

ALTERNATIVE DESTINATIONS

Consider the following alternative destinations in the area. All offer great opportunities for recreation.

NOTE: Parking at many trailheads fills up early. Plan to arrive before 6 a.m. or after 3 p.m. to find a spot.

West Magnolia "West Mag"

- Managed by US Forest Service
- Hiking, biking, and equestrian use
- Dogs allowed on leash

South Sourdough Trail

- Managed by US Forest Service
- Hiking, biking, and equestrian use
- Dogs allowed on leash

Mud Lake Open Space

- Boulder County Parks & Open Space
- Hiking, biking, and equestrian use
- Dogs allowed on leash

Caribou Ranch Open Space

- Boulder County Parks & Open Space
- Hiking only
- No dogs allowed
- Closed April 1 – June 30

SAFE HIKING IN THE HIGH COUNTRY

Be prepared for challenging terrain and rapidly changing weather. Always bring the following:

- Extra clothes
- Plenty of water
- Food
- Sun protection
- Map
- First-aid kit
- Headlamp
- Knife
- Shelter
- Fire-starter

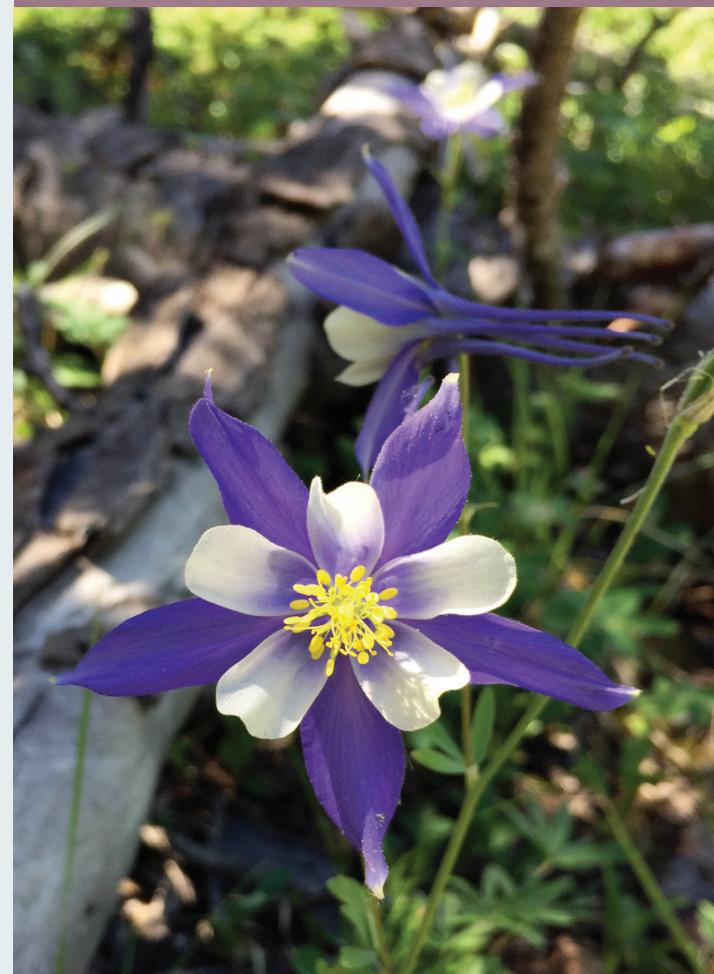
For additional information on the Hessie shuttle, visit www.HessieTrailhead.com.

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THE HESSIE TRAILHEAD

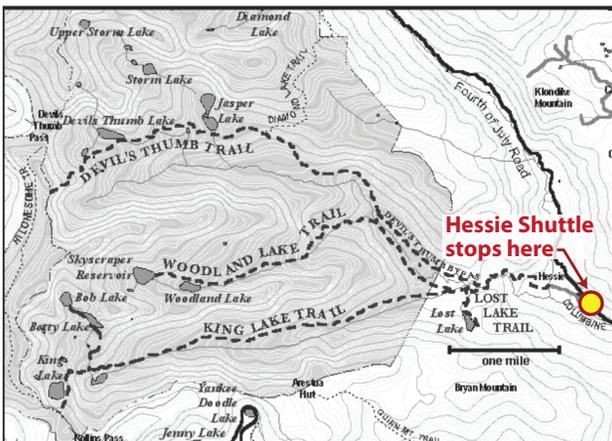
The Hessie Trailhead is a very popular destination and can be extremely congested on weekends.

U.S. Forest Service Trails

The Hessie Trailhead is operated by the U.S. Forest Service (USFS) and is used as an access point to USFS lands, including:

- Indian Peaks Wilderness
- Woodland Lake
- Devils Thumb
- Diamond Lake trails
- Lost Lake
- King Lake

Visit the U.S. Forest Service Hessie Trailhead website at www.fs.usda.gov for more information about recreating at these locations.



FREE SHUTTLE SERVICE

Free Hessie Shuttle service is available Fridays, weekends and holidays from Friday, May 23, 2025, through Sunday, Oct. 12, 2025 from Nederland High School (Beginning Aug. 15, Friday shuttle service will operate from the Nederland Park-N-Ride). The shuttle takes you to the junction of Fourth of July Road and Hessie Road to access the trailhead.

FIRST SHUTTLE OF THE DAY

The first shuttle of the day leaves at 6 a.m. After that, shuttles depart every 15 minutes.

LAST SHUTTLE OF THE DAY

The last shuttle of the day leaves Hessie at:

- Fridays: 6 p.m. (*Beginning Aug. 15, service from RTD lot*)
- Saturdays: 8 p.m. (*6 p.m. after Labor Day*)
- Sundays: 6 p.m. (*8 p.m. on May 25, Aug. 31*)
- Holidays (May 26, June 19, Sept. 1): 6 p.m. (July 4): 8 p.m.

PUBLIC SAFETY

If you find yourself lost, injured or needing assistance, contact Boulder County Dispatch at 303-441-4444.

SHUTTLE PARKING IN NEDERLAND

Free parking for the Hessie Shuttle is available at the Nederland High School on CR 130 (see map).

SHUTTLE PARKING IN BOULDER

On weekends, free parking is available at the Downtown Boulder Station and Boulder County Justice Center. From there, you can take the RTD bus Route NB to Nederland High School.

RIDE ROUTE "NB" TO NEDERLAND

RTD's "NB" bus provides service from Downtown Boulder Station and the Boulder County Justice Center to Nederland High School and Nederland RTD Park-N-Ride. For more information including fares, visit www.rtd-denver.com or call 303-299-6000.

HESSIE TRAILHEAD PARKING

Parallel parking on CR 130 is allowed between parking permitted signs only. All other parked vehicles will be ticketed or towed.

- No parking on north side of Fourth of July Road.
- Trailhead parking usually full by 6 a.m.
- Parking regulations are strictly enforced. See map of parking on back.

4TH OF JULY TRAILHEAD PARKING

Parking is available in the City of Boulder parking lot at the trailhead. Parallel parking on CR 111 (4th of July Rd) is allowed between parking permitted signs only. All other parked vehicles will be ticketed or towed.

- Trailhead parking usually full by 6:30 a.m.
- Parking regulations are strictly enforced.

For on-site live tweets from the Hessie Ranger, follow @HessieRanger on X.

