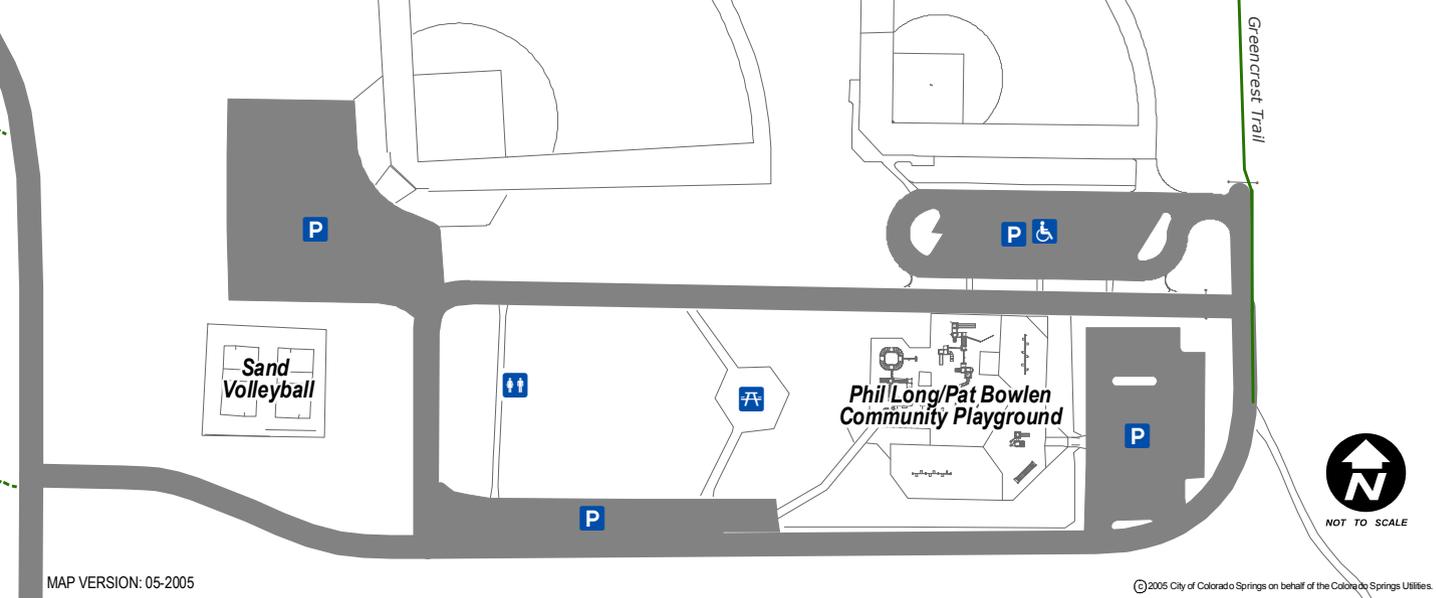


# The Meadows at Palmer Park

Park Hours: May 1 to October 31: 5am-11pm / November 1 to April 30: 5am-9pm  
Call (719) 385-5940 for picnic reservations or park information

-  Parking
-  Restrooms
-  Wheelchair Accessible



**Palmer Park General Information:** The area where Palmer Park now lies was originally owned by Matt France. In 1873, France sold his property to Henry Austin, a Chicago hardware merchant, who raised sheep on the land. The area soon became known as Austin Bluffs, and was later purchased by General William J. Palmer, the founder of Colorado Springs. As Colorado Springs grew, Palmer wanted to make sure the city would have adequate parks and open spaces for the citizens of the city. Austin Bluffs was gifted to the city in 1907 by the executors of Palmer's estate, "to be forever kept open as a park solely for the outdoor recreation and enjoyment of the people." After acquiring the property, the city named the park Palmer Park.

The unique geology of the park contains large sandstone rock formations, deep canyons, and a large mesa area in the northern portion of the park. Trails throughout the park allow hiking, biking and horseback experiences for all. The park also contains picnic areas and pavilions for reserved events, a community playground, baseball fields, and a dog park. The Grandview Overlook offers spectacular views of Downtown Colorado Springs, and is wheelchair accessible.

**Enjoy One Of The Many Trails:** Palmer Park contains over 25 miles of trail for everyone to enjoy, so please stay on designated trails. The Park is also a favorite of mountain bikers, and the trails within the park have been rated by difficulty to assist you in finding the "right" trail for your skill level.

- Beginner Trails: Grandview Trail, Greencrest Trail, Mesa Trail.
- Intermediate Trails: Kinnickinnick Trail, Palmer Point Trail, Yucca Trail.
- Advanced Trails: Cheyenne Trail, Edna Mae Bennet Trail, Templeton Trail.

Please be aware of all trail users when enjoying a hike or ride in the Park. Dog owners please keep your dog(s) leashed at all times, unless in a designated dog run area or dog park, and help keep our Park clean by picking up after your pet. For everyone's safety, please remember trail etiquette on any trail system.

