



## TrailLink UnlimitedGuides



Longmont-to-Boulder Regional Trail Colorado



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The LOBO begins at a connection with the <u>Left Hand</u> <u>Greenway</u> in western Longmont. Trail users can take that trail east along Left Hand Creek through commercial and residential areas to reach the <u>St. Vrain Greenway</u>, an 8mile trail offering spectacular mountain scenery and lake views.

Back west, the LOBO quickly reaches Diagonal Highway (State Route 119), and it begins to closely follow the roadway and adjacent rail line through rural landscapes. At 83rd Street, the trail makes a sharp turn due south, shortly entering the community of Niwot. It continues through Monarch Park and makes its way toward the scenic Twin Lakes area. The trail stops at Spine Road, but a short on-road route will take you to the beginning of the Cottonwood Trail a component of the LOBO—on Jay Road. If you're traveling along this section, a fun nearby excursion is the Celestial Seasonings factory (4600 Sleepytime Dr.), which offers free tours and tea tastings.

The Cottonwood Trail winds through northern Boulder for just over 3 miles. A trailhead is available in the middle of the trail at Independence Road. North of the trailhead, the pathway follows a creek. Along the way, you'll enjoy views of wide open spaces and distant mountains. South of Independence Road, the trail is paved and makes its way to 47th Street, passing Hayden Lake and the NCAR Foothills Laboratory. At 47th, you can connect to the <u>Wonderland</u> <u>Creek Greenway</u> to travel southeast through the Kings Ridge community.



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States: Colorado Counties: Boulder Length: 10.8miles Trail end points: Left Hand Greenway at S. Hover St. (Longmont) to 47th St. and Kings Ridge Blvd. (Boulder) Trail surfaces: Asphalt,Concrete,Crushed Stone Trail category: Greenway/Non-RT Trail activities: Bike,Horseback

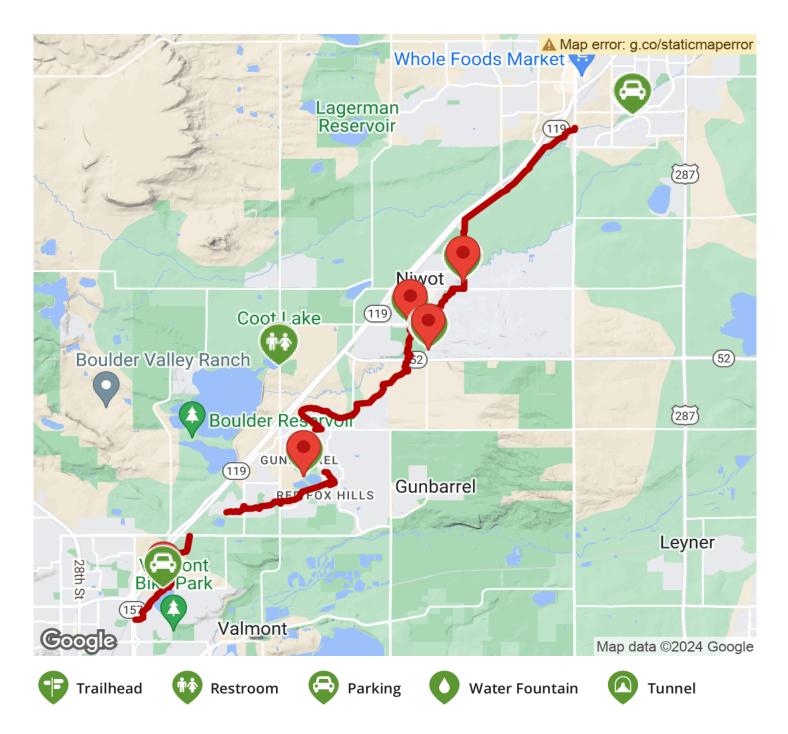
Riding, Mountain Biking, Walking, Cross

## **Parking & Trail Access**

At the northern end of the trail, parking is available at Kanemoto Park (Missouri Avenue and South Pratt Parkway) and Left Hand Creek Park (1800 Creekside Drive). Mid-trail, park in Lefthand Valley Grange Park (N. 83rd Street and Niwot Road). For the southern half of the trail, look for parking in the Twin Lakes recreational area. A parking area is also available for the Cottonwood Trail on the south side of Independence Road, 0.2 miles east of Diagonal Highway.









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