City of Rocks National Reserve

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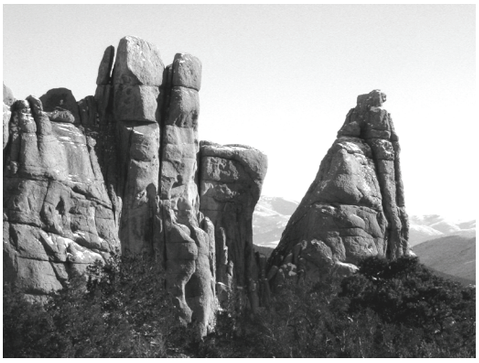
Trail Guide: Creekside Towers

☑ EASY ☐ MODERATE ☐ STRENUOUS

1.2 Miles



Creekside Towers Trail begins at Bath Rock Parking Area. The trail's gentle grade (122 feet relative elevation) is suitable for families with children. Outstanding scenery, sculpted granite pinnacles, and a diversity of plants and animals await you on this 1.2-mile round-trip walk. In spring and early summer, a small cascading waterfall is encountered. Keep a look out for secret windows, arches, and tafoni (honeycomb) weathering as well.

Orientation signs and maps are strategically located at trail intersections to help you find the route. If you become disorientated, remember that walking uphill will bring you to City of Rocks Road and back to the trailhead. Trail use is restricted to foot-traffic only, no bicycles or horses. Pets must be leashed at all times. Small children should be attended along the trail as some areas lead to cliffs. Climbers may be encountered at Creekside Towers. Provide a safe distance between you and climbing ropes and equipment. Help the rangers protect resources by staying on the trail in high-use areas. **The trail map is on the reverse side.**

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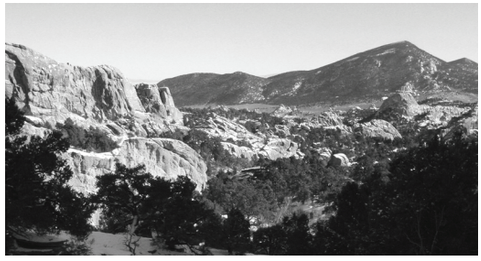
CREEKSIDE TRAILHEAD

BATH ROCK PARKING AREA



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Look east and view Circle Creek Basin where emigrants along the historic California Trail (1843-1882) camped, rested livestock, and left their names in axle grease.

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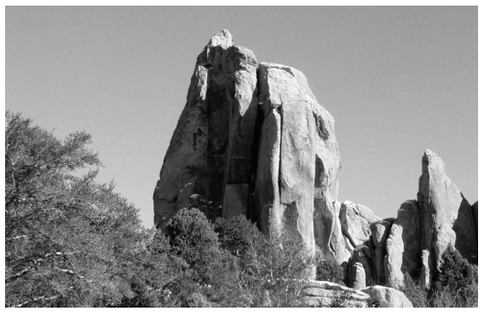
Here, many species of trees are found, including pinyon pine, juniper, mountain mahogany, aspen, and choke-cherry. In summer, this makes for great birdwatching.



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Morning Glory Spire (Incisor) is perhaps the City's most desirable climbing feature. The Anteater (south), with routes such as Swiss Cheese capture the imagination.

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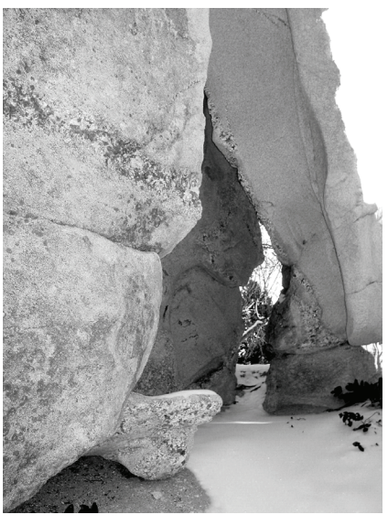
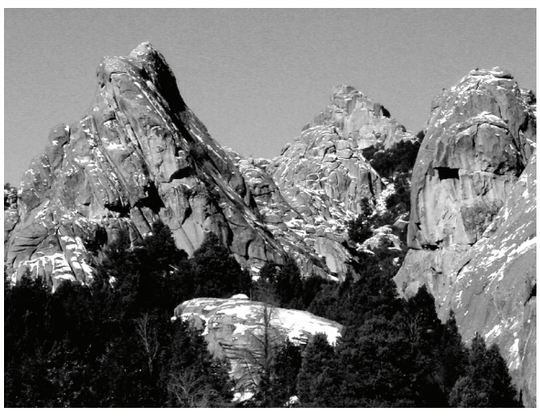
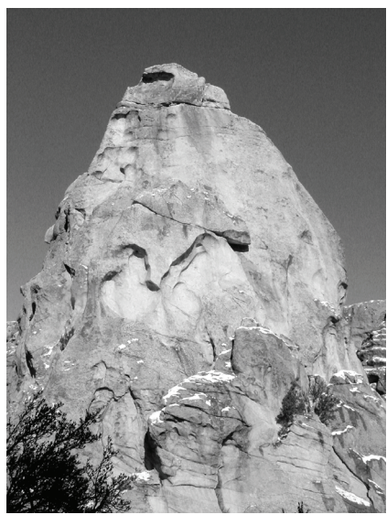
PARKING LOT ROCK TRAILHEAD



(Left) Creekside Arch **(Right) Creekside Tower**



(Above) View to Window Rock and Parking Lot Rock



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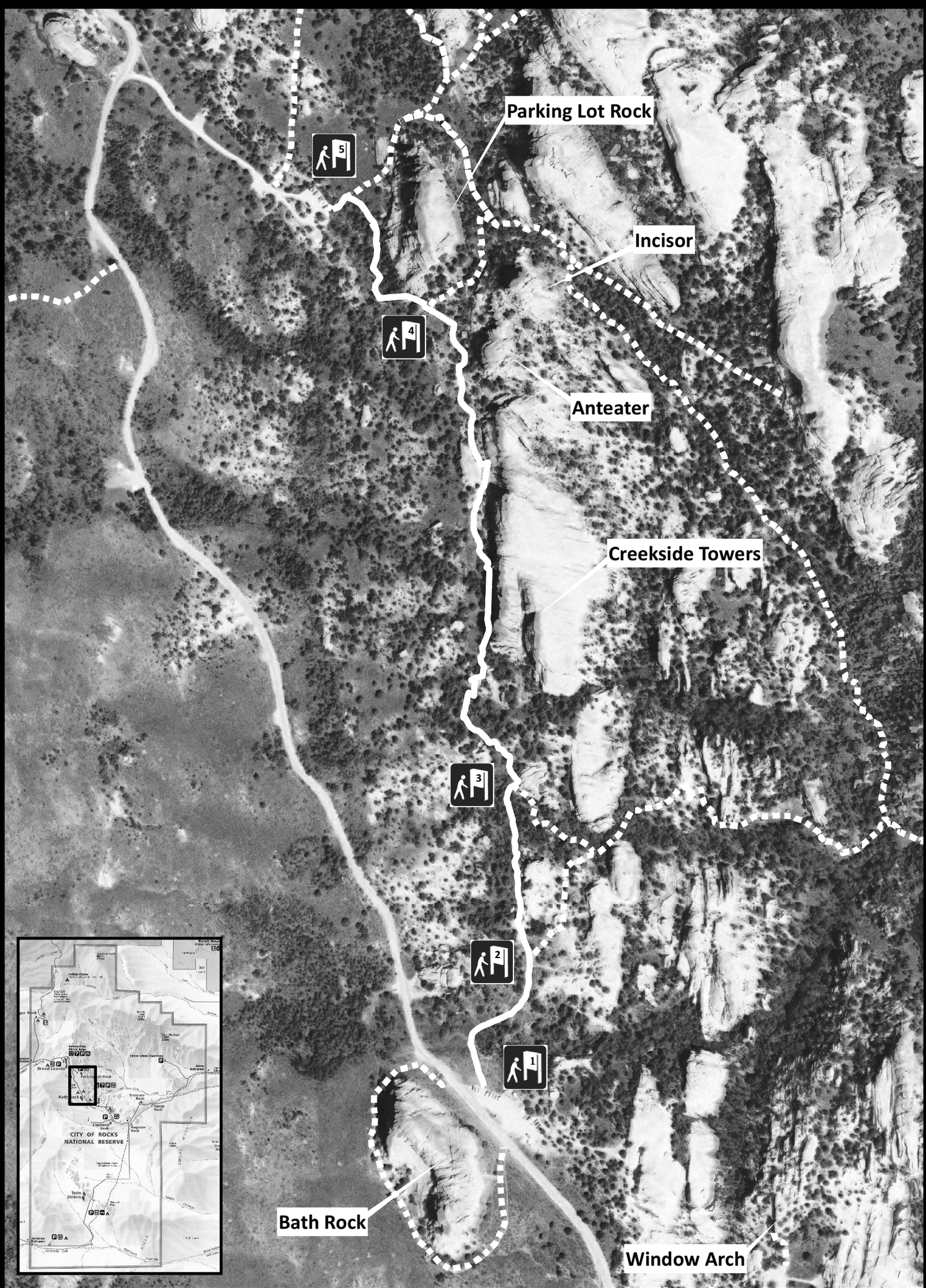

Creekside Towers Trail

Other Trails

Directional Signs

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Miles
0 0.1 0.2

0 160 320
Meters