



Cottonwood Creek Trail



The **Cottonwood Creek Trail** is a flat, linear urban trail in the northeast portion of Colorado Springs that is great for biking and running. It begins at the intersection of Woodmen Rd. and Austin Bluffs Parkway (on the east) and travels west, eventually ending at Academy Boulevard (on the west). Take some time to enjoy Cottonwood Creek Park along the way.

[Click here to view photos of this trail](#)
(Password = havefun)

Use of Trail:	Hiking / Biking
Length of Trail:	7.16 Miles Round Trip
Elevation Gain:	6,696 Ft. to 6,398 Ft. / 298 Ft Loss
Hiking Difficulty:	Easy (see ratings here)
Fees / Permits:	None
Trail Contact:	Colorado Springs Dept. of Parks and Rec. 1401 Recreation Way Colorado Springs, CO. 80905 (719)385-5940
Approx. Hiking Time:	2.5 Hours Roundtrip (1.25 Hr. Biking)
Terrain Type:	Flat / Meadows & Woods
Trail Characteristics:	Single & Double Track – Dirt / Gravel & Paved
Views:	Cottonwood Creek
Pets:	Permitted on Leash Only
Other Nearby Trails:	Homestead Trail / E. Woodmen Trail / Briargate Trail
Geocaches / Letterboxes:	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.](#)

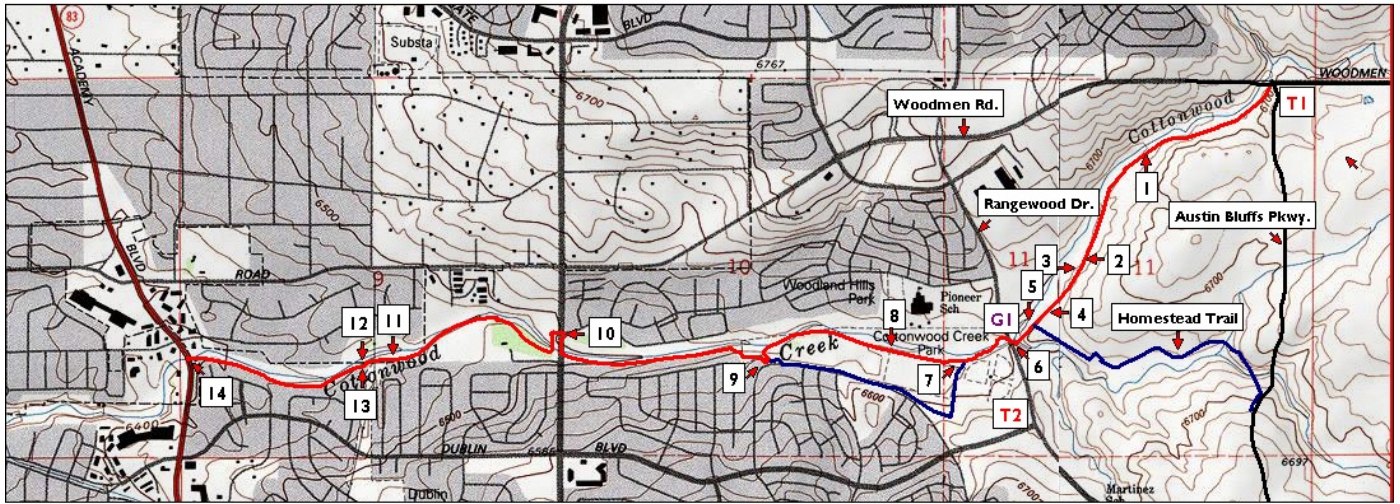
[Click here to download the GPS waypoint file for this trail.](#)



Cottonwood Creek Trail

Trail 5

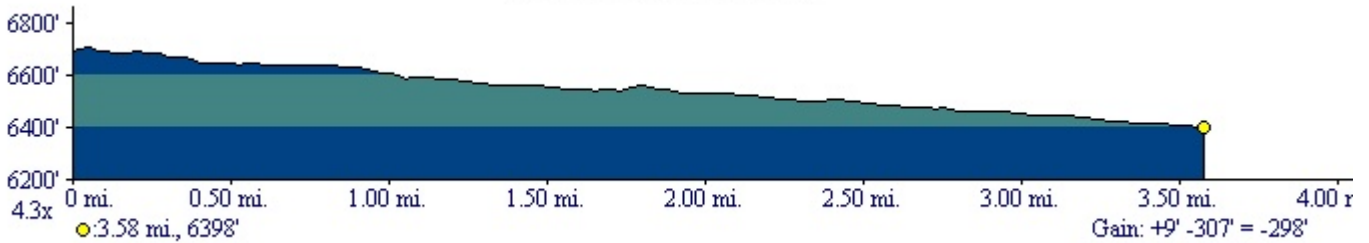
Cottonwood Creek Trail



TN MN
9 1/2°

Map created with TOPO!® ©2003 National Geographic (www.nationalgeographic.com/topo)

Profile - Cottonwood Creek Trail



Profile created with TOPO!® ©2003 National Geographic (www.nationalgeographic.com/topo)

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

- [Homestead Trail](#), [E. Woodmen Trail](#), [Briargate Trail](#)

Colorado Springs Urban Trail Series

Cottonwood Creek Trail

Trailhead Directions

T1 – Trailhead at the corner of Woodmen Rd. and Austin Bluffs Pkwy

From I-25, exit at Woodmen Road (Exit 149) and head east (away from the mountains) for about 3 ¾ miles to Austin Bluffs Pkwy. The trail begins on the west side of the commercial complex at the corner of Woodmen Rd and Austin Bluffs Pkwy.

T2 – Trailhead at Cottonwood Creek Park

From I-25, exit at Woodmen Road (Exit 149), head east (away from the mountains) for about 2 ½ miles and turn right (south) on Rangewood Dr. In approximately 1 ½ miles turn right (west) on Dublin and the parking lot for the Cottonwood Creek Park will be on the right side of the road. For additional parking, continue down Dublin and take the first right onto Montarbor Dr. Another parking lot is on the right.

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

Waypoint Log

- T1 @ 0.00 Mi.** - Trailhead (at corner of Woodmen Rd and Austin Bluffs)
- 1 @ 0.40 Mi.** - Various dirt trails to the left in a large open field
- 2 @ 0.73 Mi.** - Trail to the left accesses residential neighborhood.
- 3 @ 0.78 Mi.** - Trail to the left accesses residential neighborhood.
- 4 @ 0.90 Mi.** - Trail to the left accesses residential neighborhood.
- 5 @ 0.95 Mi.** - Trail intersection, go straight. The trail to the left is the Homestead Trail.
- 6 @ 1.05 Mi.** - Go through tunnel under Rangewood Drive.
- T2 @ 1.25 Mi.** - 2 parking lots at Cottonwood Creek Park (one off Dublin Blvd. & one off Montarbor Dr.)
- 7 @ 1.20 Mi.** - Trail intersection on the left is a spur trail which takes you to the southern side of Cottonwood Creek Park.
- 8 @ 1.38 Mi.** - Trail intersection on the left, goes around playing fields. The trail going straight turns into dirt/gravel here.
- 9 @ 1.78 Mi.** - Trail intersection. A left turn here will take you back to the south side of Cottonwood Creek Park.
- 10 @ 2.43 Mi.** - Trail intersection on the right takes you on a trail on the north side of Cottonwood Creek. In just a short distance you will cross a busy intersection at Woodland Hills and Union. Use the traffic light to cross here.
- 11 @ 3.00 Mi.** - Numerous dirt trails to the right which go closer to the creek.
- 12 @ 3.08 Mi.** - Small dirt trail goes to the right.
- 13 @ 3.10 Mi.** - Cross over drainage way which feeds into Cottonwood Creek. There is also a sidewalk on the left which accesses the nearby residential neighborhood.
- 14 @ 3.58 Mi.** - Trail ends at Academy Blvd.

Geocaches

- **G1 Geocache Name:** Tunnel Quartet **Location:** N 38 / 55.830 W 104 / 45.189

Check out www.geocaching.com for more information