

CATHEDRAL RIDGE

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Let's Take a Hike

Wilderness Awareness

Before hiking, please let someone know your destination and estimated time of return, or leave a note. Wildlife is abundant – please be especially aware at dawn and dusk. And drink lots of water!

Stations of the Cross Trail

This shaded trail begins near the labyrinth at Aspen Chapel and winds in switchbacks up the ridge offering an outdoor Stations of the Cross experience. Fourteen unique crosses, benches and simple icons tell the story of Jesus' final hours. Pray, reflect, or simply enjoy the natural beauty of this walk that ends at the Ridge trail. Turn left (uphill) for more hiking towards Cathedral Ridge or turn right (downhill) to camp center.

Distance: 1 mile one way **Difficulty:** Moderate

Estimated Time: 45-60 minutes

Beaver Pond and Picnic Pavilion

The trail starts across from Snowberry Cottage. Proceed downhill to the beaver pond and enjoy the peaceful setting by the water. A short distance to the left of the picnic pavilion, there is a fence marking the property line. The gate is usually open as we border US Forest land.

Distance: ½ mile one way **Difficulty:** Moderate – it's a steep incline on the return

Estimated Time: 45 minutes to 1 hour round-trip

The Gazebo Overlook

This trail passes through our challenge course, connecting Barberry cottage to the trail that leads down to Beaver Pond. Begin at Barberry Cottage, follow the trail past the sledding/water slide hill, continuing downhill into the low ropes course. Just past the 15' climbing wall on the left is the trail marker for the Gazebo, perched on a cliff. Enjoy a rest in the Gazebo and take in the view of the Pike National Forest and the beaver pond below. Return to the ropes course and continue downhill through the high ropes elements and end at Beaver Pond trail. Go downhill to enjoy the Beaver pond, or uphill to the main loop.

Distance: 1/3 mile from Barberry **Difficulty:** Easy

Estimated Time: 30 minutes round-trip

The Ridge Hike

The Ridge Trail starts from the main loop just south of Bluebell, near the water shed. The trail begins with a steep incline and an incredible view at the top. At .3 miles, on your right, there is a rock formation, the "high altar" where people often hold outdoor worship. To continue to the Ridge, turn left (south) and follow the blue blazes marked on trees that will lead you onto National Forest land. At the top of the ridge, you will find boulders to climb, along with Crown Rock.

Distance: 1.5 mile one way **Difficulty:** Strenuous

Estimated Time: 1.5-2 hours round-trip

Mule Creek Trail

This is a Forest service trail at the edge of Cathedral Ridge property. Depart as though returning to Hwy 67. Near the fork that separates the Cathedral Ridge and Lions Camp entrances is a pullout for about a dozen cars. Follow the trail that winds along the creek until you reach a private property "no trespassing" sign. There will be a small footbridge to cross the creek and continue on the trail. About three miles in you will come to an old wooden cabin. The trail continues, but this is a good spot to rest before returning.

Distance: 3 miles one way **Difficulty:** Easy

Estimated time: 3 hours round-trip