Fast Facts about Gateway Mesa/ Founders Village Loop

Trail length: 10 miles
Trail rating: Moderate
Trail surface: a combination of soft-surface single track trails, paved trails and sidewalks.
Wildlife highlights: Bluebirds, swallows, turkey vultures, and mule deer

This 10 mile loop offers a variety of surfaces and environments! From cattails along streambeds to cactus on mesas to colorful wildflowers in the disc golf park. This trail offers runners and walkers a 10 mile loop for training and exercise.

Start at either Founders Park, Matney Park, Mitchell Gulch Park or the trailhead at Gateway Mesa. Travel over packed dirt, pavement and boulders watching for deer and rabbits. This route utilizes three Castle Rock trails: Mitchell Creek Trail, Mitchell Creek Canyon Trail, and Chuck’s Loop Trail at Gateway Mesa. Along Mitchell Creek Canyon don’t get too distracted by the amazing views. Keep your eye out for loose sand, rocks, poison ivy, rattlesnakes and steep cliffs along this route. Cairns mark the trail. At the top you’ll be rewarded by views of the prairies and mountains. The rest of the trail travels through Castlewood Ranch and Founders Village along paved paths. Enjoy the parks and open space that make Castle Rock such a great place to live.

There are several places to rest on this trail. Bikes are not allowed on Mitchell Creek Canyon Trail. There are restroom facilities at Founders Park, Mitchell Gulch Park, and Matney Park.
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