

## Entrance Permits

- ◆ Required of all visitors at all times
- ◆ **Annual Entrance Permits** - valid for a year from month of purchase, transferable among vehicles registered to the same household. Buy at entrance stations, nearby retail outlets or online. For a list of where you can purchase each permit, visit: [www.larimer.org/naturalresources/permits](http://www.larimer.org/naturalresources/permits)

Resident vehicle:	\$100
Non-resident vehicle:	\$130
Senior vehicle:	\$70
Person with Disabilities:	\$10
Veteran vehicle:	\$70
Bison Permit (low income):	\$45

- ◆ **Daily Entrance Permits** - valid day of purchase until noon the next day. Buy at entrance stations and self-serve stations.  
Vehicle: \$10
- ◆ Closed 11 p.m.-4 a.m. every day.

## Regulations

- ◆ You are responsible for knowing the rules. See Regulations brochure.
- ◆ Dogs must be on leash at all times.
- ◆ Camping is allowed in backcountry sites only. Reservation required online or over the phone.
- ◆ Hunting or trapping of wildlife is prohibited.
- ◆ Fires and fireworks are prohibited.

**Horsetooth Mountain Trailhead Webcam**  
For up-to-date parking conditions, visit:  
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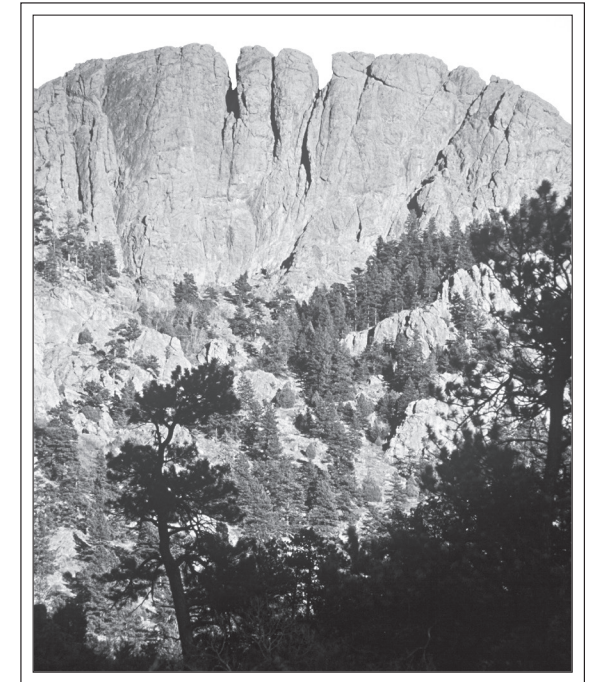
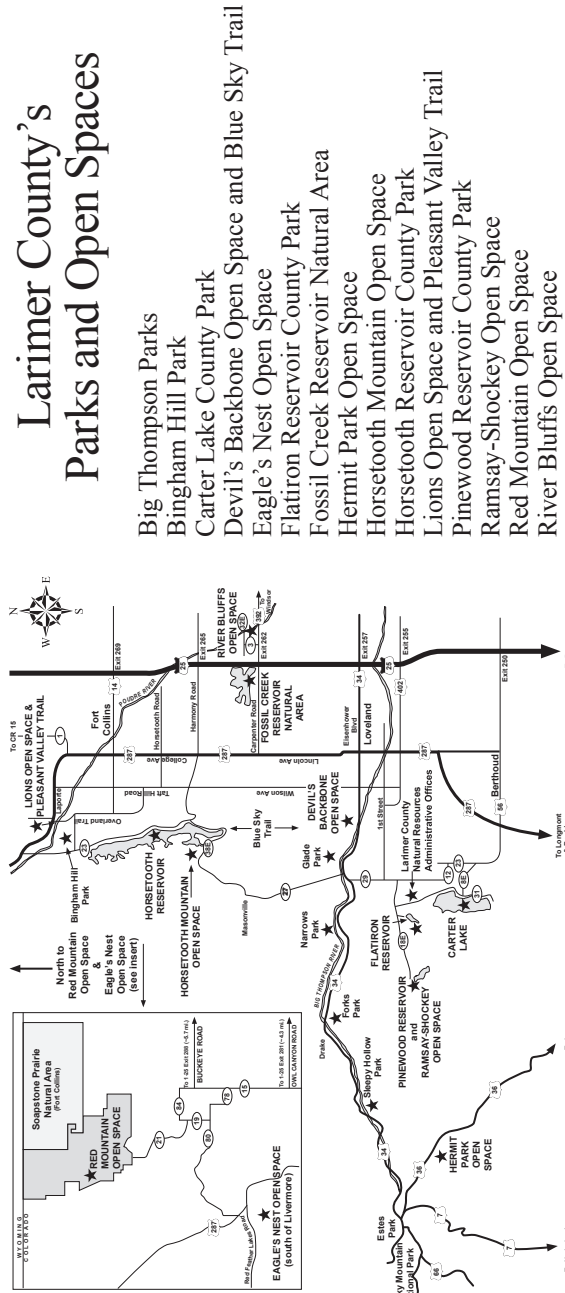


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# The Legend of the Rock

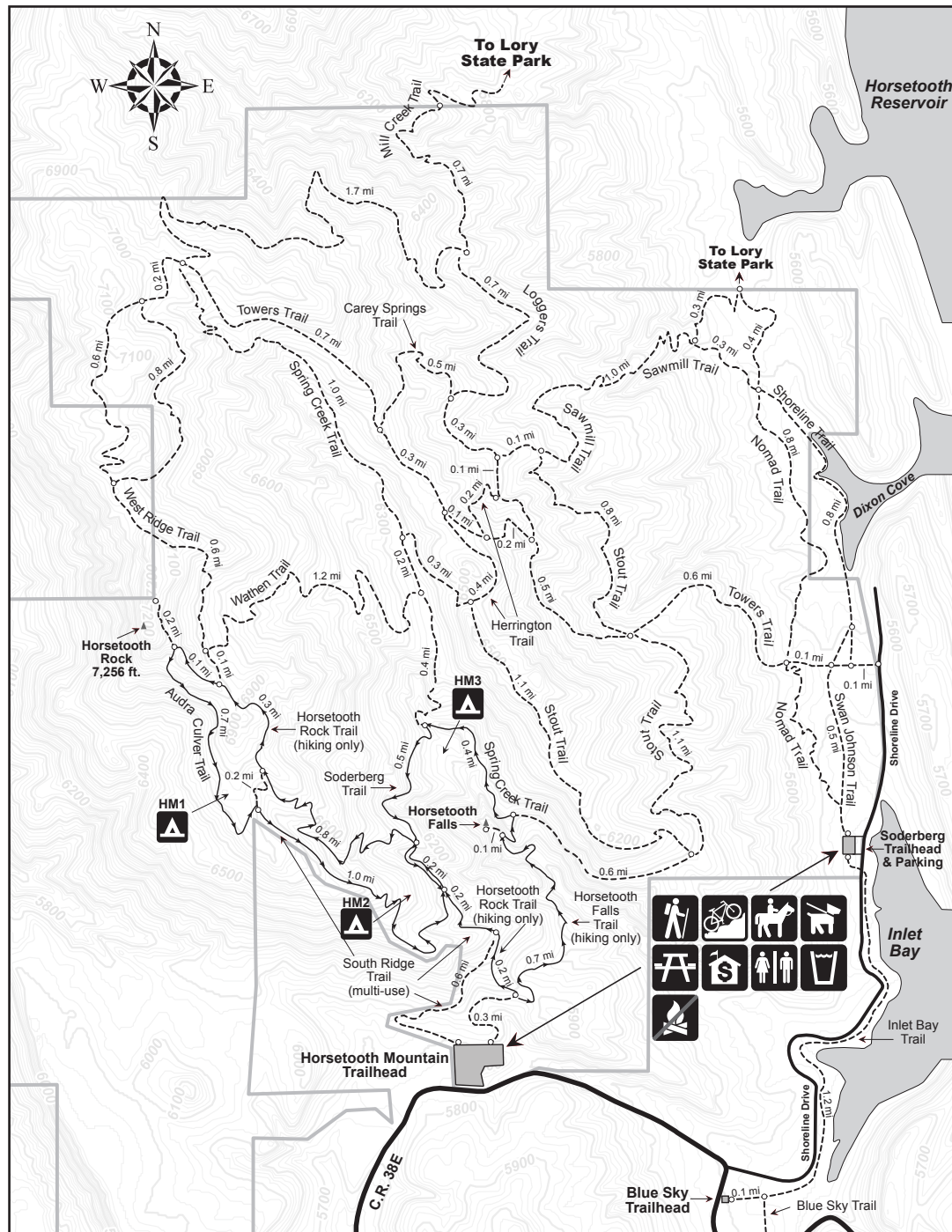
Nestled in the foothills west of Fort Collins stands Horsetooth Rock, a famous regional landmark. According to local legend, Horsetooth Rock is the remains of an evil giant's heart cut twice by the powerful Chief Maunamoku, thus protecting his people from the giant's wrath. Today, Horsetooth Rock is a popular destination for visitors to Horsetooth Mountain Open Space.

In this 2,886-acre open space, there are 29.5 miles of trails for hiking, mountain biking and horseback riding. The Wathen, Herrington, Soderberg and Culver families lived in this area in the early 1900s, some on family homesteads. These historic family names remain on many of the trails here.

## Larimer County's Open Lands Program

Larimer County's Open Lands Program is funded by a ¼-cent Help Preserve Open Spaces sales tax. This tax started in 1996 following a citizens' initiative to acquire and manage open spaces. The Open Lands Program works with willing

landowners to preserve and protect properties through fee simple and conservation easement transactions. The future of OUR open spaces is up to you! Being a good steward of the land and shopping locally are a few ways you can help.



Map: Mike Mosehauer

**CO TREX** Check COTREX ([trails.colorado.gov](http://trails.colorado.gov)) for trail conditions, alerts, and closures.

◆ **Horsetooth Falls Loop:**  
Horsetooth Falls Loop takes you 1.1 miles to the Falls where you follow the Horsetooth Falls Trail north and west towards Soderberg Trail. At Soderberg Trail junction, you loop back south towards South Ridge Road, where you will complete the final stretch to the trailhead. The loop component adds approximately 1 mile to a total 3.1-mile RT experience (compared to out and back, 2.2 miles).

◆ **Horsetooth Rock Loop:**  
The Horsetooth Rock Loop takes you 2.4 miles to the top of the Rock, where you follow the traditional Horsetooth Rock Trail ascent. Upon descent and return to the trailhead, hikers should pivot west towards the Audra Culver Trail, which will take you 0.62 miles down the trail towards the South Ridge Road junction. Hikers continue heading south on South Ridge Road, totaling a 2.6-mile return to the trailhead. The loop component adds 0.2 mile to the total 5.0 mile RT experience (compared to out and back, 4.8 miles).