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Guides



**Peaks to  
Plains Trail**  
*Colorado*



## Peaks to Plains Trail

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Segment was completed in August 2021 at the mouth of Clear Creek Canyon, connecting the Peaks to Plains Trail to the [Clear Creek Trail](#) in Golden, which in turn extends eastward and connects to Denver's [Platte River Trail](#). To the west, the trail will eventually connect with other trails that wind through the Rockies.

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During the journey, travelers can immerse themselves in the rugged beauty of the landscape, enjoying views of craggy canyon walls, native grasses, shrubs and trees, and the rushing water at the bottom of the valley. Rocky overlooks allow visitors to take in picturesque scenes of the creek, and you can use one of the six river access points to get even closer for some fishing.

A new, discrete portion of trail called the Gateway



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**States:** Colorado

**Counties:** Clear Creek, Jefferson

Length: 5 miles

**Trail end points:** US 6 & Big Easy Trailhead to  
US 6 & Tunnel 1 & Clear Creek Trail (Golden)

**Trail surfaces:** Asphalt, Concrete

**Trail category:** Rail-Trail

**Trail activities:** Bike, Fishing, Walking

## Parking & Trail Access

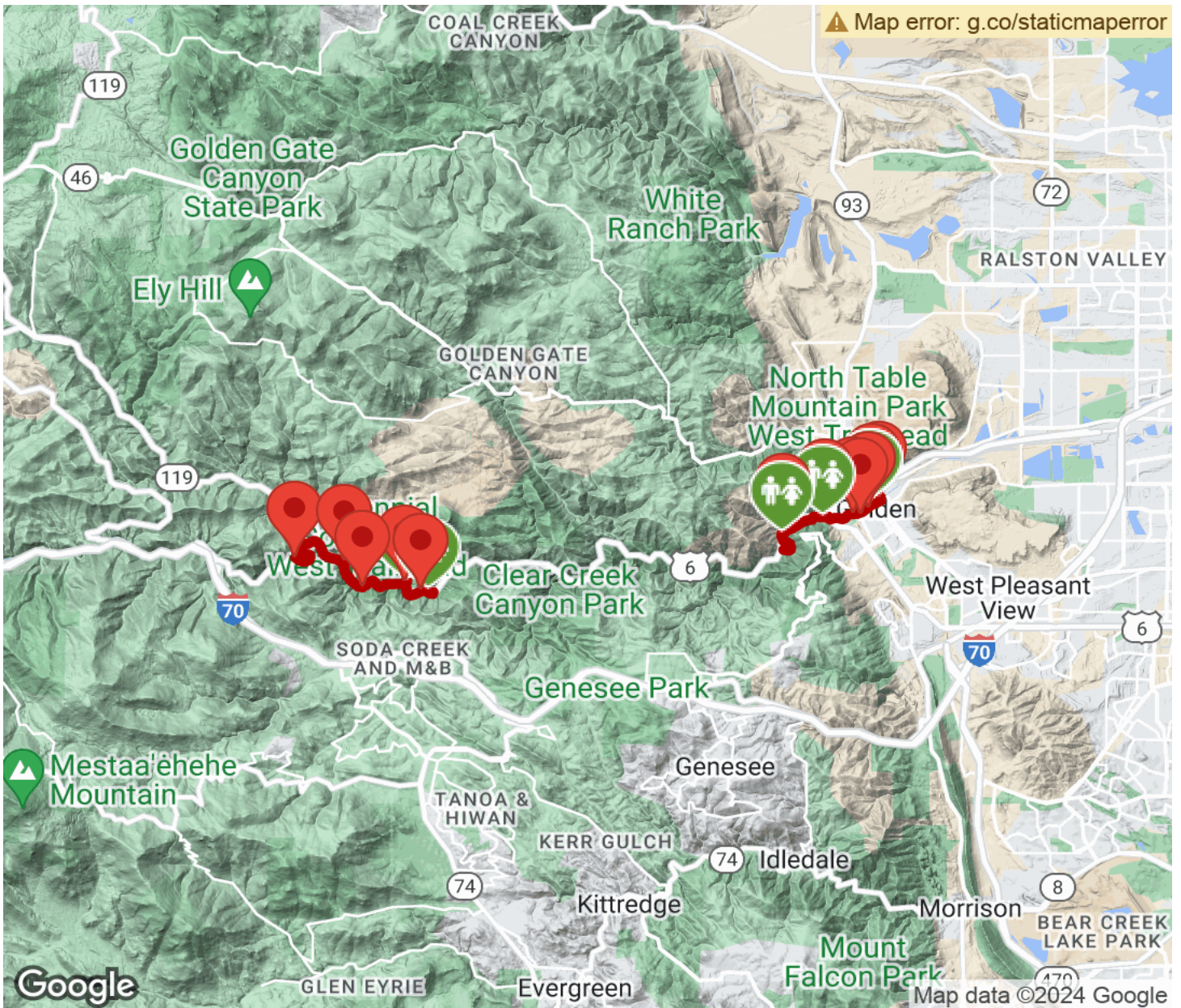
To get to the trailhead, from the SR 93/US 6 junction in Golden, head west on U.S. 6 for 9.8 miles. You will find the Mayhem Gulch parking lot on the north side of the road (between mile markers 262 and 262.5). There are restroom facilities available on site. The lot is being expanded to accommodate the additional demand from users of the new trail.

The trailhead for the Gateway segment of trail outside Golden is located along U.S. 6 by the entrance to Tunnel 1, with additional access available from the Clear Creek Trail.



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Trailhead



Restroom



Parking



Water Fountain



Tunnel



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