



Stratton Open Space Trails

Trail 7



The **Stratton Open Space** is an area that was acquired by the City of Colorado Springs in order to preserve this unique foothill environment. It has a series of trails of varying lengths and terrain, is very accessible and is therefore very popular with local users and dog walkers. Because of its southern exposure this open space offers excellent year-round trail use. Using one of three different trailheads you can always find a trail to fit your abilities and timeframe.

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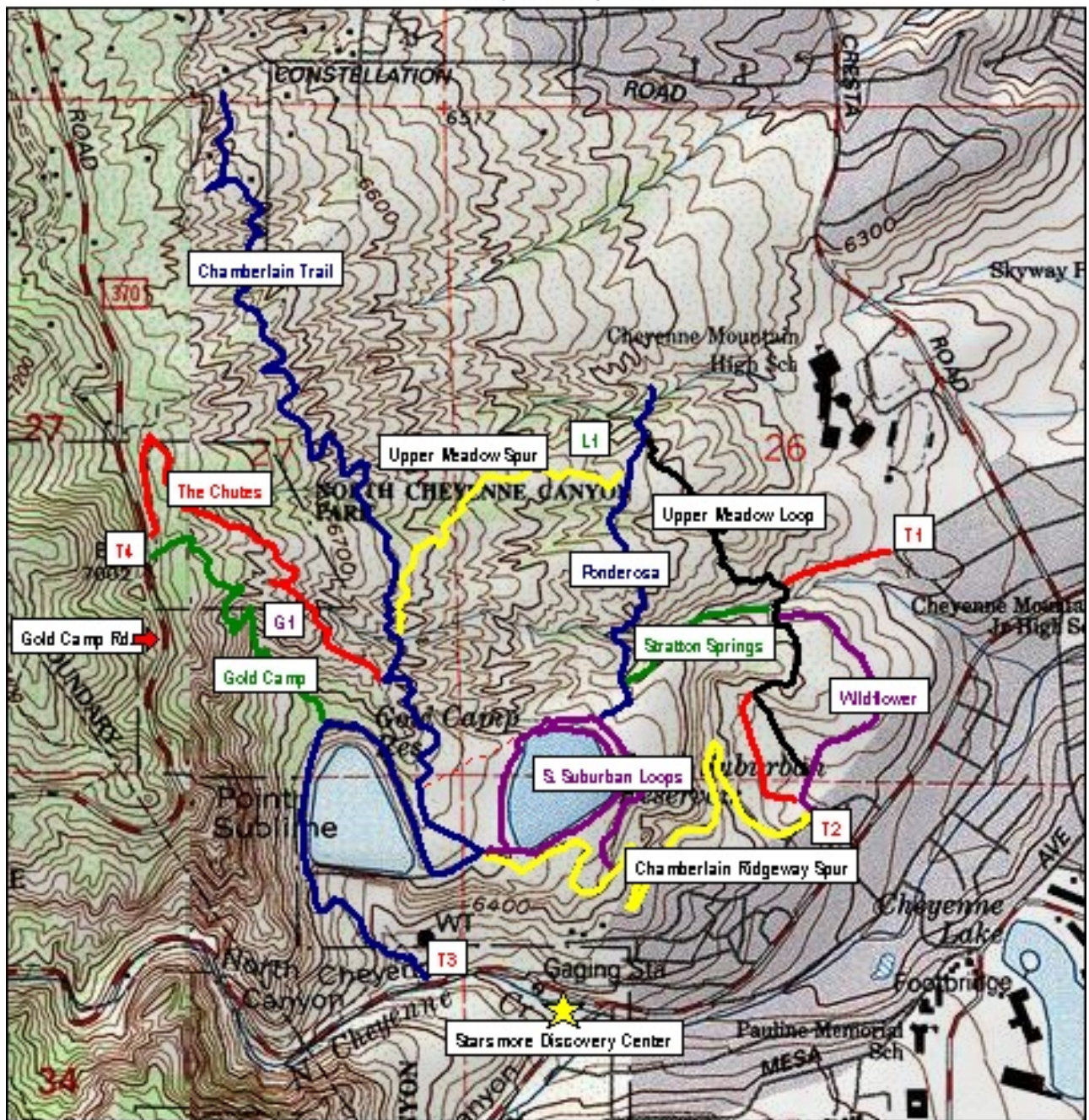
Use of Trail:	Hiking / Biking / Horse Riding (Allowed uses vary by trail)
Length of Trail:	Varied
Elevation Gain:	Varied (Max gain = 539 Ft.)
Hiking Difficulty:	Easy to Moderate (see ratings here)
Fees / Permits:	None
Trail Contact:	Colorado Springs Dept of Parks & Rec. 1401 Recreation Way, Colorado Springs, CO. 80905 (719) 385-5940
Approx. Hiking Time:	Varied
Terrain Type:	Flat / Rolling / Steep Mostly Open Areas, Some Woods
Trail Characteristics:	Mostly Single Track w/ some Double Track – Dirt / Gravel
Views:	Cheyenne Mtn. / Meadows / Broadmoor Hotel / City of Colorado Springs / Will Rogers Shrine
Pets:	Permitted on Leash Only, Owners Must Remove Pet Excrement (by City Ordinance)
Other Nearby Trails:	Chamberlain Trail (continuation)
Geocaches / Letterboxes:	Yes

GPS Waypoint Files are also available for this trail. This file includes the GPS waypoints for each trail feature listed and can be accessed and downloaded directly to your GPS unit.

[Click here for the instructions on how to download the GPS waypoint file.](#)

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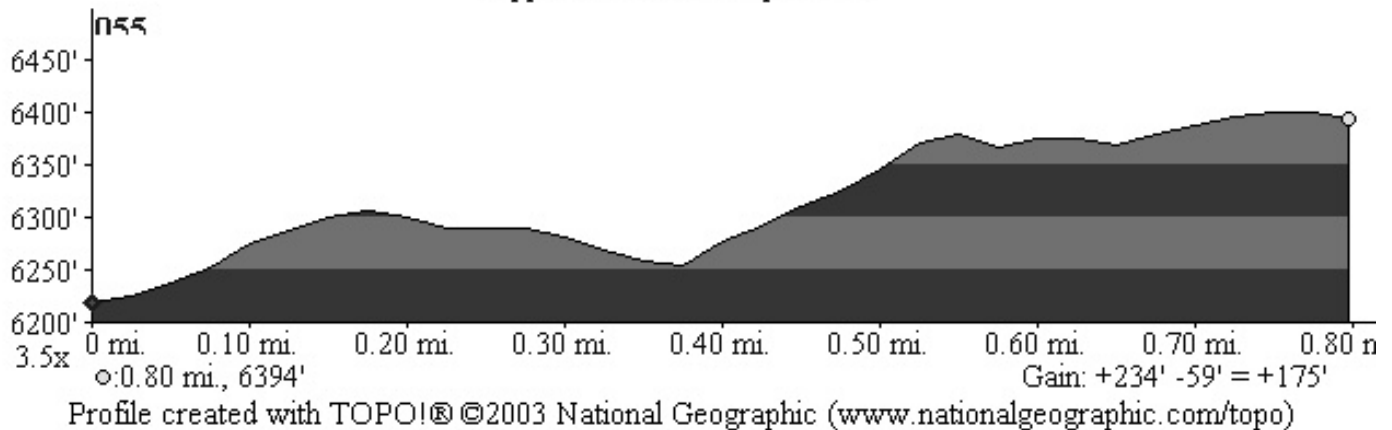


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N. Cheyenne Canon / Stratton Open Space Series Stratton Open Space Trails

Upper Meadows Loop Profile



Trailhead Directions

From the I-25 in Colorado Springs, exit at S. Nevada Avenue (Exit 140 A or B). Head south on South Nevada Ave. for about 0.35 miles and turn west (towards the mountains) onto West Cheyenne Blvd.

T1 (La Veta Way Trailhead) – Travel 1.75 miles on W. Cheyenne Blvd and take a right onto Cresta Road. Continue 0.2 miles and turn left onto La Veta Way. The parking area and trailhead are at the end of La Veta Way. There are restrooms at this trailhead.

T2 (Ridgeway Ave. Trailhead) – Travel 2.15 miles on W. Cheyenne Blvd. (cross over Cresta Road) and take a right onto Ridgeway Avenue. Proceed a short distance to the large, paved parking area and trailhead (about 0.10 miles).

T3 (N. Cheyenne Canon Trailhead) – Proceed 2.75 miles along W. Cheyenne Blvd. (crossing over Cresta Road) to the intersection of N. Cheyenne Canon Road. The Starsmore Discovery Center is located at this intersection. Turn right onto N. Cheyenne Canon Road and proceed for about 0.11 miles to a small parking lot on the right (near a water tank).

T4 (Gold Camp Road) – Follow the directions from T3 only continue up N. Cheyenne Canon Rd. for about 3.0 miles until you get to a large parking lot at the intersection of N. Cheyenne Canon Rd, High Drive and Lower Gold Camp Rd. From this intersection turn right onto the Lower Gold Camp Rd. and travel for about 2.75 miles (go through 2 tunnels) and park in a small parking area on the (right) east side of the road.

[Click here for map to trailheads -T1/T2/T3/T4 \(courtesy of MapQuest\)](#)

Trail Descriptions

Chamberlain Trail - Length of Trail = 2.64 miles (one way), 524 Ft. of elevation gain; **Multi-use**

The Chamberlain Trail is one of the only trails in the Stratton Open Space that continues across the Open Space boundaries. The Colorado Springs Parks and Recreation Department has plans to someday connect Stratton Open Space with Cheyenne Mountain State Park by extending the Chamberlain Trail.

Chamberlain Ridgeway Spur - Length of Trail = 1.04 miles (one way), 290 Ft. of elevation gain; **Multi-use**

The Chamberlain Ridgeway Spur is a one mile spur trail that gradually climbs uphill. It connects the Ridgeway Trailhead to a number of trails including the Chamberlain Trail, South Suburban Upper and Lower Loops and the Chutes.

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(The) Chutes - Length of Trail = 0.76 miles (one way), 417 Ft. of elevation gain; **Hiking & Biking**

The Chutes is one of the most popular biking trails in Colorado Springs. It is a great downhill ride that is easily accessible. Hikers should be aware that this trail is heavily used by bicyclists, particularly on weekends and can be dangerous due to the fast speeds gained during this downhill ride. To access the trail for a downhill ride begin at the T4 trailhead.

Gold Camp Path - Length of Trail = 0.56 miles (one way), 335 Ft. of elevation gain; **Hiking Only**

The Gold Camp Path is a connecting trail from the Gold Camp Reservoir (the Chamberlain Trail) to Gold Camp Road. It is a hiking only trail and is a good alternative to the Chutes (no worries about fast downhill bikers).

Ponderosa Trail - Length of Trail = 0.61 miles (one way), 645 Ft. of elevation gain; **Hiking & Biking**

The Ponderosa Trail is a connecting trail that leads from the South Suburban Loop Trail to the Upper Meadow Loop Trail. The upper portions of this trail have views of Cheyenne Mountain, Mt. Rosa and Mt. Cutler.

South Suburban (Lower & Upper Loops) - Length of Trail = 0.62 miles (upper); 0.35 miles (lower) one way, flat; **Hiking & Biking**

These two loop trails circle around the South Suburban Reservoir. This reservoir is the eastern most reservoir in the Stratton Open Space. These are both relatively short, flat trails.

Stratton Springs Path - Length of Trail = 0.25 miles (one way), 135 Ft. of elevation loss; **Hiking Only**

The Stratton Springs Path is an east / west trail that connects the eastern section of Stratton Open Space trails to each other. This trail intersects with the Upper Meadows Trail, Wildflower Path and the Ponderosa Trail. This is a hiking only trail.

Upper Meadows Loop - Length of Trail = 0.80 miles (one way), 457 Ft. of elevation gain; **Hiking & Biking**

The Upper Meadows Loop Trail is one of the longer trails in the Stratton Open Space and connects numerous trails including: Wildflower Path, Stratton Springs Path, Ponderosa Trail, Upper Meadow Spur, Chamberlain Trail and The Chutes.

Wildflower Path - Length of Trail = 0.46 miles (one way), 44 Ft. of elevation gain; **Hiking Only**

The Wildflower Path crosses over the southeastern meadow of the Stratton Open Space and therefore is predominately flat. The southern exposure often assures a passable trail even in the winter. This is a hiking only trail.

Geocaches

- **G1** **Geocache Name:** Rob's Random Running Path - The Chutes **Location:** N 38 / 47.975 W 104 / 52.337

Check out www.geocaching.com for more information

Letterboxes

- **L1** **Letterbox Name:** Bent Tree, by the Crones **Location:** see www.letterboxing.org

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Other Trails Accessible from this Trail ([Click on Trail Name Below to Access Trail Guide](#))

- Chamberlain Trail (continuation)