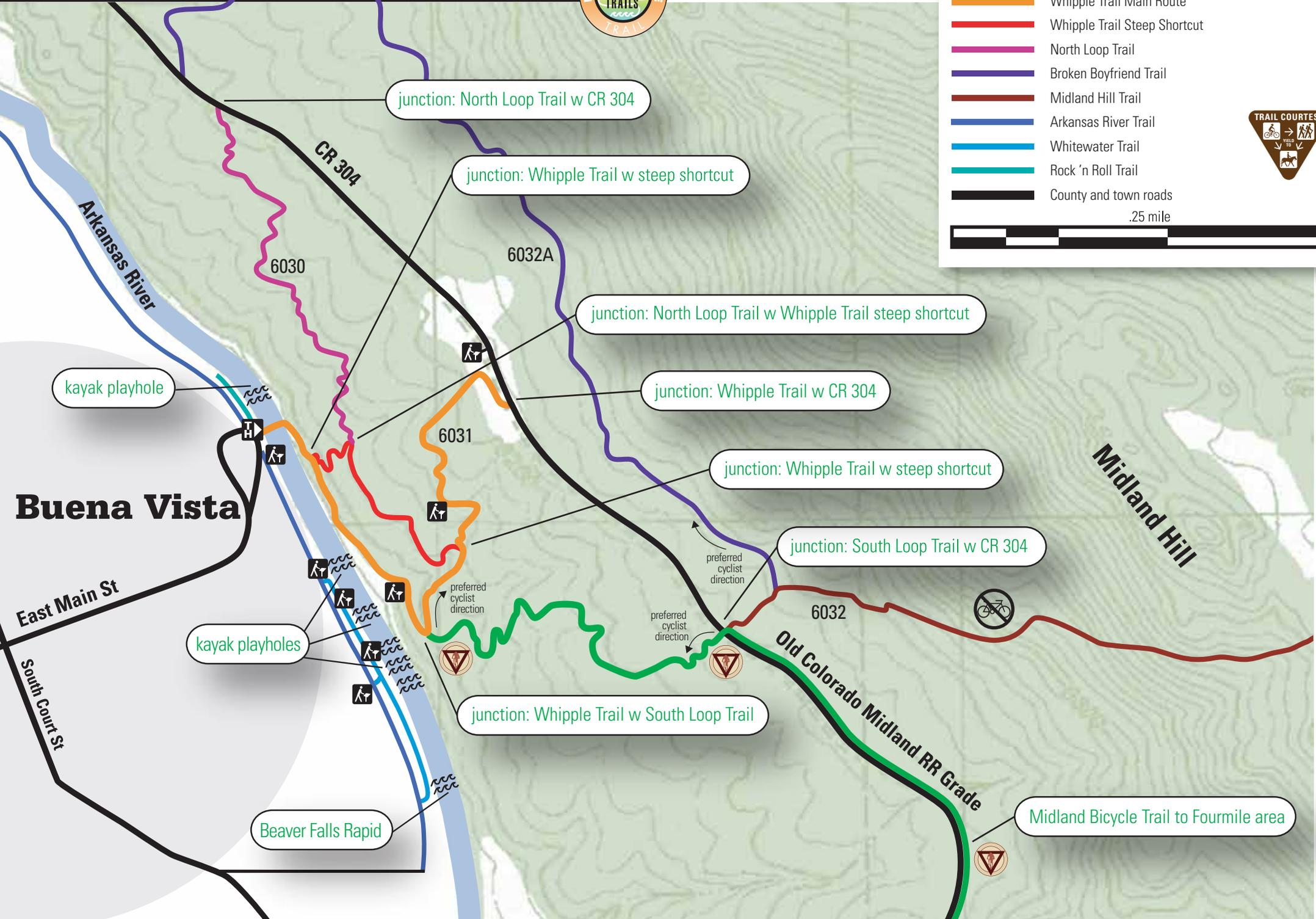


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Trail System



- Midland Bicycle Trail/South Loop Trail
- Whipple Trail Main Route
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- North Loop Trail
- Broken Boyfriend Trail
- Midland Hill Trail
- Arkansas River Trail
- Whitewater Trail
- Rock 'n Roll Trail
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Whipple Trail Options

Midland Bicycle Trail MBT This intermediate trail begins in Buena Vista and extends 18.8mi to the top of Trout Creek Pass along the historic Midland Railroad bed and several Forest Roads. For options and details see the MBT brochure and map. Although the South Loop Trail ends at CR304, the MBT continues southward on CR304.

Whipple Trail Main Route Originally a stage road connecting Buena Vista to the Midland RR station above the river, this is the primary, widest and most gradual route in this complex network. The trail gains 300ft over about 1 mi to CR 304 and has 4 interpretive kiosks with benches. Local cyclists usually ascend Whipple Main Route and descend South Loop Trail – see the first kiosk for more details.

Whipple Trail Steep Shortcut This is a good pedestrian alternative for ascending or descending, but the steep lower section with steps is not suitable for bicycles. It provides quicker access to the North Loop; about 0.7 mi to CR 304.

North Loop Trail An alternative up or down for a longer walk – 0.9 mi if combined with the Whipple Shortcut. A narrow single track, more challenging for cyclists than the Whipple or South Loop Trails.

Broken Boyfriend Trail 6032A This newly-accepted 1.5mi route adds variety to the system. Although open to hikers, horses and intermediate to advanced cyclists, it is not recommended for horses due to difficult footing and possible conflicts with other users.

Midland Hill Trail 6032 NOT OPEN to bicycles except near CR 304 and not recommended for horses due to difficult footing. The longest trail in the complex network gains over 1,500 ft elevation in 2.4 mi (one way) from the river and is rated moderately difficult due to steep rocky sections from its mid-section to the summit of Midland Hill. Plan on 2-3 hours round trip and be prepared for weather changes. It has fantastic views of the Upper Arkansas Valley and the Collegiate Peaks 14ers.

Arkansas River Trail This uppermost trail along the west bank of the river makes a good nearly flat walk or bike ride of 0.6 mi, and can easily be combined with the Whitewater Trail for a river-focused loop. The trail has a packed gravel surface 4-5' wide.

Whitewater Trail The 0.3 mi Whitewater follows the high-water mark of the Arkansas, with great river views, fishing access, and access to several kayak whitewater play areas. Steps at the northern end require cyclists to carry their bikes up to Arkansas River Trail. It has a packed gravel surface 4-5' wide.

Rock 'n Roll Trail This short (0.15 mi) paved trail north of the pedestrian bridge provides wheelchair access to the riverbank for fishing and to observe the first kayak play area, constructed in 2004.