



Longs Peak Area Trail Guide



Whether you stroll to an old mine or tackle a strenuous trip to a mountain summit, trails in the Longs Peak area offer many rewarding hours of hiking.

Hike Descriptions

Alpine Tundra (2.3 miles, 1445 feet gain)

Hiking 2.3 miles brings you above treeline and onto the tundra. In summer, miniature plants create a spectacular display of flowers. Help preserve this fragile life by staying on trails at all times and not shortcutting switchbacks. If you must leave the trail, step carefully from rock to rock.

Chasm Lake (4.3 miles, 2456 feet gain)

Allow 2–4 hours to reach Chasm Meadow. From the meadow, follow a trail that heads west, and scramble up a break in the rocks to reach the lake. When snow lingers, ascend and descend carefully—**do not slide**. Until mid-July, a steep snowfield also covers the trail before the meadow. Use extreme caution when crossing. In early summer, blue columbine graces the rocky ledges near Columbine Falls, which spill over the cliffs below Chasm Meadows. From there, the stream flows into Peacock Pool, visible below the trail.

Estes Cone (3.2 miles, 1790 feet gain)

Enjoy spectacular views in all directions from this rocky prominence. Allow 2 hours to reach Storm Pass. From there, follow rock cairns 0.6 miles up steep, loose rock to the summit. Pay close attention: this section of trail is easy to lose on the way down. Scan the flanks of Battle Mountain to the west for a glimpse of elk.

Eugenia Mine (1.4 miles, 540 feet gain)

An easy 1-hour hike to this abandoned mine offers a change of pace from other area trails. Remains of a cabin, rusted boiler, and hillside tailings attest to the persistence of early miners.

Jims Grove

This former camping area is now closed for restoration. Use the trail toward Chasm Lake and across the bottom of Mount Lady Washington to climb to the summit.

Longs Peak

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Other Destinations

Ask a ranger for information on cross-country trips, including hikes to the summits of Mount Meeker, Mount Lady Washington, and Pagoda Mountain.

For Your Safety

Bring the Right Gear

- ✓ Bring waterproof outer layers and extra layers for warmth.
- ✓ Wear a hat, sunglasses, and sunscreen. Sunlight can damage your eyes and skin, even on cloudy days.
- ✓ Pack extra water and snacks. Don't drink from streams or lakes without treating the water.
- ✓ Carry a map and compass or GPS. Know how to use them.
- ✓ Wear sturdy footwear with good ankle support and a treaded sole.
- ✓ Don't rely on cell phones. Many areas have no service.

Treat Your Water

Water from streams and snowfields is available (except for Longs Peak summit). Always purify your water—no surface water is ever safe for drinking.

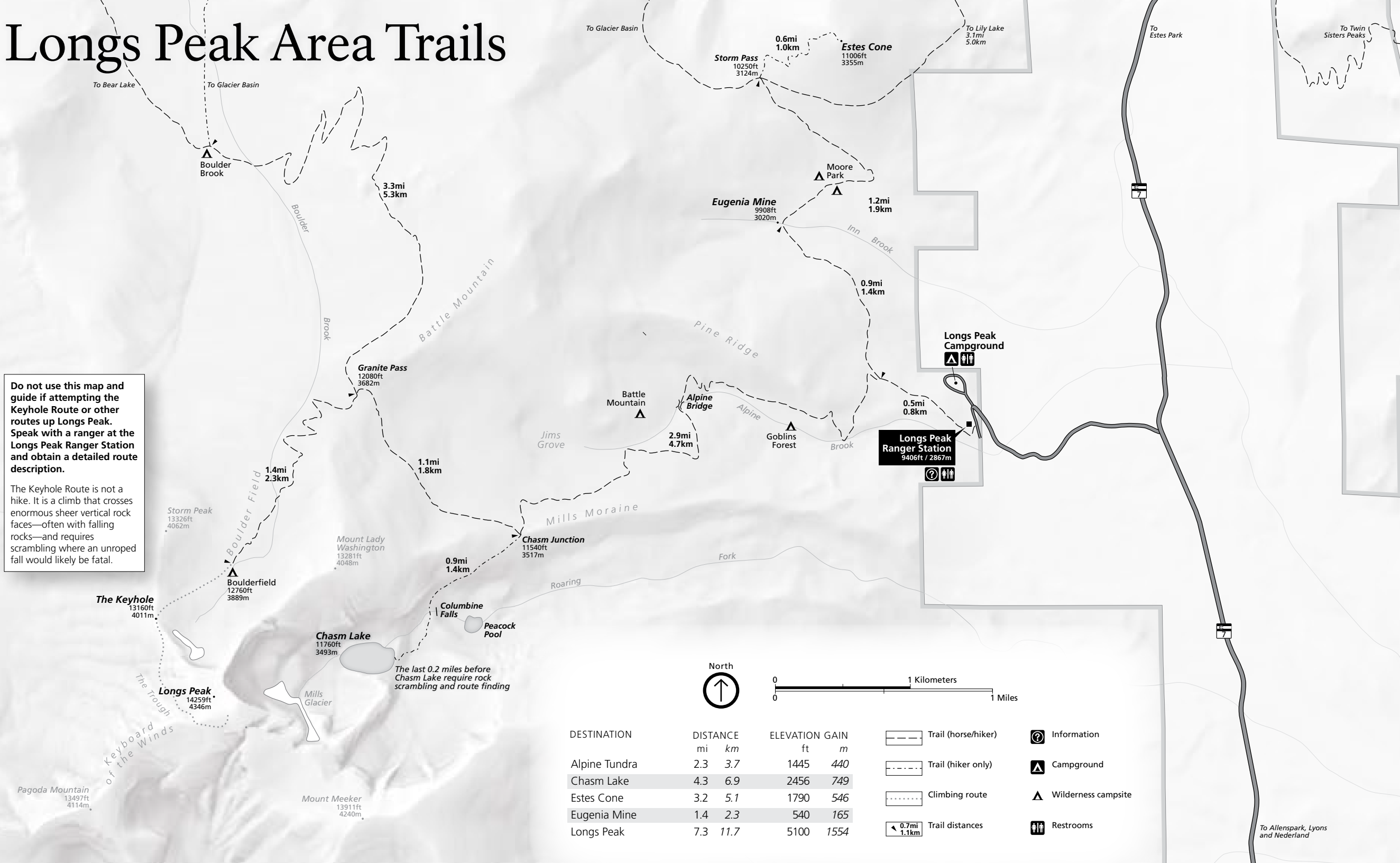
Stay Safe and Practice Good Etiquette

- Pets are prohibited on all Rocky Mountain National Park trails, tundra, and meadow areas. There are pet-friendly hikes outside the park, and nearby communities have boarding facilities and veterinary clinics. To learn more, visit go.nps.gov/RockyPets.
- Wilderness campers must have a valid Wilderness Camping Permit.
- Fires are prohibited in the Longs Peak backcountry.
- Do not feed marmots or other wildlife.

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DESTINATION	DISTANCE		ELEVATION GAIN	
	mi	km	ft	m
Alpine Tundra	2.3	3.7	1445	440
Chasm Lake	4.3	6.9	2456	749
Estes Cone	3.2	5.1	1790	546
Eugenia Mine	1.4	2.3	540	165
Longs Peak	7.3	11.7	5100	1554

- Trail (horse/hiker)
- Trail (hiker only)
- Climbing route
- Trail distances
- Information
- Campground
- Wilderness campsite
- Restrooms

To Allenspark, Lyons and Nederland