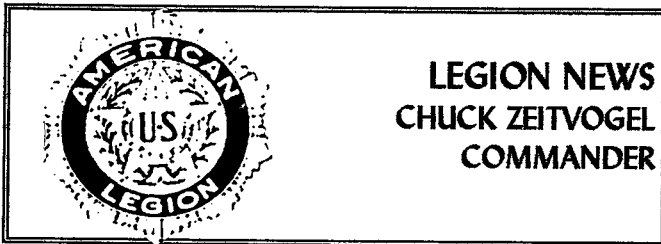


CENTENNIAL POST 209

THE AMERICAN LEGION

JULY 2001



The Installation of Officers for 2001 took place Saturday, 26 May, at the American Legion Post 5. A "Big Thank You" to Larry Johnson for arranging the program and cooking the meal that everyone enjoyed. Also another "Big Thank You" to Neal Thomas for serving as master of ceremony and conducting the installation.

Commander Francis Redington was recognized for his past two years of outstanding service to our Post. A "thank you" was also given to his wife, Esther, for her full support to Commander Redington and the American Legion over the years. They both were given a well-deserved standing round of applause. Tokens of appreciation were presented to Commander Reddington by Ann Foster, Adjutant.

As the newly installed Post commander I was asked to share a few thoughts insofar as my vision for Post 209 for this next year. A brief summary follows:

The theme was:

IT TAKES COMMITMENT

As indicated in the Preamble of the American Legion and our Post Constitution our purpose is to serve the needs of veterans of the United States Armed Forces, their families and the community in which we live. Let us continue in these endeavors. It Takes Commitment.

Recognition and thanks were given to the Auxiliary Unit for its past accomplishments. We look forward to their success this next year.

Our Post is fortunate to own choice acreage waiting for us to use, i.e., to develop and, within our resources, built a Post Home. Let us consider a simple multi-purpose building to start with for a Post Home. I believe we can better meet our American Legion needs. It is recognized that developing and building is not possible in the immediate future but that developing it is a goal/vision to pursue. It Takes Commitment.

We have different talents - let us pool our talents and achieve what otherwise would not be possible. It Takes Commitment.

POST OFFICERS

COMMANDER	CHUCK ZEITVOGEL
SR VICE COMMANDER	LARRY JOHNSON
JR VICE COMMANDER	NORM MOYER
ADJUTANT	ANN FOSTER
FINANCE OFFICER	GREG ANDRIES
HISTORIAN	HARRY MCFADDEN
SGT-AT-ARMS	ROBERT RYDELL
CHAPLAIN	HOWARD HORNIK
JUDGE ADVOCATE	AL CYRIAQUE
SERVICE OFFICER	TOM MORANT

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

POST OFFICERS AS ABOVE	
PAST COMMANDER	FRANCIS REDINGTON
POST MEMBER ELECTED	NEAL THOMAS

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

POST COMMANDER	CHUCK ZEITVOGEL
POST FINANCE OFFICER	GREG ANDRIES
PREV POST COMMANDER (1 YR)	LARRY JOHNSON
PREV POST COMMANDER (2 YRO)	HARRY MCFADDEN
PREV POST COMMANDER (3 YR)	FRANCIS REDINGTON
ELECTED MEMBER	AL CYRIAQUE
ELECTED MEMBER	NEAL THOMAS

DUES \$25.00

STANDING COMMITTEES

- PLANNING	LARRY JOHNSON, NORM MOYER, GREG ANDRIES, ANN FOSTER
- PROGRAMS AND SOCIAL	NORM MOYER
- MEMBERSHIP	LARRY JOHNSON
- AMERICANISM & YOUTH	FRANCIS REDINGTON, NORM MOYER, HARRY MCFADDEN
- VETERANS AFFAIRS & REHABILITATION	TOM MORANT HOWARD HORNIK
- LEGISLATIVE & NATIONAL SECURITY	NEAL THOMAS, ANN FOSTER
- PUBLIC RELATIONS	LARRY JOHNSON
- CLUB (LAND USE, CARE & DEVELOPMENT)	GREG ANDRIES, AL CYRIAQUE, ROBERT RYDELL, NORM MOYER

AD HOC COMITTEES

- CONSTITUTION & BY-LAWS REVIEW & UPDATE	NEAL THOMAS, AL CYRIAQUE, ANN FOSTER
- PROPERTY INVENTORY	ANN FOSTER, LARRY JOHNSON

AUXILIARY OFFICERS

PRESIDENT	DOROTHY DASSERO
SECRETARY/TREAS	BARBARA JOHNSON
CHAPLAIN	MARCIA SHELLHAMMER
SGT-AT-ARMS	RUTH HORNIK

DUES \$15.00

AUXILIARY MEETING THE THIRD THURSDAY EACH MONTH
AT THE POST'S OFFICE ON AUSTIN BLUFFS PKWY
1:30 P.M.

MEETINGS

3RD THURSDAY - 7:00 P.M.
VFW POST #4051, 430 E PIKES PEAK AVE
COLORADO SPRINGS, CO

EDITOR

DOROTHY DASSERO, NALPA

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MEMBERSHIP ELIGIBILITY

WORLD WAR I
APR 6, 1917 - NOV 11, 1918
WORLD WAR II
DEC 7, 1941 - DEC 31, 1946
KOREAN WAR
JUNE 25, 1950 - JAN 31, 1956
VIETNAM WAR
DEC 22, 1961 - MAY 7, 1975
GRENADA & LEBANON
AUG 24 1982 - JUL 31, 1990
PERSIAN GULF
AUG 2, 1990 - UNTIL THE
END OF HOSTILITIES

Bingo has been our main source of revenue in the past, and it appears that it will continue to be our main source of income in the future. Our Post started doing Saturday morning bingo, at the Bingo Depot on May 12th, and doing Tuesday night Bingo at the same place starting June 5th. We need all out members to support these efforts, including their volunteer hours, to make these efforts succeed. Contact Greg Andries, our Bingo Coordinator/Main Manager for information and to volunteer to help. The revenue generated by Bingo is needed for our Post to continue supporting the many causes that were supported in the past. It Takes Commitment.

We need to continue to invite eligible persons to join our American Legion ranks. The vision is double the size of our Post by this time next year. Each member must renew your membership and invite a new eligible person to join our Post. It Takes Commitment.

In conclusion, I have shared a few thoughts/visions for our Post this next year. There is much that can be accomplished. Let us do our best and become the best Post in Colorado. It Takes Commitment.

Thus concluded my remarks at the installation dinner. Others made other remarks/suggestion in attendance that night that we will try to implement.

As your new Post Commander, I invite all that read this newsletter, our members, to attend the July general membership meeting. Let us get to know one another and where possible, work

together for our American Legion common goals.

COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

The by-laws for Post 209 indicate that one of the first things a newly installed Post Commander should do is make committee assignment. These assignments were made at the Post's Executive Meeting, June 6. Members who read this list who would like to participate in one or more of these committees, please email me at:

TIMEBIRD@JUNO.COM

or call the office and leave a message. The committees and assignments are listed on page 2 of this newsletter.

NEWSLETTER EDITOR Dot Dassero is continuing as our Newsletter Editor. Thanks, Dot, for your tireless efforts over the years as our editor. Along this line - we invite any of our members who would like to assist with publishing the newsletter this next year to contact the Commander and let me know where you would like to participate. Your name will be given to Dot, Larry Johnson or Ann Foster, and others who work together doing what it takes to get the newsletter to our members.

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR BINGO TEAM!! A BIG - BIG Thanks to our Bingo Team members. This dedicated group of ten members has worked consistently the past several months. Through their efforts, funds to support our Post are once again being generated for the benefit of our members and many community programs.

Thank Greg, Pat, Ann, Robert, Tom, Larry, Francis, Bob, Barb and Chuck when you see them.

Our Bingo games are being played at the Bingo Depot, 3958 North Academy Blvd and all our American Legion and Auxiliary members are welcome to come and play or help with the games Saturday mornings or Tuesday nights.

COLORADO DEPARTMENT CONVENTION

The 82nd American Legion, Auxiliary and Sons of The American Legion met in convention at the Denver Marriott Southeast, June 21-24. The convention was hosted by the Lyden-Chiles-Wickersham Post 1.

Ann Foster, Harry McFadden, Francis Redington and Chuck Zeitvogel were delegates from Post 209. Detailed information of what took place as to newly elected Department Officers and resolutions considered will be in your forthcoming Legionnaire Newsletter.

ADJUTANT ANNOTATIONS ANN FOSTER

Soon we will start seeing renewal notices for the Legion year of 2002 coming to our mailboxes. Many have asked why does the membership drive start on 1 July and go through 31 December of the preceding year. When the organization is over 3 million in number, it takes a lot of time and hard work to process that many renewals. Even when Posts, Districts, and Departments mail in memberships weekly, there are only so many hours in a day and only so

many hands to do of the necessary data entry for such a large group. So, I join our Senior Vice Commander Larry Johnson in urging you to renew your membership early!

This year's Department Convention was truly successful. It ran smoothly and on time. All agenda items were covered. The leading candidate for National Commander, Rick Santos of Maryland, spoke of his vision for active duty, retired veterans and all other veterans. The quality of life issues that we are looking at today are pretty much the same ones that George Washington wanted for his troops. Governor Owens presented a very inspiring talk on Friday morning. Committee reports demonstrated that we know how to support our fellow veterans and their families.

Election of officers took place Saturday afternoon. Those who will be serving this year are as follows: Sgt-at-Arms Rudi Miller; Historian Edward Milkus; Chaplain Tony McCrary; Jr Vice Comdrs Paul Portwood, Rick Padilla, Jim Otto, Ken Clason, and Dv'cas Hurt; Sr Vice Comdr Namon Owens; Commander Danny Dumiller; Alternate National Executive Committeeman Jeff Lugenbiel; and National Executive Committeeman is Joe Ross. This is an excellent team to lead us all the way to an even better Legion year than the one we just finished.

Next year's convention will be in Aurora at the Renaissance Hotel across from the old Stapleton Airport. Pueblo has put in a bid for 2003. Both of these locations are very accessible for those of us in this area.

SENIOR VICE COMMANDER
Larry Johnson

By the time you receive this newsletter, you will in all likelihood have received your dues renewal notice for the Legion year 2001-2002 and wondering why we receive it so early. I know from past experience that this is confusing, especially when you consider that the membership year doesn't end until December.

The main reason this happens is because of the operating budget of The American Legion. They need to have some idea of what the operating capital will be for the upcoming year. This is a little difficult when the incoming Commander is elected in September and takes office immediately. They have three months of the current year and must get the programs for the upcoming year up and running, as well as travel for officers for the various activities of The American Legion. Hence, renewal notices go out in July.

I would like to urge ALL to, please, when you receive your notice, renew your membership for the year 2002 as soon as possible. It will allow the post the process membership faster, and you won't receive two or more notices.

I will remind you that our dues for the upcoming year were set at \$30.00. This equates out to about 0.009 cents a day, or .58 a week or \$2.50 a month to belong to The American Legion. When broken down, it doesn't seem to be very

much but the good done with your dues for the children and youth of our nation and veterans cannot be measured in dollars and cents.

Our goal last year was 270 Legionnaires for the year 2001. The percentage we achieved was 108% of goal.

The goals for the upcoming year have not been set as of the writing of this article. I truly believe that we can achieve a goal of 300 Legionnaires and more, and not that hard to achieve.

I know that you have heard in the past that we could **DOUBLE** our membership with each member brining in one more member. This is realistic as we all know family members, neighbors, co-workers, school teachers, religious leaders to name a few who have served their country during a period of conflict. All we have to do is **ASK THEM**. Working together we can do anything we set our minds to.

New Members

I ask that you join with me and welcome the following Legionnaires who have become a member of Centennial Post 209 during the last year.

Mark Davis, Louis Borrego, Eddy Christensen, Terry Doty, Theodore Junge, Joe Oats, Michael Sawyer, Robert shott, Stephen Sutton, Vernon Amrine, Tony Carothers, Daniel Mestas, Donald Stowe, William Talbot, Paul Trees, Clifford Dufrain, But Sailer, James Tackett, Patrick O'Ca'ey, William Daughterty, Harry Daniels, Curtis Charboneau, Norman

Haas, John Siran, William Marshall, James Perkins, Charles Planty, Nelson Sherrard, Wayne Brody, Cornelius Connery, Joseph Cross, Barry Emerson, Henry Fletcher, Lloyd Fuller, Robert Harrison, Carl Hatton, Ronald Kabza, Quentin "Denny" Mason, Les Nichols, Fredrick Russell, Allen Sachs, Lee Harmon, James Smith, John Jauregul, Barbara Nelson, Fred Karbaski, Lynn Walton, Barry Bennett, Leonard Bently.

I would like to welcome you to the Post and invite you to attend the meeting on the third Thursday of every month at 8:00 P.M. Our meetings are hosted at the VFW Post 4051, located at 430 E Pikes Peak Avenue.

To the Legionnaires who transferred to the Post.....because of the various deadlines within the membership program, you will receive a renewal notice from the Post you were a member of. You need to cross out the old Post number and address, enclose your payment and sent it to the Centennial Post 209. 4391 Austin Bluffs Parkway, Suite 104, 80918. If you do this, it will save time and hassle trying to straighten our your membership.

Annual Picnic

Don't forget the Annual Picnic. This year we will be at PALMER PARK, on the corner of Maizeland and Academy Blvd. We will be at the COUNCIL GROUNDS.

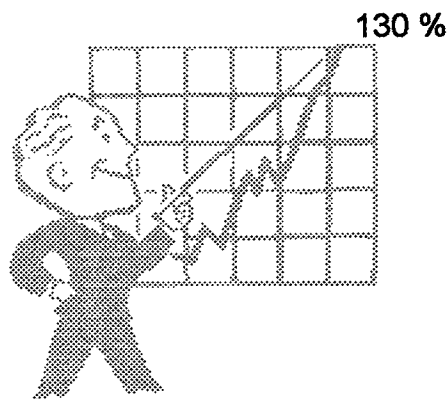
The date is Sunday, 26 August at 12 Noon. The Post will provides meats (pork ribs, hamburgers, hotdogs and brats), breads condiments and sodas. We ask that you bring a favorite dish (prepared for ten people).

There is no cost other than the dish you prepare and the friends you make will overcome the cost of the dish.

Call Norm Moyer at 719-392-3725 or Larry Johnson at 719-622-0344 by 22 August and let us know how many adults and children will be in attendance.

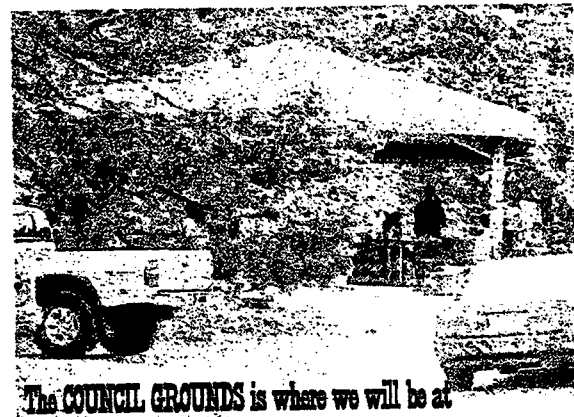
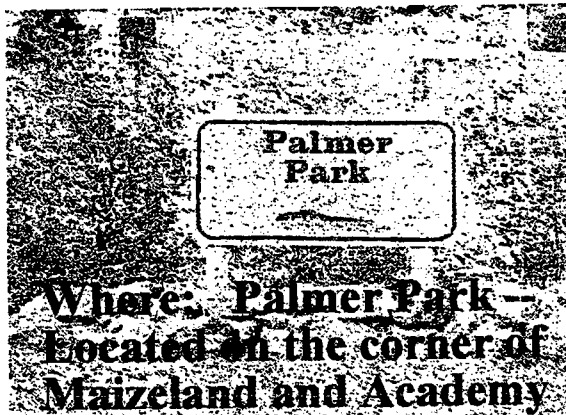
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MAKE PLANS ON
ATTENDING**

SEE YOU THERE



We Can do It !!!

2009 Annual Picnic



WHEN Sunday, 26 August 2001 12:00 P.M.

The Post will supply the meat (Pork Ribs, Hamburgers, Hotdogs and Brats, the bread and condiments as well as the soft drinks. You bring a side dish of your choosing (please prepare for ten people)

We will also have a volleyball/badminton setup available for your pleasure. In addition, we have the best company a person could ask for.

Make plans on attending, all that is needed is for you to call Norm Moyer at 719-392-3725 or Larry Johnson at 719-622-0344 by 22 August and let us know how many adults and how many children if any will be attending.

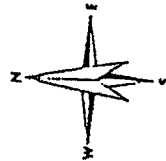
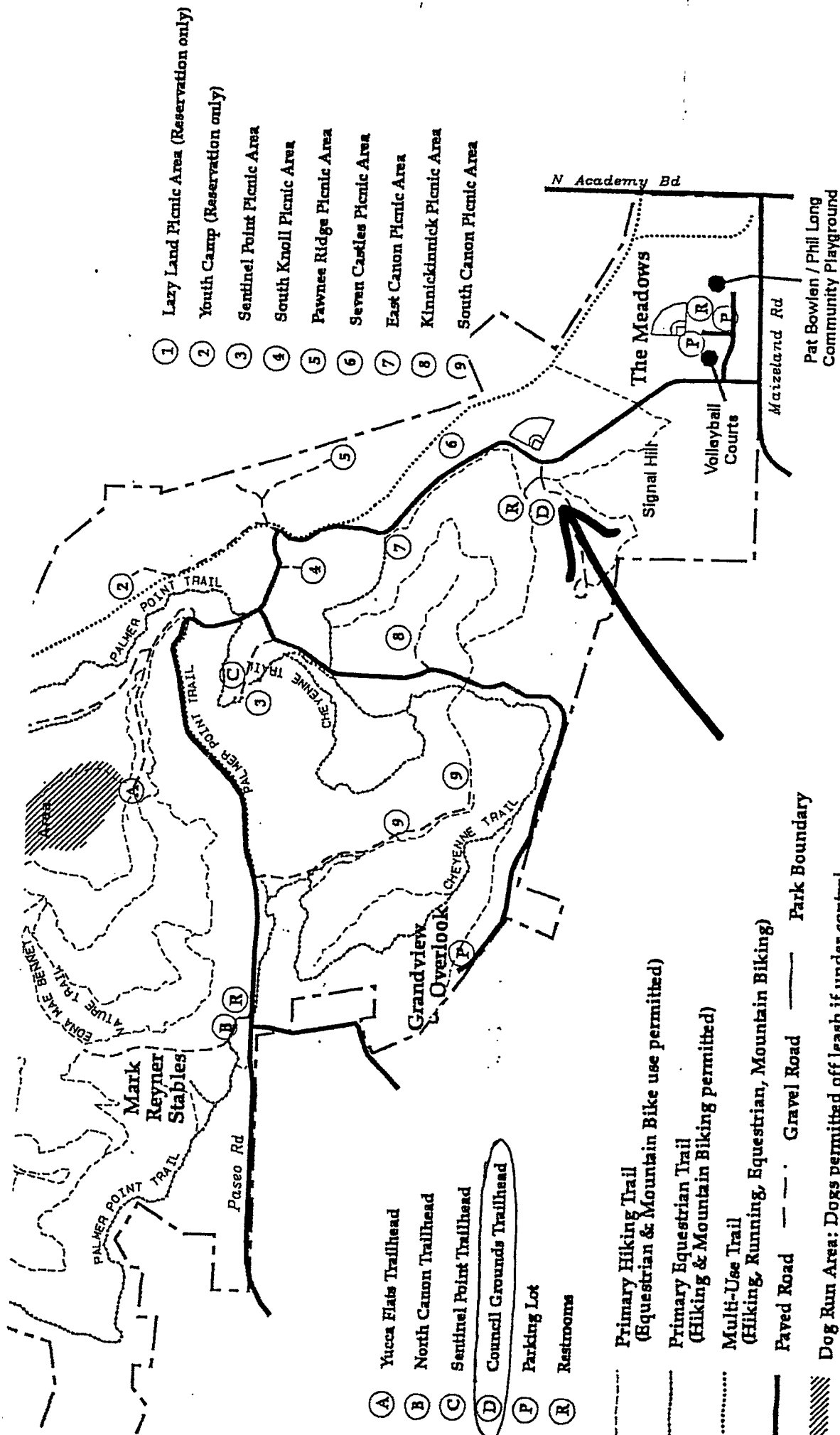
Mark your Calendars and make plans

on attending

HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE

Palmer Park

Park Hours: May 1 to October 31: 5am - 11pm



Not To Scale

- (A) Yucca Flats Trailhead
- (B) North Canon Trailhead
- (C) Sentinel Point Trailhead
- (D) Council Grounds Trailhead
- (P) Parking Lot
- (R) Restrooms

- Primary Hiking Trail (Equestrian & Mountain Bike use permitted)
- Primary Equestrian Trail (Hiking & Mountain Biking permitted)
- Multi-Use Trail (Hiking, Running, Equestrian, Mountain Biking)
- Paved Road — — Gravel Road — — Park Boundary
- /// Dog Run Area: Dogs permitted off leash if under control