






TOP 10 Rifle Hiking and Biking Trails



1 Lion's Pond  
 Difficulty: Easy
 Distance: .8 miles
 Details: A casual walk around Lion's Pond also provides fishing opportunities and areas to rest along the path.




2 Rifle Creek Trail   
 Difficulty: Easy
 Distance: 2 miles
 Details: Paved trail following Rifle Creek. This is Rifle's backbone trail and connects three of its main parks.




3 Raynard Ditch Trail   
 Difficulty: Easy
 Distance: 1 mile
 Details: Wonderful views of the Roan Plateau and Rifle. The trail also provides beautiful views of rock formations.



4 JQS Trail/Hubbard Mesa  
 Difficulty: Difficult
 Distance: 8.65 miles
 Details: Enjoy beautiful views of the town of Rifle as well as the surrounding mountains.



5 Rifle Arch Trail  
 Difficulty: Easy to Moderate
 Distance: 1.18 mile
 Details: Beautiful flowers during the spring and early summer. Excellent views of the Roan Plateau and surrounding areas.

6 Koper's Trail  
 Difficulty: Easy
 Distance: .4 miles
 Details: Access to excellent ice and rock climbing. Views are of beautiful cliff walls, caves and the Rifle Creek.

7 Three Forks Trail   
 Difficulty: Moderate to Difficult
 Distance: 5.86 miles
 Details: There is great fishing in the beaver ponds along the route. Numerous gulches along the way create a beautiful scenic environment.

8 Cherry Creek Trail   
 Difficulty: Difficult
 Distance: 4.89 miles
 Details: The vegetation type along the trail's lower stretch is Gambel Oak. Spruce and fir dominate the landscape at higher elevations.

9 East Elk Creek Trail  
 Difficulty: Difficult
 Distance: 5 miles
 Details: The first few miles of the trail are moderately sloping. Approximately 3.5 miles from the trail head is Spring Creek.

10 Beaver Creek Trail  
 Difficulty: Moderate
 Distance: 3.5 miles
 Details: Spectacular views of West Mamm, Mamm Peaks, Roan Plateau, Flat Tops, Mount Sopris and Rifle.

Welcome to Rifle, Colorado!

Nestled at the base of the Roan Plateau, is the quaint little town of Rifle, Colorado. The endless views are spectacular and you won't be able to resist stopping. Take exit 90 off I-70, visit the Rifle Area Chamber of Commerce located next to the Colorado River and begin your journey with trail #1 on our list, "Lion's Pond". The serenity is overwhelming as a fisherman throws the perfect cast over the lake. In the distance a bald eagle soars over the Colorado River. Off to the right you notice a beautiful glow, referred to as "alpine glow", casting rays of scarlet pinks and purples as the sun begins to set behind the Roan Plateau.




Welcome to the one and only, Rifle Colorado!

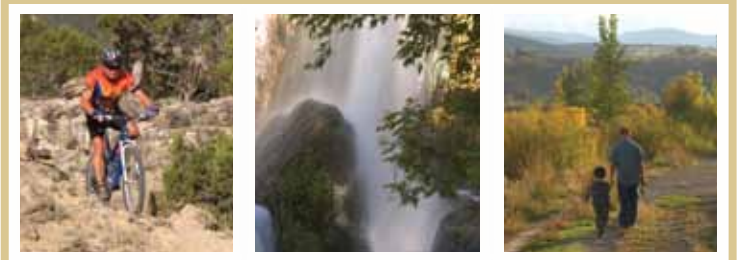
*The mild climate adds to the area's appeal, along with having access to the great outdoors literally out one's back door. The outdoor activities are as diverse as the seasons they accompany. Access to the outdoors enriches the Rifle experience which caused it to be recognized in **Outdoor Life Magazine**, in April of 2008 as being rated #17 in the United States on its list of the "Top 200 Towns for the Outdoorsmen". That's not all that Rifle has to offer. On your way to explore the surrounding area, visit a local's favorite, Rifle Falls, Voted # 6 "Top Ten Waterfalls To Visit", by **Sunset Magazine!***

Hiking

Enjoy one of a kind mountain views and get in shape by hiking or mountain biking one of our top ten local trails. Pack your camera, a water bottle and head for the hills. The surrounding mountains offer a variety of trails ranging from mild day trips to strenuous multi day backpacking excursions. You can bike up the JQS trail in the summer months to get to the top of the Roan Plateau where you can spend hours hiking and biking while taking in the majestic views of Rifle and the surrounding Colorado River Valley.

For more information and detailed trail maps please contact the land managing agencies directly.

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	City of Rifle 202 Railroad Avenue Rifle, CO 81650 970-665-6570



Annual Events YOU SHOULDN'T MISS

June
 Second Week in June
Roan Cliff Chaos Bike Race
 This cross country event takes place on a 6 mile loop and the races vary from 1-3 laps. The course is located in the Hubbard Mesa area. The hill climb portion of this event takes place on Sunday and is 8 miles with a 2,600 vertical gain on the JQS trail.

August
 First Weekend in August
Annual Cheatin' Woodchuck Chase Race
 Through Rifle Mountain Park
 Race is a 5 mile run and a 2.3 mile run or walk.

To find out more information on these events and other events within the community, visit the Rifle Area Chamber of Commerce website at www.riflechamber.com.



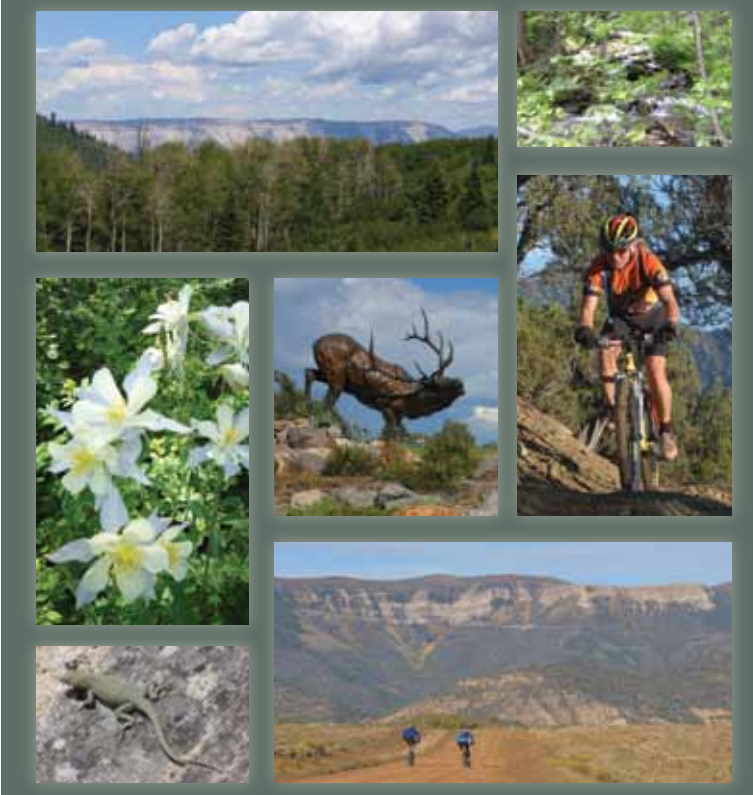
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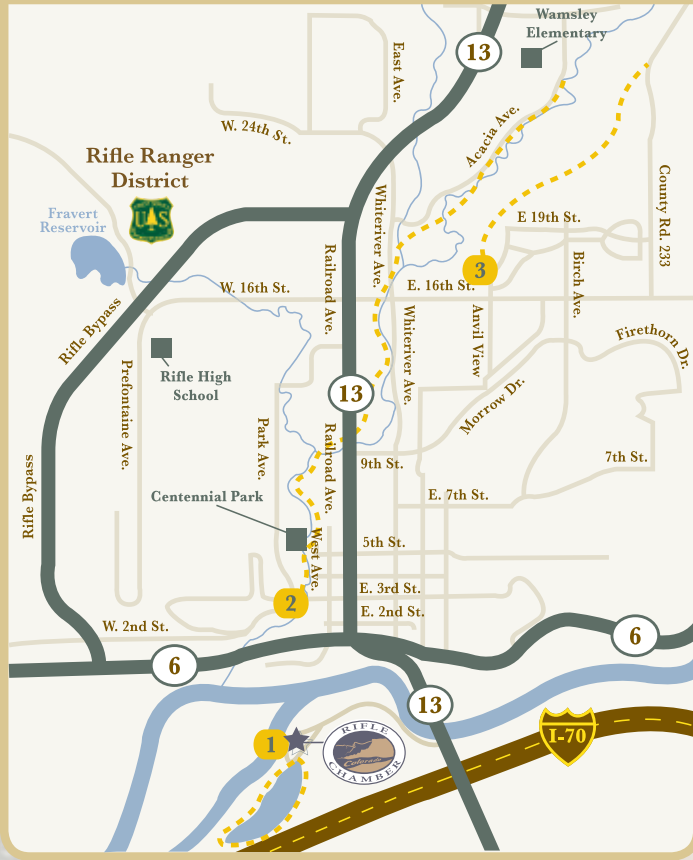
RIFLE *Colorado*
 AND THE SURROUNDING AREAS



TRAILS INCLUDED

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- 4 JQS Trail



Map Legend

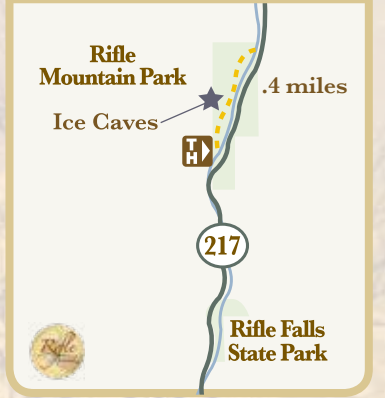
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- Interstate
- Main Roads
- County Roads
- Hiking/Biking Trails



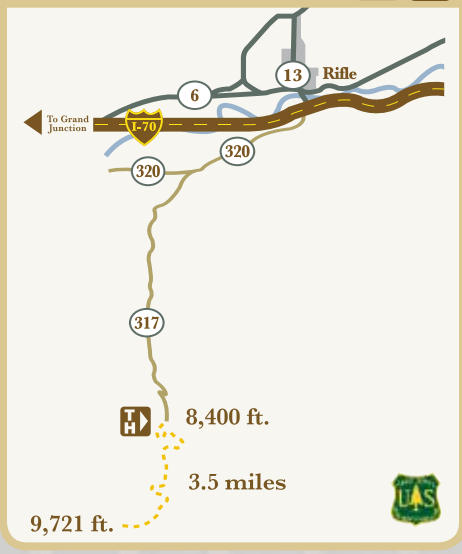
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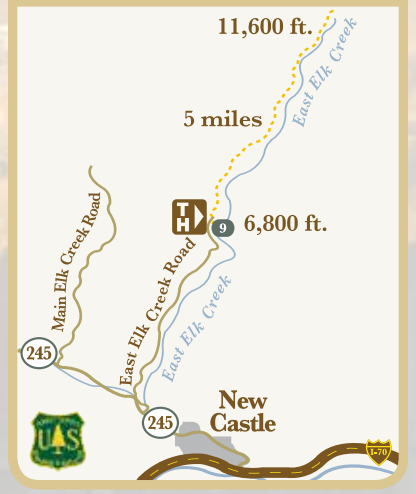
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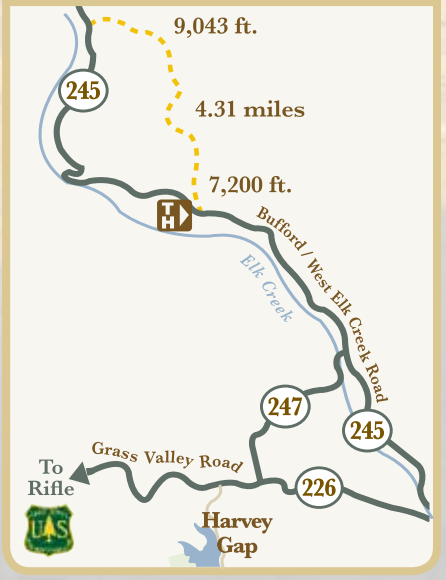
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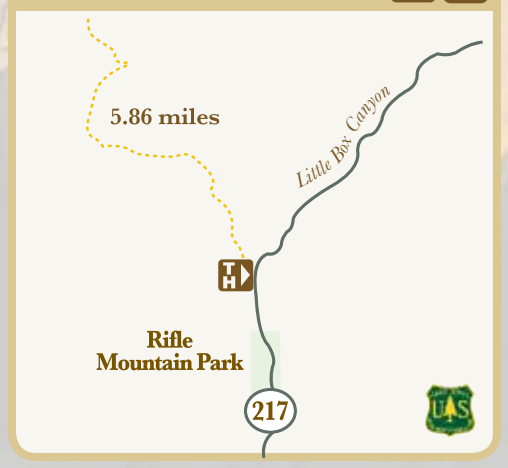
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- 8 Cherry Creek



- 7 Three Forks



This map is intended to provide general directions to various trails in the Rifle area. There are detailed maps available with more information from the individual land management agencies.

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