



Great Hikes Above the Clouds

The Craggs

Distance: 4.2 miles round trip

Elevation Gain: 600 feet

Begin at 10,100' End at 10,900'

Road Directions: Take highway 24 West to Divide. Turn South on 67 towards Cripple Creek. Travel 4.2 miles then turn left on Forest Service Road #383. Drive three miles on the dirt road and you will see the trailhead parking lot on the right side.

This trail has something for everyone: forests, streams, meadows, rock formations, and great views! The top showcases awesome views of North and South Catamount and Crystal Reservoirs. Some more experienced hikers climb to the summit of Pikes Peak from this trailhead.

The Craggs is a very popular for hiking, snowshoeing, and cross country skiing. Weekend foot traffic can be very heavy so the earlier you start the better. It is well traveled and easy to follow. At the one mile mark there is a fork in the path. Follow straight. This fork is the start and the end of the same loop. This last part of the trail gains in elevation, but the views are worth it!

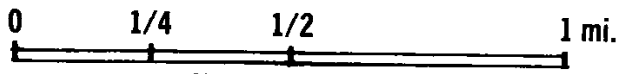
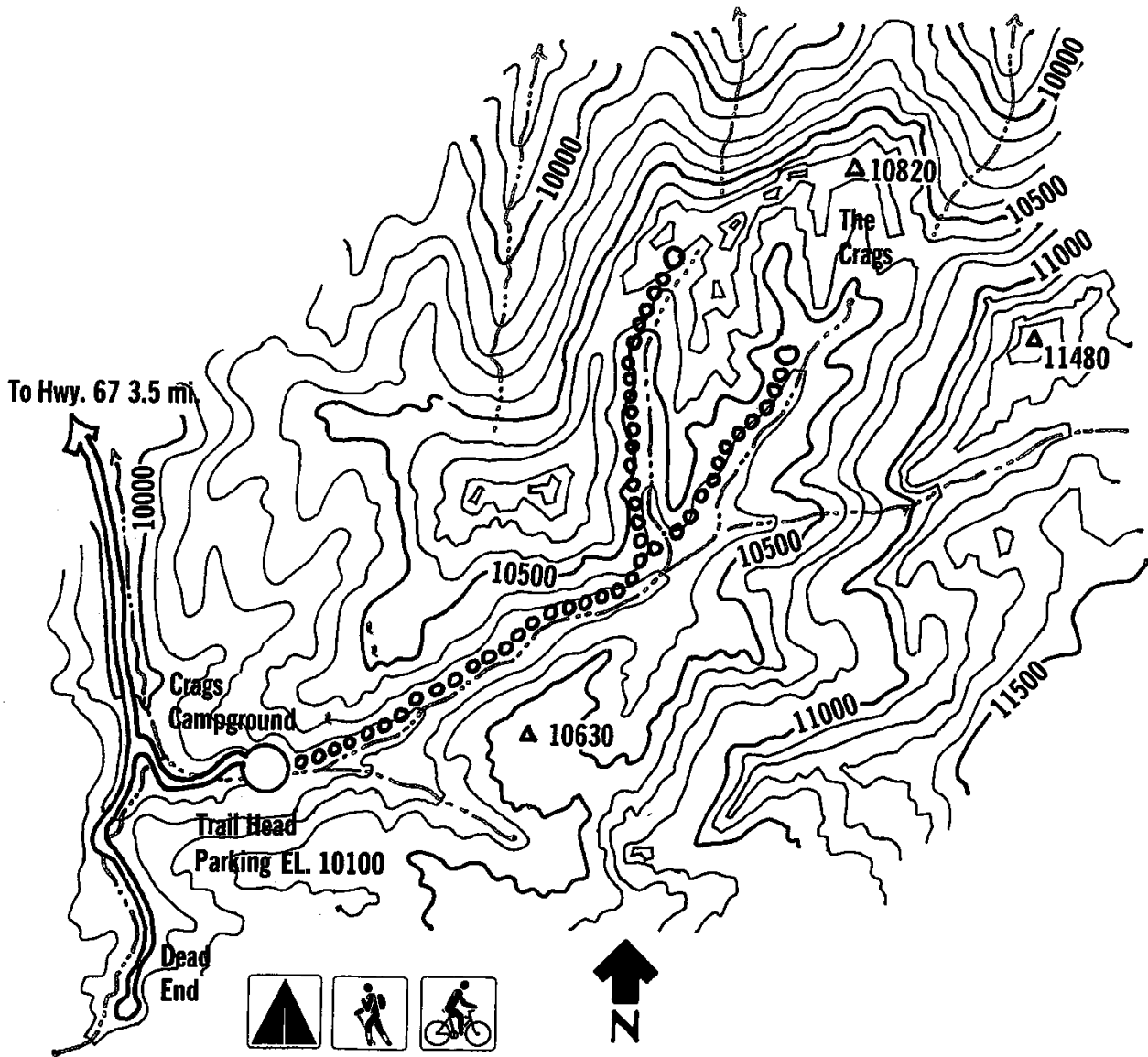


Keep in mind the temperature can be about 15 degrees cooler than Colorado Springs. Afternoon thunderstorms are common throughout the Summer. Wear appropriate clothing.

Basic Hiker Safety Tips:

- Plan ahead and have map or guide book
- Plan your expedition around the weakest member of your party
- Get a weather report
- Wear proper clothing & footwear
- Carry plenty of drinking water
- Tell someone where you are going & when to expect to return
- Know your physical limitations
- Have fun and enjoy the views!





CONTOUR INTERVAL 100'

SCALE

THE CRAGS



Horsethief Park & Horsethief Falls & Pancake Rocks

Road Directions: Take highway 24 West to Divide. Turn South on 67 towards Cripple Creek. Travel nine miles until you pass the closed railroad tunnel. Park on the other side of the tunnel. Trailhead is on your left. This trailhead is the same for all three trails on this page.

Horsethief Park Trail

Distance: 4 miles round trip

Elevation Gain: 700 feet

Begin at 9700' End at 10,400'

This very scenic trail starts up a steep hill on an old roadway and passes through meadows and forests. You will hear the creek on your left about 50 feet below. Once in the valley, turn left at the fork and cross the stream. This trail really doesn't go anywhere. It follows the valley for about a mile then fades into the trees. It is a pretty hike along the grassy creek and beaver ponds.



Horsethief Falls

Distance: 2.6 miles round trip

Elevation Gain: 655 feet

Begin at 9700' End at 10,355'

Back at the fork continue straight. Follow the other creek about 1/2 mile. It will dead-end at the Falls. The large boulders around it make it the perfect picnic spot! The Falls are made by a small stream and will flow at different rates throughout the season.

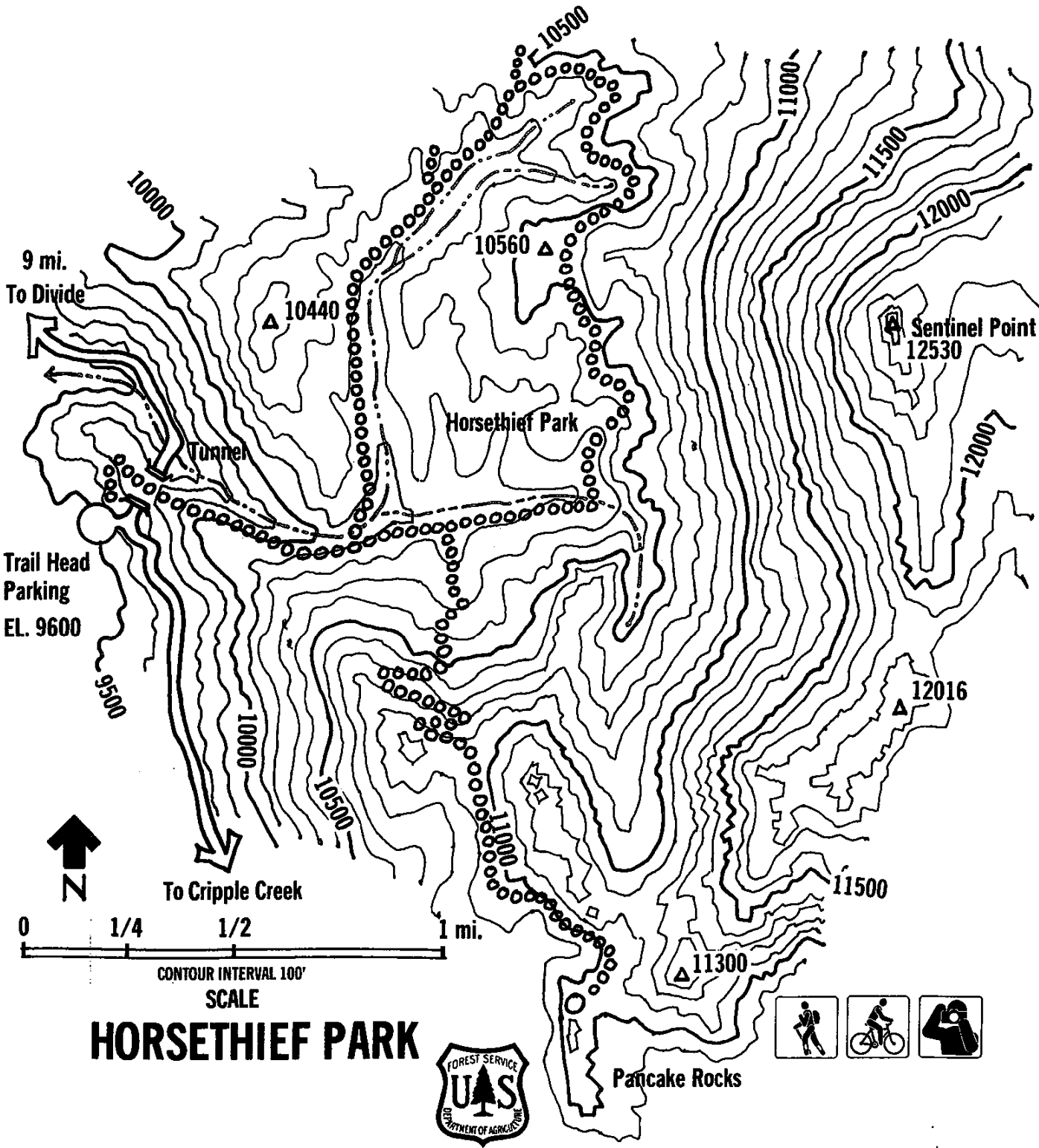
Pancake Rocks Trail

Distance: 8 miles round trip

Elevation Gain: 1500 feet

Begin at 9700' End at 11,200'

This right turn will be just past the fork. It is much more strenuous than the other two hikes. This steep rocky trail zig zags its way up the mountain side. The trail crests the top at piles of rock on your left. This is as far as most people go, but these are not the real Pancakes. The views from here are outstanding. You can see the Continental Divide—more than 80 miles away. The “real” ones are another long mile ahead. There is one more set of “false” Pancakes up ahead on the left but you will know when you get to the “real Pancakes”. These mushroom shaped rocks are fun to climb and offer a great photo opportunity. You will have to turn around and come back the way you came.



HORSETHIEF PARK



Pancake Rocks

Lovell Gulch Trail

Distance: 5.5 miles round trip

Elevation Gain: 900 feet

Begin at 8700' End at 9600'

Road Directions: From highway 24 in Woodland Park at the stoplight of 24 and Baldwin, turn right. Go 2.2 total miles north to “Fleet Maintenance Building” (2400 Rampart Range Road). The parking lot is on the left.

This scenic trail is located right in Woodland Park and is used by hikers, bikers and horseback riders.

Experienced mountain bikers usually find this trail a bit of a challenge, and would be well-advised to travel the loop in a counter-clockwise direction.

Lovell Gulch is filled with wildflowers, grassy meadows and scenic vistas. The trail is often described as shaped like a balloon on a string. The string being one mile long and the balloon loop being four miles long. At the point where the string is attached you'll cross a small stream. Take a right up the valley from this point. As the trail guides you out of the valley it gets a bit steep in spots until it tops out on Rampart Range Road under the power line. Follow the power lines west to witness some impressive views from the top of the ridge, including the Tarryall Mountains to the West. The last part of the loop parallels the stream back to where you first crossed.

This is a dog-friendly trail, must be on a leash unless responds immediately to voice command.

Centennial Trail

Distance: 14.4 miles round trip

Elevation Gain: 100 feet

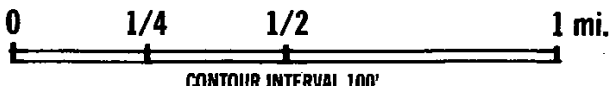
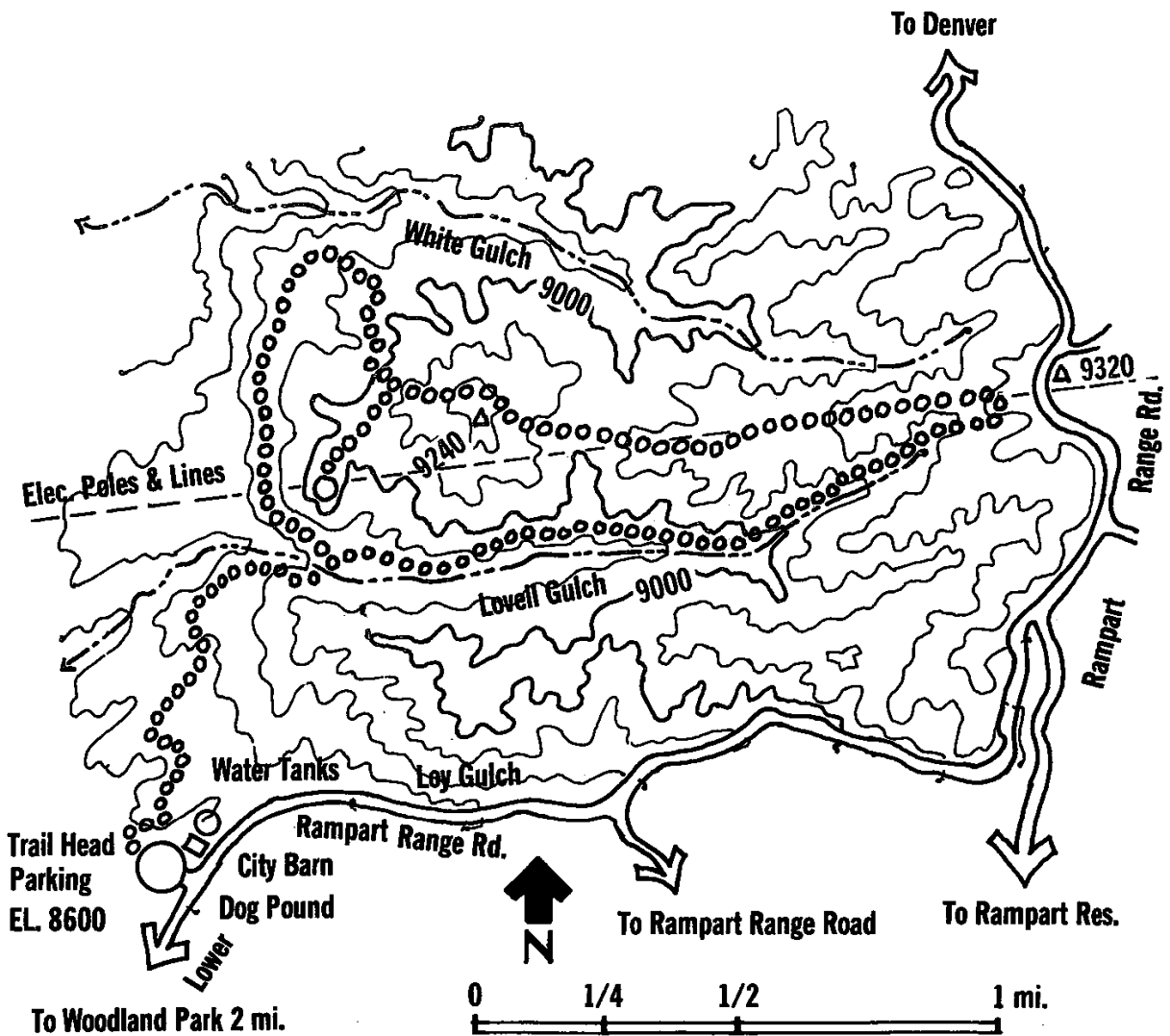
Begin at 8465' End at 8365'

Road Directions: From highway 24 west in Woodland Park, take highway 67 North towards Deckers. Midland Ave is your first right. Turn and the trail head is on your left at the corner of Midland and Walnut.

There is a trailhead building with bathrooms and a museum display of local history. Another popular place to park is near the other end of the trail across from the entrance to the Colorado Campground.



The Centennial Trail is paved from Downtown Woodland Park to Manitou Lake. It is a popular trail for biking or walking and is also accessible for wheelchairs and strollers. Expect to see many other folks on the trail, especially on the weekends. You may pick up the trail at any point along the way. While the elevation gain is only 100 feet, there is more uphill traveling from Manitou Lake to Woodland Park than the other way around.



CONTOUR INTERVAL 100'

SCALE

LOVELL GULCH



Dome Rock Trail

Distance: 7 miles round trip

Elevation Gain: 600 feet

Begin at 7740' End at 8860'

Road Directions: Take Highway 24 West to Divide. Turn South on Highway 67 towards Cripple Creek. Travel 5.8 miles then turn right at the fork in the road (County Road 61). Travel two more miles and the trailhead is on your right.

Mueller State Park was formed in 1991 when the State of Colorado purchased the Mueller Ranch. The Park today comprises just over 5000 acres with trails open to hiking, biking and horses. Campsites and cabins are also available. Adjacent to the Park, the Colorado Division of Wildlife operates a 7000 acre wildlife area. This is truly a beautiful part of Colorado.

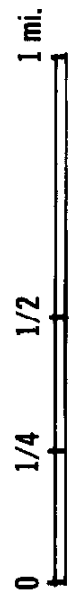
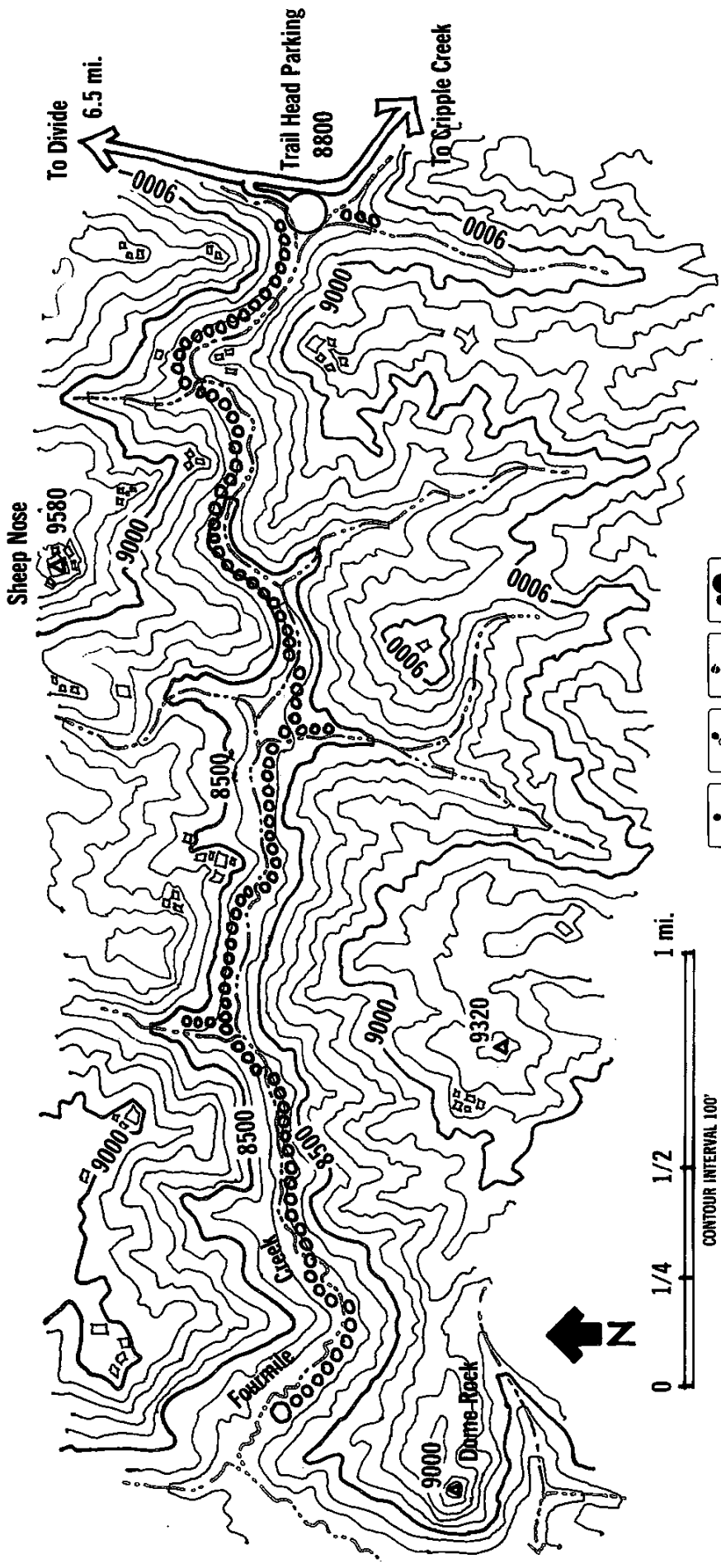
Dome Rock is a spectacular 700 foot granite face awaiting you at the halfway point of this loop in Mueller State Park. It's an "out-and-back" hike that travels mostly downhill to Dome Rock, then uphill most of the way back to the trailhead. Many small stream crossings, beaver ponds, old ranch buildings and mines make for an enjoyable trip.

From December 1st to July 15th the Spring Creek trail, Dome View trail and other trails from Jack Rabbit lodge are closed to protect Bighorn Sheep in the wildlife area. When open, hikers and horses can travel the entire length. However bikes are never allowed beyond the three mile point and into the wildlife area. Dogs are prohibited.



Ten+ Essentials Recommended by the Colorado Mountain Club

1. At least 2 quarts of water
2. Lunch plus extra food
3. Rain /wind parka and pants
4. Extra layers of clothing
5. Waterproof matches & lighter plus commercial fire starter
6. Sunglasses / goggles
7. Sunscreen / lip balm
8. Pocket knife
9. First aid supplies
10. Flashlight / headlamp
11. Toilet paper in waterproof bag



CONTOUR INTERVAL 100'

SCALE

DOMEROCK
STATE WILDLIFE AREA

Catamount Ranch Trail

Distance: 6 miles round trip

Elevation Gain: 600 feet

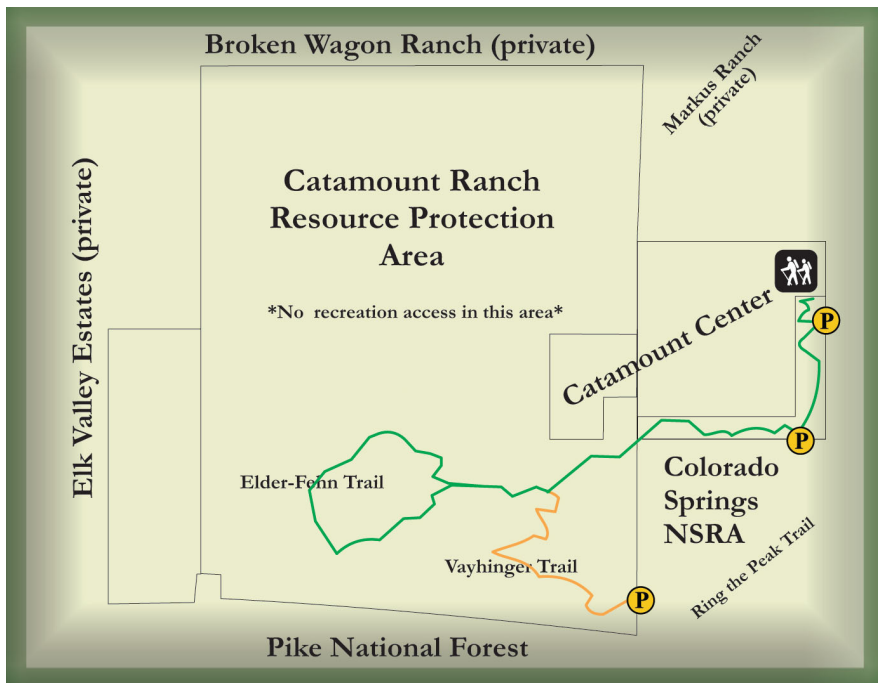
Road Directions: Take US Highway West through Woodland Park. Turn left on Edlowe Road (County Road 28). Follow Edlowe Road to the end (2.6 miles). Trailhead is on the left.

Welcome to the Catamount Ranch Resource Protection Area.

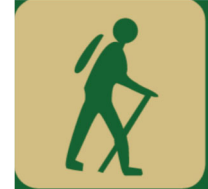
There are two marked trails: the Elder-Fehn trail and the Vayhinger trail. From May through September you can link up to the Ring The Peak Trail and the North Slope Recreation Area.

The trail meanders up and down through forest and open meadow. There are excellent photo opportunities of Pikes Peak.

Winter time is good for snow shoeing and cross country skiing.



Welcome to Catamount Ranch, A Teller County open space



“Leave No Trace”

- Plan ahead and Prepare
- Travel on Durable Surfaces
- Dispose of Waste Properly
- Leave What You Find
- No smoking Campfires or Camping
- Respect Wildlife
- Be Considerate of Other Visitors
- Pack it in, Pack it out

For more information about

Leave No Trace, visit
www.lnt.org

I. RULES AND REGULATIONS

A. The Parks shall be open to the public from sunrise to one hour after sunset.

B. The following are prohibited activities:

1. The possession or consumption of alcoholic beverages
2. The discharge of firearms
3. The possession or igniting of fireworks
4. Overnight Camping
5. The injury to or removal of wild life or natural vegetation
6. The defacement of park property or premises
7. The operation of motor vehicles outside of designated parking areas
8. The dumping of trash
9. No pets past first portal

C. Those using the park are required to:

1. Keep pets under control at all times
2. Deposit all trash in designated containers

II. Enforcement and Penalties:

A. The Teller County Sheriff's Office shall be responsible for the enforcement of the Rules and Regulations defined herein.

B. The violation of any of the rules and regulations defined herein shall be punishable by a fine not to exceed \$300.00 or confinement in the County Jail for a period not to exceed 90 days.



This is a Portal to the North Slope Recreation Area (NSRA) and the Ring the Peak Trail System.

The NSRA is managed by the city of Colorado Springs Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Department, and is subject to their policies.

The NSRA is closed
October 1—May 1

