



## FAQ - Clear Creek County Trails

1. While many trails in Clear Creek County are maintained by the Clear Creek County Trails Crew and supplemental volunteers, these trails have a variety of property owners and land managers, some public some private. Federal, City and State agencies such as the USFS (US Forest Service), Town of Georgetown, City of Idaho Springs, Colorado State Land Board and the Clear Creek County Open Space Commission, along with non-governmental organizations such as the HDPLC (Historic District Public Lands Commission), MALT (Mountain Area Land Trust), etc. are ultimately responsible for decisions regarding overall trail management for their trails.
2. Feedback regarding conditions or recommendations regarding any trails in Clear Creek County should be submitted via email to [trails@co.clear.creek.co.us](mailto:trails@co.clear.creek.co.us)
3. There are more than 100 miles of motorized and non-motorized trails in Clear Creek County. Some trails are well marked, mapped and regularly maintained, while others are not promoted and more primitive in nature. Please be aware of the type of trail and recommended use prior to embarking on your journey.
4. All **“Multi-use”** trails designated as “non-motorized” are open to hiking, biking, equestrian and other non-motorized uses unless otherwise marked. Please note that mechanized devices (including Bicycles) are NOT allowed in any federally designated “Wilderness Areas”, details at: <https://www.fs.fed.us/managing-land/wilderness>. Refer to specific trail descriptions for the *recommended* use of each trail, as these indicate the TMO (Trail Management Objective) for that trail. Caution is advised if you plan to utilize the trail for other than recommended uses. All Forest Service roads in Clear Creek County are open to non-motorized use.
5. OHV and Jeep Trails – OHVs (UTV, dirt bike, side-by-side, etc.) with a valid Colorado OHV registration / permit as described here: [http://www.staythetrail.org/content.aspx?page\\_id=22&club\\_id=266593&module\\_id=228438](http://www.staythetrail.org/content.aspx?page_id=22&club_id=266593&module_id=228438) are allowed on most, but not all, Forest Service roads in Clear Creek County – check the [motor vehicle use map](#) (MVUM) for details. Most campground roads do NOT allow OHV use. Street legal vehicles with current license tags are allowed on ALL Forest Service and County roads within Clear Creek County, although use of high-clearance 4WD vehicles is recommended in many cases. Vehicles that are not street legal (including all OHV type vehicles) or that do not have current license tags are NOT allowed on any County roads at this time.
6. 75% of all public land in Clear Creek County is federally owned and managed by the USFS (US Forest Service).
7. Dogs on leash are allowed on most trails in Clear Creek County unless otherwise marked. Dogs are NOT allowed off leash on any trails or public land within the County. Increased problems with off-leash dogs and owners who don't clean up after their pets have recently resulted in increased enforcement and fines. Off-leash dogs are

problematic for wildlife and other trail users. Please be courteous - leash your dog and be aware "*there is no poo fairy*"!

8. Forest Service roads and trails are open 24-hrs. Most County trails are open from dawn until dusk unless otherwise posted.
9. Parking is allowed in designated parking areas and completely off the side of roads in pullouts. Parking is NOT allowed on the sides of any roads in Clear Creek County where the vehicle is not completely off the road. Vehicles partially on the roadway (including paved or dirt roads) present safety hazards for Emergency Personnel and other vehicles traveling along the roadway. Illegally parked vehicles may be ticketed or towed per County regulations.
10. Alcohol is allowed, intoxicated trail users (motorized and non-motorized) are not.
11. Class 1 (pedal assist) e-bikes are allowed on Clear Creek County Trails, but are NOT currently allowed on USFS Trails (including those within the County). Class 1 e-bikes are defined as: The electric drive system on the e-bike can only be activated through a pedaling action (no throttle) and are limited to a motor powered speed of 20 mph (32 kph) with motor wattage of 750 watts or less. Due to the low speed of operation and required pedaling action, this class of e-bikes has the same trail impact and thus benefits from the same rights and access privileges as non-assist bicycles and able to be used on streets, bike lanes, multi-use bike paths and off-road trails (unless otherwise noted).
12. Additional information regarding trails within Clear Creek County can be found at <http://www.co.clear-creek.co.us/index.aspx?NID=884>