

PAINT MINES INTERPRETIVE PARK



DAY HIKE

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Location: SE of Calhan, Colorado

Contact Info: El Paso County Parks
719-520-7529

Length: Two loops. One is a little over 1 ½ miles and the other is 2 miles long.

Time: The average person hikes approximately 2 miles an hour. Adjust your time +/- based on terrain and weather conditions and your skill and fitness level and whether you are hiking or trail running.

Elevation Gain: Rolling hills (elevation gain is negligible)

Difficulty: Easy

Trail Users: Hikers (horses and bicycles are prohibited)

Season: Open dawn to dusk year round, but Spring & Fall are best

Dogs: No

Permits: None required

Getting There From Denver: Take I-25 south to Colorado Springs. Exit left onto US Highway 24 and drive east to the town of Calhan. At the eastern edge of Calhan, turn right (south) on Yoder Street and then left (east) on the Paint Mines Road to the Park.

Maps: El Paso County Parks map (available at the trailhead or at <http://adm.elpasoco.com/>)

Safety Considerations and Supplemental Info: ■ Prepare for intense heat in the summer ■ Wear sun protection ■ Restroom is available at the Parking Area

Trail Description: These loop trails are well marked and easy to hike. The main attractions are the Paint Mines.

Highlights: ■ The colorful and endlessly fascinating geological formations. The clays which comprise them were used by American Indians for making pottery and ceremonial paints. The many spires and hoodoos expose layers of selenite clay and jasper. There is evidence of human activity dating back 9000 years

■ The charming serenade of the western meadow larks and rock wrens as you walk along the trail ■ An interesting plant community comprised of yuccas, cacti, abundant seasonal wildflowers and a variety of prairie grasses including native blue grama and buffalo grass ■ You may also catch fleeting glimpses of prairie falcons, ferruginous hawks, red foxes, mule deer and pronghorn antelope

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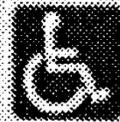
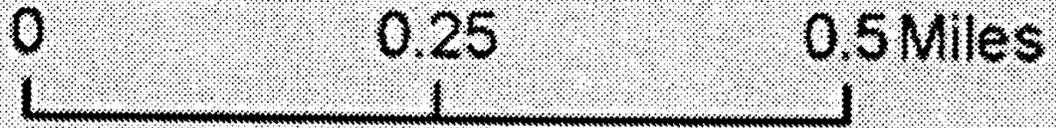
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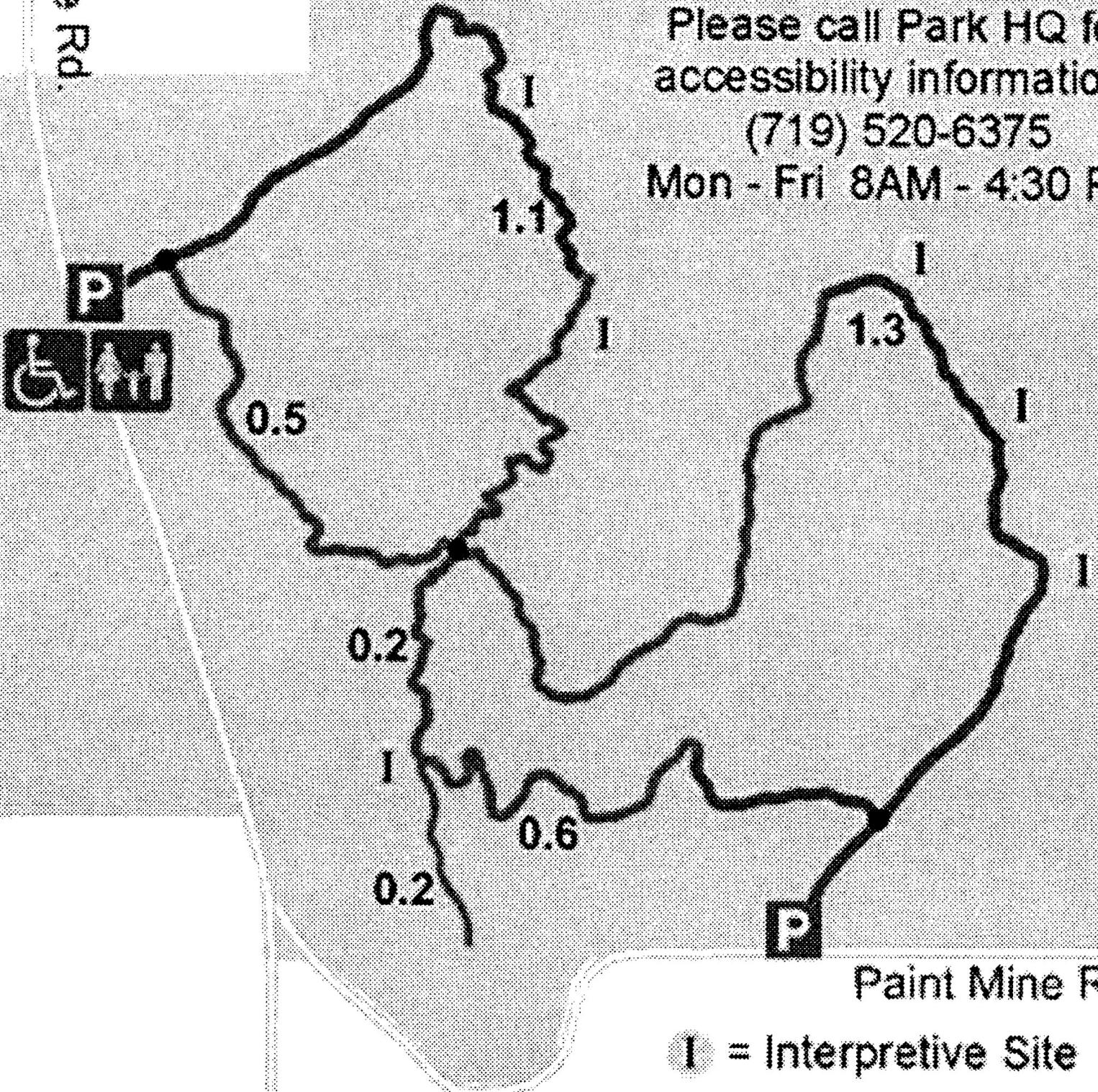
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