

Mountain Plains Heritage Park Trail

Permissible Uses:* for the Clear Creek Trail System

- * Foot travel
- Mountain biking
- Mountain skateboarding
- Nordic skiing
- * Snowshoeing
- * Strollers
- * ADA mobility units

Non-Permissible Uses** for the Clear Creek Trail System

- Motorized vehicles
- * Horseback riding
- * Campfires
- * Overnight camping
- * Littering/Paintball
- * Fireworks/Firearms/hunting
- *Permissible uses vary. Consult trailhead signs for individual trail rules.
- **Non-permissible uses are universal for all trails on property or easements held by the City of Buffalo.

Welcome To Buffalo!

While in the Buffalo area enjoying the Clear Creek Trail System, we invite you to stay a while to visit the many famous historical sites, enjoy the spectacular scenery and take advantage of the many sporting opportunities. Learn about the culture and conflicts of the Plains Indians and revisit western history at the Jim Gatchell Memorial Museum. Walk along the famous Bozeman Trail as did the gold seekers in the 1860s. Get western...feast at our great local restaurants, and Bed down beneath the Bighorn Mountains at one of our excellent hotels, motels or campgrounds.

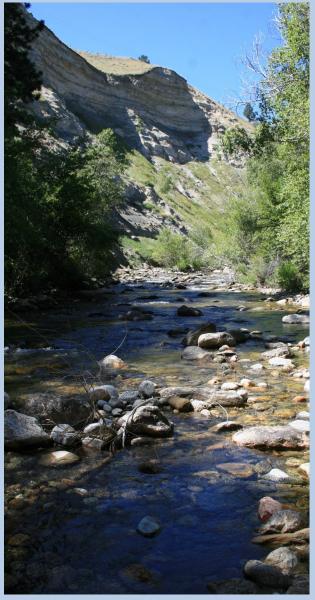


Grouse Mountain Trail

The City of Buffalo is grateful for volunteer support in developing and maintaining a successful trail system. Frequent and responsible use of the Clear Creek Trail System assures it will remain an important community asset for future generations.

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The Clear Creek
Trail System
offers something
of interest for
everyone.

Enjoy exploring!

Find the best trail for YOU!

The Clear Creek Trail System includes more than 20 miles of mostly interconnected trails, and traverses an area rich with Indian and western history surrounded by the magnificent scenery of the Bighorn Mountains.

Centennial Trail connects motels and restaurants to artisan row and historic downtown Buffalo. Interpretive signs along the creek introduce the rich history of this area. Washington Park Trail winds through the City Park with its horseshoe pits, picnic shelters and Wyoming's largest free municipal swimming pool. Perhaps most popular is the Greenbelt Trail which follows Clear Creek for just over a mile. Many species of birds and wildlife are evident, and exercise stations along the way await fitness enthusiasts. Shiloh Trail connects residents on the west side of town to the Greenbelt Trail and routes to either downtown Buffalo or the Veteran's Home and its pasture area. Due to grazing cattle, dogs are not permitted on the **Veteran's Home Pasture Trail**, but walkers will find their way to historic Fort McKinney, with buildings dating back to the late 1800s. The natural surface William J. Mentock Trail is popular with serious hikers and mountain bikers. Along this trail are the Old Power Plant with its castle-like design and access to the Mosier Gulch Picnic Area (3.5 miles from the trail's main access on Turkey Lane.) There are two ways to get to the Grouse Mountain Trailhead. If you continue down the road from the Mosier Gulch Picnic Area, you will see a gate blocking vehicle traffic. You can pass the gate and walk the two-track to Grouse Mountain Trailhead. If you prefer, look for the footpath just left of the gate mentioned above and take Joe's Trail (unmarked), a natural surface social trail that also leads to Grouse Mountain Trailhead. Joe's Trail hugs Clear Creek and offers great fishing spots along the way. Grouse Mountain Trail offers stunning views of the Cloud Peak Wilderness Area and challenging switchback sections that are an enticement to hearty hikers and advanced mountain bikers.

Trails not yet directly linked to the other trails in the system: **Klondike Trail** features ranch scenery and a trail surface that is friendly to strollers and wheelchair use. **Eva Knepper** is a neighborhood trail that abuts the history-rich Willow Grove Cemetery. **Mountain Plains Heritage Park Trail** crosses the famous Bozeman Trail used by gold seekers in the 1800s and offers interpretive signs depicting life on the western plains, railroad history, and facts about bird species common to this area.

Trail Etiquette For All Trail Users

- Stay on existing trails and off private property
- Tread lightly during wet and muddy conditions
- Obey gate closures and signs
- Pass others with care and advance notice
- Keep right except when passing
- Help keep the trail free of litter
- Give slower traffic the right of way
- Be respectful of wildlife

Bicyclists

- Stay on the trail and don't ride around water bars
- Ride slowly/single file when passing /being passed
- Yield right of way to walkers
- Maintain traction; skidding damages the trail
- Control your speed; be ready to stop if necessary
- Downhill riders yield to uphill riders

Dog Owners

- Dogs must be leashed except on the lower portion of Mountain Plains Heritage Park & from Mosier Gulch through Grouse Mountain Trail
- Dogs are prohibited on Veteran's Home property
- Pick up after your dog; use dog waste stations and dispose of waste properly
- Obey individual trail rules pertaining to dogs



