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For the most part, the trail is level but some short sections can be steep, and the gravel surface and narrow trail (single track in some places), make for more advanced riding. Take care and walk your bike through these sections if necessary. Other sections of the trail are on wider gravel roads and other trails lead off of the Midland



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States: Colorado

Counties: Chaffee

Length: 8miles

Trail end points: Shields Gulch to Main Street
(Buena Vista)

Trail surfaces: Dirt

Trail category: Rail-Trail

Trail activities: Horseback Riding, Mountain
Biking, Walking

Parking & Trail Access

From US 285/24 turn northwest on County Road 315; the trailhead is about another half mile down the road. In Buena Vista, take the Arkansas River footbridge at the end of E. Main Street and follow the Barbara Whipple Trail to County Road 304.



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Trailhead



Restroom



Parking



Water Fountain



Tunnel



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