


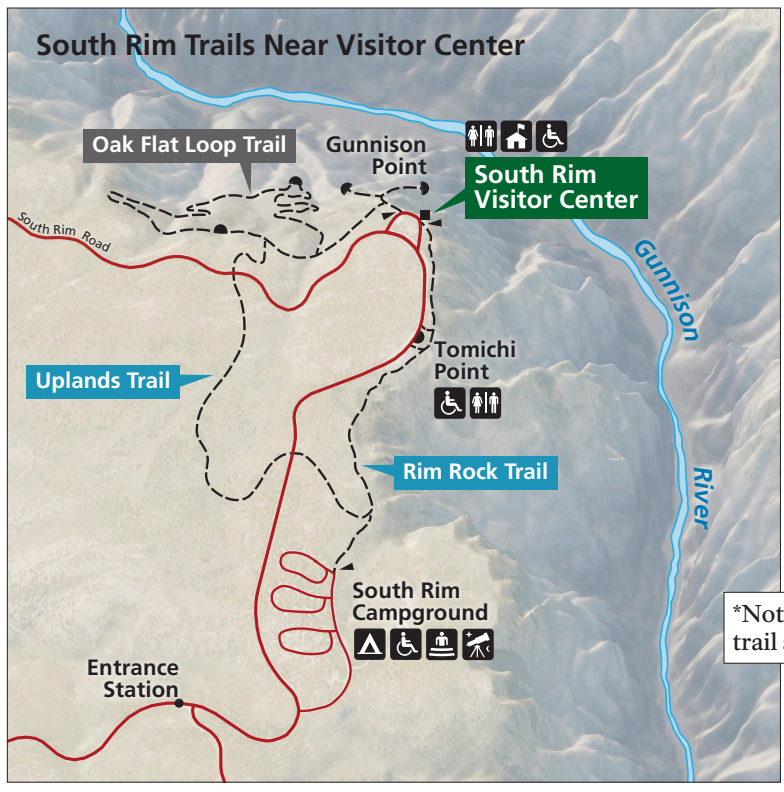
Black Canyon of the Gunnison NP Trails

Hiking and Trail Guide (no permit required)


Trails at Black Canyon of the Gunnison National Park offer diverse habitats, sweeping vistas of the sheer canyon walls, and a variety of wildlife and wildflowers. Interpretive signs help visitors understand the rich natural and cultural history.

Many of the trails pass by steep cliff edges. Use caution and **never throw rocks into the canyon**. Even small pebbles can be deadly to the hikers and climbers below. The canyon rims are around 8,000 feet (2,439 m) in elevation. Bring plenty of water and sun protection for your hike.

TRAIL TRAILHEAD	ONE-WAY DISTANCE (mi / km)	DESCRIPTION
South Rim		
Uplands Trail South Rim Visitor Center	0.9 mi / 1.5 km	Moderate A nice stroll through the oakbrush. Look for mule deer and other wildlife. Connects Rim Rock Trail to Oak Flat Trail for a 2-mile (3 km) loop.
Rim Rock Trail South Rim Visitor Center	0.9 mi / 1.5 km  Leashed pets allowed	Moderate A scenic trail that follows the rim of the canyon between the visitor center and the campground, offering great views into the gorge.
Warner Point Trail High Point	0.8 mi / 1.3 km	Moderate Beautiful mountain vistas and canyon views, with a 200-foot (61 m) elevation change.
Oak Flat Loop South Rim Visitor Center	1.6 mi / 2.5 km (round trip)	Strenuous Short but steep, dropping 400 feet (122 m) through aspen and Douglas fir, with great canyon views.
North Rim		
Chasm View Nature Trail North Rim Campground	0.3 mi / 0.5 km (loop)  Leashed pets allowed	Easy Provides excellent views of the narrowest part of the canyon.
Deadhorse Trail Kneeling Camel View	2.6 mi / 4.2 km  Horses allowed	Moderate Provides excellent views of Deadhorse Gulch and East Portal. Open to horses; use only certified weed-free feed.
North Vista Trail North Rim Ranger Station	1.4 mi / 2.3 km 3.2 mi / 5.2 km	Moderate The first section ends at Exclamation Point with a breathtaking view. Strenuous After Exclamation Point, climb 840 feet (256 m) to the summit of Green Mountain.



North




Trail rating

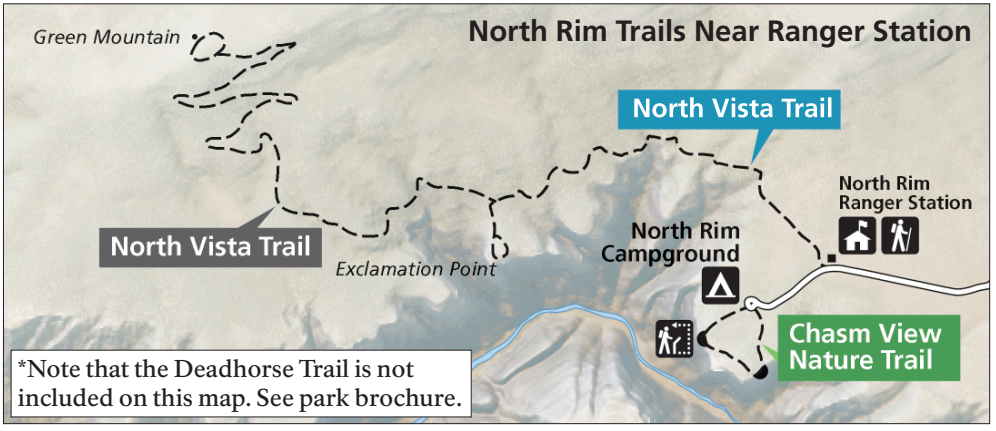
- Trail Easy
- Trail Moderate
- Trail Strenuous

- South Rim Road
- North Rim Road (unpaved)

0 500 Feet
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*Note that the Warner Point Trail and a primitive anglers trail at East Portal are not on this map. See park brochure.

 Pets on a 6-foot (2 m) leash are welcome and may only be walked on roads, in campgrounds, to the overlooks, and on the Rim Rock and Chasm View trails, unless otherwise posted. Pets are not allowed on the ski trail portion of the South Rim Road in the winter. Clean up after your pet and do not leave your pet unattended.



*Note that the Deadhorse Trail is not included on this map. See park brochure.

Curecanti National Recreation Area Trails

Hiking and Trail Guide (no permit required)

Curecanti offers a variety of hiking opportunities for all skill levels. Vistas vary from serene walks beside the Gunnison River, to volcanic pinnacles, to steeper paths into the canyon. Remember that you are hiking at high elevation and be prepared for the changing summer weather. Wear good hiking boots, carry a hat, sunscreen, rain jacket and extra water. Pets are allowed on all Curecanti trails but must be on a leash at all times.

TRAIL TRAILHEAD	ONE-WAY DISTANCE (mi / km)	DESCRIPTION
Highway 50		
Neversink Trail Neversink (milepost 152)	0.5 mi / 0.9 km	Easy A nice stroll along the Gunnison River. This shaded trail is a good location for watching wildlife.
Mesa Creek Trail Cimarron Canyon (milepost 112-113)	0.9 mi / 1.5 km	Easy Follows a foot bridge over the Gunnison River, providing fishing access and views of the sheer canyon walls.
Pine Creek Trail Pine Creek (milepost 130)	1.0 mi / 1.6 km	Moderate This hike descends 232 stairs along Pine Creek to the old railroad bed and Morrow Point Reservoir.
Dillon Pinnacles Trail Dillon Pinnacles (milepost 136-137)	1.9 mi / 3.1 km  Horses allowed	Moderate Ascending through sagebrush and conifers, this trail offers spectacular views of the weather-sculpted Dillon Pinnacles and broad vistas of Blue Mesa Reservoir.
Highway 92		
Curecanti Creek Trail Pioneer Point (milepost 67-68)	2.0 mi / 3.3 km	Strenuous Descending 900 feet (274 m) from the rim of Black Canyon to Morrow Point Reservoir, the trail follows the banks of Curecanti Creek.
Crystal Creek Trail Crystal Creek (milepost 48-49)	1.5 mi / 2.4 km	Strenuous Winding through oak brush and aspen with sweeping views of Cimarron Valley and the West Elk and San Juan Mountains. Toward the end, the trail forks and leads to two overlooks, both over 1,000 feet (305 m) above Crystal Reservoir. Trail does not descend to the reservoir or river.
Hermit's Rest Trail Hermit's Rest (milepost 55)	2.6 mi / 4.2 km	Very Strenuous Zigzagging through brush and rock, descend nearly 1,800 feet (549 m) to the camp and picnic sites on the shore of Morrow Point Reservoir. Trail has little shade.

