

CCMA Facts:

The City Creek Management Area (CCMA) contains approximately 50 miles of exceptional hiking and riding trails within the Pocatello city limits. Managed by the City, this fantastic resource is utilized by hikers, horseback riders, mountain bikers, and off road vehicles. Comprised of approximately 3,000 acres, the CCMA focuses on providing exceptional recreational opportunities for the public as well as protecting the natural features of the City Creek Watershed. The City of Pocatello is assisted in managing the area by a volunteer organization called the City Creek Trail Users Group (CCTUG).

The main City Creek Trail gains almost 1,000 feet in elevation from the Grant Street Parking Lot to the last connection with City Creek Road. While the difficulty level of this trail system is graded with the “average” hiker or rider in mind, beginners should use caution since even the “easy” trails require some skill and fitness. Additionally, several fantastic “loops” can be followed stemming off of the main trail along City Creek such as the “prison loop” which is a combination of the Bench, Prison, Bump, Serengeti, Sullivans, and Mushroom Trails.

Please stay on trails and respect the natural beauty of this valuable watershed. Much of the CCMA also supports a wide variety of wildlife including sharp-tailed grouse, mule deer, and moose making it important to tread lightly and abide by the CCMA trail use rules and guidelines. Because of this, the entire CCMA is designated as a conservation area and any additional activity (trail building or maintenance, events, etc.) must be coordinated via the City of Pocatello as defined in the CCMA Road and Trail Management Plan.

“Mountain Biking for Beginners” Corner







The CCMA can be a challenging place to ride even for advanced mountain bikers. The City Creek Trail User's Group recommends several “starting points” for beginners:

1. Park at the lot at the top of Fore Road just past the Women's Correctional Facility and ride the Bump Trail or Cusick Creek Road to Serengeti, descend onto Lichen and return via Burrito for a 2 mile “loop”.
2. Enter the CCMA via City Creek Road and park at the Upper Lot or along the creek near Bridge 10. Venture up or down the main City Creek Trail or travel up the road and loop around to White Cairn back to the Upper Parking Lot.

To get the most out of your trail experience, please...

- **Share the trails** - Recognize that many of the CCMA trails are multi-use trails. Please use with caution! Non-motorized users may encounter ATVs or other motorized off-road vehicles on some of the trails.
- **Be Courteous** - Motorized vehicle and mountain bike users, please slow down for others, including other riders. Down-hillers yield to up-hillers and communicate when passing.
- **Leave** no trace.
- **Control** your pets to avoid scaring people and wildlife. Clean up after your pet.
- **Respect** private land owners by staying only on the marked trails.
- **Be Careful** - Rattlesnakes, ticks, poison ivy, heat, steep drop offs and rough trails are part of the trail experience. Use caution and be prepared.
- **Ride** only when conditions will not damage the trails. Avoid muddy conditions.
- **Respect** equestrian riders by moving slowly or dismounting vehicle.








**Trail Use Designations: (see map on reverse)**

 HIKING	 EQUESTRIAN	 MTN BIKE	 MOTORCYCLE	 ATV	 4x4
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Trail System Grading Guidelines:

- Roads:** Path width 72” or more, average grade of <5% (maximum 10%), no natural obstacles or technical features.
- Tracks/Trails:** Some unpaved, gravel roads can have ruts and rocks making travel difficult.
- **Easy:** Trail width 36” or more, average grade of 5% (maximum 15%), unavoidable obstacles <2” tall.
  - **Intermediate:** Trail width 24” or more, average grade of 10% (maximum 15%), unavoidable obstacles <8” tall.
  - ◆ **Difficult:** Trail width 12” or more, average grade of 15%, unavoidable obstacles <15” tall.
  - ◆◆ **Extremely Difficult:** Trail width 6” or more, average grade of 20%, unavoidable obstacles >15” tall.

These trails established and maintained in cooperation with:



**In Case of Emergency:**  
**Dial “911”**  
(note location of emergency using map on reverse)

**Hospital:**  
**Portneuf Medical Center**  
**651 Memorial Drive**  
**208.239.1000**




**To report vandalism/accidents:**  
**City of Pocatello - Police 208.234.6100**

**Trail/Area questions?**  
**City of Pocatello**  
**Parks & Recreation: 208.234.6237**

**Where is Pocatello & the CMA?**

Pocatello is located along the I-15 and I-84/86 interstate corridors in Eastern Idaho. It is 160 miles north of Salt Lake City, 230 miles east of Boise, and 150 miles south-west of Yellowstone National Park.


For more information on local trails, consult Pocatello Parks & Rec, local bike, ATV/UTV and RV retailers in the area, [trails.idaho.gov](http://trails.idaho.gov) and [VisitPocatello.com](http://VisitPocatello.com).




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City Creek Management Area Trail System Guide



Trail system managed by the City of Pocatello, Idaho





Major Trail Descriptions

Miles

**City Creek Trail:** Main single track trail which meanders along City Creek. Total elevation gain for the trail is 930 feet.

**Lower City Creek Trail:** The lower portion of the City Creek Trail is defined as the stretch from the Grant Street Parking Lot to Bridge 10. Some rocks and obstacles are present as well as a few small steep grades. This section is designated as a Biker-One-Way-Uphill from Bridge 1 to 5. Use special caution at Bridges 7, 8, & 9.

**Upper City Creek Trail:** The Upper City Creek Trail is comprised of the section from Bridge 10 to the connection to Kinport Road. Some rocks, roots and obstacles are present as well as a few steep grades. Use caution for the hill section between Bridges 10 & 11.

**911 & Lifeflight:** 911 is a downhill only, classic CCMA roller coaster ride for skilled bikers. The adjacent Lifeflight Trail is an escape route for 911, is less challenging, and bi-directional.

**Bench Trail:** Alternate to the "up the gut" section of the City Creek Trail, this trail can be rocky and rutty.

**Black Cairn:** Fast single track leading from the top of the Outlaw Trail towards the "Old Dairy". Check your brakes!

**Bump Trail:** Main single track connector to Cusick Creek.

**Burrito:** Single track "side loop" around Death Valley.

**City Creek/Kinport Road:** The longest road/trail in the CCMA which accesses Kinport Peak. Only the lower 3.4 mile stretch is within the CCMA.

**Cone:** Flower-filled single track connector between the main and north fork of City Creek - cross downstream of Bridge 12.

**Cusick Creek Road:** This is an alternate route to Kinport Peak, although the upper reach is very rocky and technical. Only the lower 2.13 mile section is within the CCMA.

**Death Valley:** Challenging single track up a small ravine.

**The Grove:** This serpentine, technical single track travels through an aspen grove and is a great alternative to the North Fork road for hikers/bikers.

**Lichen:** A nice single track for hiking and biking, this trail winds through a shallow draw filled with flowers.

**Mushroom:** Tough, single track alternative to the last mile of the Upper City Creek Trail.

**North Fork:** Main motorized route north of City Creek. The majority of this route travels through BLM land which begins a short distance east of the cattle guard crossing.

**Over the Top:** Challenging climb with switchbacks and views.

**Prison Trail:** One of the original biking "loops", this single track provides the most direct access to Cusick Creek via the Bump Trail. Although most of the trail is easy, watch for the steep section through Death Valley.

**Scout:** Downhill bike connector to Bench Trail from Bridge 6.

**Serengeti:** This combination of single and double track helps provide motorized access to the southern & eastern portions of the CCMA. Tread lightly here as it travels through sensitive wildlife habitat. The length of South Serengeti is approximately 1.18 miles.

**Sullivan's:** Arguably the CCMA's most scenic trail, this carefully carved, technical single track connects Serengeti to Mushroom and the main City Creek Trail.

**Switchback:** This great climbing run connects Black Cairn to White Cairn.

**White Cairn:** Fun, single track connector to Bridge 11.

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City Creek Management Area Trail System

**Be Respectfull!!**  
Because some of the trails cross private land, it is important to stay on the marked trails. Landowners have been kind to allow public access on select trails so we must repay the generosity by respecting their land. Travel off marked trails is trespassing and puts at risk the future of public access on private land.



For more information contact:  
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**Trail Key**

- Gate
- Creek
- Parking
- Caution
- End of Trail
- Bike One Way
- Bridge & Number
- Trail Intersection
- Hill (>20% grade)

Non-motorized Single/Double Track

Multi-use Motorized Single/Double Track (<24")

Multi-use Motorized Double Track (<50")

Multi-use 4x4 Double Track (>50")

CCMA Boundary

Paved Road

Closed

**Trail Difficulty Rating:**

- Easy
- Intermediate
- Difficult
- Extremely Difficult

