

HIKING TRAILS

TELLER COUNTY (and surrounding areas)

CATAMOUNT FALLS TRAIL

*Trailhead (about a 26-minute drive from Golden Bell):
11195 Hondo Avenue, Green Mountain Falls, CO 80819*

NOTE: You must park in town and hike to the start of the trail.

Length: 6.4 mi / Elevation gain: approximately 560 ft / Route type: Out & Back

Catamount Trail is a moderate trail that climbs from the town of Green Mountain Falls up to the South Catamount Reservoir. Trailhead is located by the Catamount Falls at the west end of town. You can take either the steep Hondo or Belvidere Avenue to access the trailhead.

THE CRAGS TRAIL

*Trailhead (about a 24-minute drive from Golden Bell):
615 Teller County Road 62, Divide, CO 80814*

Length: 4.8 mi / Elevation gain: 820 ft / Route type: Out & Back

Check out this 4.8-mile out-and-back trail near Divide, Colorado. Generally considered a moderately challenging route, it takes an average of 2 hours 14 minutes to complete. This is a very popular area for camping, hiking, and horseback riding, so you'll likely encounter other people while exploring. The best months to visit this trail are May through October. Dogs are welcome but must be on a leash.

DOME ROCK (closed December 1st to July 15th)

Trailhead (about a 26-minute drive from Golden Bell): At the intersection of Hwy 24 and Hwy 67 in Divide, travel south on Hwy 67 for approximately 6 miles to Teller County Road 61 (4 Mile Road) – turn right. Drive another 2 miles on the dirt road until you reach the trailhead.

Length: 11.2 mi / Elevation gain: 1,778 ft / Route type: Loop

An 11.2-mile loop trail near Divide, CO. Generally considered a challenging route, it takes an average of 5 hours 4 minutes to complete. This is a very popular area for hiking and horseback riding, so you'll likely encounter other people while exploring. The best times to visit this trail are March through October. You'll need to leave pups at home — NO DOGS allowed on this trail.

HAYDEN DIVIDE TRAIL

*Trailhead (about an 8-minute drive from Golden Bell):
34 Hybrook Road South, Divide, CO 80814*

Length: 2.5 mi / Route type: Loop

A 2.5-mile loop trail in Divide, CO. An easy, family-friendly trek. This is a very popular trail where locals often walk their dogs.

HORSETHIEF PARK (access to 3 hiking trails)

Trailhead (about a 19-minute drive from Golden Bell):

At the intersection of Hwy 24 and Hwy 67 in Divide, travel south on Hwy 67 for about 9 miles. You will see the remains of an old tunnel (the Little Ike Tunnel) facing you as you come around a curve. On the other side of this tunnel is the trail head on the left. There is no sign! You can park on either side.

1. HORSETHIEF FALLS Length: 2.6 mi / Elevation gain: 931 ft / Route type: Out and Back

Take Horsethief Park Trail (#704) about .7 miles from the parking area to the first fork. This section of the trail is an abundantly used, spacious path with a slight incline that runs parallel to an Oil Creek tributary. The trail starts up going up steeply for about 0.8 miles. At that point it levels out and you can turn left, crossing the creek into a nice valley with beaver ponds. This trail (#704) is part of Ring the Peak system and continues north. Going straight east you will see a sign pointing to the Pancake Rocks or The Falls. It's only 1/2 miles east to reach Horsethief Falls (#704b).

2. PANCAKE ROCK Length: 6.2 mi / Elevation gain: 931 ft / Route type: Out and Back

Pancake Rocks trail (#704a) is a 6.2-mile out and back trek. At first you will climb up through series of switchbacks and then follow an easy trail until you reach cool rock outcropping at the end. Rocks seem to be stacked on each other hence the name. This trail offers great views south and west towards Cripple creek. The trail does not continue further south, and you must turn back and return to the trailhead.

3. SENTINEL POINT Length: 6.1 mi / Elevation gain: 2732 ft / Route type: Loop or Out and Back (recommended)

A 6.1-mile loop or it can be out and back (highly recommend out and back trek vs loop) near Cripple Creek, CO. Generally considered a challenging route, it takes an average of 4 hours 36 minutes to complete. This is a popular trail for hiking, but you can still enjoy some solitude during quieter times of day. The best months to visit this trail are May through September. This route contains many sections which are entirely off-trail, so it should be considered very difficult and dangerous for beginning hikers. Make sure you have access to a GPS device for offline map-viewing in case you lose track of the trail. Sentinel Point is the highest peak in the Pikes Peak area (other than Pikes Peak).

LOVELL GULCH

*Trailhead (about a 20-minute drive from Golden Bell):
2400 Rampart Range Road, Woodland Park, CO 80863*

Length: 5.4 mi / Elevation gain: 931 ft / Route type: Loop

A 5.4-mile loop trail in Woodland Park, CO generally considered a moderately challenging and takes an average of 2 hours 31 minutes to complete. The trail is open year-round and is beautiful to visit anytime. Dogs are welcome but must be on a leash.

MOUNT ESTER

*Trailhead (about a 27-minute drive from Golden Bell): NOTE: Parking is limited.
9385 Mountain Road, Cascade, CO 80809*

Length: 4.2 mi / Elevation gain: 1548 ft / Route type: Out and Back

A 4.2-mile out-and-back trail near Green Mountain Falls, CO. Considered a challenging route, it takes an average of 2 hours 50 minutes to complete. This is a very popular area for hiking, so you'll likely encounter other people while exploring. The best times to visit this trail are April through October. Dogs are welcome but must be on a leash. The Mount Esther trail is a part of the Ring the Peak trail system. Starting from Chipita Park, the trail climbs up steeply through a series of switchbacks for just under a mile. Once you reach the top you will enter a nice mountain meadow. Turn right and continue through a mostly flat area with mixed forest. Hikers can continue to Crystal Creek Reservoir.

MUELLER STATE PARK

Visitor Center and trail maps (about a 15-minute drive from Golden Bell):

Address: 21045 CO-67, Divide, CO 80814

Day Fee: \$9/vehicle

Length: Elevation: 9600 ft / Route type: various

Mueller State Park is a Colorado State Park encompassing 5,112 acres of land outside Divide, Colorado. There are 55 miles of trails, biking, camping year-round, hunting, hiking, and horseback riding.

PIKES PEAK VIA CRAG'S & DEVIL'S PLAYGROUND

Trailhead (about a 24-minute drive from Golden Bell):

615 Teller County Road 62, Divide, CO 80814

Length: 5.5 mi / Elevation gain: 1,348 ft / Route type: Out & Back

A 5.5-mile out-and-back trail near Woodland Park, Colorado. Generally considered a moderately challenging route, it takes an average of 3 h to complete. This is a very popular area for hiking, horseback riding, and mountain biking, so you'll likely encounter other people while exploring. The best times to visit this trail are June through October. Dogs are welcome and may be off leash in some areas.

PLATTE RIVER TRAIL aka HAPPY MEADOWS

Trailhead (about a 30-minute drive from Golden Bell):

615 Teller County Road 62, Divide, CO 80814

Length: 5.5 mi / Elevation gain: 1,348 ft / Route type: Out & Back

A 5.5-mile out-and-back trail near Lake George, CO. Generally considered a moderately challenging route, it takes an average of 3 hours to complete. This is a very popular area for hiking, horseback riding, and mountain biking, so you'll likely encounter other people while exploring. The best times to visit this trail are June through October. Dogs are welcome and may be off leash in some areas.

RASPBERRY MOUNTAIN

Trailhead (about a 21-minute drive from Golden Bell):

456-798 Teller County Road 62, Divide, CO 80814

Length: 5.2 mi / Elevation gain: 1,013 ft / Route Type: Out & back

A 5.2-mile out-and-back trail near Divide, CO. Generally considered a moderately challenging route, it takes an average of 2 hours 33 min to complete. This is a very popular area for hiking, mountain biking, and trail running, so you'll likely encounter other people while exploring. The best times to visit this trail are March through October. Dogs are welcome but must be on a leash.

WOMEN'S TRAIL

Trailhead (about a 5-minute drive from Golden Bell):

885 County Road 511, Divide, CO 80814

Length: 5.1 mi / Elevation gain: 324 ft / Route Type: Loop

A 5.1-mile loop trail in Divide, CO. Considered an easy route and takes an average of 1 hour 47 minutes to complete. Also a popular trail for hiking, horseback riding, and mountain biking, but you can still enjoy some solitude during quieter times of day. The trail is open year-round and is beautiful to visit anytime. Dogs are welcome on or off leash.

COLORADO FOURTEENERS

Colorado is home to 58 fourteeners - mountains 14,000 feet and higher (known as “14ers” by the locals and when climbed, a 14er is “bagged”), and are popular hiking trails year-round and especially in the summer. NOTE: Mountaineer enthusiasts claim there are 53 peaks that qualify as 14ers per a rule that a peak must have at least 300 feet between the saddle of two summits to qualify.

Mount Elbert	14,433	Mount Yale	14,200	Culebra Peak	14,053
Mount Massive	14,421	Mount Bross	14,178	Ellingwood Point	14,048
Mount Harvard	14,420	Kit Carson Mtn.	14,171	Mount Lindsey	14,048
Blanca Peak	14,351	Maroon Peak	14,163	Little Bear Peak	14,043
LaPlata Peak	14,343	Tabeguache Peak	14,162	Mount Sherman	14,043
Uncompahgre Peak	14,321	Mount Oxford	14,160	Redcloud Peak	14,041
Crestone Peak	14,300	Mount Sneffels	14,158	Pyramid Peak	14,025
Mount Lincoln	14,293	Mount Democrat	14,155	Wilson Peak	14,023
Castle Peak	14,279	Capitol Peak	14,137	San Luis Peak	14,022
Grays Peak	14,278	Pikes Peak	14, 115	Wetterhorn Peak	14,021
Mount Antero	14,276	Snowmass Mtn.	14,099	Mt of Holy Cross	14,011
Torreys Peak	14,275	Windom Peak	14,093	Huron Peak	14,010
Quandary Peak	14,271	Mount Eolus	14,090	Sunshine Peak	14,007
Mount Evans	14,271	Challenger Point	14,087	The following do not have a 300-foot	
Longs Peak	14,259	Mount Columbia	14,077	saddle between its neighboring 14er:	
Mount Wilson	14,252	Missouri Mountain	14,074	Mount Cameron	14,238
Mount Shavano	14,231	Humboldt Peak	14,070	El Diente	14,159
Mount Princeton	14,204	Mount Bierstadt	14,065	Conundrum Peak	14,060
Mount Belford	14,203	Sunlight Peak	14,065	Mount Eolus North	14,039
Crestone Needle	14,203	Handies Peak	14,058	North Maroon Peak	14,014