

TRAIL DESCRIPTIONS



Poudre Trail
12.3 miles of hard-surface trail, which follows the Poudre River from North Overland Trail to East Drake Road and connects to CSU's Environmental Learning Center. Restrooms and drinking water are available at Lee Martinez, Old Fort Collins Heritage and Buckingham Parks. There is also a drinking fountain at Kingfisher Point Natural Area. **Note:** These facilities may be closed for the winter season.



Spring Creek Trail
6.6 miles of hard-surface trail, which runs from Spring Canyon Community Park to the confluence of the Poudre River and Spring Creek, east of Timberline Road. Restrooms and drinking water are available at Cottonwood Glen, Rolland Moore, Spring, and Edora Parks. **Note:** These facilities may be closed for the winter season.



Fossil Creek Trail
4.8 miles of hard-surface trail, which runs from Shields Street (south of Harmony Road) through Cathy Fromme Prairie Natural Area to Spring Canyon Community Park, and from Mason Trail at College Avenue east to Fossil Creek Park at Lemay.



Power Trail
4 miles of hard-surface trail, which runs from EPIC along the Union Pacific Railroad tracks to Golden Meadows Park, and from Keenland Drive to Trilby Road.



Mason Trail
4 miles of hard-surface trail, which runs north/south and extends from Prospect Road to the Fossil Creek Trail. The trail runs along the Burlington Northern Sante Fe Railway property, located a few hundred feet west of College Avenue (US 287).

ELSA EMERGENCY LOCATOR SYSTEM



The ELS uses a series of metal signs posted every quarter mile. The signs on the Poudre and Spring Creek Trails represent the distance you are from College Avenue, either east or west. The signs are similar on the Power Trail and start at EPIC going south to Golden Meadows Park. If an incident occurs, find the nearest ELS sign and report that information to the proper authorities.

TEN TIPS FOR TRAIL SAFETY

1. Travel with a companion; there is more risk after dark.
 2. Rain, snow, ice, leaves, and sand may make the trail slick and dangerous. Obey the detours if barricades are in place.
 3. Be prepared for encountering wildlife on trail (snakes, skunks, raccoons, etc.).
 4. Please pick up after your pets.
 5. Minimize horse travel on hard-surface trail sections. Please pick up after horses on both hard and soft trails.
 6. Use an audible signal when passing another trail user.
 7. Stay to the right and always yield the right-of-way.
 8. Cyclists should travel single file and at a controlled speed. Please be cautious of oncoming pedestrians, especially at underpasses, bridges, and sharp/blind corners.
 9. Reduce speed before entering blind curves, switchbacks and especially tunnels.
 10. Use a light that is visible from the front when traveling at night.
- The recreational trails are open the same hours as our parks, which are from 5 a.m. until 11 p.m.



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PURPOSE

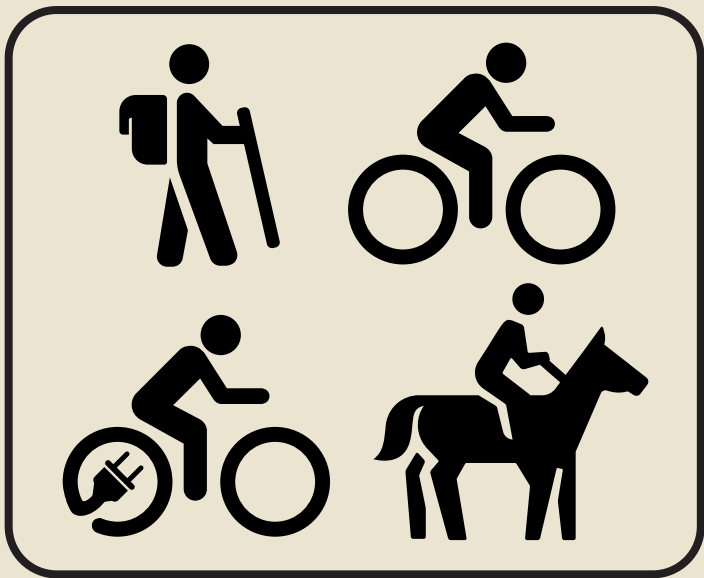
The trail system is designed to be a multi-use recreational amenity. Uses include commuting to work and schools, fitness and recreation, connecting with Parks and Natural Areas, walking, jogging, running, bicycling, in-line skating, dog walking, horseback riding, nature and wildlife viewing, and connecting to on-street transportation networks. Future plans include trail connections to neighboring communities through a regional trail network.

HISTORY

The hard surfaced recreational trail system was first envisioned by the community in the 1974 Open Space Plan, with plans for the Poudre, Spring Creek and Fossil Creek Trails. Construction started in 1980 on the first sections at Lee Martinez Park, Edora Park, and Rolland Moore Park. Backed by popular demand, trail segments and new trail have been added regularly through present day. Today there are approximately 35 miles of hard surfaced recreational trails throughout the community with more planned for the future.

USE OF MOBILITY ASSISTED VEHICLES AND TRAIL ETIQUETTE:

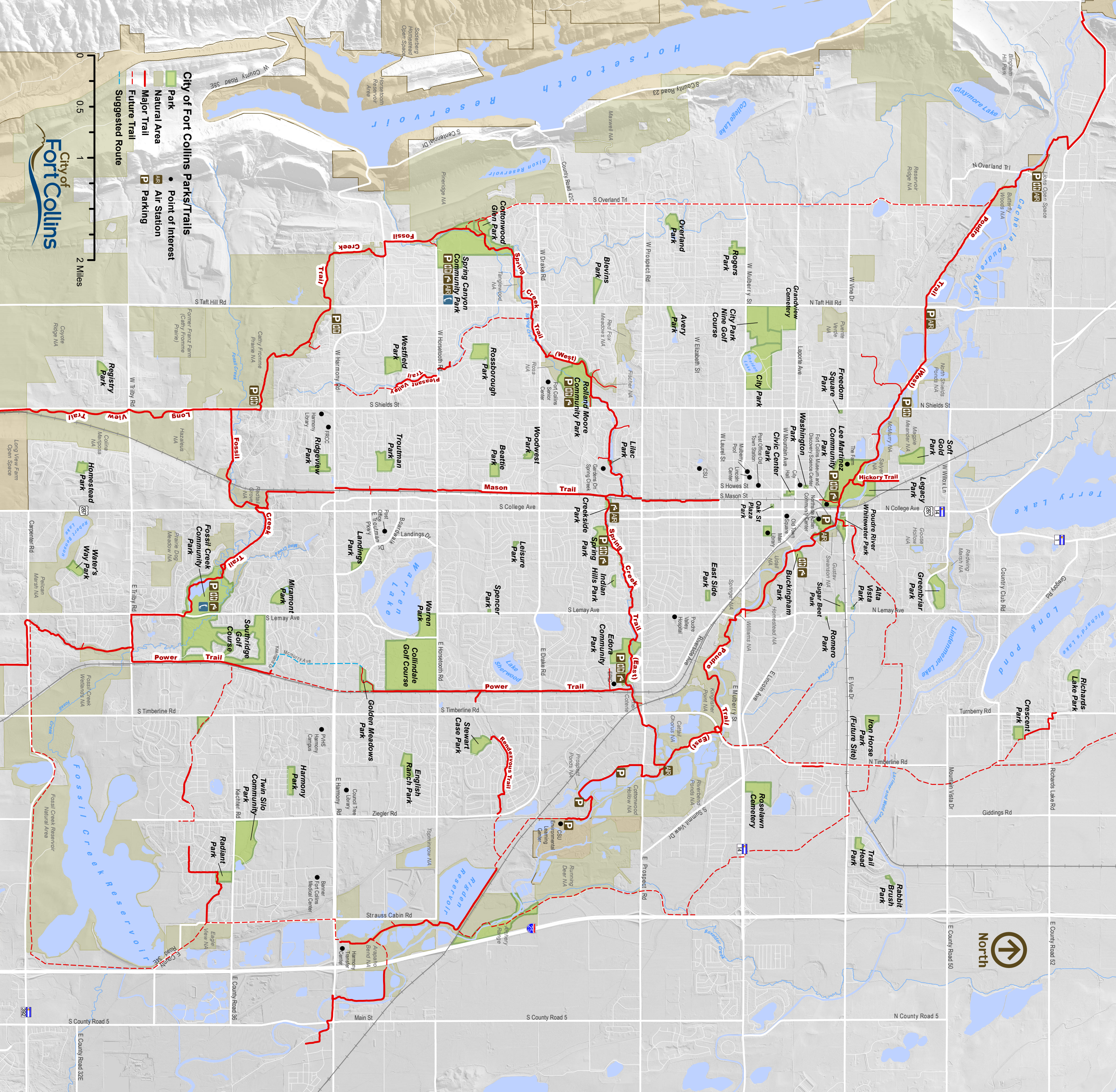
Trail users with mobility impairments are welcome to use devices, such as Electric Assisted Bicycles, along the recreational hard surfaced trail system. All trail users are asked to follow trail etiquette, such as using an audible signal when passing and staying to the right. Cyclists should travel in a single file at a controlled speed, and be cautious of oncoming pedestrians at underpasses, bridges, and sharp/blind corners.



SMOKE FREE IN FC:

The smoking ordinance prohibits smoking at all City buildings and grounds, parks, trails, natural areas, golf courses, downtown areas and City Sponsored special events.





- City of Fort Collins Parks/Trails**
- Point of Interest
 - Park
 - Natural Area
 - Major Trail
 - Future Trail
 - Suggested Route

