Trail Descriptions

Blue Ribbon
1.1 miles

Steeper than Three Gulch and more technical for riding and hiking. Good as a downhill route.

Bogus Trail
1.0 mile

Direct route from the upper sage field, leads to the beginning of the Elk Traverse. Intersects the Faerie Trail and veers off to the right as you descend.

Elk Traverse
1.6 miles

Technical and challenging route leading out to the next hilltop to the north. Crosses some very rough terrain and then a difficult climb up to the top of the hill.

Faerie Trail
1.6 miles

Beginning at the bottom of Roller Coaster, wanders down through the woods off the back of Red Hill, eventually climbing back up and meeting with Bogus at the beginning of the Elk Traverse.

Mushroom Rock
0.3 miles

Trail walking the ridge of the cliffs near the highway, most direct route to Mushroom Rock overlook. Some steps and large rock obstacles. Not suited for bicycle riding.

Northside Loop
4.5 miles

Traditionally done clockwise, it's a smooth continuous climb to the top of the ridge. Some overlook potential along the ridge, then a fast winding descent back through the woods to the junction where it started.
Most fun clockwise, with a good overlook towards the entrance to aspen glen and a nice little rest area/log bench.

Outer Loop
0.6 miles

Fun short, twisting trail dropping from the ridge to the beginning of the Faerie Trail.

Roller Coaster
0.25 miles

Fun, easy diversion from the Northside Loop. Some views into Cattle Creek. Ride out, take a small loop, and ride back.

Sage Loop
1.3 miles
round trip

Easiest way to the Mushroom Rock overlook. Traverses around the side of the hilltop and follows the ridge to the overlook.

Skeeter's Ridge
0.5 miles

Easiest route to the top of the hill. Some challenging sections including switchbacks and some rock obstacles. Meets up with Blue Ribbon in upper sage field.

Three Gulch
1.2 miles

Short route to an overlook of town and confluence of Roaring Fork and Crystal Rivers.

Three Poles
0.4 miles

Red Hill

Special Recreation Management Area

Pocket Map

Bureau of Land Management
Colorado River Valley
Field Office
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Silt, CO 81652

(970) 876-9000

Please help protect Red Hill

No Motorized Use

Walk on the edge of the County Road 107, so cars can pass

Park in the parking area, no parking is allowed along the County Road

Stay on trails

Keep dogs on leash

Properly dispose of all waste

Do not trespass on private land

Do not build new trails or re-routes without authorization from BLM

Welcome to Red Hill Special Recreation Management Area

Red Hill was designated by the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) as a Special Recreation Management Area (SRMA) in 1999. This rugged, red rock landscape is managed to preserve the scenery for people engaged in challenging activities like biking and hiking.

This area is managed through a partnership with the local Red Hill Council (redhillcouncil.org). For more information contact the BLM at (970) 876-9000

Stay on Trails

These soils are delicate and easily destroyed when traveled on. Shortcutting and creating new trails accelerate erosion and causes impacts to soils, plants and wildlife. Please stay on the mapped trails to protect these resources.

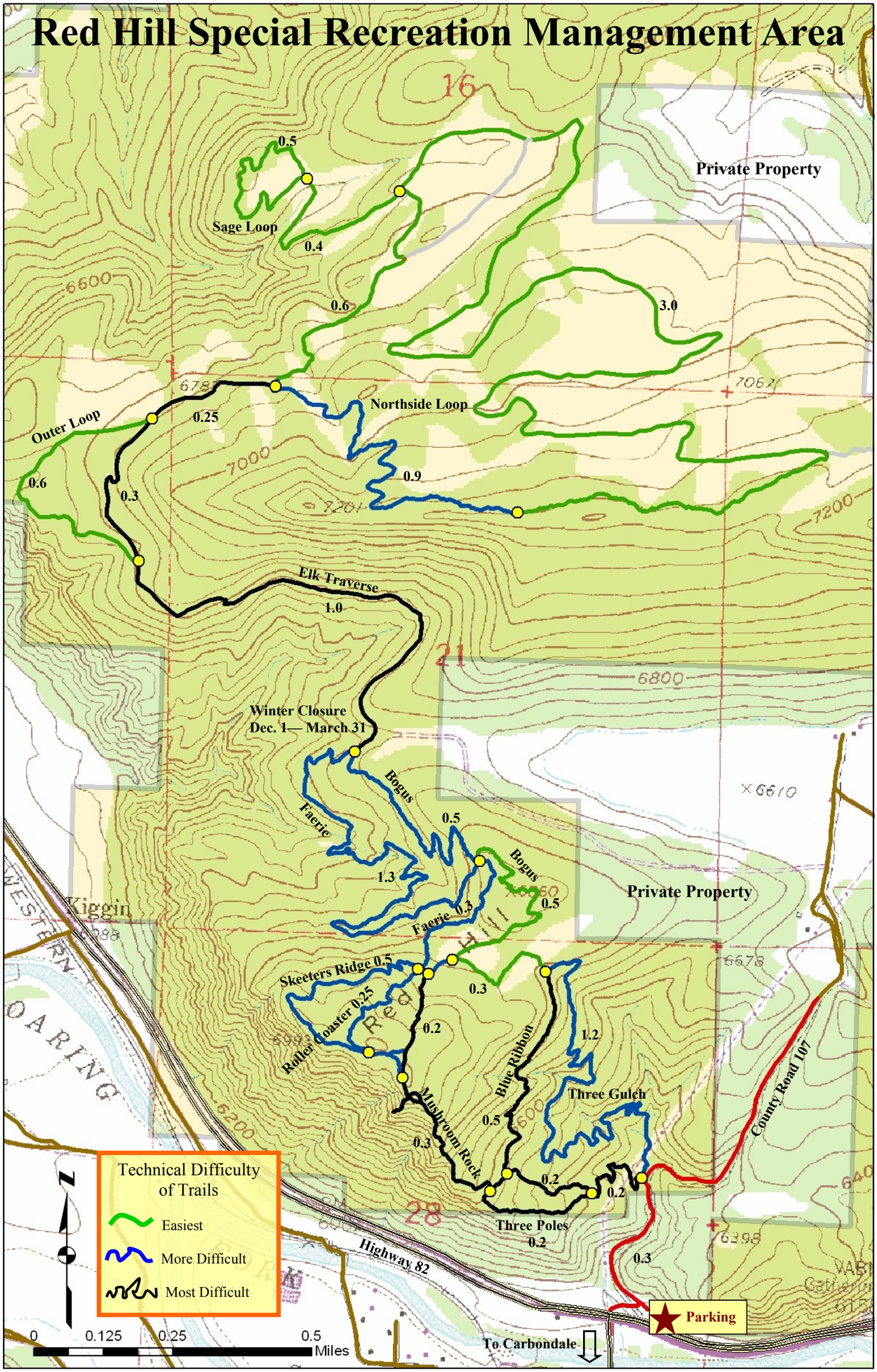
Respect Private Property and land owners

Walk on the edge of County Road 107 to allow cars to pass. Do not park on County Road 107. Do not cross private property. Illegal use of private land causes management conflicts that can lead to trail closures.

Dogs

Protect wildlife by keeping your dog leashed. When dogs chase deer, elk, small mammals and birds, these animals use valuable energy. It is difficult for stressed wildlife to keep warm, find food, care for young, and defend themselves against natural predators. Even when dogs don't kill wildlife, the energy wasted during the chase may lead to death or health impacts.

Fire Danger!

Fire is a serious threat to Red Hill. Pinyon-Juniper forests are extremely flammable.

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