



Palmer Mesa Trail



The **Palmer Mesa Trail** is a great urban trail that is best experienced on a bicycle. It parallels busy Mesa Road starting at Uintah Street and ending at 30th Street near Queen's Canyon. Along the way are great views of Pikes Peak and the Garden of the Gods.

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Use of Trail:	Hiking / Biking
Length of Trail:	7.30 Miles Roundtrip
Elevation Gain:	6,134 Ft. to 6,496 Ft. / 362 Feet Gain
Hiking Difficulty:	Moderate (due to length) (see ratings here)
Fees / Permits:	None
Trail Contact:	Colorado Springs Dept. of Parks & Recreation, 1401 Recreation Way, Colorado Springs, CO. 80905 (719) 385-5940
Approx. Hiking Time:	2 to 3 Hours Roundtrip
Terrain Type:	Some Urban Streets / Rolling Hills
Trail Characteristics:	Single & Double Track – Paved & Gravel
Views:	Pikes Peak / Garden of the Gods
Pets:	Permitted on Leash Only
Other Nearby Trails:	Mesa Valley
Geocaches / Letterboxes:	Yes

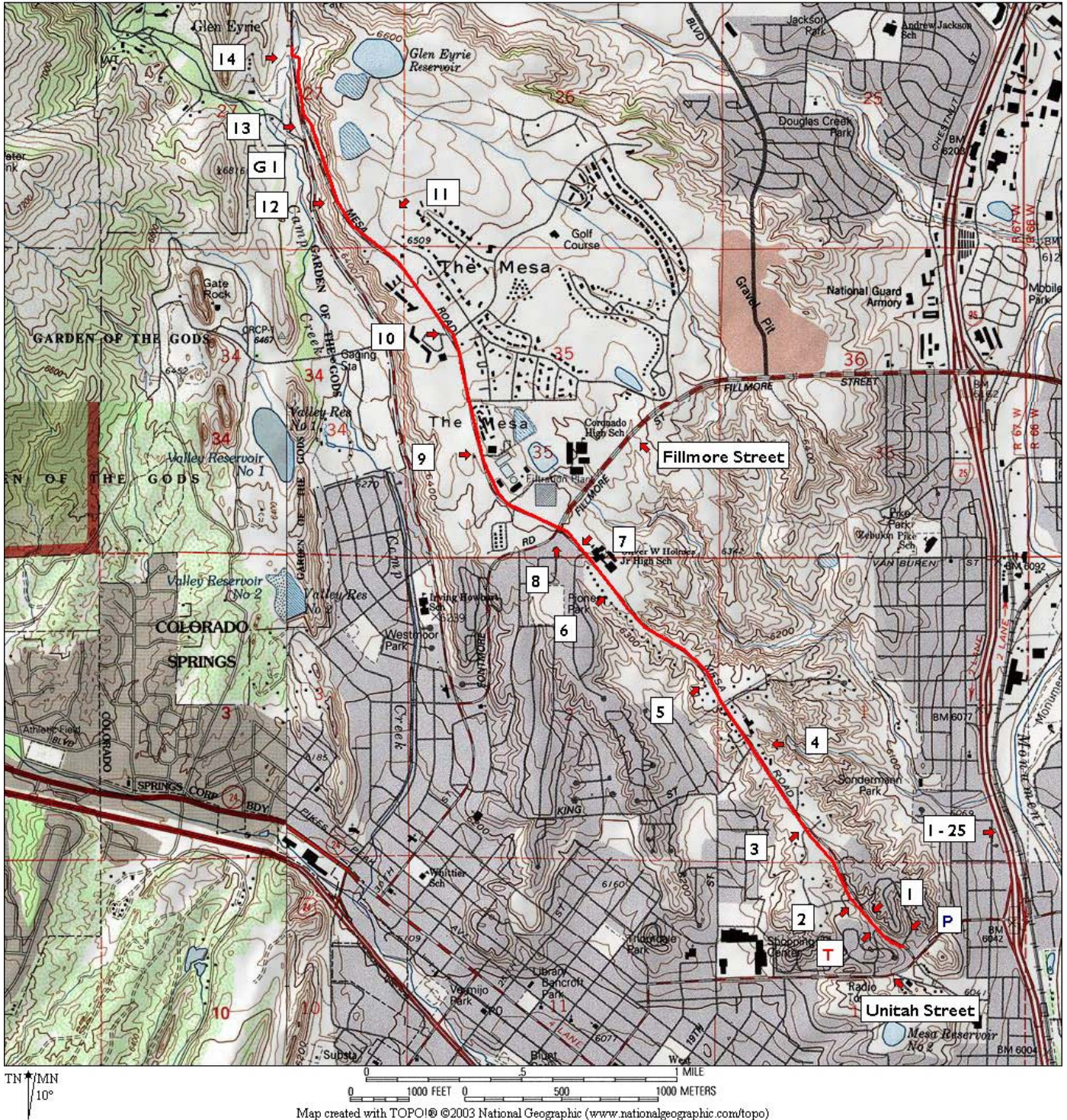
GPS Waypoint Files are also available for this trail. This file includes the GPS waypoints for each trail feature listed and can be accessed and downloaded directly to your GPS unit.

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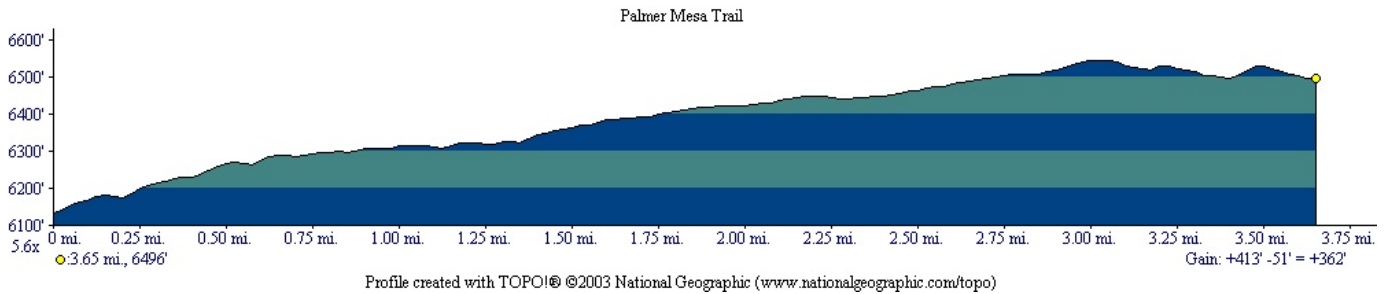
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Trailhead Directions

From the I-25 in Colorado Springs, exit at Uintah Street (Exit 143) and head west (toward the mountains) on Uintah Street for 0.33 miles to Mesa Road. Turn north on Mesa Road and shortly thereafter, turn right onto Terrace Road. Park along the street just across the street from the day care center. (Day care center is just off the corner of Mesa Road and Terrace Road). After parking, turn right or north onto Mesa Road and walk to the trailhead several hundred yards north on Mesa Road. The trailhead will be on the west side of Mesa Rd.

[Click here for map to trailhead \(courtesy of MapQuest\)](#)

Waypoint Log

- P @ 0.00 Mi.** - Parking on street on Terrace Road
- T @ 0.10 Mi.** - Trailhead along Mesa Road
- 1 @ 0.15 Mi.** - Trail crosses Common Road
- 2 @ 0.23 Mi.** - Trail crosses private driveways
- 3 @ 0.50 Mi.** - Trail on shoulder of Mesa Road. Be careful of cars.
- 4 @ 0.80 Mi.** - Intersection with 19th Street
- 5 @ 1.10 Mi.** - Trail crosses road east side of Mesa Road
- 6 @ 1.53 Mi.** - Parking lot at Oliver Wendall Holmes Middle School to the right
- 7 @ 1.70 Mi.** - Intersection with Mesa Valley Trail to the right. Go straight.
- 8 @ 1.78 Mi.** - Intersection with Fillmore Avenue. Go straight.
- 9 @ 2.15 Mi.** - Colorado Springs Utilities Xeriscape Garden on the right
- 10 @ 2.55 Mi.** - Intersection with Kissing Camels development on the right
- 11 @ 3.00 Mi.** - Scenic pull-out across Mesa Road with views of Garden of the Gods a& Pikes Peak
- 12 @ 3.10 Mi.** - Intersection with spur trail to 30th Street and access to trail to Garden of the Gods Trail System.
- 13 @ 3.40 Mi.** - Parking lot at northern trailhead. Intersection with Foothills Trail.
- 14 @ 3.65 Mi.** - Parking lot at North 30th Street and entrance to Glen Eyrie Castle and Navigators.

Geocaches

- **G1 Geocache Name:** The Overlook **Location:** N 38-52.964 / W 104-52.319

Check out www.geocaching.com for more information

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

- [Foothills Trail, Garden of the Gods Trails, Mesa Valley](#)