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About the Route

The 12.2-mile Poudre Trail in Fort Collins, part of the larger Poudre River Trail Network, takes trail users along the Poudre River and through many natural areas

including the Lions Open Space and Springer Natural Area. For more detailed information on this trail section, see [Poudre Trail \(Fort Collins\)](#).

The paved Poudre River Trail in Greeley is popular with hikers, runners, cyclists, and inline skaters. The path is wide with gentle grades, passing through a forested corridor and among scenic open spaces, where wildflowers bloom in spring and summer. Passing through several parks and natural areas, the trail offers plenty of recreational opportunities, including wildlife watching, fishing, and picnicking. Trail users will also find plenty of historical sites and educational sites to visit along our trail.

Connections

At the Riverbend Ponds Natural Area in Fort Collins, trail users can continue along the [Spring Creek Trail \(CO\)](#).

At N 59th Ave, the Poudre River Trail connects to the [Sheep Draw Trail](#).



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States: Colorado

Counties: Weld

Length: 35.5miles

Trail end points: Rist Canyon Rd. (Bellevue) to D St. (Greeley)

Trail surfaces: Concrete

Trail category: Greenway/Non-RT

Trail activities: Bike, Fishing, Horseback Riding, Inline Skating, Walking, Wheelchair Accessible, Cross Country Skiing

Parking & Trail Access

The Poudre River Trail runs in two main sections between Rist Canyon Rd. (Bellevue) and 2400 S County Rd 9 (Fort Collins) and 6371 E County Rd 32 E and D St. (Greeley), with additional trails in the Arapaho Bend Natural Area. Parking is available at each end of the trail.

Parking is also available at:

- Lee Martinez Community Park, 600 N Sherwood St. (Fort Collins)
- Arapahoe Bend Natural Area, 4109 E Horsetooth Rd. (Fort Collins)
- Eastman Park, 7025 Eastman Park Dr. (Windsor)

There are numerous parking options along the route, please see [TrailLink Map](#) for all parking options and detailed directions.



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Trailhead



Restroom



Parking



Water Fountain



Tunnel



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