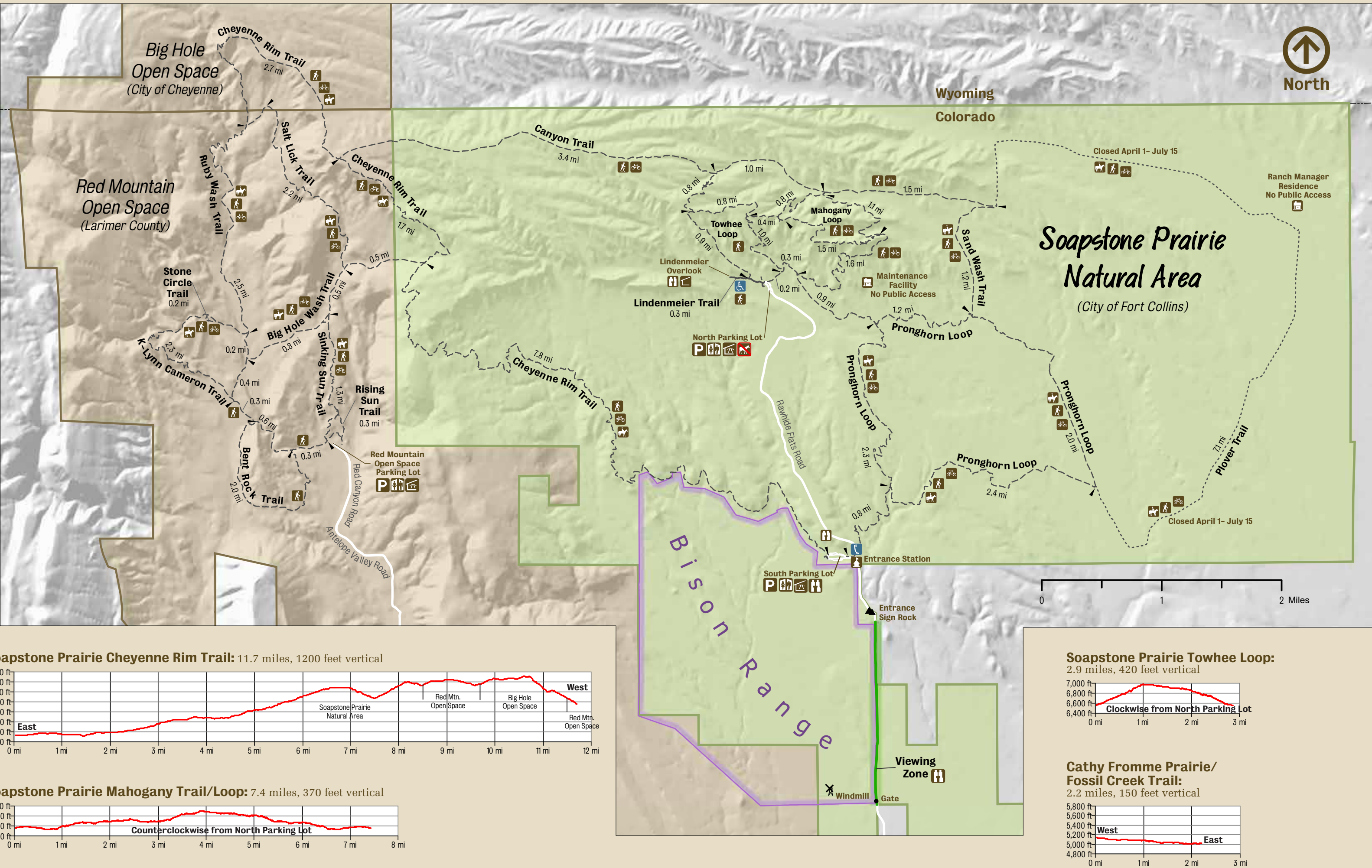


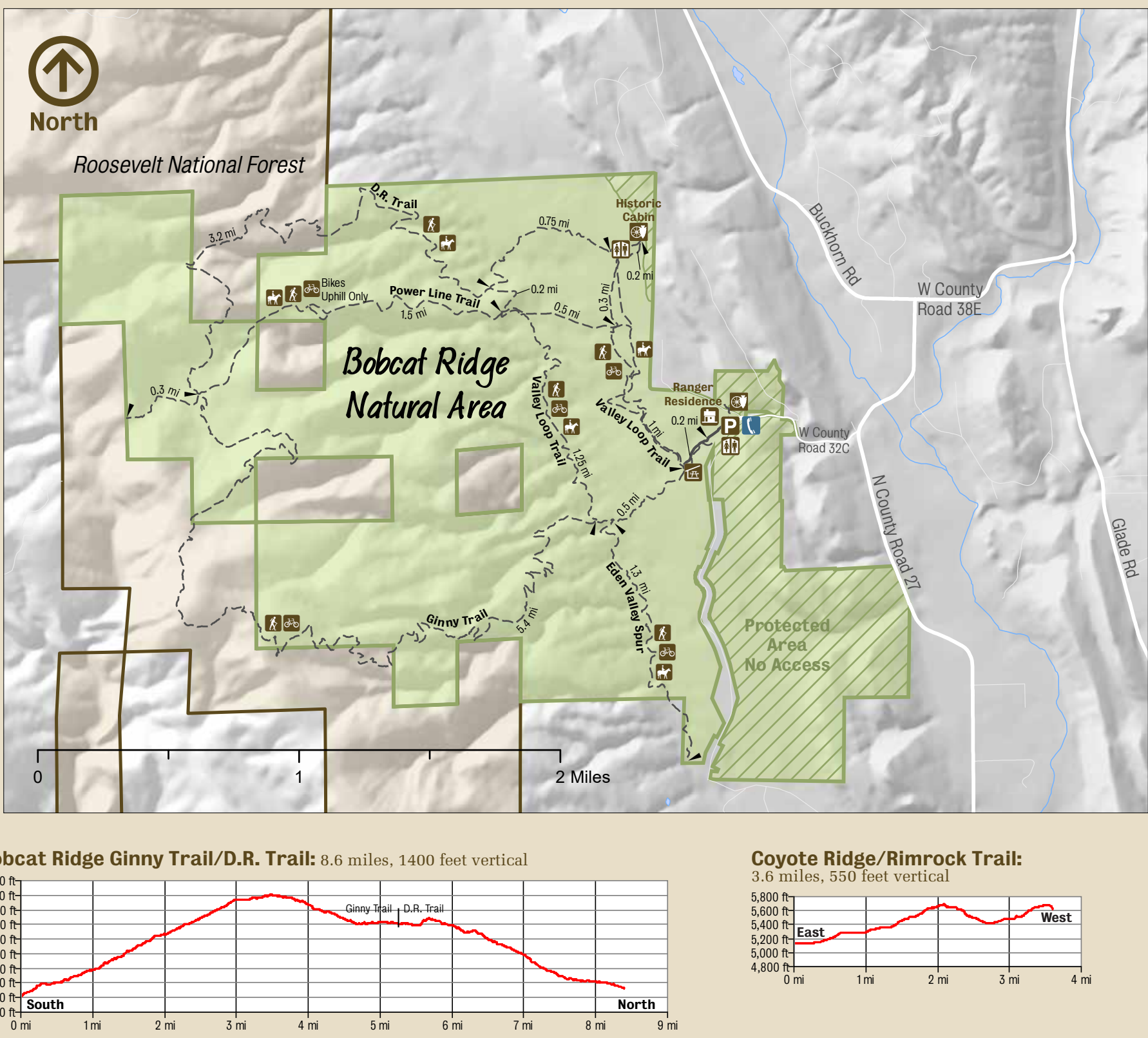
Soapstone Prairie Natural Area

DIRECTIONS: From Fort Collins, travel north on State Hwy 1 / Terry Lake Road. Turn left (towards Waverly) on County Road 15. Travel north and turn right onto Rawhide Flats Road and take it to the entrance station.

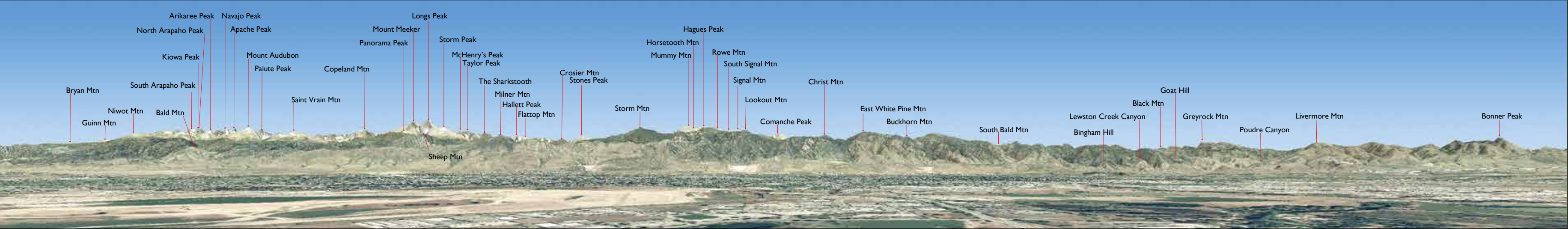


Bobcat Ridge Natural Area

DIRECTIONS: From Fort Collins, take Harmony Road / CR 38E west to Masonville. Turn south on CR 27 and west on CR W32C to the parking lot.



Fort Collins Peak Finder: The View From Cottonwood Hollow Natural Area



KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

Natural areas are popular! When the parking lots are full, the carrying capacity has been reached. Go to an alternate site or come back another time. Weekends and holidays are busiest. Do not park anywhere other than in designated spots.

Check Here First:

- [fcgov.com/trails/status](https://www.fcgov.com/trails/status)
- [NoCoTrailReport.org](https://www.NoCoTrailReport.org)
- [FCNaturalAreas](https://www.FCNaturalAreas)
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City and Larimer County Trail Closures: [NoCoTrailReport.org](https://www.NoCoTrailReport.org)

Stewardship Needed
Natural areas can be loved to death. Show you care for these treasures by following regulations which protect you and the natural areas.

- ✓ Keep dogs on-leash and pack out dog waste (at sites where dogs are allowed).
- ✓ Leave no trace by removing trash and food scraps.
- ✓ Amplified music is not permitted. It disturbs fellow visitors and wildlife. But please keep one earbud out so you are aware of your surroundings.

Why Closures?

Natural areas are closed due to wet and muddy conditions on the trails. Muddy trails leave visitors with no good choices: going around the mud widens the trail and going through the mud damages the trail. Please respect the closures and try the paved trails instead.



NATURAL AREA		RECREATION OPPORTUNITIES															
Arapaho Bend*																	
Bobcat Ridge — open dawn to dusk																	
Butterfly Woods																	
Cathy Fromme Prairie																	
Cattail Chorus																	
Colina Mariposa																	
Cottonwood Hollow																	
Coyote Ridge																	
Eagle View																	
Fischer																	
Flores del Sol																	
Fossil Creek Reservoir — open dawn to dusk																	
Fossil Creek Wetlands																	
Gateway — open dawn to dusk																	
Goose Hollow																	
Gustav Swanson																	
Hazaleus																	
Homestead																	
Kingfisher Point																	
Magpie Meander																	
Mallard's Nest*																	
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North Shields Ponds																	
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Pineridge																	
Prairie Dog Meadow																	
Prospect Ponds*																	
Red Fox Meadows*																	
Redtail Grove																	
Redwing Marsh*																	
Reservoir Ridge — Gated parking lots open dawn to dusk																	
Riverbend Ponds																	
River's Edge																	
Ross*																	
Running Deer																	
Salyer																	
Soaring Vista																	
Soapstone Prairie — Open dawn to dusk, Mar.-Nov.																	
Springer*																	
The Coterie																	
Tanglewood*																	
Topminnow																	
Two Creeks																	
Udall*																	
Williams																	

*Co-owned and/or co-managed with Fort Collins Utilities for flood control, water quality, and wildlife habitat.

CARE FOR THE NATURAL AREAS

- Dogs are not permitted on some natural areas; check the chart above. Dogs must be on a leash.
 - You may not possess or consume alcohol.
 - A valid fishing license from Colorado Parks and Wildlife is required.
 - Openly carrying a firearm is prohibited. Firearms are permitted with a valid concealed carry permit.
 - No camping, motorized vehicles, fires, or fireworks.
 - Collecting or gathering is not allowed.
 - Groups over 15 people, research, commercial use, and other activities need an online permit.
 - No smoking in natural areas, on trails, or in any city-owned facilities.
 - Horses must stay on trails or within 10 feet.
- Complete regulations at [fcgov.com/naturalareas](https://www.fcgov.com/naturalareas)

PLAY IT SAFE

Be Snake Awake!
If you encounter a rattlesnake, stop, back up, and warn others in the area. Wait for it to move away or walk around it to give it room to escape. If a snake bites you, call 911. Keep calm and avoid elevating your heart rate.

Lightning — Watch the Weather.
Avoid afternoon outings when lightning is most frequent. Seek safety in vehicles, buildings (not picnic shelters, restrooms, or sheds), or low areas such as dry gullies and gulches.

Be Safe Around the River. It's best to stay out of the river. The water is always cold, and currents and levels change quickly.



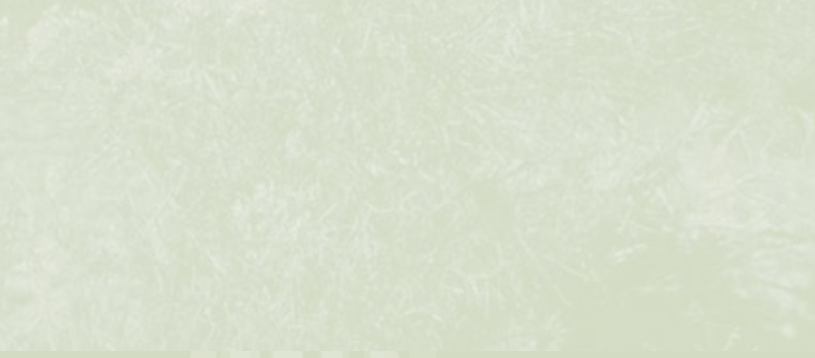
CITY OF FORT COLLINS NATURAL AREAS
YOURS TO EXPLORE

There are more than 45 natural areas and thousands of visitors. Please help care for these special places. Natural areas are ours to explore, treasure, and steward for the long term. Please check the hours, regulations, and online information before you go!

NATURAL AREAS MISSION:

To conserve and enhance lands with natural resource, agricultural, and scenic values, while providing meaningful education and appropriate recreation opportunities.

Thank you! Every time you shop in Fort Collins or Larimer County, a percentage of your sales tax dollars goes towards conserving natural areas. You are contributing to land conservation, wildlife habitat, trails, and visitor services. That's quite a buy!



Auxiliary aids and services are available for persons with disabilities: V/TDD; Dial 711 for Relay Colorado. Asistencia disponible en español a mingún costo.

Natural Areas Volunteer Coordinator 970-416-2460

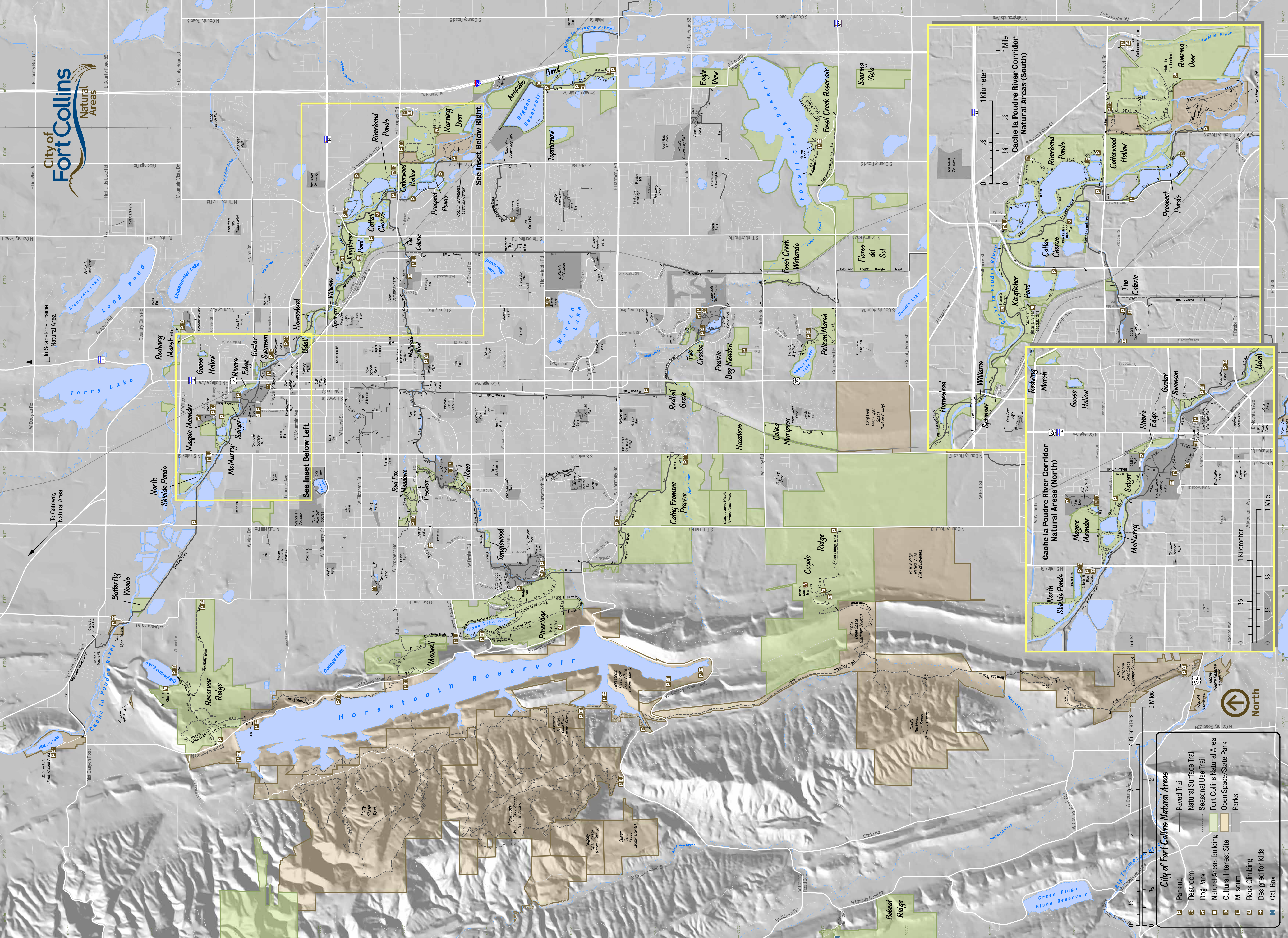
Master Naturalist Program
(free nature hikes and educational activities)
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www.fcgov.com/naturalareas
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Natural Areas Department 970-416-2815
Kangars 970-416-2147
Life-threatening emergency 911



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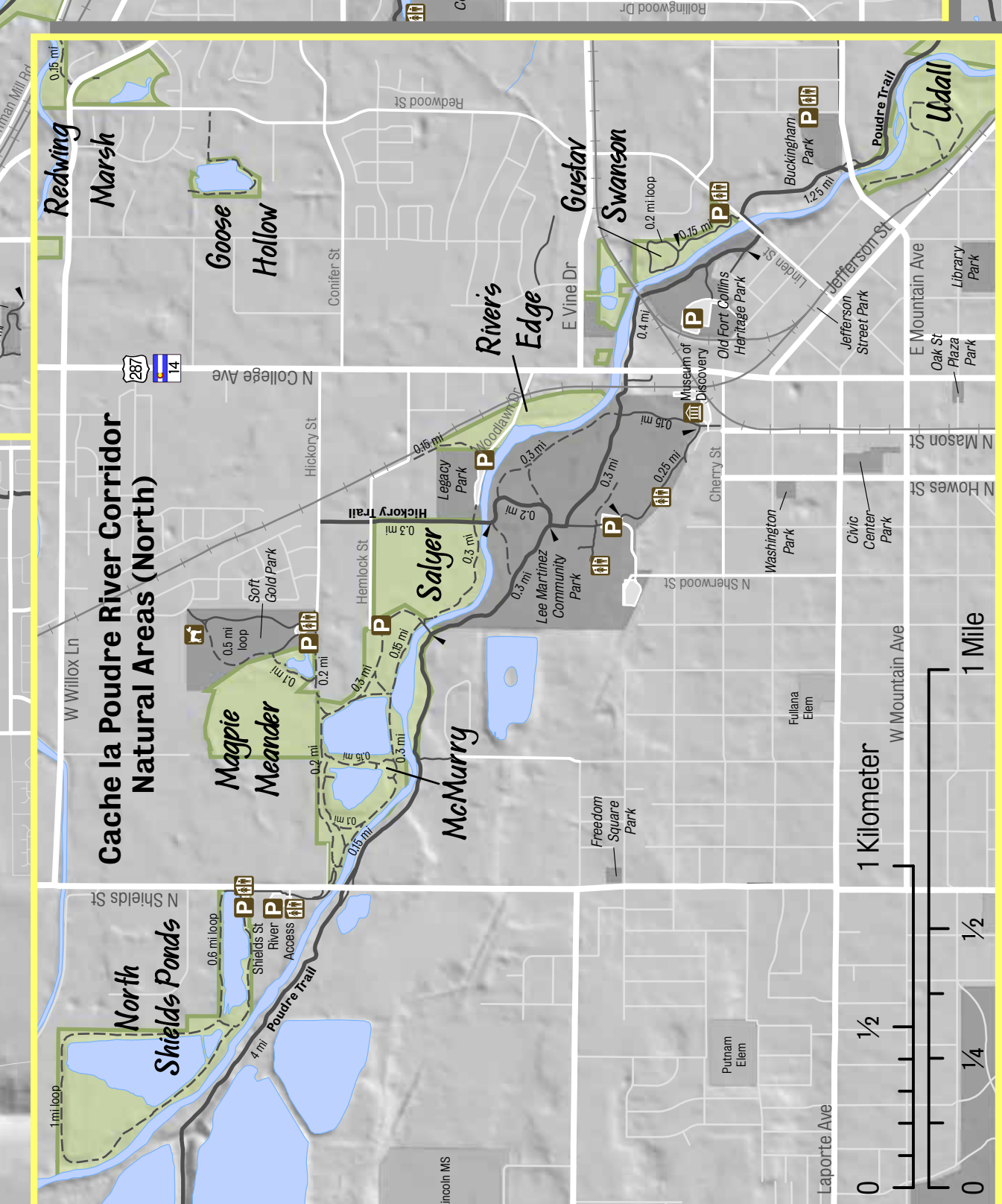
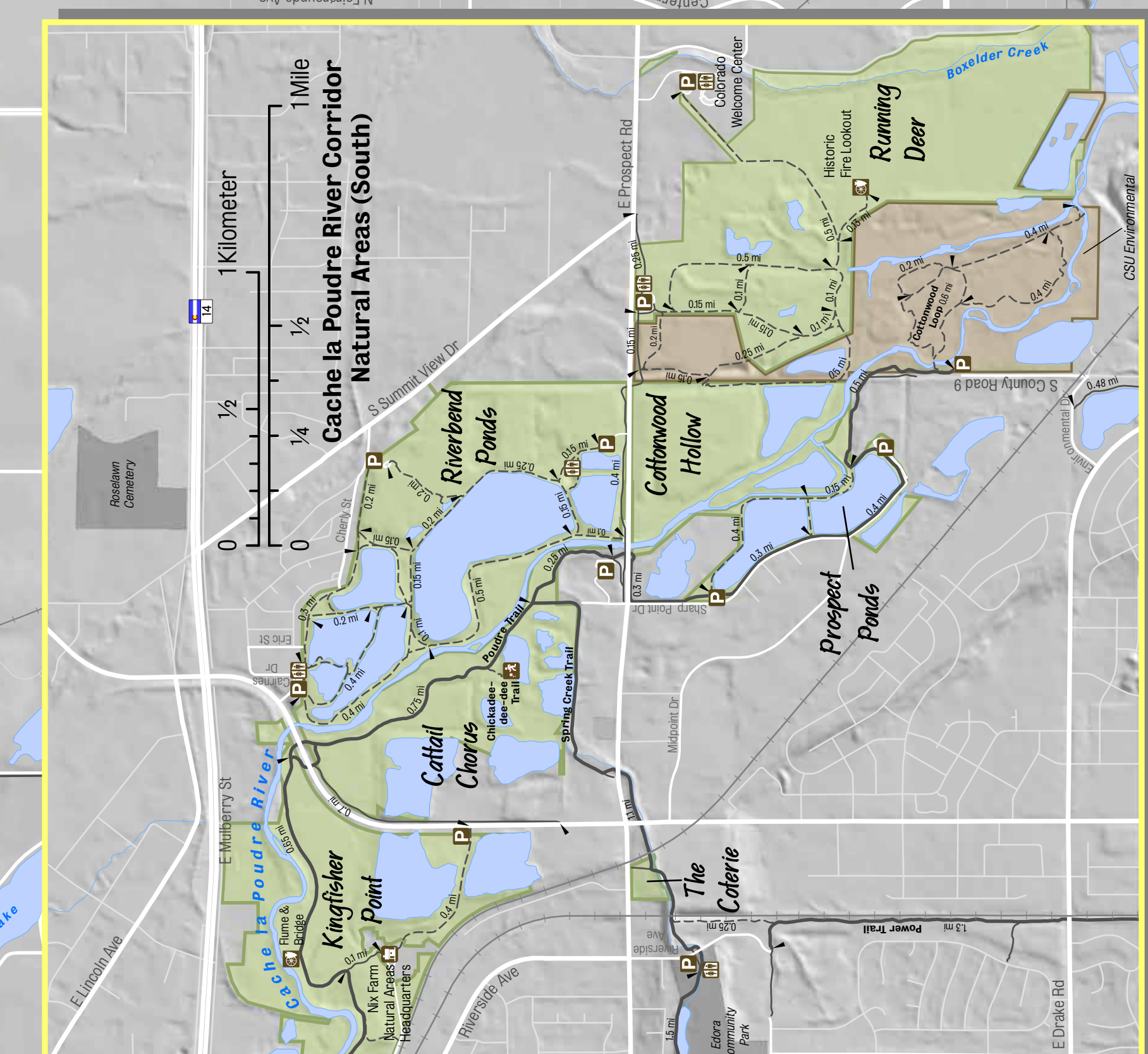


To Soapstone Prairie Natural Area

To Gateway Natural Area

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City of Fort Collins Natural Areas

Parking	Paved Trail
Restroom	Natural Surface Trail
Dog Park	Seasonal Use Trail
Natural Areas Building	Fort Collins Natural Area
Cultural Interest Site	Open Space/State Park
Museum	Parks
Rock Climbing	
Designed for Kids	
Call Box	