

Trails

The City of Golden offers an extensive interconnected trail system of 24 miles, providing diversity in both types of trail experience and destinations. Regional trail connections provide a link to neighboring communities and open space.

Apex

Apex Trail is in the Jefferson County trail system with access from the City of Golden. Apex is 9.5 miles long, gaining 1,500 feet in elevation. This is a moderate hiking trail and a popular mountain bike area. Permitted activities include horseback riding, hiking and mountain biking. Biking is allowed on odd calendar days.

West Access: Near the intersection of Colorow Road and South Lookout Mountain Road.

East Access: On the northeast corner of the Heritage Square parking lot. Enter from County Road 93/Heritage Road just before its merger with US Highway 40/West Colfax Avenue.

Clear Creek Trail

Golden's most popular group of trails, the Clear Creek Trails connect nearby neighborhoods to schools, the Golden Community Center and the downtown area. A section of the future 65 mile Peaks to Plains Trail, the trail travels through Grant Terry Park in Jefferson County, through downtown Golden, and east through Wheat Ridge to the South Platte in Adams County. Access the Clear Creek Trails via Vanover Park at Water and Ford Streets, the Visitor Center at Washington and 10th streets, the Library at 10th and Illinois streets or Lions Park at 10th and Maple streets.

Chimney Gulch Trail

Chimney Gulch Trail is in the Jefferson County trail system and is connected to the Windy Saddle Trail and Park. The trail climbs 2,000 feet in 2.5 miles from Highway 6 to the summit at the Lookout Mountain Nature Center. The hiker only trail is moderate to advanced and passes through grass prairie and pine forest, crossing streams at several places. Access the trail via the south side of Clear Creek Trail, Lookout Mountain Road west of U.S. Highway 6 and roadside parking on U.S. Highway 6 eastbound from State Highway 58.

Cressman Gulch Trail

Cressman Gulch Trail begins at Ford Street and Mesa Drive, across the street from Norman D. Park. It is a steady climb to the intersection of Ford Street and Highway 93. It is easy to continue south to the downtown area crossing the bridge and continuing on the Tucker Gulch Trail, which connects with the Clear Creek Trail. The trail is .6 mile in length. Access the trail via Ford Street and Mesa Drive, across the street from Norman D. Park.

Golden Cliffs Trail at North Table Mountain

The trail to the Golden Cliffs is advanced with grades exceeding 25%; biking is prohibited. Hikers must yield to climbers and to climbing activities along the cliffs. Access the trail via the south end of Peery Drive.

Grant Terry Trail

Grant Terry Trail is compact dirt, 15 feet wide, and is adjacent to Clear Creek for .7 mile up the canyon. The gateway to the first segment of the Peaks to Plains trail, this is an excellent pedestrian trail in the hot summer months; there is typically a cool breeze. Access the trail via the Clear Creek Trail west of the Clear Creek RV Park.

Kinney Run Trail

Kinney Run Trail is a .75 mile taxing trail which begins at the Apex Park lot off Highway 40 and runs north to the Tripp Ranch Property. A short climb to the highest point offers a superb view of the Denver/South Platte Valley. Then, it's all downhill through Heritage Dells Park to Tripp Street. Access the trail via the Apex parking lot off U.S. Highway 40.

Lubahn Trail

Lubahn Trail is a 2.5 mile trail loop in the gulley below and south of Castle Rock on South Table Mountain. The trail climbs about 400 feet to the base of the cliffs. The trail has been extended to create a loop hike of moderate difficulty and is an excellent one-hour excursion. Access the trail via Belvedere Drive and 19th Street.

Magpie Gulch Trail

Magpie Gulch is a group of trails that connect Golden residential neighborhoods along Highway 93 to neighborhood schools, the Golden Community Center and the downtown area. Access the trail via Iowa Street west of Highway 93, Washington Street near Quail Court or Rubey Drive at Mitchell Elementary School.

Nightbird Gulch Trail

Nightbird Gulch Trail is in the Jefferson County trail system, providing access to Mount Galbraith Park. The 1.8 mile trail is moderate to advanced in difficulty and provides access to the Front Range Foothills. The hiker only trail is rough, with many rock steps and ledges. Connect to Mount Galbraith Loop Trail to add 1.6 miles. Wildlife mammals include elk, moose, bighorn sheep, black bear, deer, coyote, fox and mountain lion. Neighborhood access to the trail is from Golden via Valley View Court and Canyon Point Circle.

North Table Mountain

North Table Mountain Trail is in the Jefferson County trails system providing just over 15 miles of trails. Trails range

from beginner to intermediate and the park is a sanctuary for abundant wildlife. There are also excellent views of the Golden Valley. The Lichen Peak Trail allows hikers to ascend to the park's highest peak. The Golden Cliffs Trail provides climbers with access to routes on southern cliff walls in the park and Golden Cliffs Preserve. Permitted uses include biking, hiking, climbing, and horseback riding.

West side of mesa: The parking lot and main trailhead are north of Golden on Highway 93, just north of Pine Ridge Road.

South side of mesa (Golden Cliffs Preserve): From Highway 93, turn at Washington Avenue and take the third left onto First Street. Turn right at Partridge Circle and take the first right onto Ptarmigan Street. Ptarmigan turns right and becomes Peery Drive. Stay to the left onto Peery Parkway. The property boundary begins at the parking area entrance.

East side of mesa: Parking is at City of Golden Tony Grampas Memorial Sports Complex. Access trail to North Table Loop crosses Easley Road.

Tony Grampas Memorial Sports Complex Trail

Tony Grampas Trail is a 1.3 mile trail which follows the west side of Tony Grampas Park, often following the Church Ditch, and terminates at the north end of the park. Tony Grampas is also home to the Golden Bike Park, Golden Archery Range, and Tony Grampas Dog Park. Access the trail east of Tony Grampas Gym on Salvia Street, on Easley Road or at West 50th Avenue and Quaker Lane.

Tucker Gulch Trail

Tucker Gulch Trail is an uphill 1.5 mile trail beginning at Vanover Park in Downtown Golden at Clear Creek Trail and travels up the Tucker Gulch drainage past Norman D. Park on Ford Street under Highway 93 and ending on the west side of 93. It provides a steady climb along an abandoned railroad bed and a safe crossing at Highway 93. Access the trail via Vanover or Norman D. Park.

6th Avenue Trail

6th Avenue Trail is approximately 2.5 miles in length and provides a critical north-south regional access to the Golden community along Highway 6 connecting to the Clear Creek Trail and Magpie Gulch Trails to the North and Green Mountain to the South.

19th Street/Lookout Mountain

19th Street west of Highway 6 turns into Lookout Mountain Road. This is a designated bike route for approximately 2 miles. It is an extremely high use travel way for several types of recreationists, including bikers, walkers, hikers, long-boarders and those travelling to the hang gliding and paragliding launch on Lookout Mountain.

Johnson Road Trail

The Johnson Road Trail starts at the intersection of South Golden Road and Ford Street and travels south along South Golden Road where it intersects with the 6th Avenue Trail. The trail is approximately 2 miles in length providing access to local businesses on South Golden Road.

Johnson Road to Splash Trail

The Johnson Road to Splash Trail also connects Johnson Road to 6th Avenue traveling along Fossil Trace Golf Club.

Highway 93 Trail

Highway 93 Trail is continuous on the east side of Highway 93 from Iowa Street north to Tucker Gulch, where it intersects with Tucker Gulch Trail. It also extends south where it intersects with the Maggie Trails leading out of New Loveland Mine Park and back to Clear Creek Trail. Access the trail via New Loveland Mine Park or Tucker Gulch Trail.

Fairmount Trail

Fairmount Trail is an easy natural surface trail in the Jefferson County Trail System connecting the City of Golden and the City of Arvada. While only about three miles long, the Fairmount Trail affords connection with the 14-mile Ralston Creek Trail at Long Lake Park, providing for extended rides through residential Arvada. It also provides a connection to North Table Mountain. Access the south end of the trail at Tony Grampas Park. Permitted activities include horseback riding, biking and hiking.

South Table Mountain

South Table Mountain combines panoramic mesa-top views, prized habitat for cliff-nesting raptors and proximity to Golden for many visitors to enjoy hikes, runs and rides. Open Space property has grown to nearly 1,500 acres, with 4 miles of designated trails in the eastern section of the mesa. Avoid undesignated paths to protect natural resources. Access the park at 1220 Kilmer Street.

Triceratops Trail

Triceratops Trail is a 1.5-mile, gravel hiking trail located one block east of 6th Avenue and 19th Street. The trail winds between large, vertical walls of sandstone and into reclaimed clay pits. The hike should take around an hour round trip. Along the trail are several stops highlighting clay mining and dinosaur, bird, mammal, insect, and invertebrate tracks and traces, as well as several walls full of plant impressions from the tree-lined delta-like environment. Access the trailhead via the parking lot at 6th Avenue and 19th Street.

Parks



View from New Loveland Mine Park.

The Golden Parks and Recreation Department is committed to the development of urban parks, vibrant recreation programming and preservation of the natural and historic resources in the City of Golden.

The Parks and Recreation Department encompasses recreation, parks, forestry, cemetery, facilities, golf and museums. The parks system provides 253 acres of parks, 24 miles of trails, 402 acres of open space, approximately 10,000 trees and amenities including the Cemetery, Community Center, Splash Aquatic Park, Clear Creek RV Park, Clear Creek White Water Park, Fossil Trace Golf Club, and Golden History Museums.

Golden offers a wide variety of park experiences. Parks bring beauty to an area, provide areas to recreate, foster a sense of community and improve quality of life.

4 Community Parks:

Lions Park and Ballfields, Rooney Road Sports Complex, Tony Grampas Memorial Sports Complex, and Ulysses Park. Community parks are larger parks that serve the entire community. Each of the City of Golden Community Parks has a different and unique character.

13 Neighborhood Parks, 4 of which are pocket parks: Beverly Heights Park, Discovery Park, Golden Heights Park, Heritage Dells, New Loveland Mine Park, Norman D. Park, Parfet Park, Southridge Park, White Ash Mine Park, Cressman Park, Neighborhood Park, Rimrock Park, Vanover Park. Neighborhood parks are parks that serve a residential neighborhood.



New Beverly Heights Playground Opened in 2014.

5 Special Purpose Parks:

Clear Creek Campground, Clear Creek History Park, Hockeystop Park, Clear Creek Whitewater Park and Golden Bike Park. Special Purpose parks are parks that have a focused purpose or fill a community need.

2 Dog Parks:

Tony Grampas Dog Park and Homer's Run (Ulysses Park Dog Park).

Pavilion Rental:

The City of Golden offers several park pavilions for rental March 1 through October 31. Reservations for park pavilions can be made online at <https://rec.cityofgolden.net>.

Pavilions Available for Rental:

Lions Park – two separate shelters, each can accommodate up to 100

Tony Grampas Memorial Sports Complex – one large shelter that can accommodate up to 500

Golden Heights Park – one shelter that can accommodate up to 100

*All other City of Golden park pavilions are first come, first serve.



Golden Frontier Olympics at Clear Creek History Park.

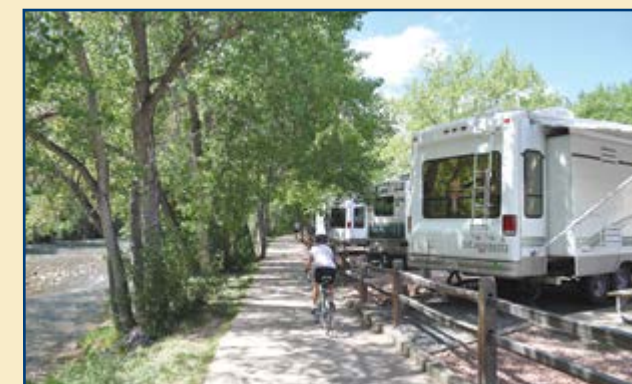


Kayak Games at Clear Creek Whitewater Park.



Fossil Trace Golf Club.

Regional Open Space



Clear Creek Trail runs adjacent to the Clear Creek RV Park.

The presence and accessibility of open space surrounding Golden is one of the most attractive features of the community. Open space areas and corridors protect natural values and provide opportunities for trail and habitat connections. The City of Golden owns and maintains 402 acres of open space. In addition, Golden residents are fortunate to be surrounded by nearly 5,000 acres of regional open space.

Why is open space land important?

- To provide opportunities for nature-oriented outdoor recreation;
- To protect large areas containing natural resource values of community-wide significance including wetlands, wildlife habitats and scenic areas;
- To safeguard land for its contribution to quality of life and the value of the homes of nearby residents;
- To limit urban noise, congestion and encroachment.

Apex Park

Apex Park is a 697 acre Jefferson County Open Space property located in south Golden adjacent to Heritage Square.

Lookout Mountain Nature Center and Preserve

The Lookout Mountain Nature Center and Preserve is located on Lookout Mountain, west of Golden. This 134 acre park provides a comprehensive nature center built in 1997. It contains interactive exhibits, a gift shop and classrooms.

Mount Galbraith Park

Mount Galbraith Park is an 1,969 acre park located west of Golden on Golden Gate Canyon Road.



City of
Golden
PARKS AND RECREATION

National Gold Medal Winner

VISION

“Golden will be recognized as a national leader in the provision of high quality parks, trails and recreation facilities.”

MISSION

“To promote and provide safe and comprehensive community facilities, programs and services that will enrich the quality of life for all residents and visitors.”

Contact:

Parks and Recreation Department
303-384-8191

Golden Community Center
<https://rec.cityofgolden.net>
303-384-8100

Fossil Trace Golf Club
www.fossiltrace.com
303-277-8750

Clear Creek RV Park
www.clearcreekrvpark.com
303-278-1437

Pavilion Rentals
<https://rec.cityofgolden.net>
303-384-8195

Golden Cemetery
www.goldencemetery.com
303-279-1435

Golden History Museums
www.goldenhistory.org
303-278-3557



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Golden Parks, Trails & Open Space Map



Electronic version of this brochure, Google Map directions to trailheads and more information is available at:
www.cityofgolden.net/links/parksandrecreation
www.VisitGolden.com



Golden Rule signage and zero tolerance regulations were introduced in 2013.

The Golden Rule

- Pick up your trash and recycle.
- Scoop the poop and keep dogs leashed.
- Respect nature and sensitive areas.
- Stay out of fenced-off areas.
- Keep food, drink and structures out of creek.
- Respect the planet, people and property.

In addition to these rules of respectful behavior along the creek and in Golden's parks system, the City enforces three **zero tolerance** regulations:

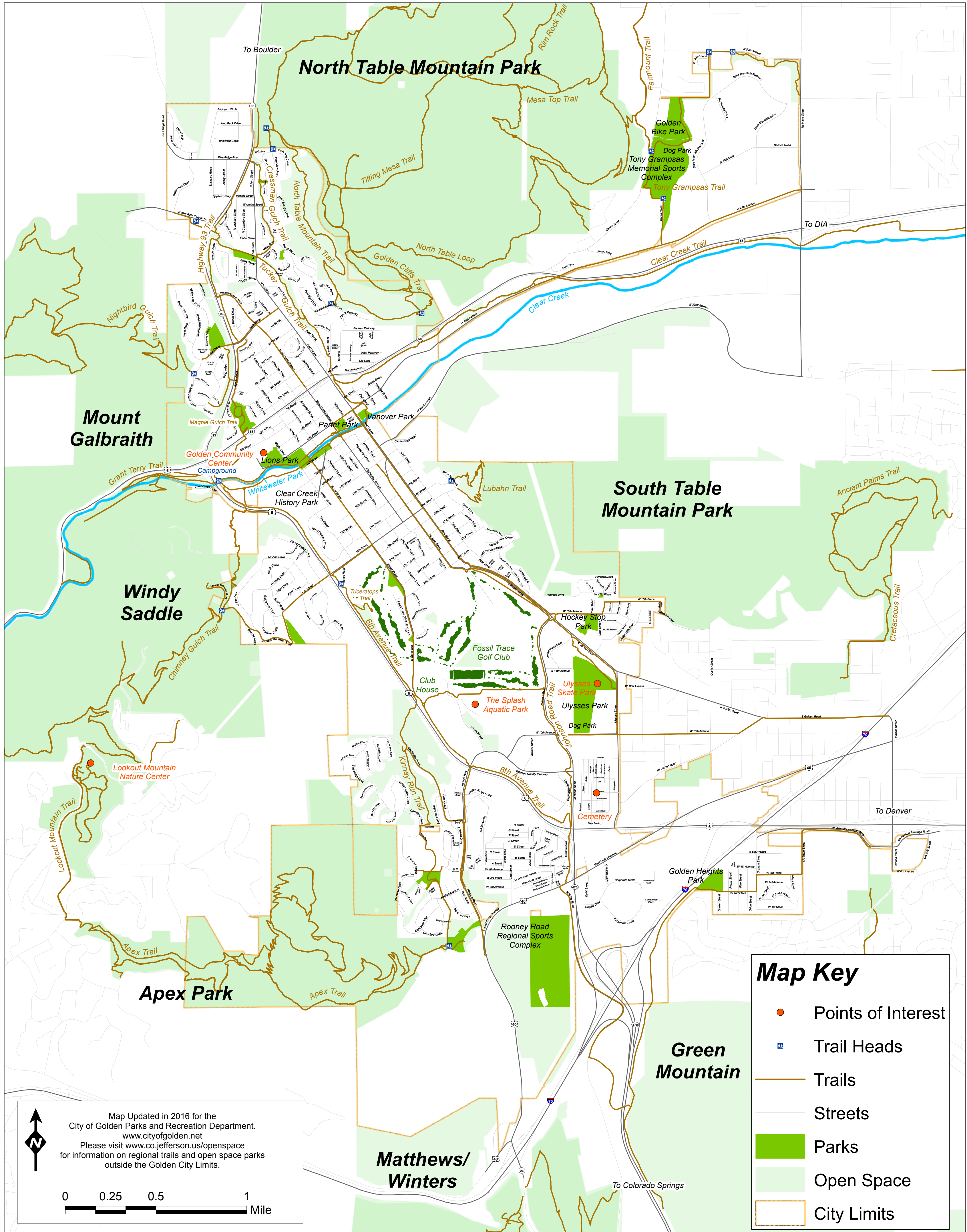
- No dogs off leash.**
- No smoking.**
- No glass or alcohol.**

In 2014, Golden Parks became Smoke Free per City Ordinance #1985. “City of Golden owned or controlled parks, open space, indoor or outdoor pools and associated spectator areas, indoor or outdoor sport or athletic fields and associated spectator areas, indoor or outdoor water parks and associated spectator areas, not including smoking areas designated and posted by the City Manager or his designee.”

To view a full list of Golden Park Rules, please visit our Park and Recreation website: www.cityofgolden.net/links/parksandrecreation.



VisitGolden.com



North Table Mountain Park

South Table Mountain Park

Mount Galbraith

Windy Saddle

Apex Park

Matthews/Winters

Green Mountain

Map Key

- Points of Interest
- Trail Heads
- Trails
- Streets
- Parks
- Open Space
- City Limits

Map Updated in 2016 for the City of Golden Parks and Recreation Department.
www.cityofgolden.net
 Please visit www.co.jefferson.us/openspace for information on regional trails and open space parks outside the Golden City Limits.

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