Major Trail Descriptions

**City Creek Trail:** Main single track trail which meanders along City Creek. Total elevation gain for the trail is 936 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 recommended as a Biker-One-Way-Uphill from Bridge 1 to 10. 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.

**White Cairn:** A 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.

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

**Burrito:** Fun, single track connector to Bridge 11. 1.43 miles

**Black Cairn:** 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.

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

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

**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.

**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 “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.

**Serengti:** 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 Serengti is approximately 1.18 miles.

**Sullivan’s:** Arguably the CCMA’s most scenic trail, this carefully carved, technical single track connects Serengti 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.

**City Creek Trail System Map by Bruce Dierick:**

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**Trail Key**

- **Gate:**
  - Creek Parking
  - Caution
  - End of Trail
  - Bike One Way
  - Bridge & Number
  - Trail Intersection
  - Trail Designations
  - CCMA Boundary
  - Paved Road
  - Closed

**Trail Difficulty Rating:**

- Easy
- Intermediate
- Difficult
- Extremely Difficult
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, Sullivan’s, 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, ATV use, horseback riding, mountain biking, etc.) must be coordinated via the City of Pocatello as defined in the CCMA Road and Trail Use Designations. Non-motorized users may encounter ATVs or other motorized off-road vehicles on some of the trails. It is 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.

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)

Trail System Grading Guidelines:

### Roads:
- Path width 72” or more, average grade of <5% (maximum 10%), no natural obstacles or technical features.
- Trail width 6” or more, average grade of ≤10%, unavoidable obstacles <2” tall.
- Trail width 36” or more, average grade of 5% (maximum 15%), unavoidable obstacles <3” tall.
- Trail width 6” or more, average grade of 15%, unavoidable obstacles <8” tall.
- Trail width 12” or more, average grade of 15%, unavoidable obstacles <15” tall.

### Tracks/Trails:
- Some unpaved, gravel roads can have ruts and rocks making travel difficult.
- Easy: Trail width 36” or more, average grade of 0% (maximum 5%), 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.

**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 return via Burrito for a 2 mile “loop”.

For more information on local trails, consult Pocatello Park & Rec or the local bike and RV retail stores in the area.