fairly arduous, hiking only trail, with a steep rocky section just prior to the summit where hikers and snowshoers will be rewarded with incredible 360 deg views of the surrounding area, including Bear Creek Basin, Mount Evans, Mount Goliath, Rogers Peak and Rosalie Peak.

31 **St. Mary's Glacier (Trail #87)**

LEVEL: EASY

DISTANCE: 3.9 Miles (roundtrip)

ELEVATION START/HIGH/GAIN: 10,540'/11,653'/1,147'

TH LAT/LON: 39.82709, -105.6434

LAND MGR: USFS (Clear Creek Ranger District)

RECOMMENDED USES: hiking, snowshoeing, backcountry skiing

TYPE: natural surface walking path

GETTING HERE: Trailhead and two, pay parking lots located 9 miles up Fall River Rd from I-70 exit #238. Approx addr: 9054 Fall River Rd, Idaho Springs, 80452.

ABOUT: St. Mary's Glacier is a fantastic out & back trail with a moderate uphill grade, good for nearly all skill levels. The trail starts wide but becomes narrower with numerous side trails branching off through the woods. Hikers will find Saint Mary's Lake about 0.5 up the trail, from there take the bridge across the stream near the dam and continue up the rocky hill 0.2 miles to the glacier. Users may want to continue another mile or so to the junction with Kingson Peak Trail for some great high altitude views. The Saint Mary's Glacier Trail is enjoyable year round, but especially favored by snowshoers during the winter season. Summer weekends bring the crowds, so plan your trip accordingly.

32 Barbour Fork Area (Including Trail #48)

LEVEL: INTERMEDIATE

DISTANCE: 8 Miles (trail network)

ELEVATION START/HIGH/GAIN: 8,692'/10,572'/

TH LAT/LON: 39.71500, -105.55445

LAND MGR: USFS (Clear Creek Ranger District)

RECOMMENDED USES: Jeep/OHV, hiking, biking, snowshoeing, backcountry skiing

TYPE: 4x4 roads, singletrack

GETTING HERE: Trailhead and large dirt parking lot located at the end of Soda Creek Rd. in Idaho Springs, 3 mi past the Indian Hot Springs. Approx address: 2930 Soda Creek Rd, Idaho Springs, 80452. Trail 48 is located approx .5 mi up FSR 194.2.

ABOUT: The Barbour Fork area is a mix of singletrack and Jeep/OHV, 4x4 roads open year round for non-motorized use but closed to motorized vehicles from Dec-Jun for elk calving season. Hikers and mtn bikers can explore the area via "Trail 48" (linkage of Trail #48, Trail #48.1 & Trail #48.2) non-motorized singletrack combined with 4x4 roads crossing through groves of aspen and conifer trees. Jeeps and other OHV vehicles can enjoy the fun, intermediate level 4x4 forest service roads as they meander through the area. All trail users will appreciate the fantastic overlooks, views and old cabins found within this network of roads and trails, not to mention the fall colors, meadows and wildflowers. We strongly recommend you research more information regarding this area and download a geo-referenced trail map such as the USFS MVUM (Motor Vehicle Use Map) available in the Avenza app online library (Android or IOS) or at <https://www.fs.usda.gov/goto/arp/mvum> to avoid getting lost.

33 Warren Gulch (Trail #47)

LEVEL: INTERMEDIATE

DISTANCE: 4.2 Miles (one way)

ELEVATION START/HIGH/GAIN: 10,730'/10,730'/-2,637'

TH LAT/LON: Upper TH: 39.68275, -105.5216

Lower TH: 39.71940, -105.52363

LAND MGR: USFS (Clear Creek Ranger District)

RECOMMENDED USES: biking

TYPE: Singletrack

GETTING HERE: Upper TH w/parking area located on Hwy 103 above Echo Mtn Ski Resort. Lower TH on Steve Canyon Rd. in Idaho Springs, parking and shuttle loading area 1 mile away at the bottom of Little Bear Creek Rd where it intersects with Soda Creek Rd.

ABOUT: A rocky, moderately technical singletrack with a fairly steep grade favored by downhill mountain bikers, Warren Gulch is also a challenge for those in good shape wishing to ride it in both directions. Bikers have a variety of options; shuttle the 10 miles from the lower parking area up Little Bear Creek Rd. to Echo Mtn Ski Area, ride your bike up the shuttle route, or ride your bike up Soda Creek road a bit and take Steve Canyon Rd to the lower TH where you will be faced with a long climb to the top. Users are advised to remain on the trail and respect private property, especially on the lower section. Please note that Lost Mine Ln is a private road and no longer part of the trail, users are advised to stay on Warren Gulch road until the trail is re-aligned.

34 Scott Lancaster Memorial Trail (Clear Creek Greenway Segment)

LEVEL: EASY

DISTANCE: 4 Miles (one way)

ELEVATION START/HIGH/GAIN: 7,231'/7,561'/878'

TH LAT/LON: East TH: 39.746024, -105.437286

West TH: 39.740390, -105.502011

LAND MGR: CCGA (Clear Creek Greenway Authority)

RECOMMENDED USES: hiking, biking, snowshoeing, backcountry skiing

TYPE: paved multiuse recreational path

GETTING HERE: West TH in Idaho Springs at the end of Edwards St as it goes under I-70, down the street from the Safeway. Approx address: 2798 Edwards St, Idaho Springs, 80452. Parking available in Idaho Springs. East TH on the US 40 frontage road at Hwy 6 just off I-70 exit# 244. Approx address: 33295 US-6, Idaho Springs, 80452. Alternative access points along the path at the Shelly/Quinn Ball Fields at 101 East Idaho Springs Road, 80452 and at the game check station trailhead at 1335 East Idaho Springs Rd, 80452.

ABOUT: Paved multi-use recreation path, with some bike lane sections along the frontage roads, this path runs from Hwy 6 & I-70 just west of Floyd Hill and across the Scott Lancaster Memorial bridge into Idaho Springs. Following along Clear Creek, this scenic segment of the Clear Creek Greenway contains popular spots for fishing and viewing wildlife along the way. Easy access from downtown Idaho Springs.

35 Beaver Brook Watershed

LEVEL: INTERMEDIATE

DISTANCE: 12 Miles (trail network)

ELEVATION START/HIGH/GAIN: 8,543'/9,183'/

TH LAT/LON: Lower (Old Squaw Pass) TH: 39.69004, -105.42288

Upper (Witter Gulch) TH: 39.67393, -105.44486

Pat Creek TH: 39.70610, -105.43855

LAND MGR: USFS (Clear Creek Ranger District)

RECOMMENDED USES: hiking, biking, snowshoeing, backcountry skiing

TYPE: Old wagon roads, singletrack

GETTING HERE: Three primary access points for this trail system; upper TH with large dirt parking area on Hwy 103 at Witter Gulch Rd (road 475). Lower TH (w/limited parking) on Old Squaw Pass Rd. at Hwy 103, and the Pat Creek Open Space TH (w/limited parking) along Beaver Brook Canyon Rd near Floyd Hill.

ABOUT: The main Beaver Brook trail runs from the lower (Old Squaw Pass) TH past Beaver Brook Reservoir where it bears left and uphill towards the upper TH at on Hwy 103 at Witter Gulch. The North Beaver Brook trail splits off to the right and continues up an old wagon road to the gate at Pat Creek Open Space.

36 Clear Creek Greenway

LEVEL: EASY/INTERMEDIATE

DISTANCE: 30 Miles (one way)

ELEVATION START/HIGH/GAIN: 7,231'/10,682'/5,657'

TH LAT/LON: East TH: 39.746024, -105.437286

West TH: 39.68690, -105.88289

LAND MGR: CCGA (Clear Creek Greenway Authority)

RECOMMENDED USES: hiking, biking, snowshoeing, backcountry skiing

TYPE: paved multiuse recreation path, bike lanes

GETTING HERE: East TH on the US 40 frontage road at Hwy 6 just off I-70 exit# 244. Approx address: 33295 US-6, Idaho Springs, 80452. West TH on the frontage road adjacent to the Loveland Valley ski area at I-70 exit #216. Several parking areas with trail access at various locations along the Greenway (Game Check Station, Idaho Springs, Georgetown, Bakerville, etc).

ABOUT: Ultimately, the various segments that make-up this multi-use recreation path will become part of the P2P (Peaks-to-Plains) trail system crossing Colorado, but for now it remains a patchwork of older and newer interconnected concrete and asphalt paths, interspersed with bike lanes along frontage roads and running the length of Clear Creek County from Hwy 6 & I-70 just east of Idaho Springs to Loveland Valley Ski area. This is a great bike path for getting from one end of the County to the other and visiting towns such as Idaho Springs, Dumont, Lawson, Downieville, Georgetown and Silver Plume along the way. Hikers/ Walkers can take on one or more segments at a time, stopping at popular spots for fishing or viewing wildlife along the Clear Creek river. Construction and improvements are ongoing, please check <http://www.ccgreenway.com/clear-creek-greenway/> for more info.

37 Floyd Hill Open Space

LEVEL: EASY/INTERMEDIATE

DISTANCE: 1.3 Miles (trail network)

ELEVATION START/HIGH/GAIN: 7,931'/8,335'/466'

TH LAT/LON: 39.722602, -105.412228

LAND MGR: Clear Creek Open Space

RECOMMENDED USES: hiking, biking, snowshoeing

TYPE: Singletrack, old wagon roads

GETTING HERE: TH and dirt parking lot on US 40 at the bottom of Floyd Hill, on north side of I-70 at exit #247. From Denver exit #248 and continue 1.3 mi west on US 40 to the trailhead. Approx. address 37899 US40, Evergreen, 80439

ABOUT: Clear Creek County recently acquired property in this area, with plans to build a trail network consisting of 14+ miles of singletrack, ultimately connecting to the Peaks-to-Plains trail. An existing 1.3 mile “necktie loop” route created by combining new single track (constructed in 207) with old wagon roads provides visitors with fantastic views of the surrounding area and access higher up on Floyd Hill, where hikers and mtn bikers can continue exploring the area or head back down the wagon road portion of the loop.

38 Purdy Trail

LEVEL: INTERMEDIATE

DISTANCE: 0.2 Miles (one way)

ELEVATION START/HIGH/GAIN:

TH LAT/LON: 39.72623, -105.69076

LAND MGR: Georgetown

RECOMMENDED USES: hiking, biking, snowshoeing

TYPE: Singletrack

GETTING HERE: TH located on the backside of the Tom Benhoff Lake-Trail, approx .25mi from the parking area. 2001 22nd St, Georgetown, 80444. Recommended parking in the large dirt area near the lake or in the town of Georgetown.

ABOUT: The Purdy trail is a short, steep trail recommended for bikers and hikers wishing to connect between the Silver Creek Trail and the Tom Benhoff Lake-Trail. The upper section is steep, with a few switchbacks where most mtn bikers will need to walk their bikes whereas the lower section is more manageable. Bikers will enjoy the ride down more than the ride up, hikers will get a short workout either way. The Silver Creek Trail kiosk sign with map is located on this trail, 100 yds up from the lower trailhead.

39 Dunbarton Trail

LEVEL: Advanced

DISTANCE: 0.3 Miles (one way)

ELEVATION START/HIGH/GAIN:

TH LAT/LON: 39.72994, -105.68778

LAND MGR: Georgetown

RECOMMENDED USES: hiking, snowshoeing

TYPE: Singletrack

GETTING HERE: TH located on the backside of the Tom Benhoff lake-trail, approx .5mi from the parking area. Approx address: 2001 22nd St, Georgetown, 80444. Recommended parking in the large dirt area near the lake or in the town of Georgetown.

ABOUT: The Dunbarton trail is a short, steep, rough trail providing an alternate connection from the Tom Benhoff Lake-Trail up to the Silver Creek Trail. Although biking is permitted, this trail is mostly used by hikers due to the steep grade (some sections more than 30%) and sharp switchbacks.

40 Pioneer Union Ditch

LEVEL: INTERMEDIATE

DISTANCE: 0.4 Miles (one way)

ELEVATION START/HIGH/GAIN:

TH LAT/LON: upper TH: 39.683082, -105.706170

lower TH: 39.685671, -105.701453

LAND MGR: HDPLC

RECOMMENDED USES: hiking, snowshoeing

TYPE: Singletrack

GETTING HERE: Upper TH located behind a campsite off the right side of Leavenworth Creek Rd, 0.5 mi up from Guanella Pass Rd. Lower TH is located on Guanella Pass rd, 3mi up from Georgetown.

ABOUT: Pioneer Union Ditch is a short, rough, moderately steep trail providing a scenic alternate singletrack connection between Guanella Pass Rd and Leavenworth Creek Rd. This trail runs alongside Leavenworth Creek and can be incorporated into the route between Pavilion Point and Silverdale. Primarily a hiking trail, bikes are permitted, but the trail is steep and narrow in some sections, so for those choosing to bike down this trail should use caution.

41 Pulaski Trail

LEVEL: INTERMEDIATE

DISTANCE: 2.0 Miles (one way)

ELEVATION START/HIGH/GAIN:

TH LAT/LON:

LAND MGR: HDPLC

RECOMMENDED USES: biking

TYPE: Singletrack

GETTING HERE: Upper TH near the top of the Argentine Central RR Grade, a short way down from Pavilion Point. The lower TH located on the Argentine Central RR Grade Trail about .3 mi up from the lower TH.

ABOUT: For mtn bikers heading down from Pavilion Point to Silver Plume on the Argentine Central Trail who prefer a little more speed and challenge, the Pulaski Trail is your alternative. This trail starts on the ACG trail about .3 mi down from Pavilion Point, then heads downhill, crossing the Argentine Central Railroad Grade Trail in a couple of spots before ending at the intersection of the ACG with the Notch Trail near the bottom. This is a downhill oriented trail recommended for mtn bikers - fun, fast, not overly technical singletrack. The trail is approximately .75 mi shorter than the ACG with an avg downhill grade of 10%.

42 Union Pass Trail

LEVEL: INTERMEDIATE

DISTANCE: 0.7 Miles (one way)

ELEVATION START/HIGH/GAIN:

TH LAT/LON: Upper TH: 39.742450, -105.686299

Lower TH: 39.733520, -105.691401

LAND MGR: CPW (Colorado Parks & Wildlife)

RECOMMENDED USES: hiking, biking, snowshoeing

TYPE: Singletrack

GETTING HERE: Upper (East) TH on Bard Creek Rd two miles west of Empire. Lower (West) TH at the upper end of the Old Georgetown Rd (High St) on the north side of I-70 at the Georgetown exit.

ABOUT: A great trail for mtn bikers heading down from Empire to Georgetown, this trail running high above and parallel to I-70 is also popular with hikers looking for great views and a fitness challenge. This trail can be ridden as an up & down, or as part of a loop between Georgetown and Empire by continuing another 1.5 miles from the lower TH down Old Georgetown Rd and under I-70 into Georgetown. Big Horn sheep are prevalent in this area - not recommended during rutting season (Oct-Jan)!

43 Raspberry Trail

LEVEL: ADVANCED

DISTANCE: 0.6 Miles (one way)

ELEVATION START/HIGH/GAIN:

TH LAT/LON: Upper TH: 39.697453, -105.690278

Lower TH: 39.703064, -105.694594

LAND MGR: HDPLC

RECOMMENDED USES: biking, snowshoeing

TYPE: Singletrack

GETTING HERE: Upper TH located on the Highline Trail, just east of the intersection with the Sporting Times trail in Silverdale. Lower TH located behind the water tower on the dirt road portion of the Rutherford Trail in Georgetown.

ABOUT: This is a great trail for downhill biking (not recommended for uphill travel) from Silverdale to Georgetown, a better alternative to the Rutherford Trail. The entire trail runs through the forest and is very steep near the bottom with sharp turns along the way. A few alternate lines exist about half-way down.

44 Cub Creek (Trail #40)

LEVEL: INTERMEDIATE

DISTANCE: 16.3 Miles (one way)

ELEVATION START/HIGH/GAIN:

TH LAT/LON: West TH: 39.585216, -105.576076

East TH: 39.568545, -105.383321

LAND MGR: USFS (Clear Creek Ranger District)

RECOMMENDED USES: hiking, biking, snowshoeing, backcountry skiing

TYPE: Singletrack

GETTING HERE: East TH located at Cub Creek and Black Mountain Dr, about 7mi East of Evergreen, approx address: 7916 Co Rd 78, Evergreen, CO. West TH at the intersection where Resthouse Meadows (Trail #57) meets the Beaver Meadows (Trail #44) in the Mt. Evans Wilderness.

ABOUT:

45 Shelf Lake (Trail #634)

LEVEL: INTERMEDIATE

DISTANCE: 6 Miles (roundtrip)

ELEVATION START/HIGH/GAIN:

TH LAT/LON: 39.563656, -105.766152

LAND MGR: USFS (Clear Creek Ranger District)

RECOMMENDED USES: hiking, biking, snowshoeing, backcountry skiing

TYPE: Singletrack

GETTING HERE: TH on Geneva Creek Rd (FSR 119), about 3.5 miles in from Guanella Pass Rd.

ABOUT: Out & back Trail to Shelf Lake.

46 South Park (Trail #600)

LEVEL: INTERMEDIATE

DISTANCE: 4.6 Miles (one-way)

ELEVATION START/HIGH/GAIN:

TH LAT/LON: Northern TH: 39.597338, -105.712844

Southern TH: 39.558777, -105.761418

LAND MGR: USFS (South Platte Ranger District)

RECOMMENDED USES: hiking, biking, snowshoeing, backcountry skiing

TYPE: Singletrack

GETTING HERE: Northern TH located at the Square Tops Lakes parking area just off Guanella Pass Rd across from the Mt. Bierstadt Trail. Southern TH is where the trail intersects Geneva Creek Rd (FSR 119), about 3 miles in from Guanella Pass Rd.

ABOUT:

47 Virginia Canyon Open Space (Area 28)

LEVEL: INTERMEDIATE

DISTANCE: (trail network)

ELEVATION START/HIGH/GAIN:

TH LAT/LON:

LAND MGR: Idaho Springs

RECOMMENDED USES: biking, hiking

TYPE: Singletrack

GETTING HERE: TH and parking in Idaho Springs

ABOUT: Virginia Canyon Open Space (Area 28) trails are currently in the planning and design stages. Construction is expected to begin in 2018-2019. A significant portion of these trails will be optimized for directional mountain biking, with some hiker only trails planned as well.