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Guides



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From east to west the trail climbs at a gentle grade as it makes its way through the mountains. The first tunnel is closed and you'll have to go around it by going up and over the hill. In all, there are 6 tunnels on the eastern end so you may want to bring a head lamp.



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States: Colorado

Counties: El Paso

Length: 15miles

Trail end points: Gold Camp Rd. at High Dr.
(west of Colorado Springs) to Lazy S Ranch Rd./
CR 81 (east of Cripple Creek)

Trail surfaces: Dirt,Gravel,Sand

Trail category: Rail-Trail

Trail activities: Mountain

Biking,Walking,Cross Country Skiing

Parking & Trail Access

From Colorado Springs, head west on Cheyenne Road to Cheyenne Canyon Road and head up the mountain to the Buckhorn trail parking lot (4415 Gold Camp Road), which is the main Cap'n Jacks parking area at the end of the road. Upper Gold Camp Road begins at the west end of the parking area where you'll see a gate.

On the west end, take County Highway 64/County Road 81/Lazy S Ranch Road to the trailhead.



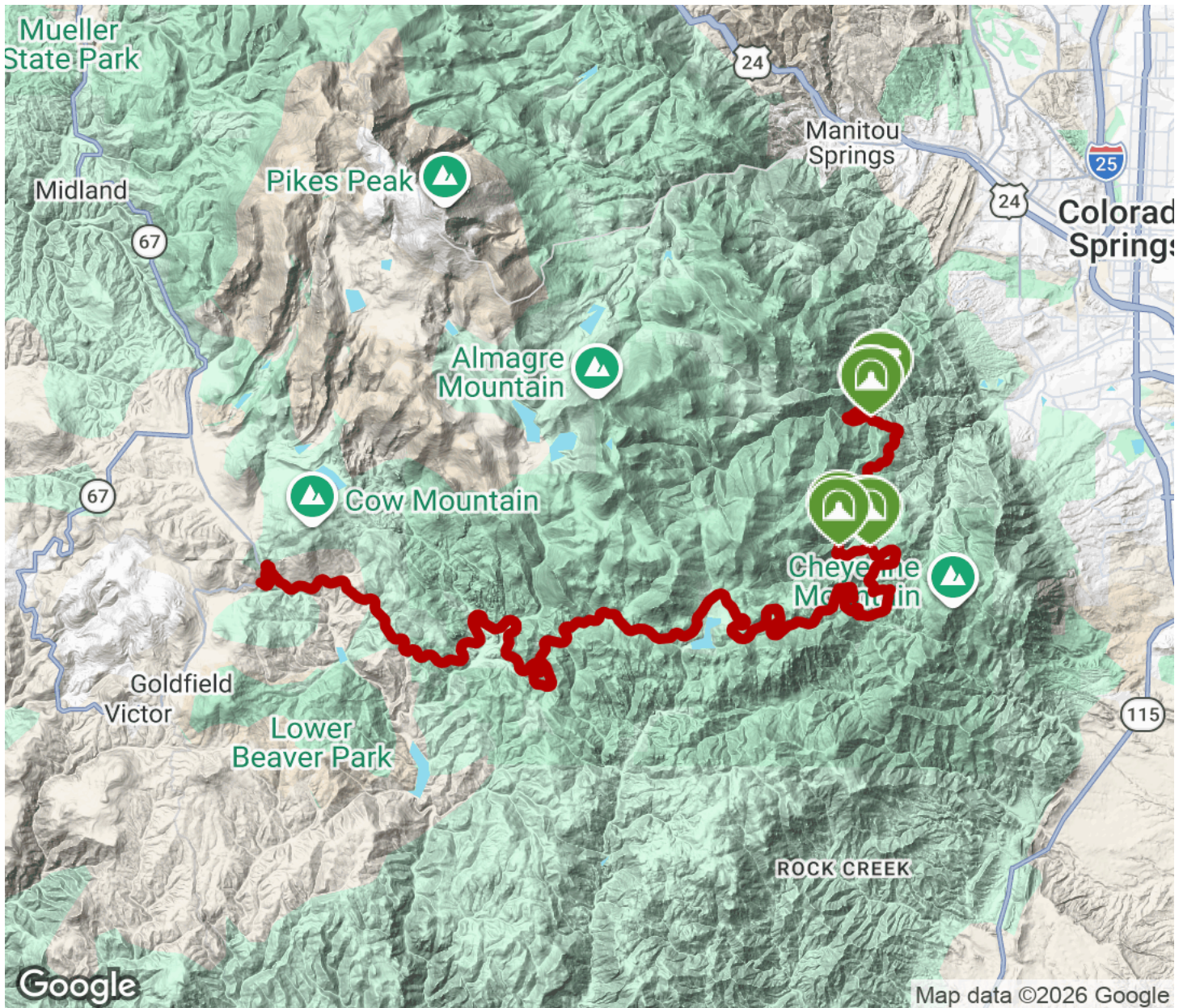
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Trailhead



Restroom



Parking



Water Fountain



Tunnel



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