



# GATEWAY MESA OPEN SPACE

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## Fast facts about Gateway Mesa Open Space

Trail length	2.6-mile loop
Trail rating	Easy
Trail surface	Unpaved
Wildlife highlights	Bluebirds
Special comments	Mountain bikes, technical rock climbing and horses are prohibited

The unpaved 1.6-mile Chuck's Loop Trail segment travels across flat open grassland and connects to the Mitchell Creek Canyon Trail system for access to the Founders Village area. The unpaved Legacy Trail segment is a 2-mile proposed addition on the slopes of the northern forested portion of the property and will be built in looped sections between 2019-2021; the western 1-mile loop has been completed and is open.

The property is on a bluff, with steep, rock-capped cliffs on the eastern portion overlooking Franktown and the Cherry Creek Valley to the east. The property has expansive views of the Rocky Mountains, extending from Pikes Peak on the south to Longs Peak on the northwest. Trailhead parking is available in the dirt lot on the east side of Colorado Highway 86.

Beware of steep cliffs and rattlesnakes while enjoying this trail.

**Note: Due to permanent conservation use restrictions placed on the property, mountain bikes and horses are not allowed on the trail.**

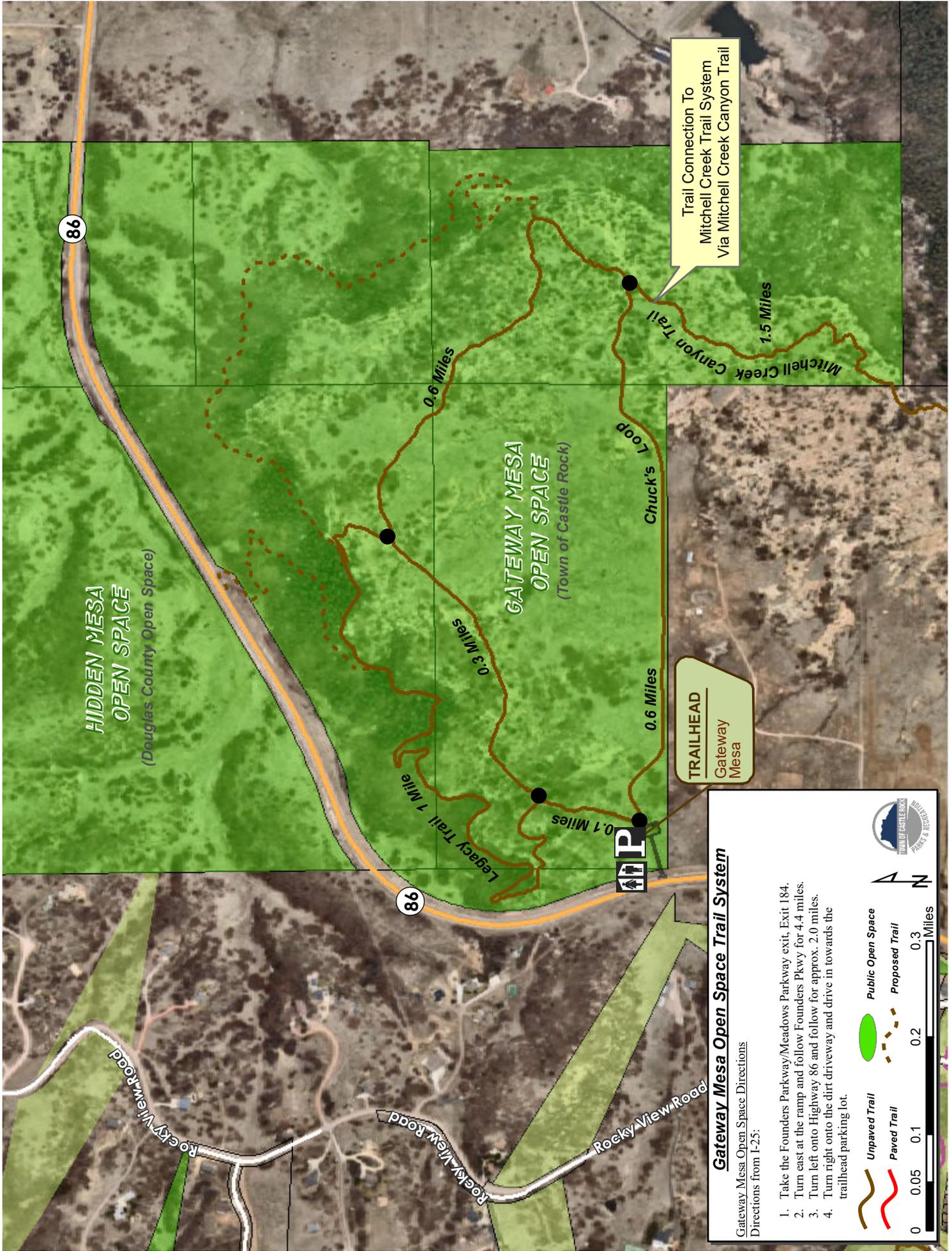


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**Gateway Mesa Open Space Trail System**

Gateway Mesa Open Space Directions  
Directions from I-25:

1. Take the Founders Parkway/Meadows Parkway exit, Exit 184.
2. Turn east at the ramp and follow Founders Pkwy for 4.4 miles.
3. Turn left onto Highway 86 and follow for approx. 2.0 miles.
4. Turn right onto the dirt driveway and drive in towards the trailhead parking lot.

**Legend:**

- Unpaved Trail (dashed brown line)
- Paved Trail (solid red line)
- Public Open Space (green shaded area)
- Proposed Trail (dashed orange line)

**Scale:** 0 0.05 0.1 0.2 0.3 Miles

**North Arrow**

**Town of Castle Rock Parks & Recreation**

**TRAILHEAD**  
Gateway Mesa

Trail Connection To  
Mitchell Creek Trail System  
Via Mitchell Creek Canyon Trail