

# Garden Of The Gods Park

Park Hours: May 1 to October 31: 5am-10pm / November 1 to April 30: 5am-9pm  
 Call 719-219-0108 for park information.

## Park Programs:

**Nature Walks:** Daily 10am and 2 pm. Park naturalists will take you on a 45-minute walk exploring the geology, history, flora and fauna of the Park. Walks are conducted on various trails throughout the park. Check at the Visitor Center for more information.

**Nature Talks:** Park naturalists also present short interpretive programs.

Check at the Visitor Center for times and locations, or call 219-0108 for more information.

**Living History Tour:** The Rock Ledge Ranch offers a tour that introduces the history and people of the Pikes Peak Region.

## Enjoy One of the Many Trails:

Hiking, biking, and horseback riding offer unique views and experiences of the Garden. Please keep in mind that due to the highly erosive soils in the western portion of the Park, mountain biking is permitted off-road ONLY within the designated mountain bike area (generally east of Ridge Rd and south of Gateway Rd). For everyone's safety, please remember trail etiquette on any trail system.

## Garden Rock Formations:

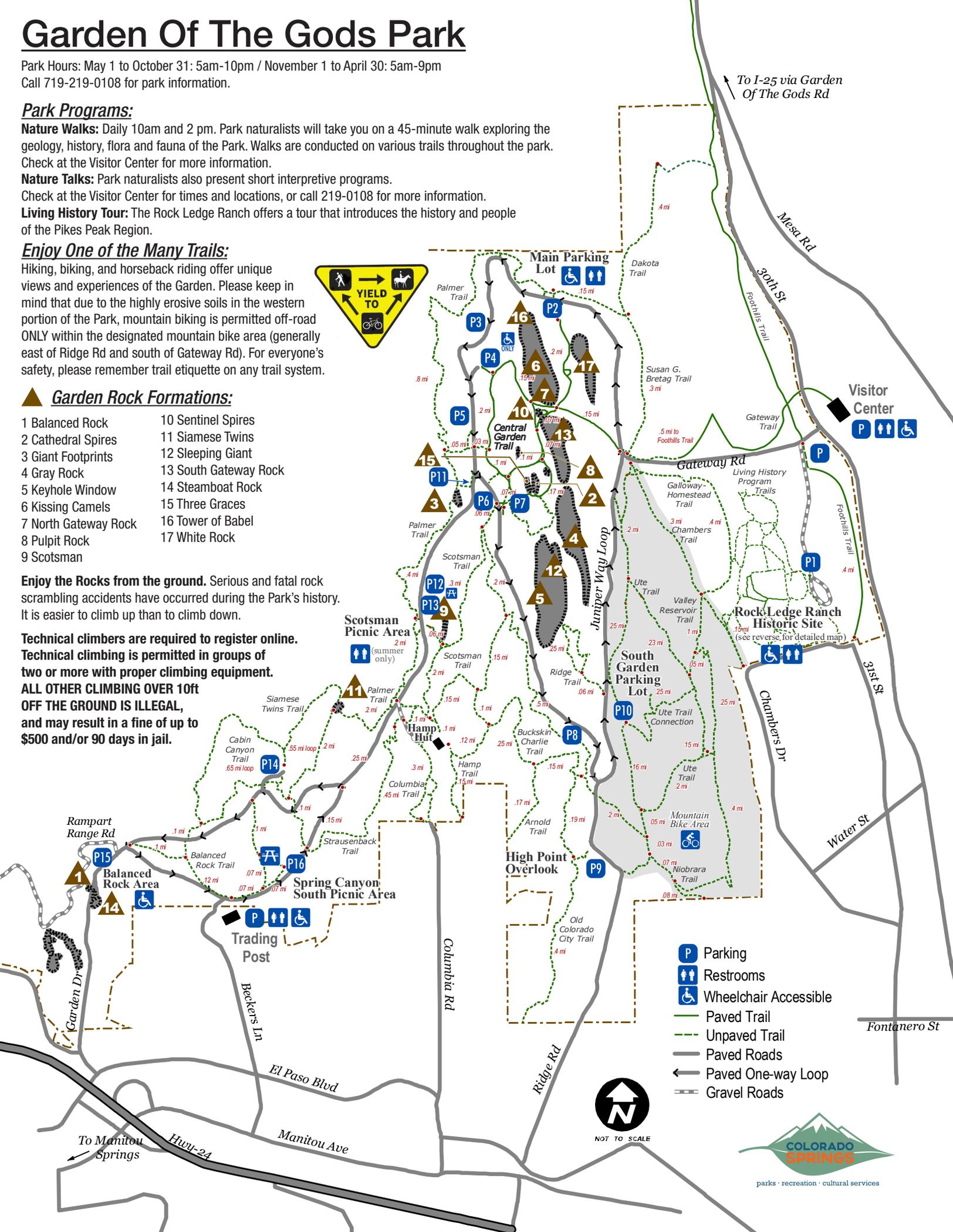
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| 1 Balanced Rock      | 10 Sentinel Spires    |
| 2 Cathedral Spires   | 11 Siamese Twins      |
| 3 Giant Footprints   | 12 Sleeping Giant     |
| 4 Gray Rock          | 13 South Gateway Rock |
| 5 Keyhole Window     | 14 Steamboat Rock     |
| 6 Kissing Camels     | 15 Three Graces       |
| 7 North Gateway Rock | 16 Tower of Babel     |
| 8 Pulpit Rock        | 17 White Rock         |
| 9 Scotsman           |                       |

**Enjoy the Rocks from the ground.** Serious and fatal rock scrambling accidents have occurred during the Park's history. It is easier to climb up than to climb down.

**Technical climbers are required to register online.**

**Technical climbing is permitted in groups of two or more with proper climbing equipment.**

**ALL OTHER CLIMBING OVER 10ft OFF THE GROUND IS ILLEGAL, and may result in a fine of up to \$500 and/or 90 days in jail.**



- Parking
- Restrooms
- Wheelchair Accessible
- Paved Trail
- Unpaved Trail
- Paved Roads
- Paved One-way Loop
- Gravel Roads



# TRAILS

**By far the most popular walk in the Park is along the Central Garden Trail, and no matter how rushed you are, do not pass up the opportunity to walk this trail. It offers the perfect introduction to the flora, fauna and geology of the Garden, and because it's paved, it is easily accessible in all seasons. With gentle grades and interpretive signs, it is perfect for families with small children, handicapped visitors and those who only have time to walk one trail. 1.56 miles**

**Gateway Trail:** Crosses Camp Creek, passes through arching Gambel oaks, and offers good viewing opportunities for wildflower enthusiasts and birders. .31 miles

**On-street Bike Lane:** A good way for bicyclists to get an overview of the Park. Be aware that automobiles sometimes stop in this bikes-only lane. 4.11 miles

**Susan G. Bretag Trail:** Pink blossoms grace the non-native New Mexican locust in early spring, and rattlesnakes occasionally pass by. .45 miles

**Dakota Trail:** Bighorn sheep can sometimes be viewed from this trail. .44 miles

**Palmer Trail:** A good hike for those interested in the Park's trees. Offers great views of the Central Garden area. 1.89 miles

**Galloway Homestead Trail:** A scenic route leading you to Rock Ledge Ranch Historic Site. .45 miles

**Ridge Trail:** Children are not permitted to climb higher than 10 feet, but they can get that high-on-the-rocks feeling by walking on these rock formations that are millions of years old. .25 miles

**Rock Ledge Ranch:** A peaceful trail that lets you soak up the history offered by the Ranch and its interpretive staff. 1.88 miles

**Valley Reservoir Trail:** Look for wild asparagus, believed to be remnants of crops once grown at the Ranch. .17 mile

**Ute Trail:** The valleys were once reservoirs that supplied water to the Ranch. The healthy cottonwood trees you see show the continued presence of underground water. .96 mile

**Ute Trail Connection:** .28 mile

**Chambers Trail:** Look for the old reservoir and cross over the former dam. .47 mile

**Niobrara Trail:** Very old one-seed junipers grow along this limestone ridge which offers good views of Rock Ledge Ranch. 1.43 miles

**Buckskin Charlie Trail:** Named for a Southern Ute chief who was born in the Garden. .98 mile

**Old Colorado City Trail:** If you pick up the trail from 36th Street, you will walk through meadows and over rocks, emerging at a spot offering great views. .56 mile

**Scotsman Trail:** A good walk for picnickers, and there is a summer restroom at the picnic grounds. 1.58 miles

**Strausenback Trail:** A fairly secluded trail with a great rock to sit on while you admire the views. 1.58 miles

**Hamp Trail:** The Girl Scouts built Hamp Hut as a campsite in 1953. .29 mile

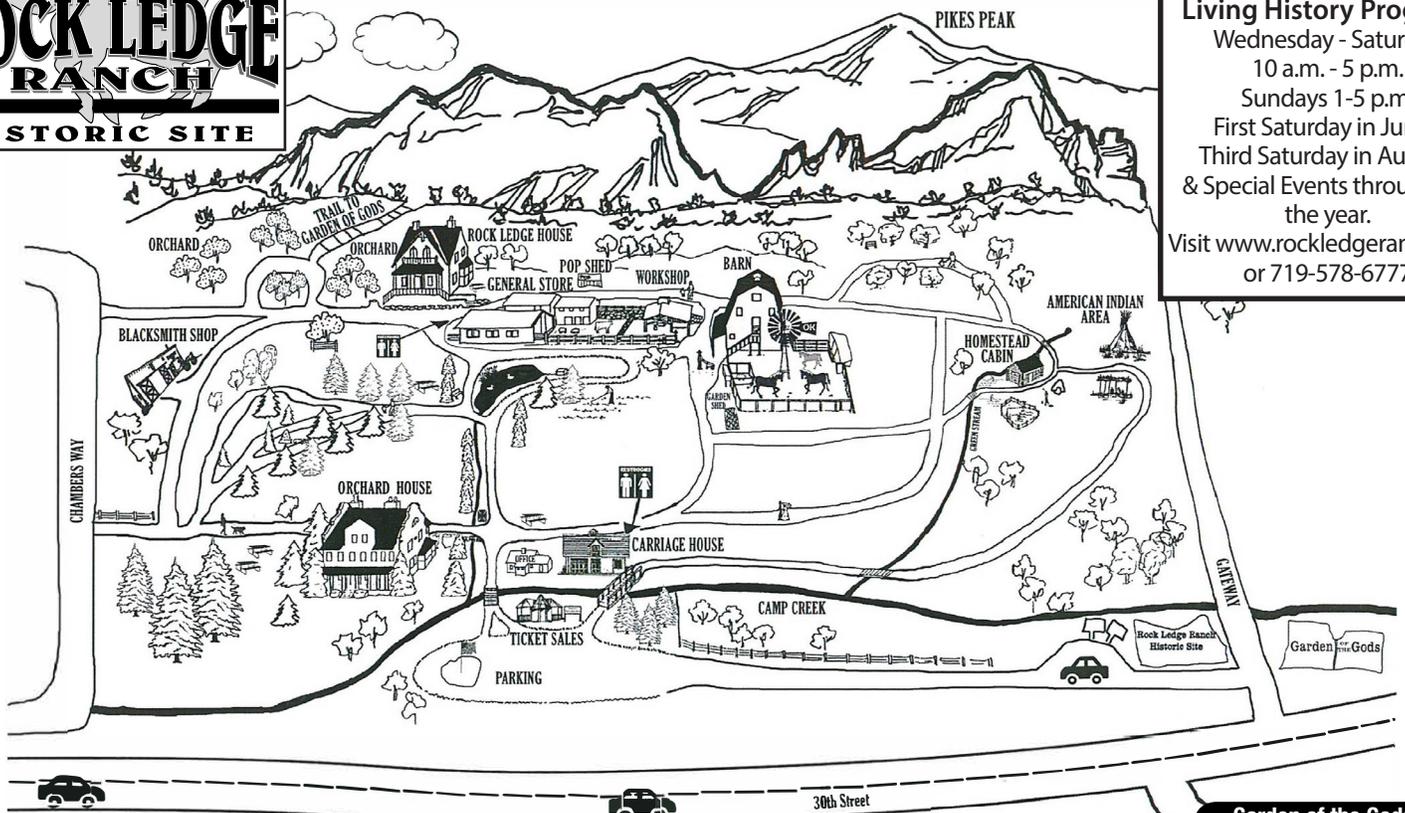
**Siamese Twins:** A rock "window" offers a spectacular (and highly photographed) view of Pikes Peak. .93 mile

**Cabin Canyon Trail:** A short trail with dramatic geological formations. Not recommended in wet weather. .69 mile

**Balanced Rock Trail:** Be one of a zillion visitors who have had their picture taken standing by this famous landmark. .44 mile

**Spring Canyon Trail:** It can be muddy after a heavy rain, and the Garden's red mud can create a laundry challenge. .48 mile

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**Living History Program:**  
 Wednesday - Saturday  
 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.  
 Sundays 1-5 p.m.  
 First Saturday in June -  
 Third Saturday in August  
 & Special Events throughout  
 the year.  
 Visit [www.rockledgeranch.com](http://www.rockledgeranch.com)  
 or 719-578-6777

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