



## Mower Basin Trails

The Mower Basin Trails are in an area known as the Mower Tract in Randolph county, on formerly mined lands that have been the focus of a partnership-led restoration effort for the past ten years. The trails meander through open meadows, high-elevation red spruce, and northern hardwood forests. Plans are in the works to expand the trail system significantly in the future.

### Directions to the Mower Basin Trailhead

- From Huttonsville follow US 250 for nine miles, then turn right on Forest Road 227. Follow Forest Road 227 for about six miles to the Mower Basin Trails sign. Turn left onto Forest Road 227C and follow it for about  $\frac{3}{4}$ -mile to the Mower Basin Trailhead.
- From Bartow follow US 250 for 13 miles and turn left on Forest Road 227. Follow Forest Road 227 for about six miles to the Mower Basin Trails sign. Turn left onto Forest Road 227C and follow it for about  $\frac{3}{4}$ -mile to the Mower Basin Trailhead.

### Trail Descriptions

Trail	Length	Trail Width	Tread Surface	Average Grade	Obstacles	Features
Hawks Ridge Loop	2.5 miles	18-36 inches	Native soil/ rock	7% or less	Less than 5 in.	Expansive views, boulders
Junco Trail	2 miles	36-48 inches	Native soil/rock	7% or less	Less than 5 in.	Views, boulders, ponds
Sparrow Loop	1.75 miles	36-48 inches	Native soil/rock	7% or less	Less than 5 in.	Red spruce and rock
Thrush Trail	200 feet	36 inches	Native soil/rock	10% or less	Less than 5 in.	Rollers, tabletop, bermed turns
Towhee Trail	0.25 mile	24 inches	Native soil/rock	7% or less	Less than 5 in.	boulders
Warbler Loop	1.5 miles	18-36 inches	Native soil/rock	7% or less	Less than 5 in.	Rock, red spruce

### Be a good trail steward

- Stay on the trail to protect vegetation.
- Pack out all trash, including food scraps.
- Bury human waste and toilet paper at least 200 feet away from creeks and trails.
- Respect wildlife and plants while you visit their home.
- Control pets at all times or leave them at home.
- Protect riparian areas by camping at least 200 feet from lakes and streams.
- Preserve your heritage; do not remove artifacts.
- Trail ethics -- use trails only on drier days; walk and ride through muddy areas rather than around them.
- Mountain bikers -- control your speed, yield to others, avoid skidding.
- Leave the trail better than you found it.
- Help maintain these trails by volunteering.

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## For more information

For more information about the Mower Tract or volunteering for trail work, contact the Greenbrier Ranger District at (304) 456-3335.

