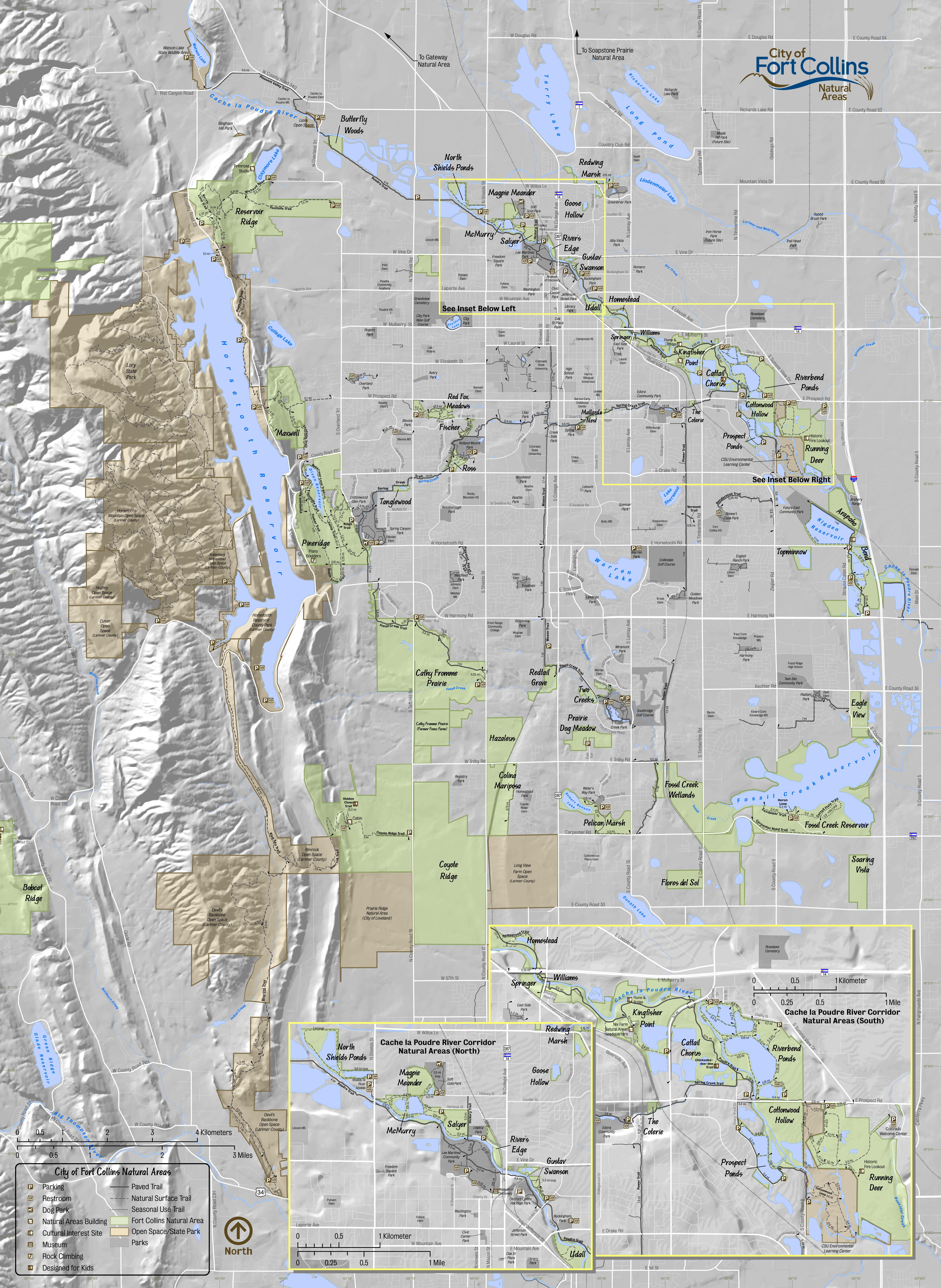
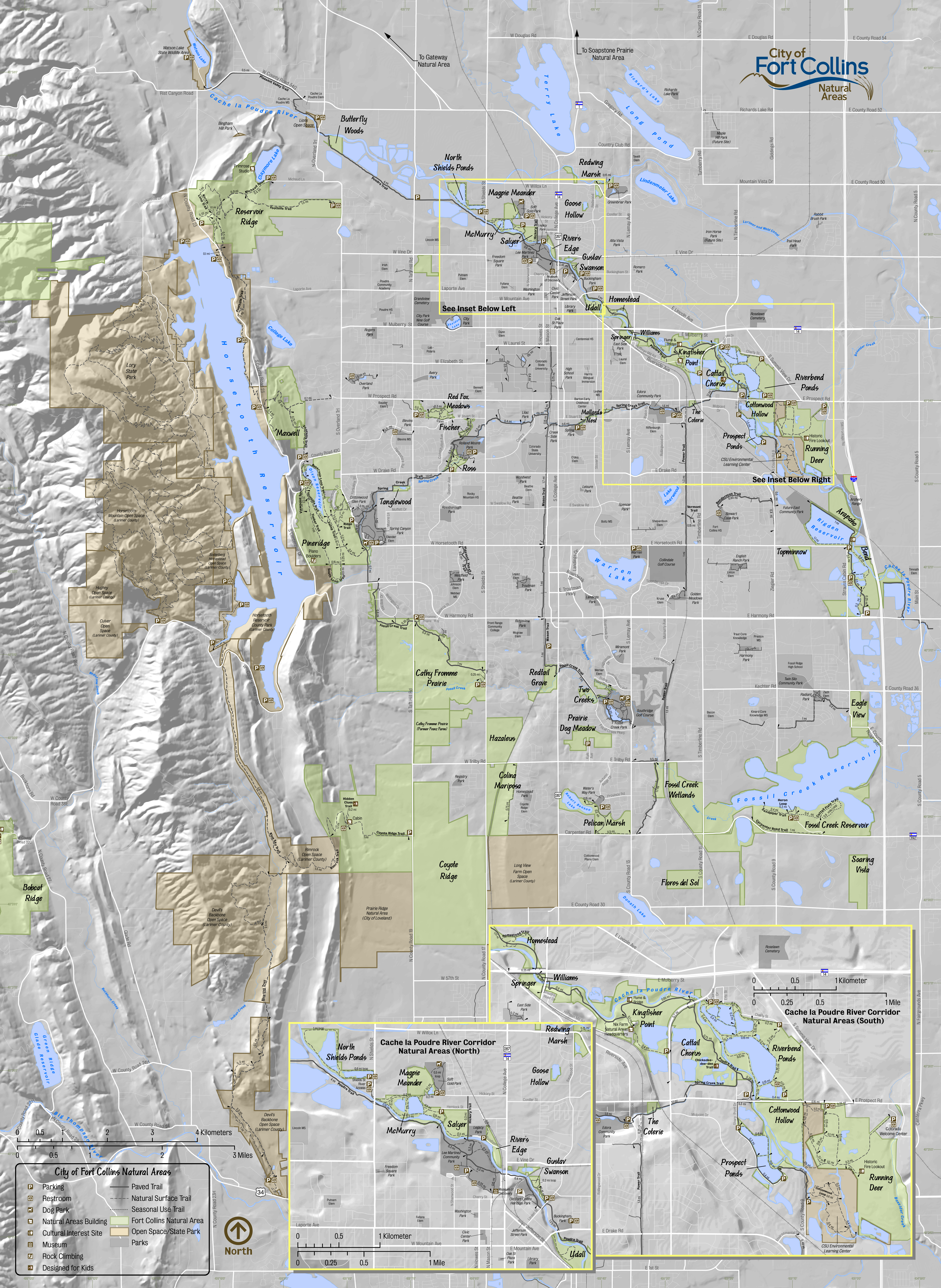
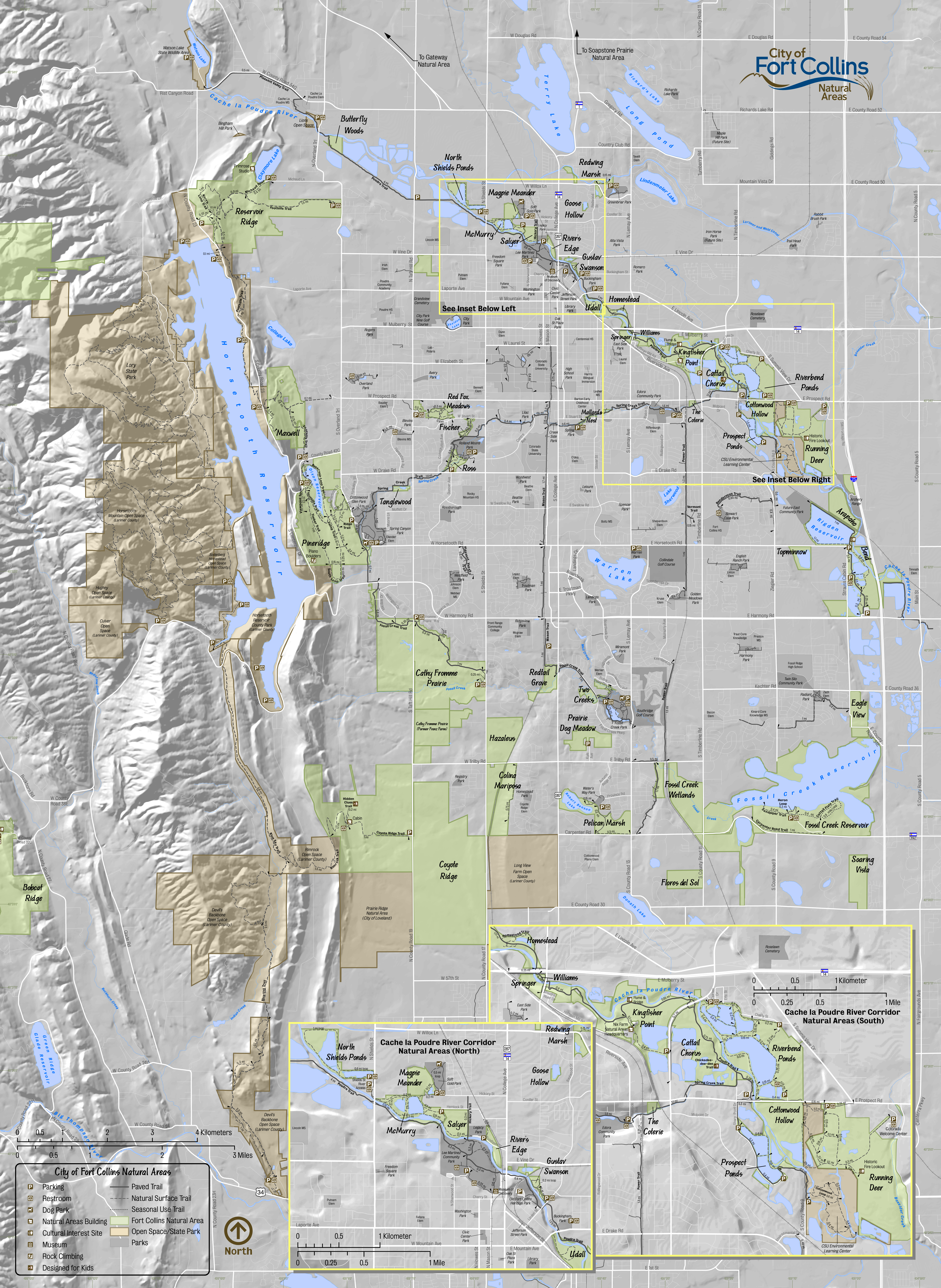
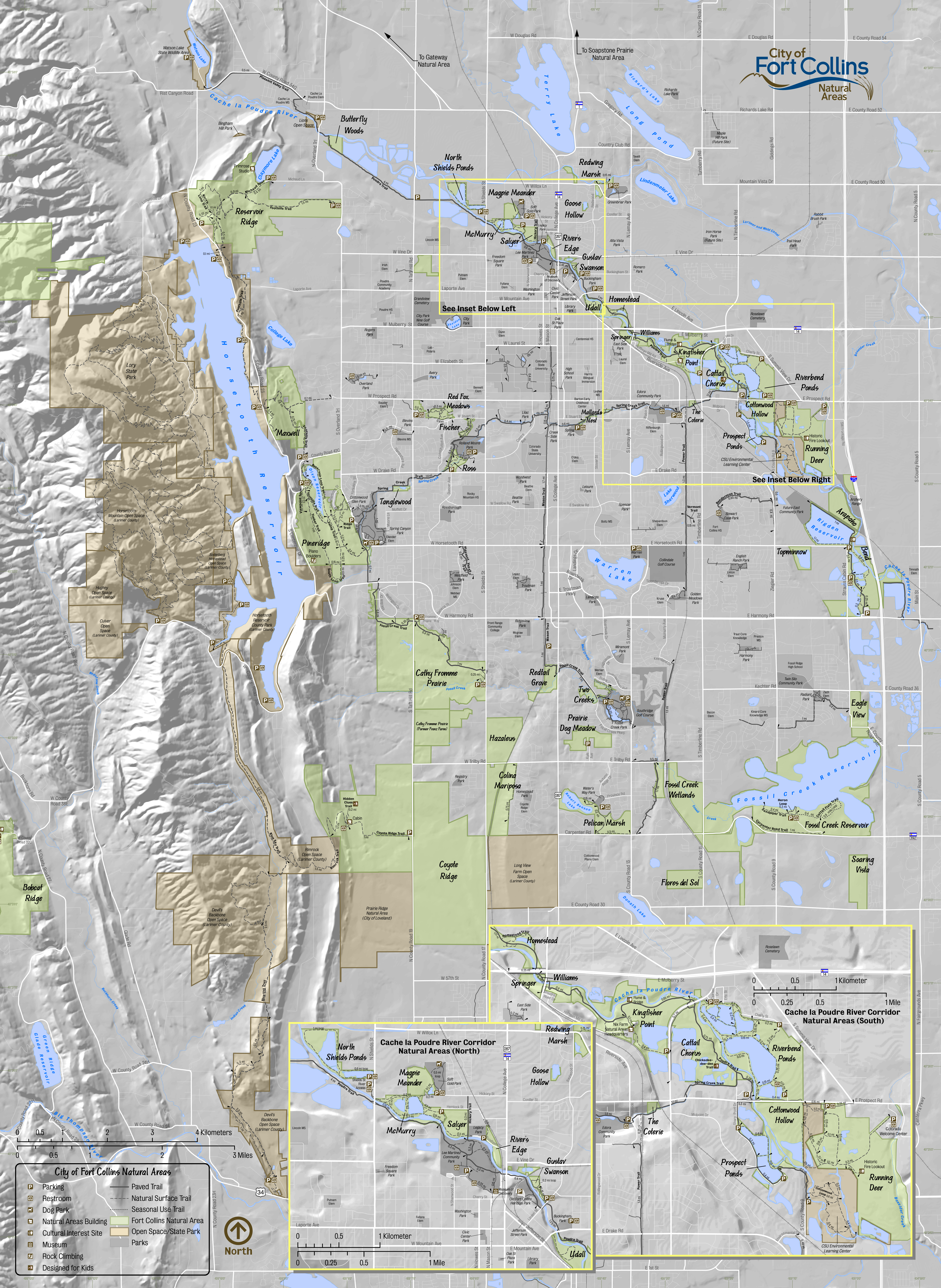
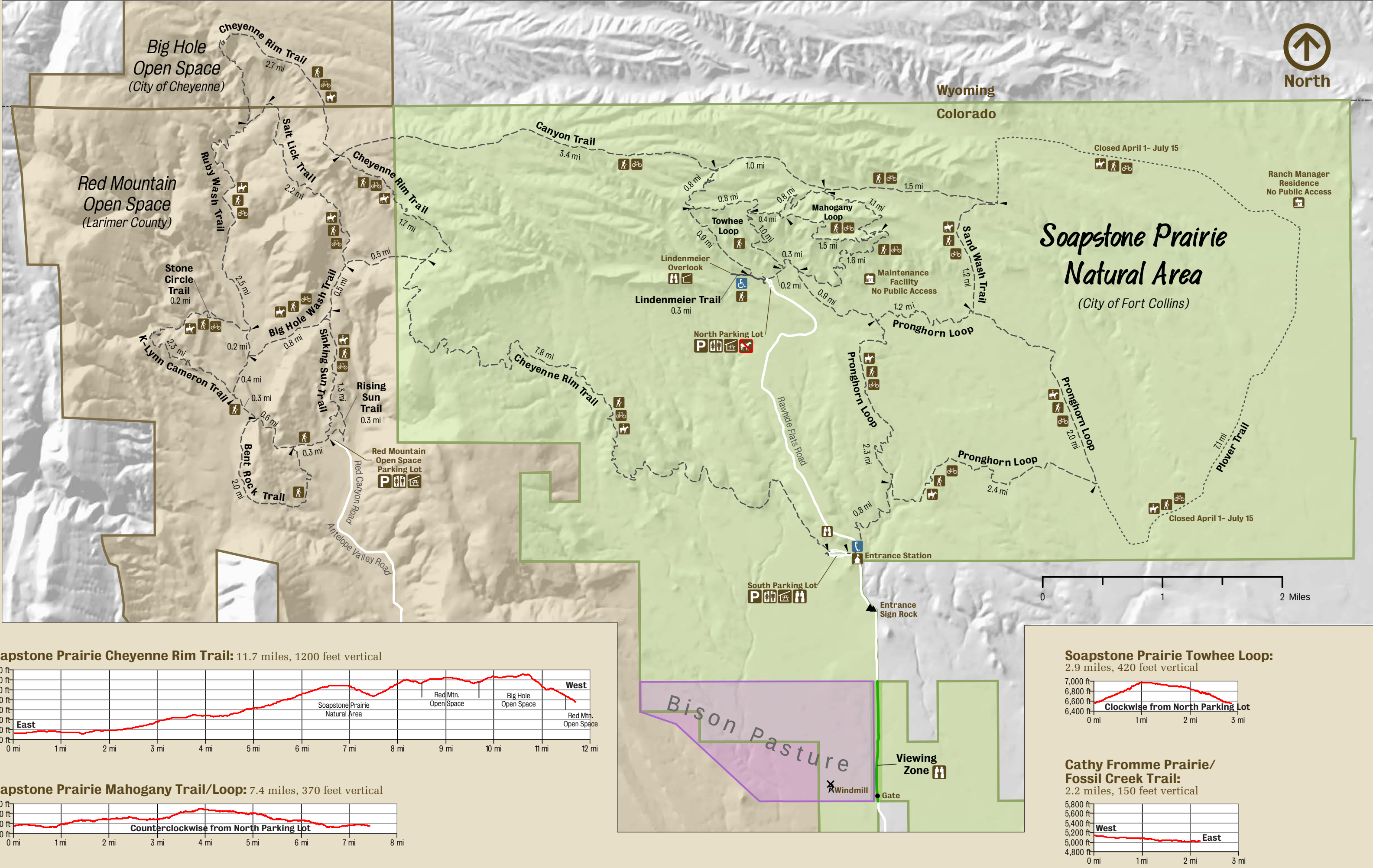




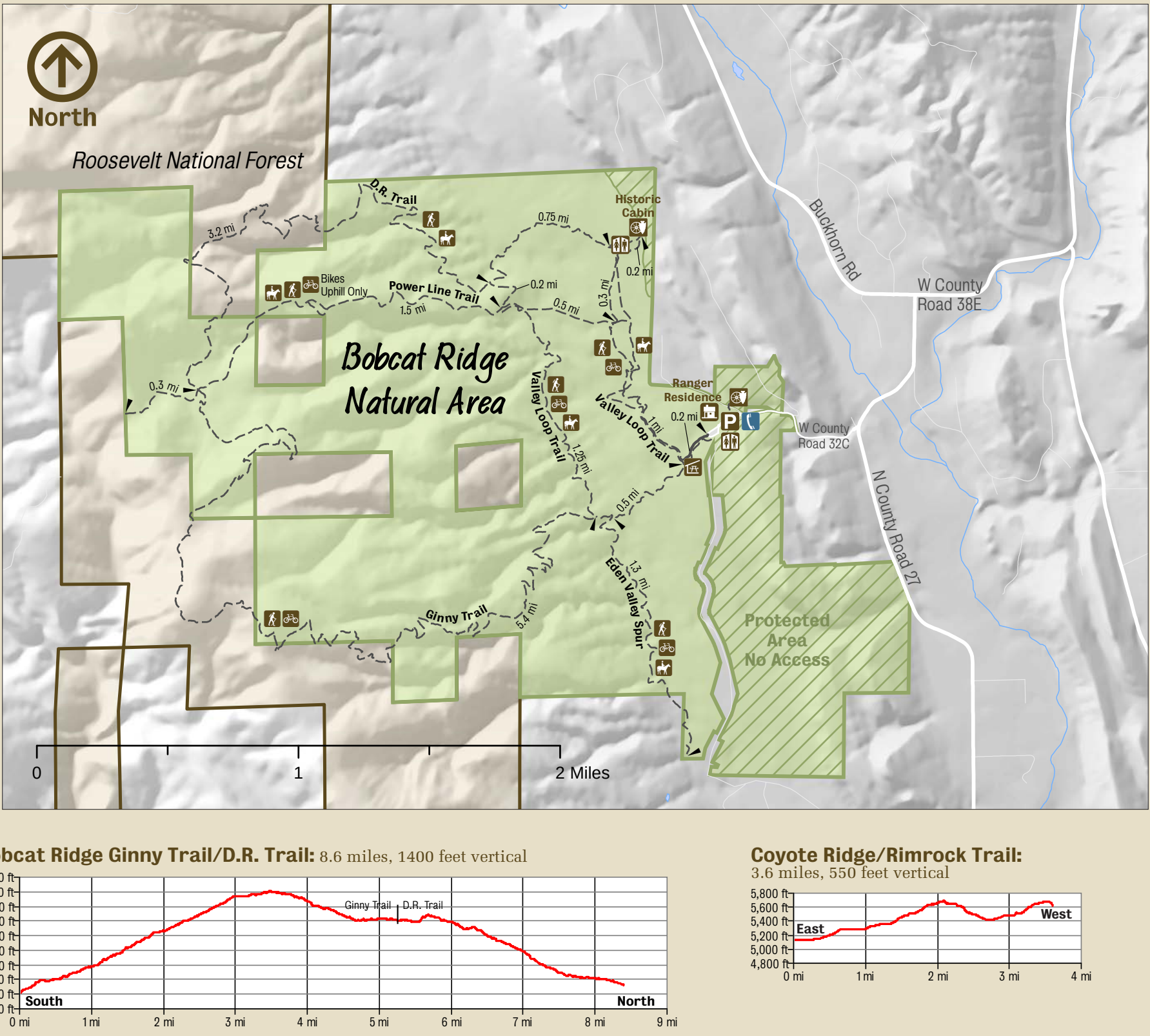
Soapstone Prairie Natural Area

DIRECTIONS: From Fort Collins, travel north on State Hwy 1 / Terry Lake Road. Turn left (towards Waverly) on County Road 15. Travel north and turn right onto Rawhide Flats Road and take it to the entrance station.

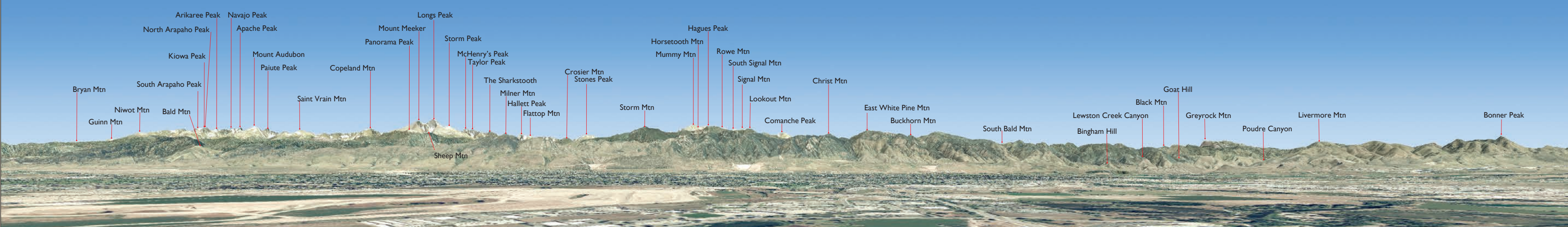


Bobcat Ridge Natural Area

DIRECTIONS: From Fort Collins, take Harmony Road / CR 38E west to Masonville. Turn south on CR 27 and west on CR W32C to the parking lot.



Fort Collins Peak Finder: The View From Cottonwood Hollow Natural Area



TRY THESE TRAILS

Bobcat Ridge Natural Area – Enjoy red rock cliffs, a grassy valley, and ponderosa pine forests. There are designated equestrian and bike trails, several options for hikers. The historic cabin makes a great family destination. The booklet, “Working the Land, Creating a Life” highlights pioneer settlement and the historic structures.

Coyote Ridge Natural Area – The soft-surface trail is flat for the first mile, then climbs several foothills to great views. Learn about the resident plants and animals on the Hidden Clues trail near the cabin.

Foothills Trail – The trail climbs the hills (known as hogbacks) where the prairies meet the mountains and skirts Horsetooth Reservoir. Mountain bikers, trail runners, and hikers enjoy the views and the mountain mahogany shrubs and ponderosa pines that dot the landscape.

Fossil Creek Trail – This paved trail meanders through the grasslands and wetlands of south Fort Collins. Don't miss the section through Cathy Fromme Prairie and the connection to Pineridge Natural Area.

Gateway Natural Area – This is the perfect getaway for a family outing or picnic right next to the river. Check out the natural playground and short trails, too!

Poudre River Corridor – Seventeen natural areas near the Cache la Poudre River offer flat trails through a cottonwood forest, as well as fishing and boating access. Many are accessible via the paved Poudre Trail, popular with cyclists.

Riverbend Ponds Natural Area – Fish, birdwatch, or enjoy a stroll around the ponds and along the river. Flat, soft-surface trails, and abundant wildlife make Riverbend Ponds enjoyable year round for hikers, anglers, and photographers.

Soapstone Prairie Natural Area – Wide open vistas, rolling prairie terrain, more than 40 miles of trail, bison, and an archaeological site are some highlights of this special place. Try the long, non-technical trails by mountain bike or horse. The Towhee and Mahogany trails are popular with hikers.

Regional Natural Areas

- Natural Areas
- Open Spaces
- Paved Trail
- Natural Surface Trail
- Seasonal Use Trail

Legend:

- Parking
- Restroom
- Natural Area Building
- Cultural Interest Site
- Ranger Station
- Entrance Station
- Emergency Callbox
- Picnic Shelter
- Shelter
- Viewpoint
- Non-Motorized Boating
- Designed for Kids

Trail Usage:

- Hiking
- Biking
- Horseback Riding
- Handicap Accessible
- No Horse Use

THE TREKKING ORDER:

Please mind your trail manners. Bikers yield to horses and hikers. Hikers yield to horses.

NATURAL AREA	RECREATION OPPORTUNITIES															
Arapaho Bend	P	♿	🚶	🚲	🐾	🐾	🐾	🐾	🐾	🐾	🐾	🐾	🐾	🐾	🐾	🐾
Bobcat Ridge	P	♿	🚶	🚲	🐾	🐾	🐾	🐾	🐾	🐾	🐾	🐾	🐾	🐾	🐾	🐾
Butterfly Woods		♿	🚶	🚲	🐾	🐾	🐾	🐾	🐾	🐾	🐾	🐾	🐾	🐾	🐾	🐾
Cathy Fromme Prairie	P	♿	🚶	🚲	🐾	🐾	🐾	🐾	🐾	🐾	🐾	🐾	🐾	🐾	🐾	🐾
Cattail Chorus		♿	🚶	🚲	🐾	🐾	🐾	🐾	🐾	🐾	🐾	🐾	🐾	🐾	🐾	🐾
Colina Mariposa			🚶													
Cottonwood Hollow	P		🚶													
Coyote Ridge	P	♿	🚶	🚲	🐾	🐾	🐾	🐾	🐾	🐾	🐾	🐾	🐾	🐾	🐾	🐾
Eagle View	Not yet open to the public.															
Fischer		♿	🚶	🚲	🐾	🐾	🐾	🐾	🐾	🐾	🐾	🐾	🐾	🐾	🐾	🐾
Flores del Sol	Not yet open to the public.															
Fossil Creek Reservoir	P	♿	🚶													
Fossil Creek Wetlands		♿	🚶	🚲												
Gateway	P	♿	🚶													
Goose Hollow	Not yet open to the public.															
Gustav Swanson	P	♿	🚶	🚲												
Hazaleus	Not yet open to the public.															
Homestead		♿	🚶	🚲	🐾	🐾	🐾	🐾	🐾	🐾	🐾	🐾	🐾	🐾	🐾	🐾
Kingfisher Point	P	♿	🚶	🚲	🐾	🐾	🐾	🐾	🐾	🐾	🐾	🐾	🐾	🐾	🐾	🐾
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Mallard's Nest		♿	🚶	🚲	🐾	🐾	🐾	🐾	🐾	🐾	🐾	🐾	🐾	🐾	🐾	🐾
Maxwell	P		🚶	🚲	🐾	🐾	🐾	🐾	🐾	🐾	🐾	🐾	🐾	🐾	🐾	🐾
McMurry	P		🚶	🚲	🐾	🐾	🐾	🐾	🐾	🐾	🐾	🐾	🐾	🐾	🐾	🐾
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Prairie Dog Meadow	P															
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Redtail Grove		♿	🚶	🚲	🐾	🐾	🐾	🐾	🐾	🐾	🐾	🐾	🐾	🐾	🐾	🐾
Redwing Marsh	P		🚶	🚲	🐾	🐾	🐾	🐾	🐾	🐾	🐾	🐾	🐾	🐾	🐾	🐾
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Riverbend Ponds	P	♿	🚶	🚲	🐾	🐾	🐾	🐾	🐾	🐾	🐾	🐾	🐾	🐾	🐾	🐾
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Tanglewood			🚶	🚲												
Topminnow	Not yet open to the public.															
Two Creeks		♿	🚶	🚲	🐾	🐾	🐾	🐾	🐾	🐾	🐾	🐾	🐾	🐾	🐾	🐾
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NATURALLY YOURS TO TREASURE

- Dogs must be on a leash. Dogs are not permitted on some natural areas; check the chart above.
- You may not possess or consume alcohol.
- Horses must stay on trails or within 10 feet.
- Where fishing is allowed, a valid license from Colorado Parks and Wildlife is required.
- Openly carrying a firearm is prohibited. Firearms are permitted with a valid concealed carry permit.
- No camping, motorized vehicles, fires or fireworks.
- Collecting or gathering is not allowed.
- Groups over 15 people, research, commercial use, and other activities need a free online permit.
- Smoking is not permitted in natural areas, on trails, or in any city-owned facilities.

Complete regulations at fcgov.com/naturalareas

PLAY IT SAFE

Be Snake Awake! If you encounter a rattlesnake, stop, back up and warn others in the area. Wait for it to move away, or walk around it to give it room to escape. If a snake bites you, call 911 on a cell phone or use an emergency call box at a trailhead. To slow the spread of venom, keep calm and avoid elevating your heart rate.

Lightning – Watch the weather. Avoid afternoon outings when lightning is most frequent. Seek safety in vehicles, buildings (not picnic shelters, restrooms, or sheds), or low areas such as gullies and gulches.

CITY OF FORT COLLINS NATURAL AREAS
YOURS TO EXPLORE

Natural areas belong to you! You are welcome to explore and help care for these special places. The City's Natural Areas Department manages over 35,000 acres locally and regionally, so there is likely a natural area near you!

Fort Collins natural areas are open daily from 5 a.m. until 11 p.m., except for Bobcat Ridge, Fossil Creek Reservoir, Gateway, and Soapstone Prairie natural areas, which are open from dawn to dusk. Soapstone Prairie is open March – November.

Thank you! Every time you shop in Fort Collins or Larimer County, a percentage of your sales tax dollars goes towards conserving natural areas. You are contributing to land conservation, wildlife habitat, trails, and visitor services. That's quite a buy!

The Natural Areas Department's mission is to conserve and enhance lands with natural resource, agricultural, and scenic values, while providing meaningful education and appropriate recreation opportunities.

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Rangers 970-416-2147
Life-threatening emergency 911

Master Naturalist Program
(free nature hikes and educational activities)
Natural Areas Volunteer Coordinator 970-416-2480



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