

Arapahoe Road Trailhead at Cherry Creek

Location: 15200 East Arapahoe Road in Centennial, adjacent to the Gates Soccer Complex

Estimated Opening Date: To be determined

Size: 13 acres

Features: Plans are underway to provide a new trailhead with access to the Cherry Creek Regional Trail and opportunities for wildlife viewing.

The vacant land consists of 3.5 acres for a future trailhead and 9.5 acres of Cherry Creek that features diverse vegetation and wildlife habitat.

Opening a regional trailhead at this location will fill a strategic gap in the County's trail network, expand connectivity to Cherry Creek State Park and serve several nearby communities including Aurora, Centennial and Foxfield.

History: Arapahoe County bought land for \$735,000 using dedicated County Open Space funds in December 2010.

This is just one of the projects pursued by the Cherry Creek Basin Working Group. With 20 jurisdictions from Denver to Douglas County, the Group is working to beautify and enhance the regional trail corridor by adding open space buffers and closing gaps in the Cherry Creek Regional Trail.

The purchase is part of the County's master plan for developing an inter-connected system of open space, parks and trails, protecting water resources and conserving prime wildlife habitats.

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