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The Cherry Creek Regional Trail is a picturesque 45-mile route with a northern endpoint in downtown Denver and connects suburban and rural Arapahoe and Douglas Counties, including the communities of Parker, Centennial, and Franktown. The vast majority of the trail has an 8-foot-wide concrete surface, but short sections of the more rural southern end consist of gravel trails and roads.

About the Route

The trail's northern endpoint is located at Denver's Confluence Park, which marks the area where a gold discovery in 1858 led to the founding of the city.

Meandering southeast, the trail parallels Cherry Creek through urban landscapes and parks and into the suburbs. Highlights of the route include the Cherry Creek Shopping District Four Mile House and Historic Park, where one can learn about Denver's early pioneers.

In Arapahoe County, the trail emerges in Cherry Creek State Park, which offers several hiking trails, campgrounds, and a vast array of recreational opportunities around Cherry Creek Reservoir. Near the park's southern edge, the trail goes under Arapahoe Road (State Route 88), allowing trail users to seamlessly continue their southward journey uninterrupted by busy traffic.

Just before entering Douglas County, trail-goers pass through the Parker Jordan Centennial Open Space. Purchased by the Parker Jordan Metropolitan District in 2009, the formerly private 107 acres with Cherry Creek snaking through it are now preserved in perpetuity. Continuing south over the county line, the trail passes through suburban and then increasingly rural areas, before ending just south of Franktown, not far from scenic Castlewood Canyon State Park.

Connections

At the trail's northern end, it connects to the [Platte River Trail \(CO\)](#).

In the Hampden neighborhood of Denver, it connects to the [Hampden Heights Trail](#) and the [High Line Canal Trail](#).

In Centennial, the [Piney Creek Trail](#) and the [Happy Canyon Trail](#) lead off from the Cherry Creek Regional Trail.

In Creekside, the trail connects to the [Baldwin Gulch Trail](#), [Newlin Gulch Trail](#), and [Sulphur Gulch Trail](#).



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States: Colorado

Counties: Arapahoe, Denver, Douglas

Length: 47.8 miles

Trail end points: Platte River Trail at Confluence Park (Denver) to Homestead Canyon Rd., Castlewood Canyon Rd. (Franktown)

Trail surfaces: Asphalt, Concrete, Gravel

Trail category: Greenway/Non-RT

Trail activities: Bike, Inline Skating, Wheelchair Accessible, Walking

Parking & Trail Access

The Cherry Creek Regional Trail runs between Platte River Trail at Confluence Park (Denver) and Homestead Canyon Rd., Castlewood Canyon Rd. (Franktown), where parking is available.

Parking is also available at:

- 494 S Clermont St (Glendale)
- 2998 S Kenton St (Aurora)
- 17330 Cottonwood Dr (Parker)

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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