

# High Line Canal Trail Map



The workers who built the High Line Canal more than a century ago didn't envision that people would be using their ambitious irrigation project as a recreational outlet in the midst of a busy urban area. In fact, to the builders of the 71-mile High Line, the canal was solely a commercial idea to bring South Platte River water to settlers and farmers following a gold rush in 1859 near the confluence of the South Platte and Cherry Creek.

Although the canal has become an emerald strand of natural beauty through a bustling metropolitan area, its original intent was to entice settlers headed west to stop, grow crops and create communities on the high plains at the foot of the Rocky Mountains.

While the High Line, which is owned and operated by Denver Water, still supplies farmers and other users, its adjacent service road has become a path for hikers, joggers, cyclists, equestrians, bird watchers and others who yearn for a slice of the outdoors in the middle of a city.

## MAP LEGEND

- High Line Canal
- 6.0 miles from start
- parking
- trail access
- wheelchair access
- trail interruption
- bridge
- bench
- picnic table
- restrooms



## General facts:

- **Operation:** Denver Water owns and operates the High Line Canal, but the trail is maintained by various recreation districts.
- **Distance:** The trail stops at mile 66, but the canal used to extend 71 miles. A small portion at the end of the canal has since been filled in. There are mile markers along the trail.
- **Access:** The trail is open to walking, jogging, cycling, and, in certain stretches, horses.
- **Safety:** The canal's depth ranges from 2 to 7 feet deep with a strong current. Swimming, tubing, boating and other water activities are strictly prohibited. The public is urged to stay on the path and keep away from the facility's pipes and headgates. Only authorized agencies are allowed to operate motorized vehicles on the trail.
- **Grade:** Generally, the canal is an easy, almost flat walk, dropping 2 feet each mile.





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