

# THE RED ROCK RAG

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## August trail project draws overwhelming response

The August 28 and 29 trail project has attracted many volunteers interested in helping to build trails in Red Rock Canyon Open Space. Initially Volunteers for Outdoor Colorado (VOC) which is sponsoring the trail building weekend in conjunction with the City of Colorado Springs TOPS Program intended to limit the number of volunteers to 150. However, in response to the large number of people volunteering they increased their quota to 250.

**At this time, VOC has filled all of its trail crews and is not accepting additional trail crew volunteers.** There may still be a few opportunities for volunteers who would like to cook or help set up tents. (Check the VOC website: [www.voc.org](http://www.voc.org) if you are interested.)

VOC and TOPS will be doing preparatory work the weekend before the trail project.

## Our Thanks

The Friends of Red Rock Canyon wishes to express our appreciation to the Volunteers for Outdoor Colorado, the City of Colorado Springs Department of Parks Recreation and Cultural Services, and all of the volunteers who will be working to build trails in Red Rock Canyon Open Space for their efforts and support in preparation for the opening of Red Rock Canyon Open Space.

We would also like to express our appreciation to the Village at Skyline for providing our meeting room.

## New Mission – New Name – New Opportunities

The Red Rock Canyon Foundation has decided to become the "Friends Of Red Rock Canyon," which will be an organization recognized by the City of Colorado Springs. The transformation we are experiencing reflects the current needs and opportunities of Red Rock Canyon Open Space. As citizens, it is now time to protect the canyons by working with the city. The mission of the Friends of Red Rock Canyon is to:

- ◆ Provide stewardship of the land by the citizens and users to protect the environment.
- ◆ Advocate within the city government for Red Rock Canyon's fair share of resources to protect the land and develop its potential for Colorado Springs taxpayers. Red Rock Canyon needs a voice.
- ◆ Give guidance and support to the Department of Parks Recreation and Cultural Services in developing trails that meet the needs of all.
- ◆ Help the city secure outside funding to accomplish some of the larger projects that will make Red Rock Canyon an outstanding Open Space Park.

The "Friends Of Red Rock Canyon" will continue to be an independent citizen organization for protecting the land and positive public access. But we need new blood and energy. We need some leaders and interested people to join the Board. You can make a real difference in stewarding this wonderful natural treasure. Please call 634-1810 if you are willing to help.

Shandi Toll

## September trail work day planned

On September 18 from 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM the Friends of Red Rock Canyon and the City Department of Parks Recreation and Cultural Services will sponsor a one day trail building project. A snack and lunch will be provided for volunteers. Volunteers should register by September 9.

- ◆ You can register by calling 385-5947, or get the registration form from the City website [www.springsgov.com](http://www.springsgov.com).

# The VOC crew leader training experience

I felt that VOC gave me so much that I joined the VOC - I just needed to give back! They have so much knowledgeable manpower, TOOLS, experience, and give such a great experience! They are wonderful teachers.

It is such a strong feeling of accomplishment I have helping built that trail AND then going back and hiking that trail the next weekend - I saw it not only through my eyes but through my grandchildren's eyes and all the other hikers who would be walking along that trail in the future!

I was amazed when I looked at how the rest of the forest was covered with trees and drift wood and grasses and moss - how cluttered the forest floor was and wow, right there winding it's way through and up was this path that seemed to be a natural part of the scenery, as if it had been there forever. I felt I had been so gifted with an ability to gift back to Earth building that trail, a path and that path leads not only on Earth but in my Heart

Karlee Thompson

## CALENDAR

August 28 & 29 **Red Rock Canyon Trail Building**

Volunteers for Outdoor Colorado  
and  
The City of Colorado Springs TOPS Program

### **Trail crews are full**

September 2 **Friends of Red Rock Canyon / Red Rock Canyon Foundation**

7:00 P.M. Village at Skyline (off Lower Gold Camp Road), Activities Room, Building No. 4 (The Easternmost Building - enter from the parking lot north of the building)

September 18 **Red Rock Canyon Trail Building**

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and  
The City of Colorado Springs TOPS Program

**Call 385-5947 to volunteer, or get the volunteer form from the City website: [www.springsgov.com](http://www.springsgov.com) Volunteers should register by September 9.**

## - MEMBERSHIP FORM - **Friends of Red Rock Canyon**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Membership dues: \_\_\_\_\_ (\$25 suggested)

Membership level

Supporter

Volunteer

Leader (willing to work as Board Member, crew leader, etc.)

Areas of interest for volunteering

Computer support

Trail and stewardship volunteer

Brochure or grant writer

Community outreach

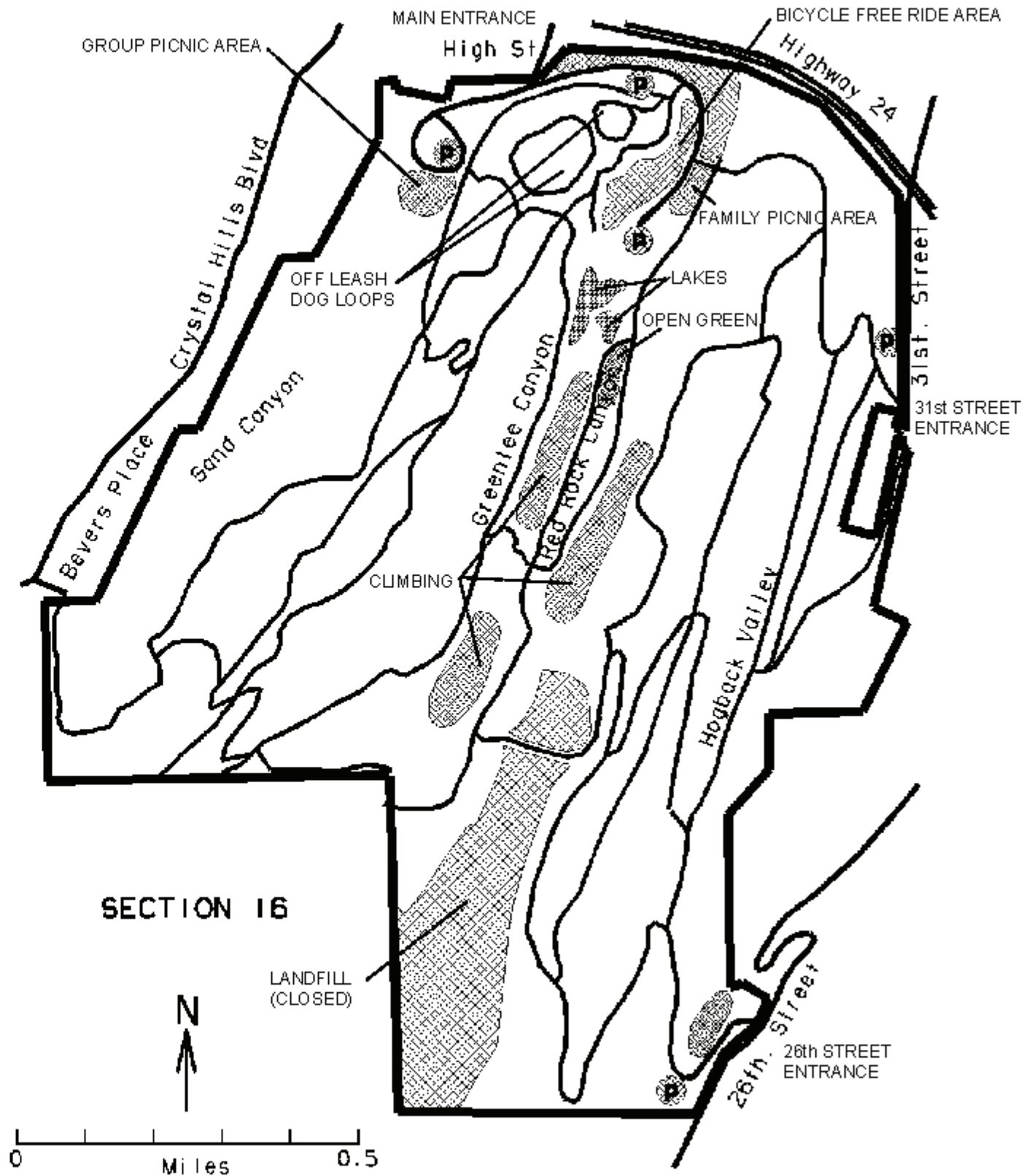
Other (please describe) \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Send this membership form to:

**Friends of Red Rock Canyon**  
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Colorado Springs, CO 80904



### Red Rock Canyon Open Space Master Plan

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