

Dogs (on leash), bicycles, and horses are allowed on the Regional Trail () ONLY.

To 21st Street

To Section 16

Regional Trail

Coyote Gulch Loop

Creekbottom Loop

Mountain Scrub Loop

Regional Trail

Bear Creek

Songbird Trail

Parking Lot

Nature Center

Regional Trail

Bear Creek Road

Gold Camp Road

Nature Center Trail	—————
Regional Trail
Paved/Boardwalk	—————
Bear Creek	—————
Road	—————



Lower Gold Camp Road

Outdoor Classroom Pavilion

TRAIL GUIDE

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NATURE
CENTER



Bear Creek Nature Center

245 Bear Creek Road
Colorado Springs, CO 80906
719-520-6387

Nature Center Open:
Wednesday-Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
Saturdays, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Nature Trails Open: Every day, Dawn to Dusk

Enhance Your Visit Junior Naturalist Program

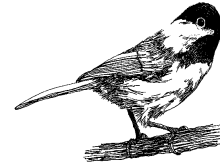
Earn a Junior Naturalist Patch and discover the natural world in Bear Creek Park. Activity books for children, ages 5-10, are designed to be completed with your family or friends. Cost is \$2.00 per child.

Self-guided Trail Brochure

This self-guided trail brochure highlights the natural history of Bear Creek Park. The interpretive stations described within the brochure match the numbered posts located along the Mountain Scrub Loop and the Creekbottom Loop trails. The cost of the booklet is \$1.00.

Visitor Responsibilities

- ◆ Be respectful of other trail users.
- ◆ Dogs on leash, bicycles, and horses are allowed only on the Regional Trail.
- ◆ Stay on designated trails.
- ◆ No collecting of any kind.
- ◆ Pack out your litter.
- ◆ Motorized vehicles are permitted only on designated roads and in parking areas.
- ◆ Alcohol and firearms are not permitted.
- ◆ Camping and open fires are not permitted.

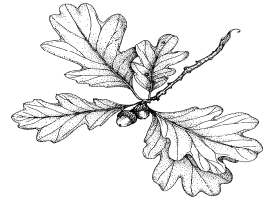


Songbird Trail

Trail Length: .1 mile roundtrip from the Nature Center
Surface: Paved/Boardwalk **Difficulty:** Easy (*Wheelchair accessible*)
Silently travel beneath a vine-covered cottonwood canopy and enjoy the bubbling sounds of Bear Creek and the melodious songs and calls of the birds. Relax on one of the benches and watch for black-capped chickadees and fox squirrels.

Mountain Scrub Loop Trail

Trail Length: .5 mile roundtrip from the Nature Center
Surface: Gravel **Difficulty:** Moderate
Walk among dense stands of scrub oak and mountain mahogany in the heart of Bear Creek Park. Look for cottontail rabbits and listen for the scratching sounds made by the spotted towhees searching for food in the fallen dry leaves.



Creekbottom Loop Trail

Trail Length: .8 mile roundtrip from the Nature Center
Surface: Gravel **Difficulty:** Moderate
Hike along Bear Creek and search the cottonwood trees for colorful warblers in the spring and summer and sharp-shinned hawks in the fall and winter. This lush area provides valuable water to the majority of wildlife that live in the park.



Coyote Gulch Loop Trail

Trail Length: 1.2 miles roundtrip from the Nature Center
Surface: Gravel **Difficulty:** Moderate
Explore this less-traveled path through grassy meadows, scrub oaks, and water-carved ravines dotted with Douglas fir and ponderosa pine. This area provides refuge for mule deer, black-billed magpies, coyotes, and an occasional black bear.

