

Westminster Parks and Facilities

Community Centers

1. City Park Fitness Center, 10475 Sheridan Blvd.
2. City Park Recreation Center, 10455 Sheridan Blvd.
3. The MAC, 3295 W. 72nd Ave.
4. Countryside Pool, 10470 Oak St.
5. Kings Mill Pool, 9018 Field St.
6. Swim & Fitness Center, 3290 W. 76th Ave.
7. Westminster Sports Center, 6051 W. 95th Ave.
8. West View Recreation Center, 10747 W. 108th Ave.

Libraries

1. College Hill Library, 3705 W. 112th Ave.
2. Irving Street Library, 7392 Irving St.

Other Facilities

1. Bowles House, 3924 W. 72nd Ave.
2. Hyland Hills Adventure Golf, 9650 Sheridan Blvd.
3. Hyland Hills Golf Course, 9650 Sheridan Blvd.
4. Hyland Hills Water World, 1800 W. 89th Ave.
5. Heritage Golf Course, 10555 Westmoor Dr.
6. Legacy Ridge Golf Course, 10801 Legacy Ridge Parkway
7. Promenade Terrace, 6200 W. Westminster Promenade Dr.
8. Standley Lake Recreation Area, 100th & Simms St.
9. Standley Lake Nature Center
10. Ice Centre at The Promenade, 10710 Westminster Blvd.
11. The Breakaway Center, 4201 W. 94th Ave.

Parks

1. Amherst Park I, 13085 Pecos St.
2. Big Dry Creek Park, 1700 W. 128th Ave.
3. Bishop Square Park, 8150 Hooker St.
4. Carroll Butts Park, 4201 W. 94th Ave.
5. Chelsea Park, 10765 Moore St.
6. City Park/Christopher Fields, 10455 Sheridan Blvd.
7. Cobblestone Park, 2695 W. 81st Ave.
8. Colorado Hills Off-leash Dog Park, 105th Ave. & Simms St.
9. Community College Park, 3641 W. 112th Ave.
10. Cotton Creek Park, 11199 Stuart St.
11. Countryside Park, 10470 Oak St.
12. Countryside Youth Little League Ballfields, 10510 Oak St.
13. Dover Square Park, 8521 W. 89th Ave.
14. England Park, 7190 Osceola St.
15. Faversham Park, 6109 W. 73rd Ave.
16. Fireman's Park, 7290 Bradburn Blvd.
17. Foxshire Park, 10819 Alcott St.
18. Green Knolls Park, 10937 Balsam St.
19. Hampshire Park, 4890 W. 101st Ave.
20. Irving Street Park, 7392 Irving St.
21. Kennedy Park, 7391 Winona Ct.
22. Kensington Park, 10200 Countryside Dr.
23. Kings Mill Park, 9018 Field St.
24. Mayfair Park, 9680 W. 105th Ave.
25. Meadowlark Park, 105th Ave. & Bryant St.
26. Municipal Park, 3025 W. 76th Ave.
27. Nottingham Park, 8695 Allison St.
28. Oakhurst Park I, 9311 Lark Bunting Dr.
29. Oakhurst Park II, 9255 Ammons St.
30. Oakwood Park, 8295 Oakwood Dr.
31. Quails Crossing Park, 13402 Kalamath St.
32. Ranch Park, 11899 Tejon St.
33. Ryan Park, 5851 W. 115th Ave.
34. Sensory Park, 10376 Wadsworth Blvd.
35. Sherwood Park, 11320 Kendall St.
36. Skyline Vista Park, 2595 W. 72nd Ave.
37. Somerset Park, 9290 W. 90th Dr.
38. Squires Park, 3450 W. 99th Ave.
39. Stratford Park, 10951 Harlan St.
40. Stratford Lakes Park, 114th Ave. & Federal Blvd.
41. Sunset Park, 4321 W. 78th Ave.
42. Tepper Fields, 6101 W. 73rd Ave.
43. Terrace Park, 7080 Canosa Ct.
44. Torii Square Park, 7596 Lowell Blvd.
45. Trailside Park, 8650 Dover St.
46. Trendwood Park, 6450 W. 95th Ave.
47. Waverly Acres Park, 10320 Eaton St.
48. Westbrook Park, 9750 W. 97th Ave.
49. Westfield Village Park, 114th Ave. & Wolf St.
50. Westminster Center Park, 92nd Ave. & City Center Dr.
51. Westminster Hills Park, 4105 W. 80th Ave.
52. Westminster T-Ball Complex, 1133 W. 113th Ave.
53. Willowbrook Park, 12300 Bannock St.
54. Windsor Park, 3545 W. 107th Ave.
55. Wolff Run Park, 4705 W. 76th Ave.



Big Dry Creek Trail

Westminster Trails: A User's Guide

BIG DRY CREEK TRAIL

The Big Dry Creek Trail is the crown jewel of Westminster's off-road trail system. The trail meanders nearly 12 miles from Standley Lake Regional Park to Interstate 25, crossing under most streets through underpasses. The trail is located on more than 875 acres of Westminster open space and 200 acres of park land along the creek, a land area greater than New York's 843-acre Central Park!

Because many people will not walk or bike the entire trail at one time, the trail descriptions are divided up in various segments, going from west to east.

Standley Lake to Wadsworth Parkway (2.0 miles/3.2 kilometers). Park in the trailhead parking lot south of 110th Avenue at Owen Street and go east on the trail that passes by the lot. The gravel trail gradually descends down to the creek next to the Standley Lake spillway with its several "amphitheater-like" concrete structures designed to slow down water and prevent erosion. Pass by attractive Loon Lake, one of Westminster's only lakes not visible from a street. Soon the trail begins to follow the creek's many twists and turns prior to reaching the Wadsworth Parkway underpass.

Wadsworth Parkway to Wadsworth Boulevard (0.8 mi/1.3 km). The concrete trail passes under the railroad bridge and curves left to 99th Avenue. Go right on this segment of rural asphalt road to Wadsworth Boulevard. In the future, a separate trail will be built. This is the only section of the trail where private development precludes the trail from following the creek. Pass by Jefferson Academy and some city open space before reaching Wadsworth Boulevard.

Wadsworth Boulevard to 104th Avenue (1.5 mi/2.4 km). This gravel, then concrete, then gravel trail passes next to the Church Ranch Business Park and very close to Big Dry Creek. On the left is the historic 1865 Church Ranch white barn, Westminster's oldest structure. Watch for the Walnut Creek Trail junction before passing through a wide open space area and under U.S. 36. The sidewalk to the left just before the next bridge (Westminster Boulevard) leads to the Butterfly Pavilion. Pause on the bridge over Big Dry Creek to observe the water that can be gushing or dribbling, depending upon the season, before reaching 104th Avenue.

104th Avenue to Sheridan Boulevard (1.1 mi/1.8 km). Enter City Park north of 104th Avenue with its many attractions and numerous side trails. Visit the scenic Promenade Terrace waterfall and amphitheater via a concrete trail on the left. Prairie dogs announce your arrival with their "barks." The main trail crosses the creek and the trail turns right, hugging

the edge of the Sheridan Green Subdivision. On the right the creek makes several large swings as it meanders through City Park to Sheridan Boulevard.

Sheridan Boulevard to 120th Avenue (2.2 mi/3.5 km). Enter a wilder section of the trail next to a marshy wetland. Just past the Cotton Creek Trail junction swing left and down a short hill to cross the creek and go under 112th Avenue. From here to 120th Avenue, there are lots of wide open areas that include two small ponds. Side trails lead to Front Range Community College and College Hill Library, the Bradburn development, new Westfield Park and the Sheridan Crossing Shopping Center. Note the interpretive signs that highlight some of the wildlife and history of the Big Dry Creek corridor. Look for coyotes and foxes, especially at dusk. The trail goes past the Stratford Lakes subdivision, and then under 120th Avenue.

120th Avenue to 128th Avenue (1.9 mi/3.1 km). Pass near the creek on the left and a wetland on the right before paralleling Federal Parkway for a short distance. The trail veers north and then east to follow the tree-lined creek valley. After crossing under Federal Parkway, the trail doubles back and up and down a hillside before reaching the Home Farm Trail junction. The trail winds over the creek and through a grassy field to 128th Avenue, with a side trail to trailhead parking.

128th Avenue to I-25 (2.2 mi/3.5 km). The trail takes a sharp turn to the right just north of the 128th Avenue bridge. The trail passes Bull Reservoir, which is a wonderful bird-filled wetland area. Look for bald eagles perching on the tall cottonwood trees. The trail crosses a bridge and veers away from the creek, passing through a grassy meadow before rejoining the creek near Huron Street.

Pass under the new Huron Street bridge and past the city's wastewater and reclaimed water treatment facilities. The trail winds its way to the Quail Creek Trail junction on the left and the I-25 underpass shortly thereafter. Eventually, Thornton and Adams County plan to extend the Big Dry Creek Trail to the South Platte River.

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THIS ALL-NEW TRAIL MAP IS YOUR GUIDE to enjoying Westminster, Colorado's extensive trail system and the acres of open space preserved throughout the city. On the other side you will find miles of clearly



Standley Lake

marked trails that weave throughout the city's neighborhoods,

offering opportunities for walking, jogging, biking, wildlife viewing and simple enjoyment of the outdoors. Special emphasis is placed on the major trail corridors that run the length of the city, including the Big Dry Creek Trail, one of the jewels of the city's open space system. Below are descriptions of the special features you will find on the Big Dry Creek Trail, as well as similar summaries for trails tracing the Farmer's High Line Canal, Walnut Creek and Little Dry Creek. Many of the city's trails

interconnect, so the opportunities to build your own loops are boundless.

Use this guide to plan your route and explore the open spaces, parks and natural areas that make Westminster a special place to live.



Walnut Creek Trail



WALNUT CREEK TRAIL

Eventually, the Walnut Creek Trail will extend about three miles from U.S. 36 to Simms Street along a beautiful creek valley. For now, the trail is built in two segments: 0.7 miles (1.1 km) from the Big Dry Creek Trail junction to Wadsworth Boulevard and 2.6 miles (4.2 km) from Wadsworth Parkway to Simms Street. The trail begins just west of U.S. 36 and east of the Spring Hill Suites Hotel at the Big Dry Creek Trail. The concrete trail follows the creek through the Church Ranch Corporate Center, passing under Church Ranch Boulevard, where a small pond and wetland hug the trail. The trail passes by a side trail to the Shops at Walnut Creek retail project and Sensory Park, with its handicapped-accessible playground equipment. This trail segment ends at Wadsworth Boulevard.



Farmer's High Line Canal Trail

The west segment is best accessed from the city's West View Recreation Center on 108th Avenue at Oak Street. A gravel path leads north to the gravel trail. Going west at the Walnut Creek Trail junction, the gravel trail follows a ridge next to the creek that provides sweeping views of the mountains and The Heritage Golf Course. The gravel main trail meanders next to the golf course in a grassy meadow interspersed with huge cottonwood trees before ending at Simms Street.

Going east at the trail junction, the gravel trail dips down to cross the creek and follows the tree-lined creek valley to Westmoor Drive. The trail passes through open space and near the golf course, where a huge cottonwood tree surrounded by a pond is a Great Blue heron rookery (nesting area) in the summer with up to eight nests.

Go south on the Westmoor Drive sidewalk to the south side of 108th Avenue and then on the east side of Johnson Drive to where the gravel trail resumes. From here, the trail goes near some homes and through wetland areas before making a loop through a wide open space area just west of Wadsworth Parkway.

There is continuous Westminster open space land between Wadsworth Boulevard and Wadsworth Parkway along Walnut Creek, where a future trail is planned.



Walnut Creek Trail

LITTLE DRY CREEK TRAIL

The Little Dry Creek Trail provides Westminster's connection to the Denver regional trail system. Just south of Westminster, the trail ends at the Clear Creek Trail, which in turn connects with the South Platte River Trail. The trail also extends several miles northwest through Arvada to near Standley Lake Regional Park. The entire 1.7 mile (2.7 km) length of the trail through Westminster is devoid of any at-grade street crossings — instead the trail has 10 pedestrian underpasses between Sheridan Boulevard and Federal Boulevard.

Park at Thompson Elementary School on the



Big Dry Creek Trail

Arvada/Westminster border at Harlan Street and 78th Place. Go east through a field filled with native grasses along the concrete stream channel. Cross under Sheridan Boulevard and a trail on the right leads up to 76th Avenue and the Wolff Run Trail. Continue under 76th Avenue and 75th Avenue to a pretty open space area next to the San Marino retirement community. A sidewalk on the left leads up to Kennedy Park before entering a concrete-lined segment of the trail. After crossing under 72nd Avenue, the trail emerges into the more natural environment of England Park, with its playground. Gone is the concrete channel, replaced by a boulder-lined streambed. The Fire Department training tower located on the right is on the former site of Westminster's rodeo grounds. The trail winds through open space before crossing under Lowell Boulevard and then Federal Boulevard and into unincorporated Adams County.

FARMERS' HIGH LINE CANAL TRAIL

The Farmers' High Line Canal Trail is one of Westminster's signature trails as it winds from near Standley Lake east to Northglenn's EB Raines Park (10.3 mi/16.5 km) and beyond into Thornton. The trail is scenic as it meanders through a variety of parks and open space property, in many places shaded by ancient cottonwood trees. Here are the major trail segments, going from east to west.

East city boundary to Legacy Ridge Parkway at 109th Circle (2.1 mi/3.4 km). Park along Alcott Street at about 110th Avenue near the trail crossing. East leads to Northglenn's large open space area. Go west on the concrete trail past homes in the Cedarbridge Subdivision. Soon a trail to the left leads to

Foxshire Park and right to the Mushroom Pond. The water tower (a Westminster-designated historic landmark) in the distance is a remnant of the Savery Mushroom farm and "company town," home of the largest mushroom farm west of the Mississippi River at one time. Just past the pond is the Legacy Ridge Golf Course. Cross under Federal Boulevard and continue along the tree-lined canal to Legacy Ridge Parkway.

Legacy Ridge Parkway at 107th Circle to 104th Avenue/Hylands Creek underpass (1 mi/1.6 km). Go left along Legacy Ridge Parkway and cross the parkway at Lowell Drive by the golf course clubhouse. Follow the wide, winding trail along the parkway to 104th Avenue. Just before 104th Avenue, on the left, is the idyllic Margaret's Pond Open Space. Go right (west) on the north side of 104th Avenue, passing by Legacy Ridge Hole No. 13 and the 104th Avenue underpass leading south to the Hyland Greens subdivision. Go straight along 104th Avenue and North Hylands Creek. Note the fantastic views! Use the pedestrian underpass at Sheridan Boulevard and continue along 104th Avenue about half a mile to the pedestrian underpass under 104th. City Park and Christopher Fields are to the right.

104th Avenue/Hylands Creek underpass to Wadsworth Parkway (3.1 mi/4.9 km). Go under 104th Avenue then west a short distance to the trail extending through the Hyland Ponds open space. The trail passes by the two pastoral Hyland Ponds before heading west to Westminster Boulevard. Go south on the Westminster Boulevard sidewalk to the pedestrian underpass just past the U.S. 36 bridge. The trail enters a heavily vegetated, shady stretch between the Farmers' High Line Canal and the long-abandoned Niver Canal through the Trendwood subdivision. Cross Pierce Street into another leafy area and past the historic Charles and Julia Semper farm, one of the last remnants of the late-1800s hamlet called Semper. At 92nd Avenue, go west along 92nd Avenue to the west side of Wadsworth Parkway.

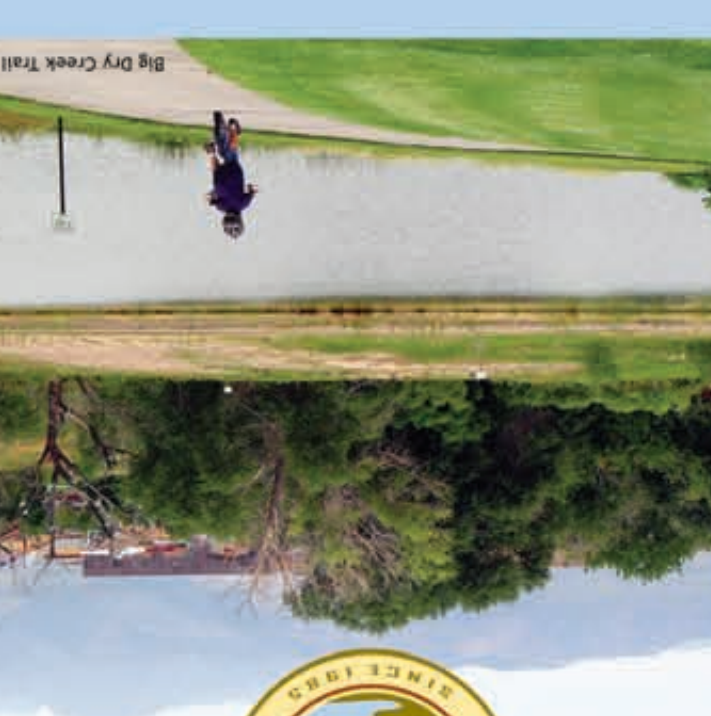
Wadsworth Parkway to Standley Lake (1.5 mi/2.4 km). Go south a short distance to the trail on the right that follows the canal. The trail passes the beautiful gardens of the Covenant Village retirement development before reaching a "T" intersection. Go right to join the Niver Canal Trail. Stay left to continue on the Farmers' High Line Canal Trail, which now heads south past 90th Avenue for a short stretch before heading east along the canal. Past Dover Square Park, the trail passes through Kings Mill Park and shady Somerset Park before crossing Independence Street and ending at the eastern edge of Standley Lake Regional Park. A future project will extend the Farmers' High Line Canal Trail to the Standley Lake Regional Park system.



Farmer's High Line Canal Trail

The interconnected trail system winding through the city's open space is a special point of pride. Westminster features more than 74 miles of off-road trails (84 miles total), making it a leader in offering easy access to some of the richest recreational opportunities in the Denver metro area.

For more information on the City Trail System, including summaries of every named trail segment in Westminster, please visit the City System and Open Space pages on the website at www.cityofwestminster.us. You will also find mileage charts for the major trail corridors that run through the city.



84 miles of trails • 2,729 acres of open space
• 55 parks • easy-to-follow routes
• trailheads • mileages and more ...

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