

CITY OF FORT COLLINS  
**COYOTE RIDGE**  
NATURAL AREA

*Where the  
prairies meet  
the mountains*





## THE TRAILS

Two miles of natural-surface trail takes visitors to the top of the hogbacks for spectacular views to the east and west. Use the view finders to locate some local landmarks. The trail connects here with the Rim Rock and Blue Sky trails, providing access to Devil's Backbone, Soderberg and Horsetooth Mountain open spaces, as well as Lory State Park.

### Visit the Cabin and Discover Hidden Clues

The cabin is an easy, one-mile hike from the parking lot and a great family destination. The cabin deck is a shady place to enjoy the view, take a rest or have a snack (carry out all trash, please). Test your observation skills on the Hidden Clues Trail, a quarter-mile loop off the back of the cabin deck. It's full of fun, hands-on activities and is wheelchair-accessible (call to learn about drive-in access for visitors using wheelchairs). Perfect for explorers of all ages and abilities.

## SAFETY FIRST

Coyote Ridge is home to mountain lions, coyotes and bears. See the brochures at the kiosk to learn about safely sharing this space with the animals who live here.

Be "Snake Awake!" Awaken your thoughts and senses to rattlesnakes that live and hunt here. Look before you sit down or put your hands underneath anything. Teach your children about safety, too.

## WELCOME TO COYOTE RIDGE!

Enjoy wildlife viewing, hiking, biking, and horseback riding—but leave your dog at home. This is a sensitive natural area—all activities must take place on the trail.

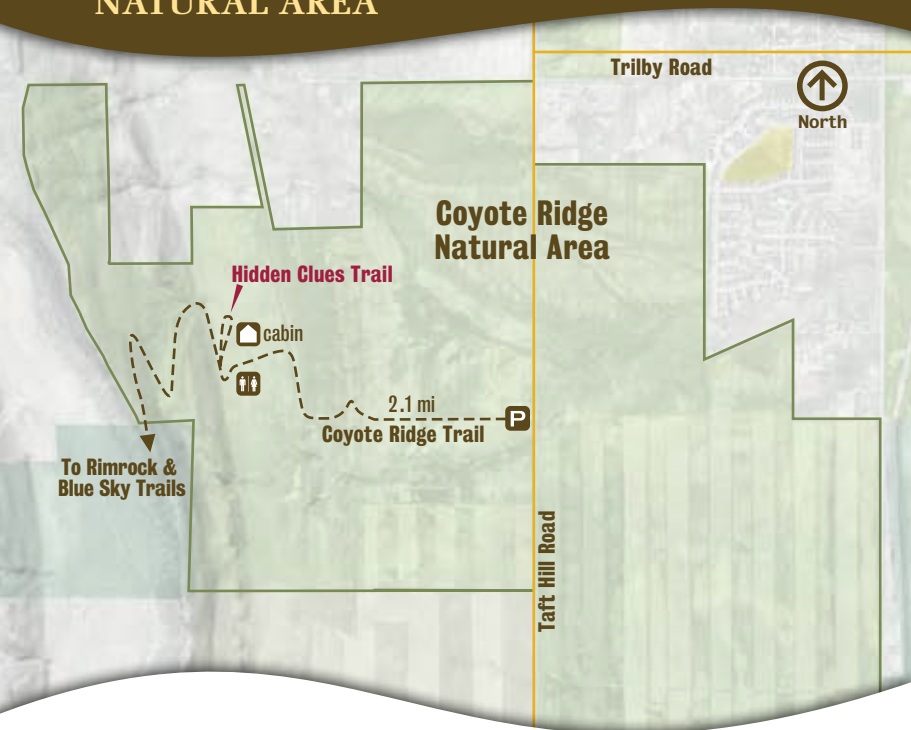
Coyote Ridge conserves the natural environment of the foothills, a transition area between the prairies and the mountains. It's an important corridor for wildlife and helps keep a separation between the cities of Fort Collins and Loveland. Look for mule deer in winter, western kingbirds in summer and a changing array of flowering plants in spring. Fall migration features turkey vultures, Swainson's hawks and many songbirds. A thriving prairie dog colony is fun to watch all year long. This diverse landscape also offers a view into Colorado's geologic history.

## THANK YOU!

Your citizen-initiated sales tax dollars conserved this land and provided funds for trails, restrooms, signage and parking lots. Shopping in Fort Collins and Larimer County makes natural areas and open spaces possible!



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**DISTANCES**

Coyote Ridge Trail - 2.1 miles, 600 ft. elevation gain

From parking lot to cabin - 1 mile



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