

Park Patrol - Overflow Parking

Resources for directing park visitors when parking lots are full.

Increasingly visitors will arrive at BCPOS anticipating a great experience on the trails and find to their dismay there are no available legal parking spots. Some will see and park at a "spot" that "looks ok" or that their vehicle can fit into regardless of signage.

Remember to be kind and understanding when talking to these visitors. If there are no other parking lots for a trail system, **the main message to give visitors for any location is if a parking lot is full, then the park is full.** In order to help everyone maintain physical distance, it would be best for them to visit a different park or return at a different time. **We are all alone in this together and everyone is asked to do their part. Thank them for understanding.** Offer suggestions for other parks to visit. And let them know that currently, our parks have been busiest on weekends between 10am – 3pm. **Visiting in the morning or evening, as well as on weekdays is a good idea.**

Below is some guidance about parking for locations where we are seeing parking lots consistently overflowing. If you are planning to patrol any of these spots, try to get to these areas prior to them filling up and having people park illegally. That would be of the greatest benefit. People need to park in designated spots or legally on the road shoulder.

Rabbit Mountain

Overflow parking: Visitors can park along N55th street, but please advise people to be careful and make sure they are not in the roadway. They need to have wheels outside the white line or off the road, so as not to block the lane of traffic. If they don't park properly it can be especially dangerous for bikers on that road. Also, cars are not allowed to block fire and emergency access roads with green gates. Buses and vehicles with horse trailers park in signed designated areas, no other vehicles allowed.

Suggestions for other nearby parks to visit:

Pella Crossing

Hall Ranch (no dogs)

Button Rock Preserve (only one dog allowed per visitor, no biking, no horses)

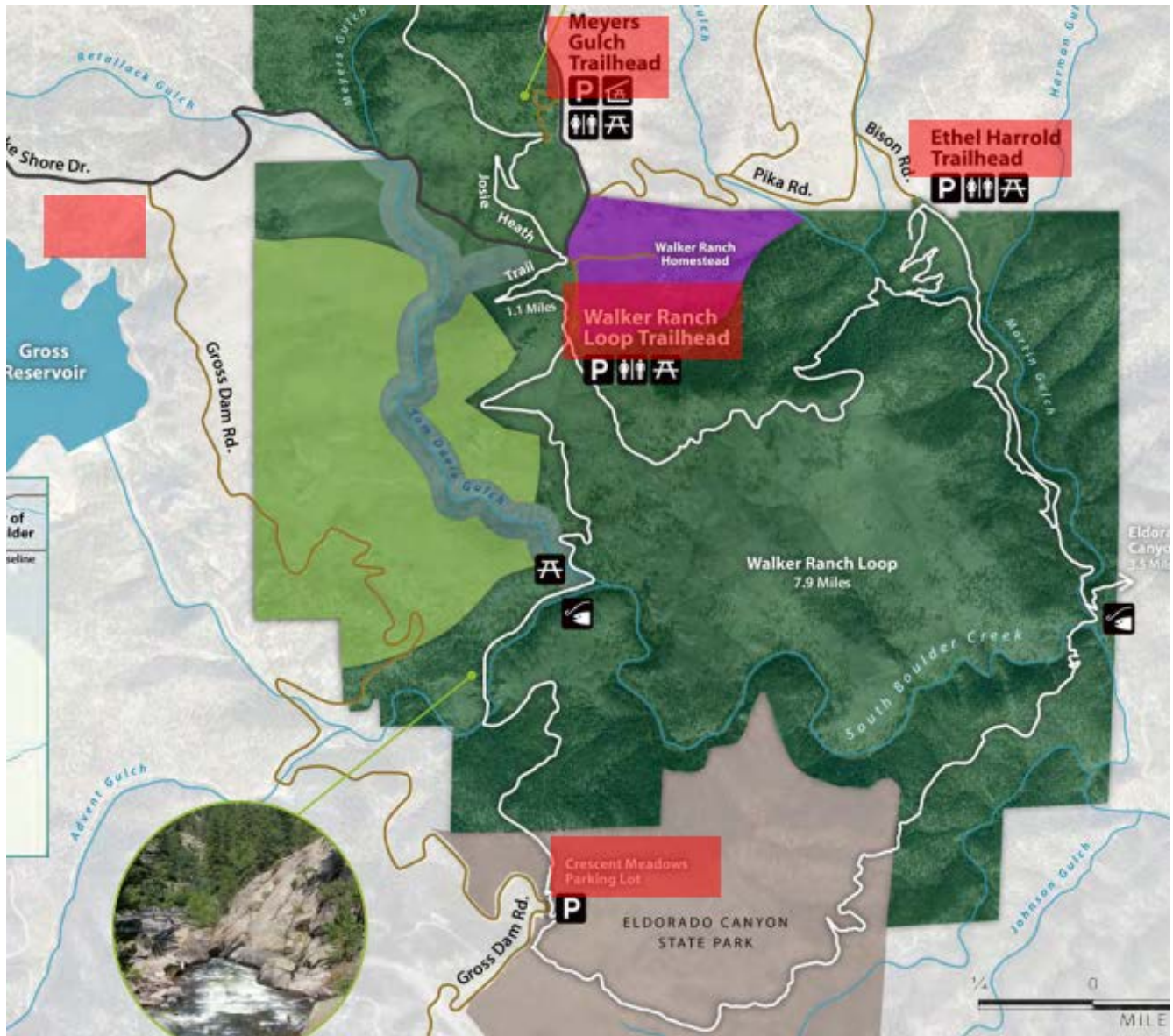
McIntosh Lake

Heil Valley Ranch Picture Rock Trailhead (no dogs)



Walker Ranch

Remind visitors to notice no parking signs along gravel access road and Flagstaff Rd. Send people to park at other Walker Ranch trailheads (**Meyers, Ethel Harrold, and Crescent Meadows**). Ethel Harrold is reached by turning west onto Pika Drive, a gravel road between Meyers TH and Walker Loop TH, and following road downhill to signage and lot. You can also direct people to Gross Reservoir, although that parking lot on USFS and Denver Water property fill ups fast as well on weekends.



Heil Valley Ranch

Some people are stopping at the Corral Trailhead and don't realize they can go to the main trailhead. **There is no parking along the road in Geer Canyon.** If the trailheads are both full recommend they go to a different park or come back another time. Rangers have made additional parking in the old horse trailer parking area at Main Trailhead. **Horse trailer parking is now located at east side of Corral Trailhead.** Cars park on the west side of Geer Canyon at Corral trailhead.

south side of Heil



north side of Heil



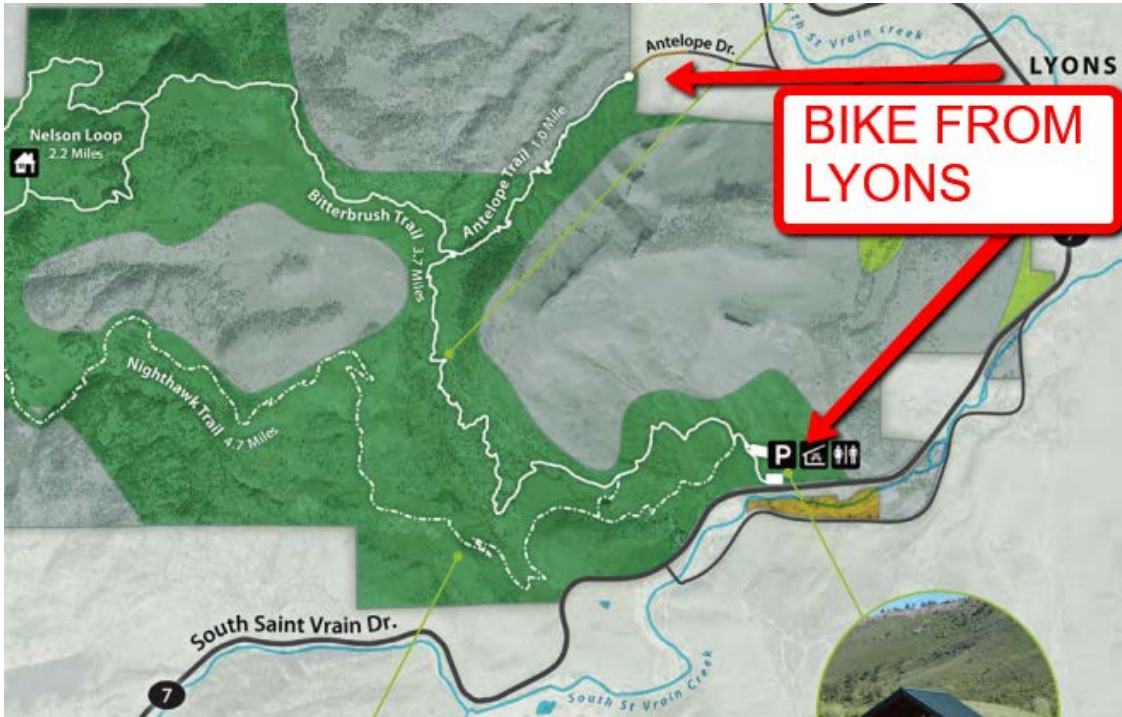
There is no parking along Red Gulch Rd at Picture Rock TH

Suggestions for other nearby parks to visit:

Pella Crossing, Hall Ranch (no dogs), Button Rock Preserve (only one dog allowed per visitor, no biking, no horses), McIntosh Lake, USFS Bike trails off Left Hand, Betasso, Walker Ranch. OR to come back at another time, especially before 10am and after 3pm.

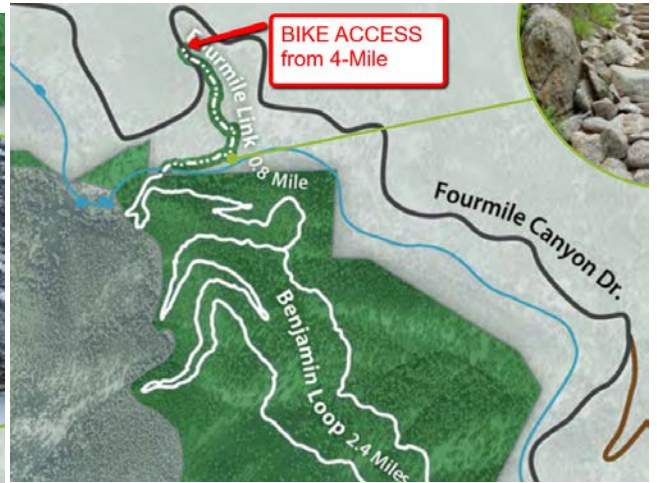
Hall

Visitors can try Picture Rock or **park in Lyons and bike to the trailhead**. Technically they can park off of highway 7 (if they follow the same guidance of Rabbit Mountain), but that can be difficult for them to pull out back onto the road since people are driving fast. Horse trailer parking is not for cars and they will be ticketed. **Antelope Trailhead has very limited parking** and no parking is allowed along access road. Alternative parks: Rabbit, Heil, Pella, or Button Rock (no bikes @ BR)



Betasso

Three lots plus limited overflow parking on Betasso Rd. Bikes can access from Fourmile Canyon. Alternative parks: Sugar Loaf (Switzerland trail), Mud Lake, Heil

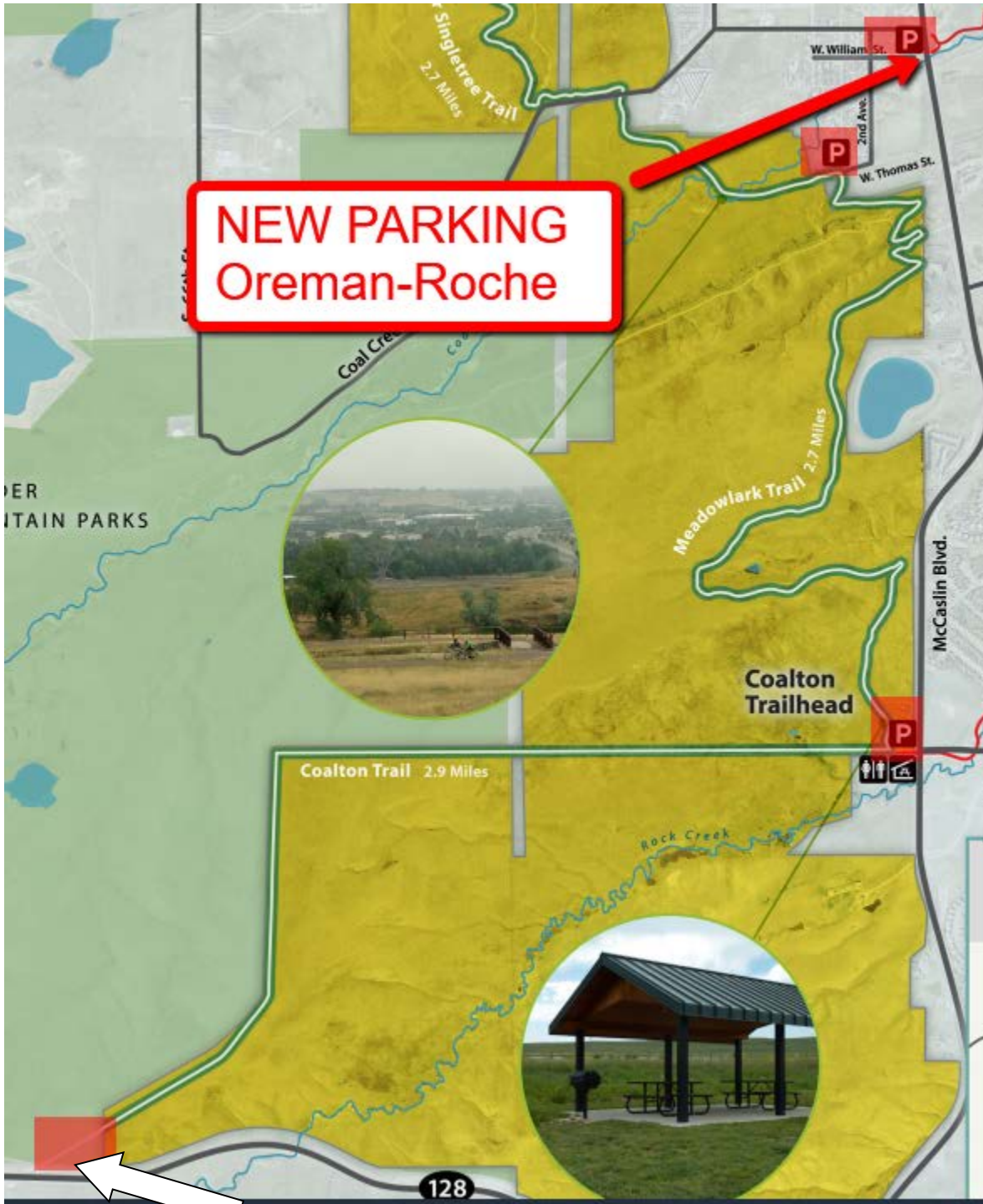


Try weekdays, early morning, late afternoon. No bikes Saturday and Wednesday.



Coalton-Mayhoffer Singletree

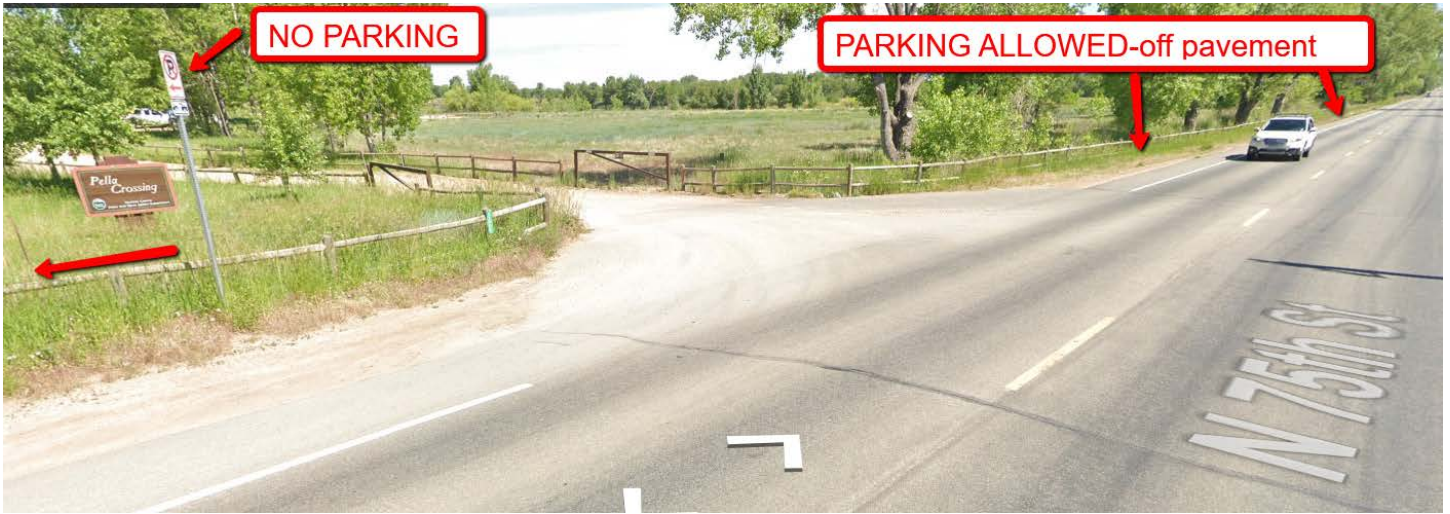
New parking on West side of McCaslin just north of Key Bank Headquarters. Additional parking on Hwy 128 at end of Coalton trail and start of OSMP High Plains Trail.



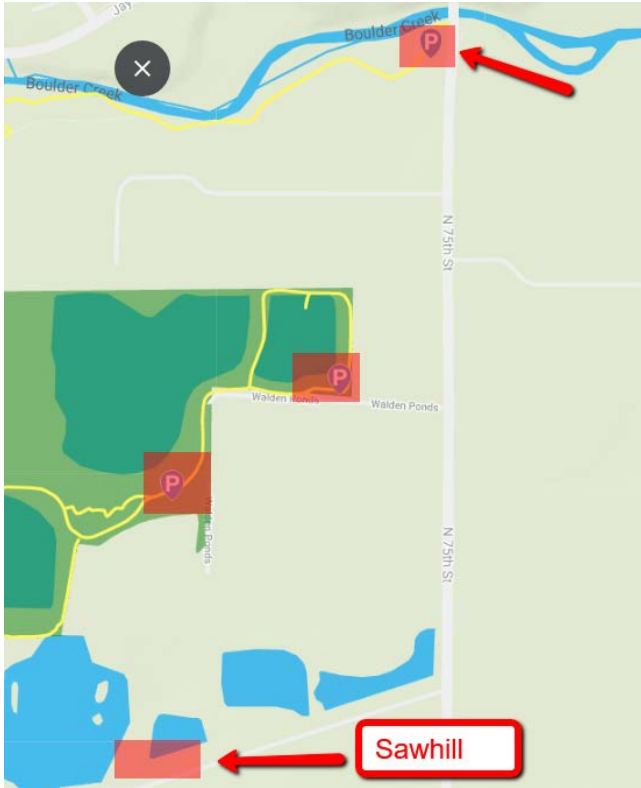
High Plains Trail parking

Pella

Visitors will often park on grass or undesignated parts of main parking lot or in horse trailer area when lot is full. Rangers will ticket these as well as pickup trucks or cars carrying fishing kayaks that attempt to park in horse trailer spots. Close by alternative parks are Rabbit Mtn, McIntosh Lake, and Lagerman. Overflow parking along 75th is allowed but traffic moves fast and caution visitors to park completely off pavement.



Walden Ponds

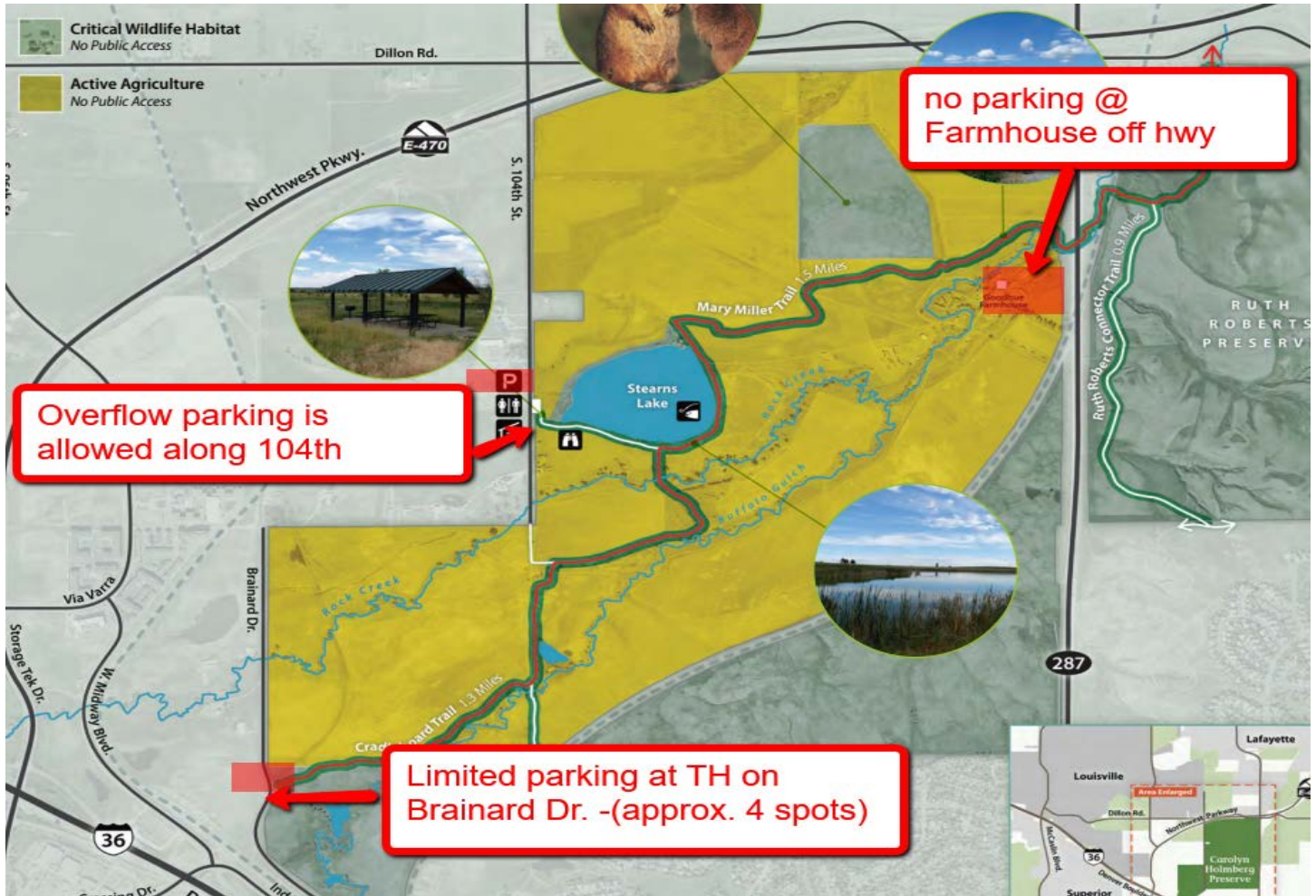


There is an additional lot on 75th at Boulder Creek crossing, and at OSMP city property at Sawhill Ponds. Alternative parks are Lagerman, Twin Lakes, Coot Lake, Boulder Reservoir, Sawhill.



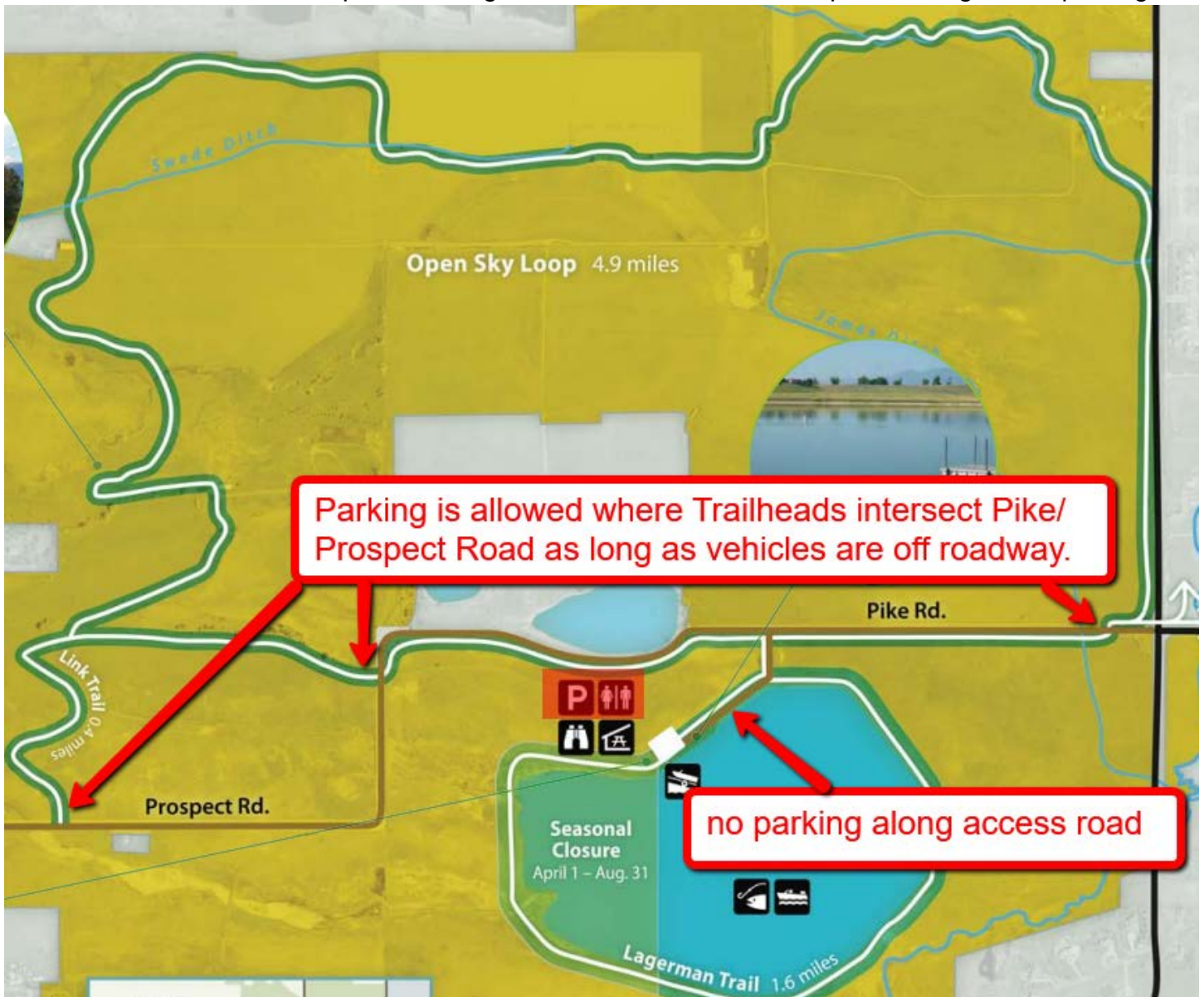
Carolyn Holmberg Preserve at Rock Creek Farm

There is no parking at the Farmstead off Hwy 287. Main trailhead is on 104th St. south of Dillon Rd. There is limited parking at western terminus of Cradleboard Trail at Brainard Dr.



Lagerman Agricultural Preserve

No parking along access road to main Parking lot. There is designated bus and horse trailer parking, no cars allowed in these spots. Parking is allowed on Pike Rd. except where signed no parking.



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The lot has spaces for approximately 28 cars. No horses or bikes allowed. There is parking along Pinto Dr. for 4-5 vehicles between green "parking permitted" signs.



Mud Lake

No parking along Mud Lake access road. Bus and horse trailer parking is never ok for cars.

