City of Thornton

PARKS OPEN SPACE TRAILS USER MAP

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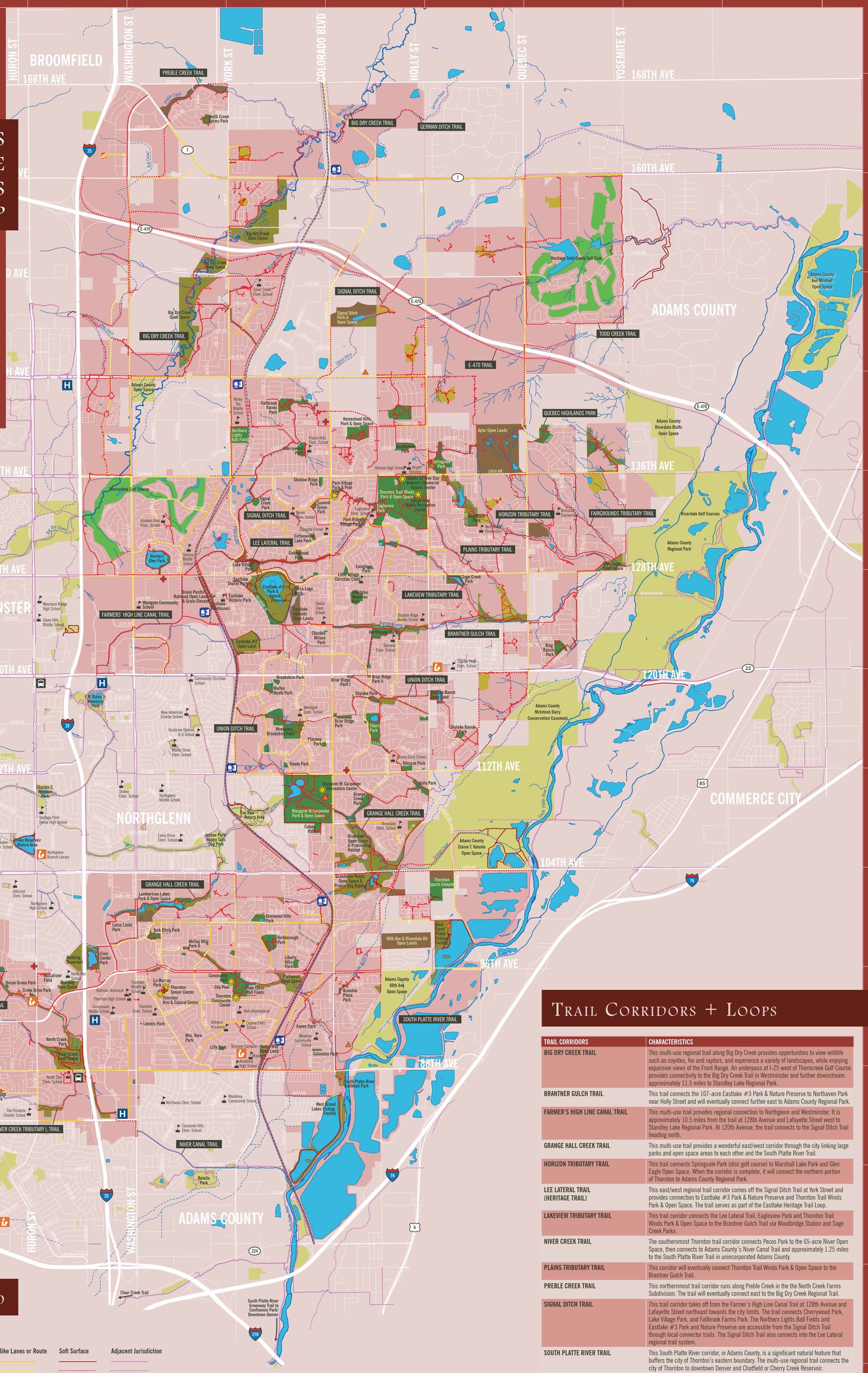
Approximate Scale In Miles

This map is intended to serve as an aid for graphic representation only.

CITY OF THORNTON, 2017



Legend

TRAILS

	Multi-Use (Hard Surface)	Bike Lanes or Route	Soft Surface	Adjacent Jurisdiction
EXISTING				
PROPOSED				

PARKS AND OPEN SPACE

- Park
- Joint Use Facility
- Open Space
- City-Owned Park/OS Currently Not Open to the Public
- Golf Course
- Park/Open Space Planned in Approved Development
- Park/Open Space in Adjacent Jurisdiction

BASE LEGEND

- Thornton City Limits
- Waterbody
- Drainageway
- Ditch
- Highway
- Road
- Railroad
- Future North Metro Rail

SYMBOLS

- Recreation Facility/Pool
- Trailhead
- School
- Library
- Park-n-Ride
- Future North Metro Rail Station
- Hospital
- Fire Station

Trail Corridors + Loops

TRAIL CORRIDORS	CHARACTERISTICS
BIG DRY CREEK TRAIL	This multi-use regional trail along Big Dry Creek provides opportunities to view wildlife such as coyotes, fox and raptors, and experience a variety of landscapes, while enjoying expansive views of the Front Range. An underpass at I-25 west of Thorncreek Golf Course provides connectivity to the Big Dry Creek Trail in Westminster and further downstream approximately 11.5 miles to Standley Lake Regional Park.
BRANTNER GULCH TRAIL	This trail connects the 107-acre Eastlake #3 Park & Nature Preserve to Northaven Park near Holly Street and will eventually connect further east to Adams County Regional Park.
FARMER'S HIGH LINE CANAL TRAIL	This multi-use trail provides regional connection to Northglenn and Westminster. It is approximately 10.5 miles from the trail at 128th Avenue and Lafayette Street west to Standley Lake Regional Park. At 120th Avenue, the trail connects to the Signal Ditch Trail heading north.
GRANGE HALL CREEK TRAIL	This multi-use trail provides a wonderful east/west corridor through the city linking large parks and open space areas to each other and the South Platte River Trail.
HORIZON TRIBUTARY TRAIL	This trail connects Springvale Park (disc golf course) to Marshall Lake Park and Glen Eagle Open Space. When the corridor is complete, it will connect the northern portion of Thornton to Adams County Regional Park.
LEE LATERAL TRAIL (HERITAGE TRAIL)	This east/west regional trail corridor comes off the Signal Ditch Trail at York Street and provides connection to Eastlake #3 Park & Nature Preserve and Thornton Trail Winds Park & Open Space. The trail serves as part of the Eastlake Heritage Trail Loop.
LAKEVIEW TRIBUTARY TRAIL	This trail corridor connects the Lee Lateral Trail, Eagleview Park and Thornton Trail Winds Park & Open Space to the Brantner Gulch Trail via Woodbridge Station and Sage Creek Parks.
NIVER CREEK TRAIL	The southernmost Thornton trail corridor connects Pecos Park to the 65-acre Niver Open Space, then connects to Adams County's Niver Canal Trail and approximately 1.25 miles to the South Platte River Trail in unincorporated Adams County.
PLAINS TRIBUTARY TRAIL	This corridor will eventually connect Thornton Trail Winds Park & Open Space to the Brantner Gulch Trail.
PREBLE CREEK TRAIL	This northernmost trail corridor runs along Preble Creek in the the North Creek Farms Subdivision. The trail will eventually connect east to the Big Dry Creek Regional Trail.
SIGNAL DITCH TRAIL	This trail corridor takes off from the Farmer's High Line Canal Trail at 128th Avenue and Lafayette Street northeast towards the city limits. The trail connects Cherrywood Park, Lake Village Park, and Fallbrook Farms Park. The Northern Lights Ball Fields and Eastlake #3 Park and Nature Preserve are accessible from the Signal Ditch Trail through local connector trails. The Signal Ditch Trail also connects into the Lee Lateral regional trail system.
SOUTH PLATTE RIVER TRAIL	This South Platte River corridor, in Adams County, is a significant natural feature that buffers the city of Thornton's eastern boundary. The multi-use regional trail connects the city of Thornton to downtown Denver and Chatfield or Cherry Creek Reservoir.
UNION DITCH TRAIL	This central east/west corridor provides regional connectivity into Northglenn, and connects Woodglen/Brookshire Park to Skylake Ranch Open Land.
PROPOSED E-470 TRAIL	Regional trail proposed along E-470 would connect Thornton to Broomfield and Commerce City.
LOOPS	**CHARACTERISTICS**
MARGARET W. CARPENTER PARK & OPEN SPACE LOOPS (Map Loc. - E8)	**CARPENTER PARK FIELDS LOOP - 0.8 MILES** A popular loop with walkers, runners, and roller-bladers who like to exercise outdoors while enjoying expansive views of the Colorado Front Range. **OUTER LOOP - 2.0 MILES** Departing from the Margaret W. Carpenter Recreation Center, this loop provides walkers and runners the opportunity to go a greater distance on hard and soft surface trails around Thornton's signature park.
EASTLAKE #3 PARK & NATURE PRESERVE LOOP (Map Loc. - E6)	**1.5 MILES** A soft-surface loop trail surrounding the reservoir provides an opportunity for Thornton residents to experience open space and wildlife in the middle of the city.
HUNTERS GLEN PARK LOOP (Map Loc. - D5)	**0.75 MILES** This multi-use trail loops around the beautiful Hunters Glen Lake providing opportunities for bird watching and to enjoy views of the Front Range.

City of Thornton

A GUIDE TO THE CITY'S PARKS, OPEN SPACE & TRAILS

Playground | Multipurpose Field | Baseball / Softball | Basketball | Skate Park | Tennis | Volleyball | Court Sports - Bocce, Shuffleboard | Horseshoe Pits | Fishing | Disc Golf | Roller Hockey Rink | Dog Park | Swimming Pool | Amphitheater | Pavilion / Shade Shelter

THORNTON, COLORADO

VISION

Parks and Open Space Master Plan

The overall vision is to create an integrated system of parks, recreation facilities, trails, and open space that will:

- Provide recreational and cultural opportunities for all residents,
- Be equitably distributed, to the extent possible, throughout the community,
- Connect neighborhoods, parks, schools, recreation facilities, and business districts,
- Preserve the heritage and quality of life in Thornton,
- Enhance and build upon Thornton's environmental assets, and
- Enhance the community's identity.

Skate Park at Thornton Trail Winds Park & Open Space

Playground at Margaret W. Carpenter Recreation Center

Margaret W. Carpenter Park & Open Space and Recreation Center

Located at 112th Avenue and Colorado Boulevard, the **Margaret W. Carpenter Recreation Center** is a state-of-the-art facility with a wide variety of amenities including pools, exercise equipment, gymnasium, multipurpose rooms, preschool and daycare facilities and much more.

Directly south of the recreation center, the **Carpenter Park Fields** host many sports teams events and practices as well as annual community gatherings such as Thorntonfest, the Fourth of July Celebration and WinterFest. The **0.8 mile loop** surrounding the fields is popular with walkers, runners, and roller-bladers while the **2 -mile outer loop** around the entire park is perfect for those who want to go a greater distance. Both loops provide expansive views of the Colorado Front Range. ▶

Margaret W. Carpenter Park & Open Space and Recreation Center

Playground at Margaret W. Carpenter Park

Directly behind the recreation center is **Carpenter Park**, open to the public from 6 a.m. to 11 p.m. Park amenities include paddle boat rentals, indoor carousel, outdoor amphitheater, birthday party room, sprayground, playground, skate park, basketball courts, sand volleyball courts, bocce ball courts, horseshoe pits, shuffleboard, lighted tennis courts, pavilions, picnic areas and trails.

The **Carousel, Spray Ground** and **Boat Rental** operations are open seasonally from Memorial Day to Labor Day, as well as weekends in May and September.

The **Amphitheater, Boathouse Party Room** and two larger **Pavilions** are available to rent for private events. For more information, please visit:
http://cityofthornton.net/pavilions or call 303-255-7800

Spray Ground

Carousel

Thornton Statistics

- Over 734 acres of public parks
- Over 1,545 acres of open space and open lands
- Over 132 miles of off-street trails
- Over 42 miles of on-street bike lanes
- One 72-par city-owned golf course: Thorncreek Golf Course
- Numerous recreational amenities including lighted tennis courts, multi-purpose fields, indoor and outdoor swimming pools, playgrounds, skate parks, disc golf course, dog park, fishing, recreation centers and gymnasiums offering recreation opportunities for people for all ages and activity levels.

Dog Park at Thornton Trail Winds Park & Open Space

Fishing Facilities

Fishing opportunities are available throughout the city of Thornton including the following popular locations:

- **Grandview Ponds Open Space and Prairie Dog Habitat** is open year-round and hosts the annual Harvest Fest Fishing Derby in September.
- **West Gravel Lakes Fishing Facility** is open seasonally (open March 15 through October 31).

Additional fishing is available at Cherry Park, Civic Center Park, Hunters Glen Park, Lambertson Lakes Park & Open Space, Margaret W. Carpenter Park & Open Space, and Marshall Lake Park. All of these facilities allow live bait, flies and lures.

Thornton fishing facilities are open from sunrise to sunset. Colorado State Fishing Regulations apply. Any special fishing regulations are posted on site and Colorado State fishing licenses are required.

West Gravel Lakes Fishing Facility

Bike lane on 84th Avenue

Harvest Fest at Community Park

Lambertson Lakes Park & Open Space

Bike Safety

- Cyclists have the same rights and responsibilities as motorists. Under state law, bicyclists are considered vehicles. Cyclists should obey all traffic laws, signs and signals.
- Always ride with the flow of traffic. It's the law and safer for you. Motorists, pedestrians, and other cyclists do not expect to see you riding against traffic, and your chance of having an accident increases dramatically.
- Stay to the right as much as possible when riding and use bike lanes and paved shoulders when available.
- Use hand signals to indicated turns, lane changes and stops. Signal before, not while you make your move.
- Be visible. Wear brightly colored clothing and use a headlight, taillight and reflectors at night.
- Remember, pedestrians have the right-of-way when they are crossing the street.

Community Park

Community Park, located at Thornton Parkway and York Street, provides a variety of recreational experiences for residents living in the southern end of the city, as well as hosting community celebrations such as the annual Harvest Fest in September.

The **Thornton Community Center,** located at Eppinger Boulevard and Gaylord Street, was constructed in 1973. This 27,000 square foot facility includes a two-court gymnasium, weight room, dance room, senior billiards room, and classroom/conference room. A multipurpose room was converted into a **Teen Center** in January 2004.

Thornton's Skate Park and **City Pool** are located at Community Park. The City Pool includes the following amenities: water slides, lazy river, play structure and three-lane lap pool. The pool is open seasonally and the skate park is open year-round from sunrise to sunset.

Eastlake Heritage Trail

City Pool at Community Park

Thornton Information

MARGARET W. CARPENTER RECREATION CENTER
303-255-7800
11151 Colorado Blvd., Thornton, CO 80233

THORNTON COMMUNITY CENTER
303-255-7830
2211 Eppinger Blvd., Thornton, CO 80229

THORNTON ACTIVE ADULT CENTER
303-255-7850
9471 Dorothy Blvd., Thornton, CO 80229

THORNCREEK GOLF COURSE
303-450-7055
13555 N. Washington St., Thornton, CO 80241

THORNTON ARTS AND CULTURE CENTER
720-977-5880
9209 Dorothy Blvd., Thornton, CO 80229

PARKS
303-255-7833
The Parks Division is responsible for the general maintenance of parks, trails, and open space areas. Responsibilities include mowing, shrub and flower bed management, playground maintenance, and park facility maintenance. The Division also provides landscape and turf care for medians, streetscapes, rights-of-way, and manages the city's forestry program.

OPEN SPACE/PROJECT MANAGEMENT
303-255-7831
The Open Space and Project Management Division is responsible for the planning, design and inspection of parks and open space capital projects. The Division also works with the Parks and Open Space Advisory Commission in implementing the city's Parks and Open Space Master Plan.

To find out more about Thornton Parks, Open Space, Trails, Recreation Facilities and Activities go to the city website - *www.cityofthornton.net*

Seasonal Pavilion Rentals

Pavilion reservations can only be made in person or online at http://cityofthornton.net/pavilions. Reservation opportunities open in January for Thornton residents and February for nonresidents. Applicable fees will be charged for reservations at the time of reservation. Outside of this timeframe, rentable pavilions are available at no cost and on a first-come, first-served basis.

Rentable pavilion capacities

Thornton Community Center: 303-255-7830
- Community Park: 100 people
- Cherry Park: 60 people
- Cherrywood Park: 40 people
- North Star Park: 60 people
- Thornton Trail Winds East or West: 80 people
- Woodglen-Brookshire Park: 90 people
- Yorkborough Park: 60 people

Carpenter Recreation Center: 303-255-7800
- Carpenter Park East: 50 people
- Carpenter Park West: 100 people

Only six pavilions can be permitted for 3.2% beer in conjunction with an event: Carpenter Park (2), Community Park, Woodglen-Brookshire Park and Thornton Trail Winds (2). An additional fee is involved for a beer permit.

All other city of Thornton park pavilions are available year-round, on a first-come, first-served basis.

**Thornton Trail Winds pavilions are only available June-July when sporting events are not taking place.*

Pavilion at Thornton Trail Winds Park & Open Space

Existing Parks, Open Space, & Recreation Amenities

PARKS + OPEN SPACE	MAP LOC	LOCATION VICINITY	ACRES	Playground	Multipurpose Field	Baseball / Softball	Basketball	Skate Park	Tennis	Volleyball	Court Sports - Bocce, Shuffleboard	Horseshoe Pits	Fishing	Disc Golf	Roller Hockey Rink	Dog Park	Swimming Pool	Amphitheater	Pavilion / Shade Shelter	Parking
Aspen Park	E10	92nd Ave. + Aspen Dr.	0.5	■															■	
Badding Open Space	C10	I-25 + Thornton Pkwy.	11.0																	
Brandon Place Park	F10	94th Pl. East of Colorado Blvd.	4.7	■																
Cherry Park	F7	116th Ave. + Birch Dr.	25.4	■	■	■	■						■						■	■
Cherrywood Park*	E4	138th Ave. + Madison St.	7.3	■	■														■	
Chuckie Wilson Park	E6	123rd Ave. + Harrison Pl.	0.4	■																
Civic Center Park	C9	9551 Civic Center Dr.	20.8										■						■	■
Colony Park	E8	107th Ave. + Garfield St.	4.2	■																
Columbia Park	E10	89th Pl. + Monroe St.	1.1	■																
Community Park	D10/E10	Thornton Pkwy. + York St.	45.1	■	■	■	■	■	■	■					■		■		■	■
Cottonwood Park	E5	Cottonwood Lakes Blvd. + Steele Dr.	3.1	■					■											
Croke Drive Park	B10	Croke Dr. + Huron St.	1.1	■															■	
Eagleview Park*	F5	Summit Grove Pkwy. + Cottonwood Lake Blvd.	15.7	■	■	■													■	
Eastglen Park	F5	128th Pl. + Dexter Way	1.0	■																
Eastlake #2 Open Space	E6	124th Ave + York St.	29.5																	
Eastlake #3 Park & Nature Preserve	E6	126th Ave. + Steele St.	106.8	■					■			■							■	
Eastlake Historic Park	D6	Birch Ave. + York St.	0.6	■															■	
Eastlake Shores Park	E6	127th Pl. + Columbine St.	0.5	■																
Fallbrook Farms Park	E4	141st Pl + St. Paul St.	15.6	■	■		■												■	
Glencoe Park	F7	112th Ave. + Glencoe Dr.	3.4		■															
Grandview Ponds Open Space & Prairie Dog Habitat	F9	104th Ave. + Riverdale Rd.	59.6										■						■	■
Grange Creek Park	F8	110th Ave. + Dahlia Dr.	16.1	■	■		■													■
Highridge Court Park	B9	101st St. + Ura Lane	3.4	■								■								
Holly Park	F8	110th Ave. + Holly St.	8.4	■															■	
Holy Cross Ball Fields @ Community Park*	E10	Eppinger Blvd. + Wigham St.	15.0			■														■
Homestead Hills Park & Open Space	F4	140th Ave. + Dexter St.	18.9	■															■	■
Hunters Glen Park	D5	130th Ave. + Emerson St.	25.8	■									■						■	■
King Ranch Park	H6	122nd Pl. + Syracuse St.	8.6	■	■		■												■	
Lake Village Park	E5	128th Ave. + Fillmore Ct.	8.2	■																■
Lambertson Lakes Park & Open Space	D9	102nd Ave. + Marion St.	36.3	■									■						■	■
Lee Lateral (Eastlake Heritage) Trail Corridor	E5	130th Ave. + York St.	20.8	■																■
Liberty Hills Park	E9	96th Pl. + Adams St.	2.9	■																
Lilly Park	D10	Lilly Dr. + Race St.	1.1	■																
Loma Linda Park	C9	99th Pl. + Logan St.	0.8	■																■
Loomis Park	D10	91st Pl. + Clarkson St.	0.2	■																
Lu Murray Park	D10	Dorothy Blvd. + Fir Dr.	1.1	■			■					■							■	■
Margaret W. Carpenter Park and Open Space	E8	110th Ave. + Colorado Blvd.	139.4	■	■		■	■	■	■	■	■	■					■	■	■
Marshall Lake Park	G5	134th + Krameria St.	33.9	■									■						■	
McAllister Field @ North Huron Christian Center*	C10	96th Ave. + Huron St.	3.0	■		■	■													■
McCoy Hills II Park	D9	97th Ct. South of 97th Dr.	0.3	■																
Meadow Elementary Park *	E10	91st Ave. + Monroe St.	6.4		■	■													■	
Mountain View Lutheran Church Park*	D10	Russell Way + Hickory Pl.	1.0	■															■	■
Niver Open Space	C11	I-25 + 88th Ave	63.3																	
North Creek Farms Park	D1	166th Dr. + Race St.	4.8	■			■												■	
North Creek Park	C10	91st Cir. south of 91st Dr.	3.0	■															■	
North Star Elementary School Pavilion*	C11	88th Ave. west of Conifer Rd.																	■	■
Northaven Park @ Skyview Elementary*	F6	122nd Ave. + E 123rd Ave.	18.8	■	■	■	■												■	
Northbrook Park	F4	138th Ave. + Glencoe St.	8.1	■	■														■	
Northern Lights Ball Fields	E4	140th Ave. + York St.	18.3	■		■													■	■
Park Village Park	F5	Summit Grove Pkwy. + Colorado Blvd.	5.4	■													■			■
Park Ridge Village Park	F5	Summit Grove Pkwy + Cherry Cir.	2.7	■																
Pecos Park*	B10	96th Ave. + Pecos St.	8.7	■			■	■											■	
Playway Park	E7	115th Ave. + Garfield St.	1.2	■																
Quebec Highlands Park	H4	139th Ave + Quebec St.	13.9	■	■														■	
Riverdale Elementary School*	F8	108th Ave. + Elm Dr.	8.8	■		■														
Riverdale Open Space and Prairie Dog Habitat	F8	104th Ave + Riverdale Rd.	60.3																	
Riverdale Park	G5	132nd Way + Locust St.	16.1	■	■									■					■	
Sage Creek Park	G6	128th Ave. + Jasmine St.	9.4	■															■	
Sam Molinaro Park @ Explore Elementary*	D10/E10	91st Ave. + York St.	5.8		■	■													■	■
Shadow Ridge Park	E5	136th Ave. + Jackson Dr.	2.1	■																
Sherwood Hills Park	E9	100th Ave. + Detroit St.	5.8	■																
Skylake Park	F7	118th Ave + Birch Dr.	3.2	■	■															
Skylake Ranch Park	G7	114th + Leyden St.	2.9	■																
South Platte River Trail Trailhead Park	F11	88th Ave. + Colorado Blvd.	6.5																■	■
Springvale Park	G4	Holly St. + Ivy St.	22.9	■										■					■	■
Steele Park	E7	Steele St. + Jackson Way	1.4	■																
Summit Grove Park	E5	Summit Grove Pkwy. + Garfield Pkwy.	1.8	■			■		■						■					
Terra Lago Park	E6	127th Way + 127th Ln.	3.2	■			■												■	
Thornton Sports Complex	G9	102nd Ave. + McKay Rd.	25.0	■	■	■													■	■
Thornton Trail Winds Park & Open Space	F5	134th Ave. + Holly St.	140.7	■	■			■								■			■	■
Tuck Ditch Park	D9	96th Pl. + 98th Ave.	5.7	■																
Walton Heath Park	E7	119th Pl. + York St.	5.1	■			■												■	
West Gravel Lakes Fishing Facility	E10	88th Ave. + Colorado Blvd.	104.2										■						■	■
West Sprat Platte Lake Fishing Facility	G9	100th Ave. + McKay Rd.	102.7										■						■	■
Woodbridge Station Park	F5	130th Ave. + Summit Grove Pkwy.	11.7	■																
Woodglen Elementary School*	E7	Madison St. + Monroe St.	6.0			■														
Woodglen Meadows Park	F6	126th Ave. + Bellaire St.	8.9	■	■															■
Woodglen/Brookshire Park	E7	Woodglenn Blvd. + Madison St.	27.2	■	■	■	■		■	■					■				■	■
York International School*	E10	York St. + 93rd Pl.	0.0	■																
Yorkborough Park	E9	99th Ave. + Detroit St.	12.7	■					■	■									■	
RECREATION FACILITIES	MAP LOC	LOCATION DESCRIPTION	ACRES																	
Margaret W. Carpenter Recreation Center	E8	11151 Colorado Blvd					■			■							■			■
Thornton Arts & Culture Center (TACC)	D10	9209 Dorothy Blvd																		■
Thornton Community Center	E10	2211 Eppinger Blvd.					■			■										
Thornton Active Adult Center	D10	9471 Dorothy Blvd																		■
Adams 12 Five Star Veterans Memorial Aquatic Center**	F5	5310 E 136th Ave															■			■

** Joint Use Facility - The City of Thornton shares certain indoor and outdoor recreational spaces as noted with schools or other entities.*
*** The Adams 12 Five Star Veterans Memorial Aquatic Center is programmed by the Adams 12 Five Star Schools. A public open swim schedule is available on the Adams 12 website.*