



## Buena Vista, Colorado Adopt-A-Trail Program



### What is the Adopt-A-Trail Program?

The purpose of the program is to promote the sustainability and beauty of trails in Buena Vista by allowing volunteers to care for and maintain a section of trail. Volunteers provide feedback to the Town regarding needed remediation and suggestions for trail improvements.

### Who administers the Adopt-A-Trail Program?



The Buena Vista Trails Advisory Board, with the assistance of the Public Works Department, runs the program. The Trails Advisory Board membership list is available on the Town website. Visitors are always welcome at Trails Board meetings.

Meetings are usually held the 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of each month at 9:00am at the Public Works Department (755 Gregg Drive).

### Who can adopt a trail?

Individuals, groups, families, businesses, and community / service organizations can adopt a trail. Anyone interested in the outdoors is welcome to help maintain this sustainable Town resource.

### How does the Adopt-A-Trail Program work?

1. The adopting individual or group commits to a one-year period of adoption. At the end of that time the adoption can be renewed, changed to a different section, or terminated. If there is a waiting list for a particular section of trail, after the one-year period of time has elapsed the next in line for that section will be given the adoption opportunity.

Adoption times for all sections of trail begin on June 1<sup>st</sup>.



2. Monitoring of your section should be done at least four times a year. Some sections of trail will need to be monitored more frequently depending on use and time of year. The Public Works Director will send out a reminder at the beginning of each quarter.
3. Volunteers are active in keeping trails free of debris, pruning small limbs, removing brush from the trail corridor, cleaning established drainage channels, covering “social trails,” and depositing dog waste in the nearest dog station. Volunteers are also responsible for notifying Public Works of any damage to the trail, offering maintenance suggestions, and recommending possible stair/path additions, memorial bench placement sites, and potential locations for Art in Public Spaces projects.



### **Is there formal recognition of volunteer efforts?**

Volunteers will be recognized in two ways:

1. An article in the paper will list specific trail sections and name the volunteers who work on each section.
2. The volunteer's name will be posted on the Town website along with the description of each trail in the Town trail system.

### **How to get started**

Contact the Trails Advisory Board Chair to set up a time to meet and discuss the benefits and requirements of trail adoption, to learn about sections open for adoption, and to complete the Adopt-A-Trail application. Check the 'Trails Advisory Board Members' page of the Town website for contact information.



Adopt-A-Trail Application



Organization Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Approximate number of volunteers \_\_\_\_\_

Name of contact person (if group/business) \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Requested trail section:

1<sup>st</sup> choice \_\_\_\_\_

2<sup>nd</sup> choice \_\_\_\_\_

Comments:

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Adoption Information (For Trail Advisory Board Use)

Assigned Trail Section: \_\_\_\_\_

Start Date: \_\_\_\_\_ End Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Notes:



## Adopt-A-Trail Program Volunteer Checklist



Thank you for volunteering for the Buena Vista Adopt-a-Trail Program! Keeping our local trails clean, safe, and maintained is vital to our trails system, and we couldn't do it without our volunteers. We ask that you carry out the tasks below regularly – at least four times a year depending on the usage and condition of your trail section – in order to keep our trails in good repair. The Public Works Director will send out a quarterly reminder asking you to report on your section of trail.

- Pick up all trash and dispose of it properly.
- Remove or cut away any weeds that encroach on the trail. Do not use sprays.
- Remove any pet waste on, or adjacent to, the trail and replace bags in dog stations (if applicable).
- Note any damaged, vandalized, or missing signs or dog stations.
- Identify and report any social paths that deviate from the designated trail.
- Assess any damage/erosion to the trail.
- Check for any trail hazards or safety issues (rocks, roots, overhanging limbs, etc.).

Upon completion, please write any comments or concerns regarding your trail section in the "Observed Issues" space provided below. Mail it to the Town of Buena Vista, Attn: Public Works Director (PO Box 2002, Buena Vista, CO 81211) or drop it by Town Hall (210 East Main Street) at your convenience. Please contact Public Works directly with any other concerns, problems, or trail improvement ideas at 395-6898 or at [bvpwdir@buenavistaco.gov](mailto:bvpwdir@buenavistaco.gov). Thank you!

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### Volunteer's Report

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Trail section: \_\_\_\_\_

Observed issues:

1. \_\_\_\_\_

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2. \_\_\_\_\_

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3. \_\_\_\_\_

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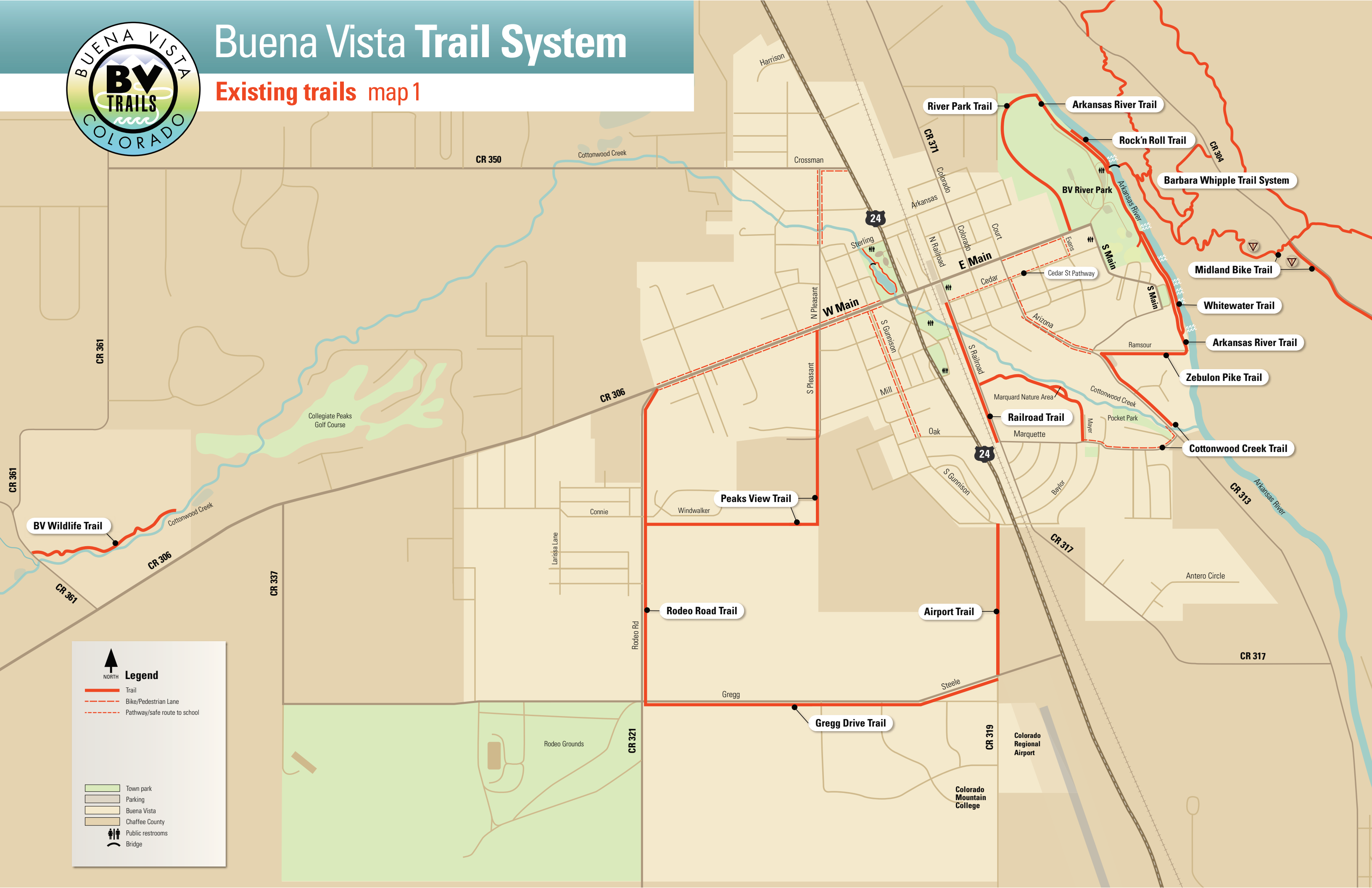
## Adopt-A-Trail Sections

	Trail	Adopted by....
1	Arkansas River North	
2	Arkansas River Middle	
3	Arkansas River Upper	
4	Arkansas River South	
5	Rock 'n Roll	
6	Whitewater Trail	
7	Zebulon – Pike Trail	
8	Cottonwood Creek South	
9	Cottonwood Creek High School	
10	Marquard Nature Area	
11	Railroad Trail	
12	Peaks View Trail (NS)	
13	Peaks View Trail (EW)	
14	BV Wildlife Trail	
15	Barbara Whipple Main	
16	Barbara Whipple Steep Shortcut	
17	Barbara Whipple South Loop	
18	Barbara Whipple North	
19	River Park Trail	
20	Gregg Drive Trail	
21	Airport Trail	
22	Rodeo Road Trail	



# Buena Vista Trail System

## Existing trails map 1



**Legend**

Trail  
 Bike/Pedestrian Lane  
 Pathway/safe route to school

Town park  
 Parking  
 Buena Vista  
 Chaffee County  
 Public restrooms  
 Bridge