

Garden of the Gods

Hiking Trails List

- ARNOLD TRAIL** (0.17 Mile/Easy) – a short trail connecting Buckskin Charlie Trail to a residential neighborhood. Parking Lot P9 via Buckskin Charlie. Horses allowed.
- BALANCED ROCK TRAIL** (0.4 Mile/Easy) – explore this trail and take your picture with the gravity defying landmark. Portion of the trail is on Garden Drive Rd. Parking Lot P14, 15 and 16. Horses allowed.
- SUSAN BRETAG TRAIL** (0.5 Mile/Easy) – provides valley views with our foothills ecosystems and the tall rock hogbacks. Merges into the Palmer Trail and connects to Dakota Trail. Parking Lot P1 via Gateway Trail, and P2. Horses allowed.
- BUCKSKIN CHARLIE TRAIL** (1 Mile/Easy) –trail named for a Southern Ute chief who was born at Garden of the Gods. Parking Lot P6, P7, P12, and P13 via Scotsman Trail. Horses allowed.
- CABIN CANYON TRAIL** (0.82 Mile/Easy) – short loop trail with views of our montane and foothill ecosystems merging. Parking Lot P14. Horses allowed.
- CHAMBERS TRAIL** (0.5 Mile/Easy) – trail provides views of cottonwood trees and the old reservoir that provided Rock Ledge Ranch (RLR) with water. Parking Lot P1 via RLR and P10. Bikes and horses allowed.
- COLUMBIA TRAIL** (0.36 Mile/Easy) – a short connector trail for Columbia Road, Hamp Hut, and the Park Ranger's garage. Parking Lot P13 via Scotsman and P16 via Strausenback Trail. Horses allowed.
- DAKOTA TRAIL** (0.4 Mile/Moderate) – Connects Foothills Trail and Susan Bretag Trail. Best trail for a chance to see bighorn sheep. Parking Lot P1. Horses allowed
- FOOTHILLS TRAIL** (1.2 Miles/Easy) – this paved trail runs north and south following the east side of the park and continues north out of the park. Parking Lot P1. Bikes and horses allowed.
- GALLOWAY HOMESTEAD TRAIL** (0.45 Mile/Easy) – a trail that connects to Rock Ledge Ranch Historic Site while circling the ridge with the Chambers Trail. Parking lot P1 via Rock Ledge Ranch. Horses allowed.
- GATEWAY TRAIL** (.43 Mile/Easy) – paved trail that connects the Visitor and Nature Center to the Central Garden Trail. Passes through several ecosystems. Daily guided walks available at the Visitor and Nature Center. Parking lot P1 via Foothills Trail. Bikes and horses allowed.
- HAMP TRAIL** (0.17 Miles/Easy) – a short connector trail for Scotsman Trail, Buckskin Charlie Trail and a local residential neighborhood. Parking Lot P13. Horses allowed.
- NIORRARA TRAIL** (1.2 Miles/Moderate) – trail that has views of Rock Ledge Ranch and the park from the south. Follows the Niobrara limestone rock formation with views of ancient one-seed juniper trees. Parking Lot P10. Bikes and horses allowed.

- OLD COLORADO CITY TRAIL** (0.69 Miles/Easy) – historic trail that connected the park to Old Colorado City. Connects to the Buckskin Charlie Trail on the north and leads out of the park to the south. Parking Lot P9 (High Point). Horses allowed.
- PALMER TRAIL** (1.8 Miles/Moderate) – trail that runs among the hillside of trees on the westside of the park. Nice scenic views of the Central Garden and one-seed juniper trees. Connects to the Siamese Twins Rock Formation and Trail. Parking Lot P2, P5, P11, P12 and P13. Horses allowed.
- *PERKINS CENTRAL GARDEN TRAIL** (1.5 Miles/Easy) – the main, not-to-miss paved trail at the base of the tallest rock hogbacks. Restroom and scenic viewing access. This is the most accessible trail and is stroller, wheelchair friendly. Parking Lot P2, P4, P6 and P7.
- RIDGE TRAIL** (0.4 Mile/Easy) – short and action packed trail with great canyon views and lots of geology at your feet. Parking Lot P10 (trail-head is west across the road).
- ROCK LEDGE RANCH TRAIL** (1.88 Miles/Easy) – peaceful trail that lets you be part of the history offered by the Ranch. Parking Lot P1.
- SCOTSMAN TRAIL** (1 Mile/Easy) – a trail that runs through a foothills ecosystem and has access to summer restrooms and year-round picnic tables. Parking Lots P6, P7, P12, or P13. Horses allowed.
- SIAMESE TWINS TRAIL** (0.6 Mile/Easy) – a rocky trail leading to the Siamese Twins rock formation. The natural “window” provides an iconic view of Pikes Peak to the west. Parking Lot P14, and P16. Horses allowed.
- STRAUSENBACH TRAIL** (0.55 Mile/Moderate) – a more secluded trail often used to start a nice horseback ride. Parking Lot P16. Horses allowed
- UPPER LOOP TRAIL** (0.3 Mile/Moderate) – accessed from the Perkins Central Garden Trail, this short dirt trail leads to a high point on the red rocks for a great view of the mountain range with Pike’s Peak. Parking Lot P2, P6 and P7 via Perkins Central Garden Trail.
- UTE TRAIL** (1.4 Miles/Easy) – this area marks where the historic Ute Trail led early people further west deeper into the Rocky Mountains. It takes you through the historic reservoir once used by Rock Ledge Ranch. Connects to Niobrara, Valley Reservoir, and Chambers Trails. Parking Lot P10. Bikes and horses allowed.
- UTE TRAIL CONNECTOR** (0.28 Mile/Easy) – connects the middle of the Ute Trail to itself. Parking P10. Bikes and horses allowed.
- VALLEY RESERVIOR TRAIL** (0.17 Mile/Easy) – a connector trail for Chambers Trail and the Ute Trail. Parking Lot P1 and P10. Bikes and horses allowed.