

Hidden Springs Community
Summary of Trails within Hidden Springs
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Common Terms:

Ridge to Rivers: A partnership of government agencies formed to plan, implement and manage a network of trails on public and private land in the Boise Foothills. The partners include Boise City, Ada County, US Forest Service, Bureau of Land Management and Idaho Department of Fish and Game. Most of these entities provide funding to Boise City as fiscal agent, who employs the Ridge to Rivers staff.

Regional Trails/ Ridge to Rivers Trails: Trails dedicated by easement to Ada County (for Hidden Springs trails) and maintained by the Ridge to Rivers partnership as part of the Ridge To Rivers Trail System. The easement may be relocated per specific process outlined in the easement.

Dry Creek Trailhead: Public parking area along Dry Creek Road that is maintained by Ridge to Rivers partnership. It was built with public funds from the Recreation Trails Program and is maintained by Ridge to Rivers crews once per week during main season.

Dry Creek Trail: The concept of a trail from the Boise River to the Boise Ridge was first suggested by the Hidden Springs Town Founders. The concept was adopted by Ada County as part of several documents, including the Foothills Open Space Management Plan.

"The Dry Creek Trail is presently an inactive regional trail, meaning it is maintained by Hidden Springs until such time as it is activated to regional use by Ada County, the trail easement holder. Pedestrian, bicycling and equestrian uses are permitted. Motorized vehicles are not permitted.
...Conservation Easement Management Plan, January 2009.

Maintenance: The Ridge to Rivers trails in Hidden Springs are maintained at least annually and sometimes bi-annually by the Ridge to Rivers trail crew. The Dry Creek Trailhead parking area is visited once per week.

Local Trails: Trails that are used mainly by local residents and maintained by the Town Association. Some are marked while others are not.

Non-system or Informal trails: Trails that have occurred by use, are not signed, mapped or maintained.

Rerouted trails: Portions of the trail system were closed or rerouted during the construction of Phase 8. The trail easements were originally developed with the intent that they could be relocated in the future via an established process. Feedback from Ridge to Rivers and Ada Co. suggests that Phase 8 negatively affected the trail system.