



## Columbine Trail

*(Upper, Mid & Lower)*



The **Columbine Trail** is located just a few miles southwest of downtown Colorado Springs in North Cheyenne Canon Park. It is a linear trail that parallels North Cheyenne Canon Road. The trail can be accessed from three different trailheads (Upper, Mid, or Lower). Select your trailhead depending on the difficulty level you desire and the amount of time that you have. Enjoy this peaceful canyon hike!

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<b>Use of Trail:</b>	Hiking / Biking
<b>Length of Trail:</b>	6.52 Miles Roundtrip (1.92 miles = Lower, 4.6 miles = Mid & Upper Roundtrip)
<b>Elevation Gain:</b>	6,298 Ft. to 7,368 Ft. / 1,070 Ft Gain (Total)
<b>Hiking Difficulty:</b>	Lower = Easy / Mid & Upper = Moderate <u>(see ratings here)</u>
<b>Fees / Permits:</b>	None
<b>Trail Contact:</b>	Colorado Springs Park & Rec. Dept. 1401 Recreation Way, Colorado Springs, CO. 80905 (719)385-6599
<b>Approx. Hiking Time:</b>	4 Hours Roundtrip
<b>Terrain Type:</b>	Wooded / Hilly
<b>Trail Characteristics:</b>	Single Track – Dirt / Gravel
<b>Views:</b>	N. Cheyenne Canon, Broadmoor Hotel, Helen Hunt & Silver Cascade Falls
<b>Pets:</b>	Permitted on Leash Only
<b>Other Nearby Trails:</b>	Silver Cascade Falls, Daniel's Pass, Stratton Open Space
<b>Geocaches / Letterboxes:</b>	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.

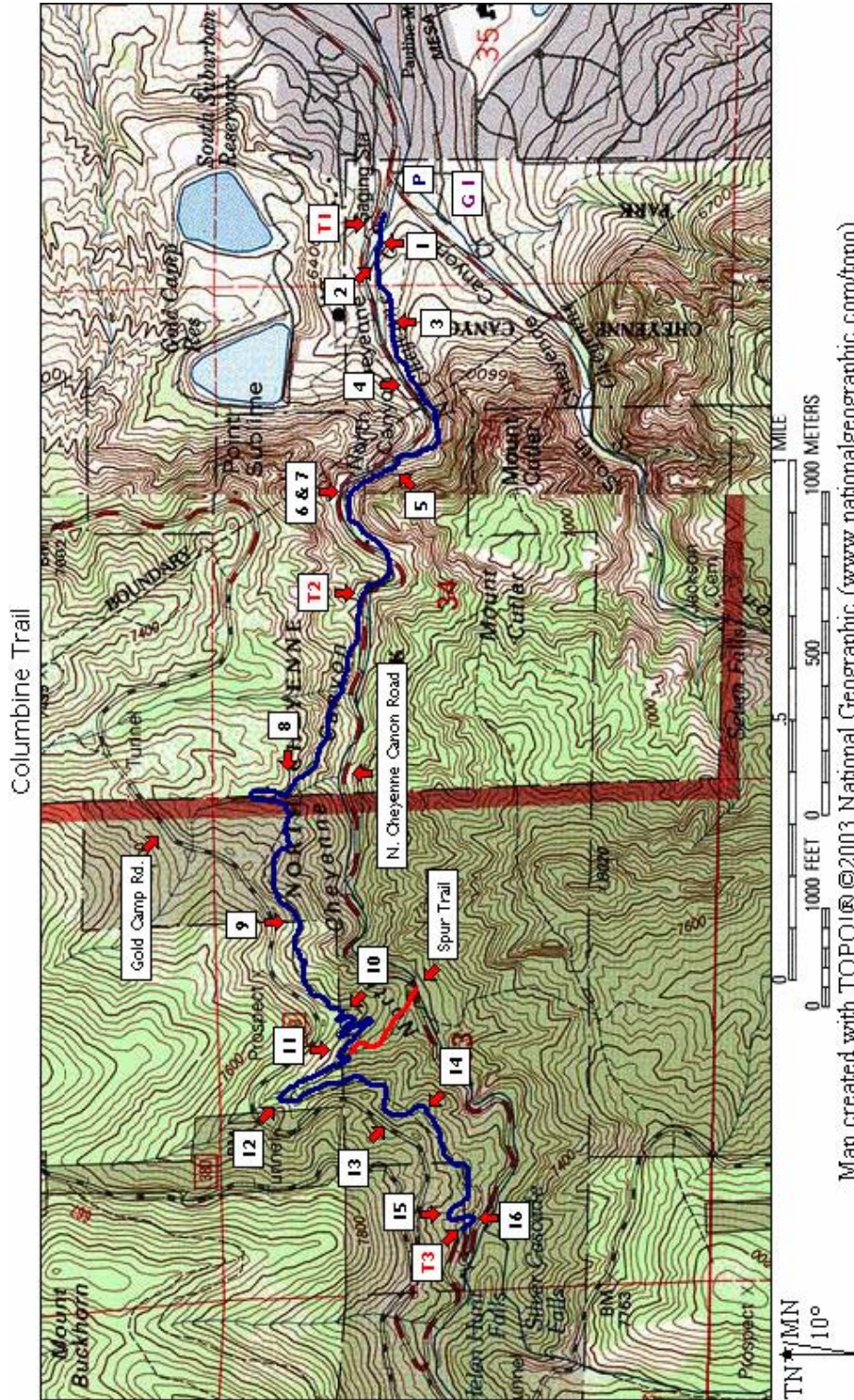
[Click here for the instructions on how to download the GPS waypoint file.](#)

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# N. Cheyenne Canon / Stratton Open Space Trail Series

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## Trailhead Directions

From the I-25 in Colorado Springs, exit at South Nevada Ave. (Exit 140 A or B). Head south on South Nevada Ave. for about for about 0.35 miles and turn west (right) on West Cheyenne Blvd. Proceed 2.75 miles to the intersection of N. Cheyenne Canon Road, S. Cheyenne Canon Road and Evans Ave. The Starsmore Discovery Center is located here.

### **T1 - Lower Columbine Trailhead**

You can park at the Starsmore Discovery Center (the Discovery Center will be on your right and the main Discovery Center parking lot will be on your left). If you prefer, you can take a right turn at the 3-way intersection onto North Cheyenne Canon Road where there is also a small parking area on the right side of the road (on the north side of the Starsmore Discovery Center).

### **T2 - Mid Columbine Trailhead**

If you choose to start at the Mid Columbine trailhead take a right at the above mentioned 3-way intersection onto N. Cheyenne Canon Road. Head up the canyon to the small parking area on the right which is marked with a trailhead sign “Mid Columbine Trailhead”.

### **T3 - Upper Columbine Trailhead**

If you choose to start at the Upper Columbine trailhead take a right at the above mentioned 3-way intersection onto N. Cheyenne Canon Road. Head up the canyon (approximately 2.6 miles), past the Mt. Cutler and Helen Hunt Falls Trailheads to a very small pull-out on the right side (marked by a “Upper Columbine Trailhead” sign). It may be easier to park at the larger “Helen Hunt Falls Trailhead” and walk up the road a short distance.

[Click trailhead number for map T1 / T2 / T3 \(courtesy of MapQuest\)](#)

## Geocaches

- **G1** **Geocache Name:** Sweet Spot #1 **Location:** N 38 / 47.365 & W 104 / 51.852

Check out [www.geocaching.com](http://www.geocaching.com) for more information

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

- [Silver Cascade Falls](#), [Daniel's Pass](#), [Stratton Open Space](#)

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Waypoint Log

- P** @ 0.00 Mi. - Parking area (south side of Starsmore Discovery Center)
- T1** @ 0.00 Mi. - **Trailhead (Lower Columbine Trail)**. There is an old stone bridge here near the road.
- 1** @ 0.05 Mi. - Trail intersection, continue straight on the Columbine Trail. There is a social trail to the right and a trail up to the Mesa Recreation Area to the left.
- 2** @ 0.10 Mi. - Trail intersection with dirt road, go right around a boulder.
- 3** @ 0.23 Mi. - Trail passes between 2 large ponderosa pines.
- 4** @ 0.35 Mi. - Tall rock outcroppings and picnic area.
- 5** @ 0.59 Mi. - Rock overhangs.
- 6** @ 0.68 Mi. - Views of rock spires and outcroppings.
- 7** @ 0.70 Mi. - Cross over a small stone bridge as it leads across the N. Cheyenne Canon Road.
- T2** @ 0.94 Mi. - **Trailhead (Mid-Columbine Trail)**. Trailhead is marked by a large sign on the north side of N. Cheyenne Canon Rd. There is a small parking area at this trailhead.
- 8** @ 1.38 Mi. - Cross over a dry creek bed and the trail turns to the right. As you continue there will be numerous scree fields (loose/gravelly areas) to cross over so be very careful.
- 9** @ 1.82 Mi. - Nice views of the Broadmoor Hotel.
- 10** @ 2.08 Mi. - Trail intersection. Take a left turn at this intersection to continue on the Columbine Trail. If you take a right turn here the trail will take you up to the Gold Camp Rd. Signage marks this intersection.
- 11** @ 2.34 Mi. - Drainage crossing & spur trail down to N. Cheyenne Canon Road. This spur trail connects to the Daniel's Pass Trail on the other side of N. Cheyenne Canon Rd.
- 12** @ 2.54 Mi. - Drainage crossing
- 13** @ 2.83 Mi. - Drainage crossing and scree field.
- 14** @ 3.00 Mi. - Overlook to the left with views of Colorado Springs.
- 15** @ 3.16 Mi. - Views of Colorado Springs.
- 16** @ 3.21 Mi. - Views of Helen Hunt Falls.
- T3** @ 3.26 Mi. - **Trailhead (Upper Columbine Trail)**