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Guides



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above Lefthand Canyon Drive.

The elevation on the trail gently fluctuates between around 7,700ft and 8,700ft. The mountain itself has peaks that rise to 9,000ft.

Trail History

The relative level grade of the trail owes its existence to an old narrow-gauge rail line around the turn of the 20th century. The line was built to accommodate mining operations in Colorado's front range, and the trail route itself is listed on the National Register of Historic Places as the Denver, Boulder, and Western Railway Historic District.

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About the Route

Leaving off from the south end of the trail, the route leaves from below the summit of Sugarloaf Mountain off the road of the same name. From here it winds along a relatively level grade, gradually descending to Fourmile Canyon Drive (US 118), along Fourmile Creek. Here it crosses the road and begins a gradual ascent back up the mountain on its way toward Gold Hill. The Switzerland Trail's northern end is at Sawmill Road (County 95) just



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States: Colorado

Counties: Boulder

Length: 11.9 miles

Trail end points: Sawmill Rd. (Jamestown) to
Sugarloaf Mountain Rd. (Boulder)

Trail surfaces: Dirt, Gravel

Trail category: Rail-Trail

Trail activities: ATV, Fishing, Horseback
Riding, Mountain

Biking, Snowmobiling, Walking, Cross Country

Skiing

Parking & Trail Access

The Switzerland Trail runs between Sawmill Rd. (Jamestown) and Sugarloaf Mountain Rd. (Boulder), where parking is available.

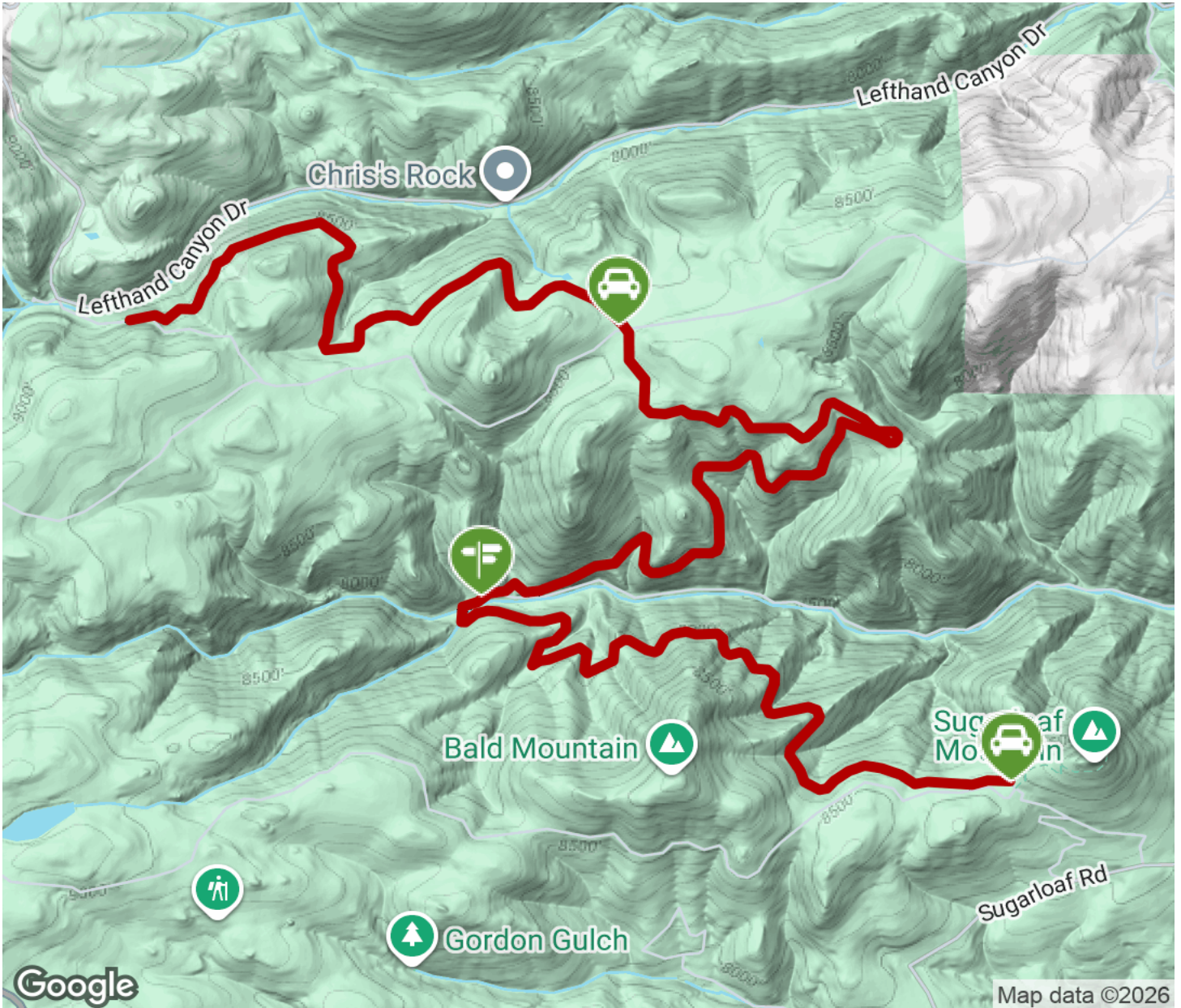
Parking is also available along Gold Mill Rd.

This is not an official address, please see [TrailLink Map](#) for detailed directions.



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Trailhead



Restroom



Parking



Water Fountain



Tunnel



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