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## COLORADO GULCH

### PRESERVE DETAILS

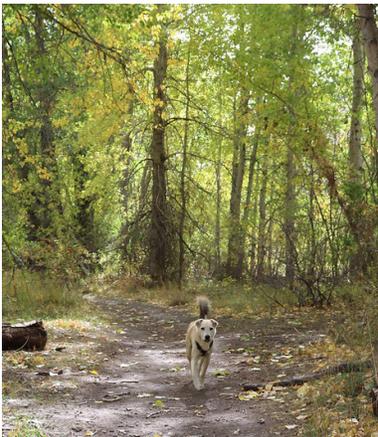
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2016, 2018

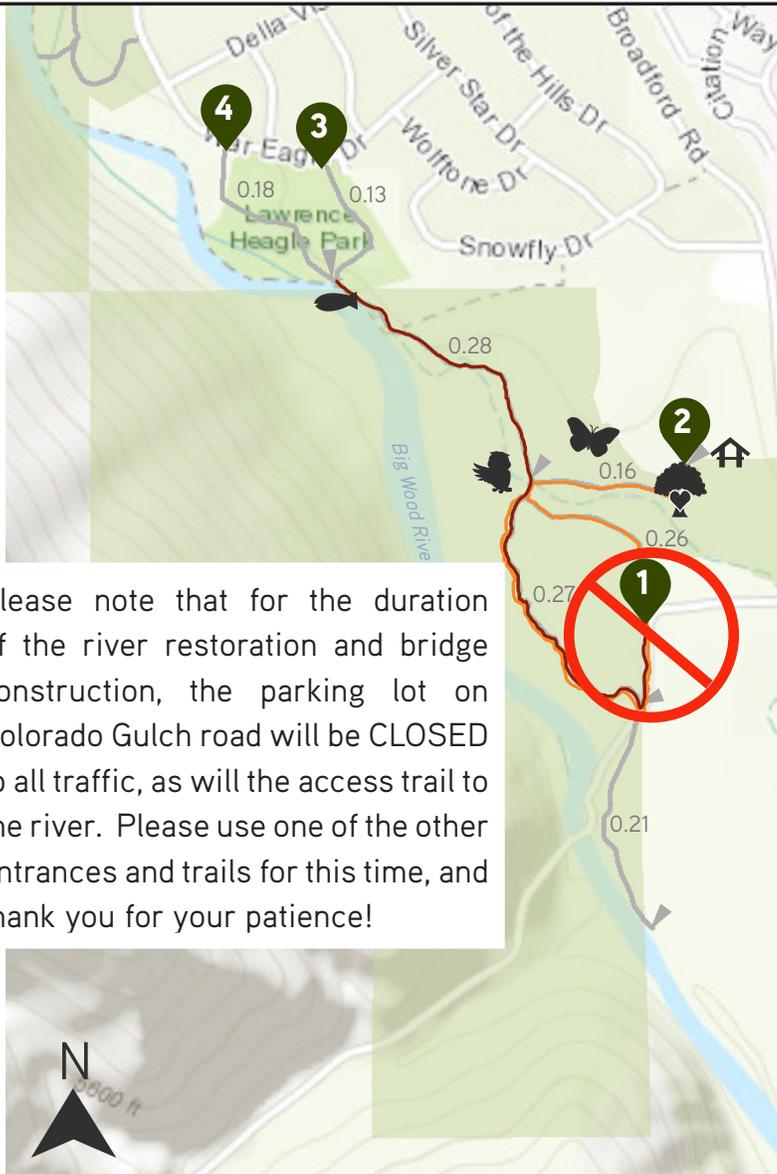
**Acres Protected:**

160

### VIRTUAL TOUR



**ABOUT:** Thanks to the support of our community, what originally started as a small conservation easement has now become one of the most celebrated protected areas along the Big Wood River, and serves as one of the most important components of the Hailey Greenway. In 2018, the Colorado Gulch Preserve was expanded by nine acres thanks to the generosity of a silent donor.. This preserve is well-regarded as a community treasure, that offers ample recreational opportunities. . With a multi-use trail system, protected river corridor, habitat for wildlife, and multiple ongoing restoration projects, this area has plenty to offer everyone in the Valley.

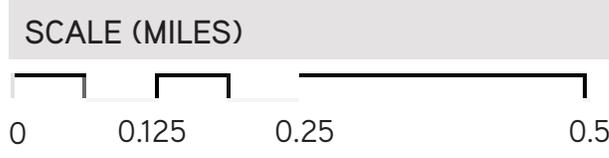


COLORADO GULCH PRESERVE LEGEND

-  WRLT Preserve
-  Trail
-  Fishing Beach Trail
-  Butterfly Loop Trail
-  Distance Marker
- Preserve Entrance
  -  1 Colorado Gulch Parking Area **CLOSED**
  -  2 Redfeather Way Kiosk
  -  3 Heagle Park
  -  4 Heagle Park Tennis Courts
- Points of Interest:
  -  Information Kiosk
  -  Pollinator Meadow
  -  Heart Rock Tree
  -  Fishing Beach
  -  Hooty & Footbridge

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Please note that for the duration of the river restoration and bridge construction, the parking lot on Colorado Gulch road will be CLOSED to all traffic, as will the access trail to the river. Please use one of the other entrances and trails for this time, and thank you for your patience!



**FINDING THE TRAIL HEAD:** To get to the Colorado Gulch Preserve from downtown Hailey, head south on Main Street and take a right turn onto Cedar Street followed by an immediate left onto Broadford Road. After about a mile, take a onto Redfeather way, and park in the gravel lot at the kiosk.

**HIGHLIGHTS:** The Colorado Gulch Preserve is not to be missed any time of year. In the summer, catch the blooming of the pollinator meadow, and the leaf peeping along the river is simply breathtaking in the Fall. In addition, this stretch of river has some of the best fishing in our Valley. If you are looking for a more calm stretch of water, the small stream created by the irrigation diversion is a great way to spend the afternoon!

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### FISHING BEACH TRAIL

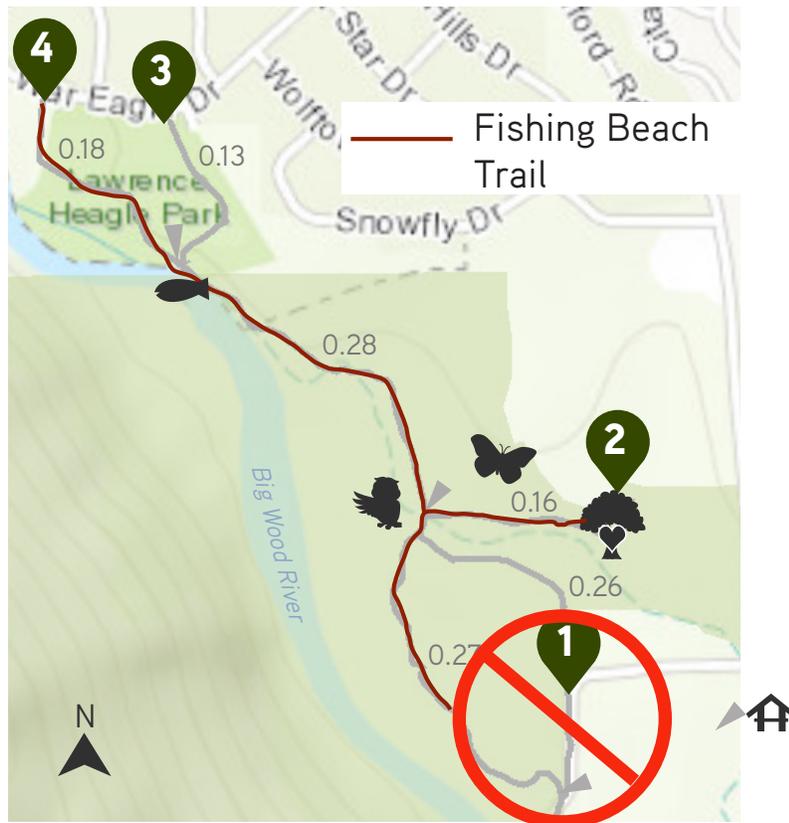
**DISTANCE:** 0.65 mile 1-way; 1.3 miles round trip

**DIFFICULTY:** Easy

**TRAIL SURFACE:** Packed dirt, uneven surfaces

**ABOUT THE HIKE:**

Start at the parking lot on Redfeather Way and head south out of the parking lot. Drop down the hill and through the grove of aspens. Continue past the Pollinator Meadow, and in about 0.16 miles you'll reach the footbridge (don't forget to say "Hi!" to Hooty!). From the bridge, head north along first the side channel, and eventually past the main channel of the Big Wood until you reach Heagle Park. Before you reach the park, keep an eye out for little spurs that take you to the river - this stretch of river has great fishing! Alternately, from the bridge, head south on the wooded path, again keeping an eye out for the small spur trails that will take you out to some great fishing spots. Return to your car along the same route you entered the Preserve on.



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