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Guides



**Point Alta
Vista Trail**
Colorado



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the trail is on an easement so please respect private property and remain on the trail. The Point Alta Vista Trail has a natural surface that gets muddy when it rains, and it is not recommended for hiking or biking in those conditions. Also, leashed dogs are welcome but some may find the bridge decking challenging to walk on.

For over 50 years, the Royal Gorge Scenic Railway, a miniature tourist train, took visitors from the Buckskin Joe Old West theme park (now closed) to the lip of the gorge, treating them to stunning views of the rugged valley and mountains. Today, that experience has been recreated for hikers and bikers, making use of the old railroad grade and redecked trestle bridges. The trail starts from the parking area just off County Road 3A and follows the gentle railroad grade to the overlook, where users can feast their eyes on the Arkansas River, the Royal Gorge Bridge and the Sangre de Cristo Mountains. From the end of the trail, users can continue along Royal Gorge Park's other single track trails, but note that they are rated intermediate to difficult.

A couple of points to note before getting out on the trail:



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States: Colorado

Counties: Fremont

Length: 1.1miles

Trail end points: County Road 3A to Point Alta Vista

Trail surfaces: Boardwalk,Dirt

Trail category: Rail-Trail

Trail activities: Mountain Biking,Walking

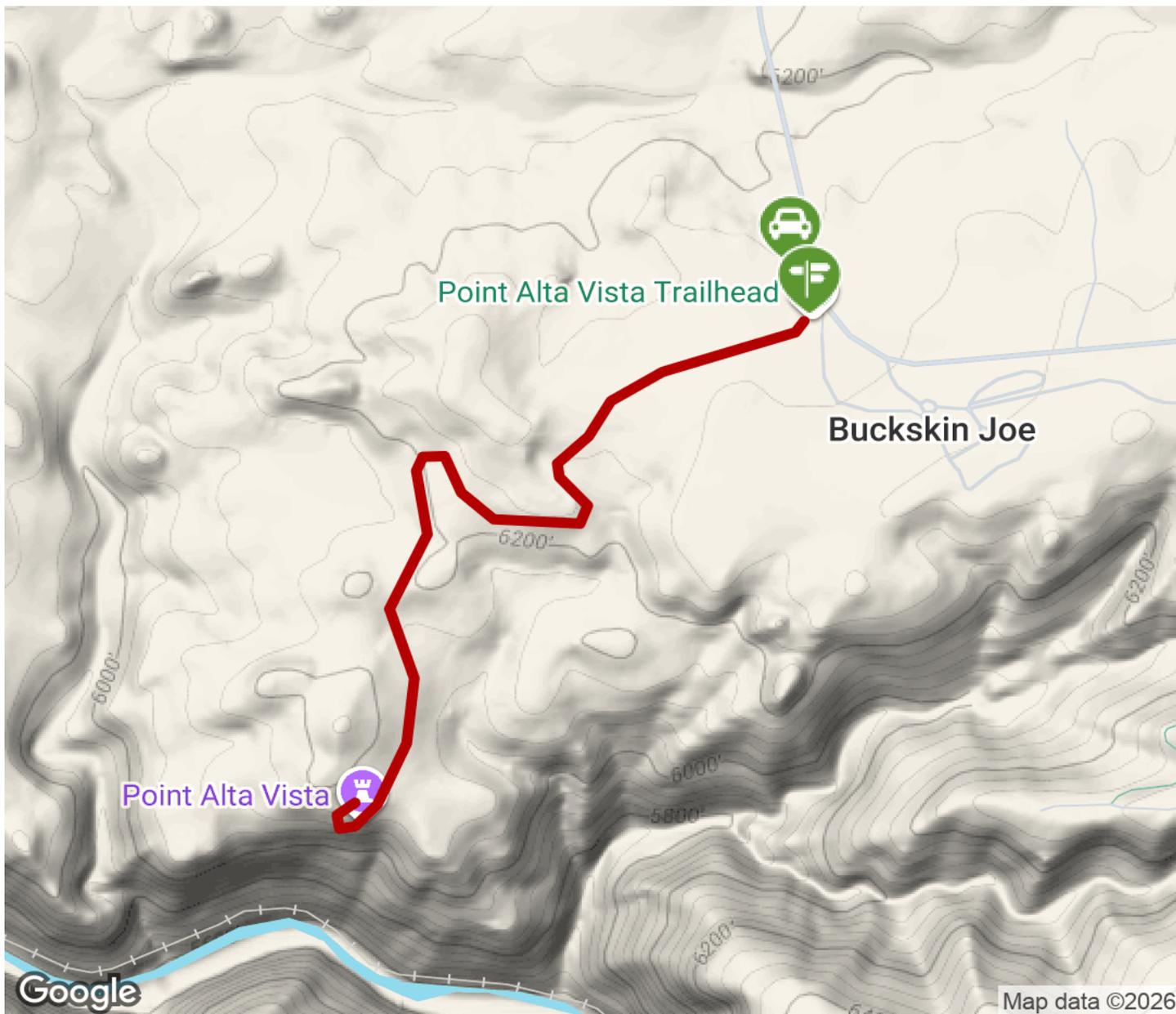
Parking & Trail Access

From Cañon City, take US-50 west, then turn left onto County Road 3A. Drive 1.25 miles to the parking lot on the right side. You'll find a trail map and a pedestrian gate leading to the trail.



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Trailhead



Restroom



Parking



Water Fountain



Tunnel



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