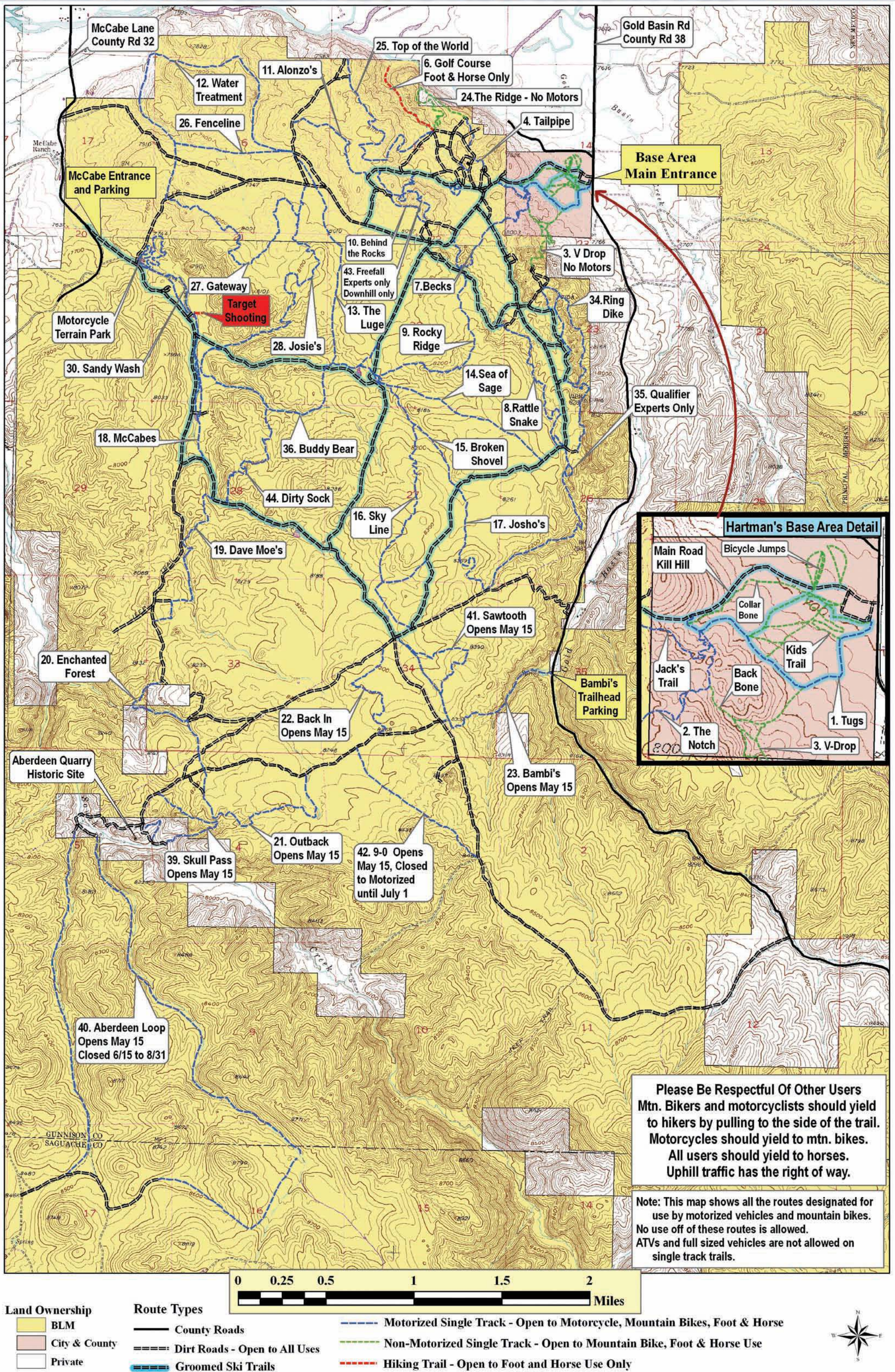


Hartman Rocks Recreation Area



Getting There

There are 2 main entrances to Hartman Rocks. The most popular is the Base Area with a large parking lot, rest-room, potable water, unloading ramp and picnic shelter. To get there go about 1.5 miles west of Gunnison on Hwy 50, turn left on the Gold Basin Road (County Rd 38), go about 2.2 miles and turn right for Hartman Rocks. Camping is not allowed at the Base Area.

The McCabe Lane entrance provides access to the west side of Hartman Rocks. To get there go west of Gunnison on Hwy 50 for about 4 miles, turn left on McCabe Lane (County Rd. 32) and go about 1.5 miles south to a turnoff just beyond the gravel pit. There is a small parking area near the turnoff.



Photo: Arden Anderson

Know Before You Go

Motorized vehicles & mountain bikes must stay on the designated roads & trails that are shown on this map. No new routes may be created and no modifications may be made to designated routes without specific permission from the land managing agencies. ATVs and full sized vehicles are not allowed on single track trails.

Private property surrounds the Recreation Area so be sure you stay on public land or you could be cited for trespassing. The entire area is closed in the spring until roads & trails dry out. This minor inconvenience helps keep the routes in good shape for the rest of the year. Check the local papers or call the BLM (641-0471) for details on this temporary closure.

Taking Care of the Area

As more people use Hartman Rocks we have to work hard to maintain the integrity of the other resource values in this area. Soil, water and vegetation are the basic elements that must be cared for. Beyond that, the Skiff Milkvetch is a rare plant that lives only in this area. Riparian areas are important for wildlife, especially for nesting birds. The area is critical winter range for deer and elk. Archeological sites up to 5000 years old occur here. All of these values can easily be impacted by careless use. Here are some simple things you can do to decrease the impacts of your visit.

Please:

- Stay on Designated Roads and Trails.
- Minimize your use during wet conditions.
- Pay attention to seasonal closures.
- Minimize your noise to avoid disturbing wildlife and other visitors.
- Leave No Trace of your visit – pack out your trash.
- Do not trespass on private land.
- Don't chase wildlife especially in the winter.
- Keep your dogs under control.
- If you find a closed gate on public land please close it behind you to help ensure proper livestock management.
- Join us for periodic work days to maintain trails and clean the area up.

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USER MAP AND GUIDE

Photo: Don Calkins



The Hartman Rocks Recreation Area

This area gets its name from the Hartman Family who were early pioneers in the Gunnison Valley. Today this popular area includes 160 acres owned by the City and County (the Base Area) and 8300 acres of federal land cared for by the Bureau of Land Management (BLM). Mountain bikers, hikers, motorcyclists, rock climbers, horse riders, runners, cross country skiers and many other groups enjoy their sports here.

The City, County and BLM, in partnership with neighboring landowners and trail advocacy groups, work together to manage & improve this area. Management Plans for the Base Area and the BLM lands have been completed in cooperation with the public to help us find the proper balance between providing a variety of recreation opportunities and caring for the area's resources. This brochure is meant to help visitors enjoy the area, get along with other users and to reduce the impacts of your visit so we can all continue to enjoy this area for many years to come.



Photo: Kay Peterson-Cook

Mountain Biking – 40 miles of single track trails and 33 miles of roads are open to Mt. biking. Most are suitable for beginning to intermediate riders but there are some difficult spots you may have to walk your bike over. Freefall (#43) is experts only. Trails have numbers & signs at each end indicating the uses allowed. Remember you share the trails with other groups so keep an eye out for others going faster or slower than you. There is a Jump Park for bicycles at the Base. The Golf Course Trail (#6) is closed to bicycles.

Hiking and Trail Running – These activities may be practiced anywhere in the area though we would prefer you stay on the designated routes to prevent the creation of new trails. The Golf Course Trail (#6) is for foot and horse use only.

Rock Climbing – practiced mainly on the granitic ridge that gives Hartman Rocks its name. A number of sites have established routes. Bolting is allowed but we encourage you to practice clean climbing whenever possible. Climb at your own risk. No one guarantees the soundness of any bolts or anchors. No bolting or climbing is allowed in or around the Aberdeen Quarry (on private property). Temporary closures may occur around cliff nesting birds until they have fledged their young.

Motorcycling – allowed on 39 miles of trails and 33 miles of roads. In addition there is a Motorcycle Terrain Park with a 1 mile closed loop track near the McCabe Lane entrance. Respect other visitors by being careful when you pass & minimize your noise around others. The Ridge Trail (#24), Golf Course Trail (#6) and several Base Area trails are closed to motorcycles and Trail 9-0 (#42) has seasonal restrictions.



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Recreation Opportunities

4 Wheel Drive and ATV Use – is allowed on 33 miles of roads in the area. These vehicles are not allowed to push their way down single track trails. ATVs are also allowed to use the Terrain Park track near the McCabe Lane entrance.

Horse Use – Horse riders are welcome on all of our designated routes. We encourage you to stay off the trails in the spring when they are wet to avoid damage. Be ready for Mountain bikes or motorcycles on single track trails.

Target Shooting & Paintball – because of the heavy use by other groups shooters must be very careful to choose a safe place that won't endanger other visitors. A backstop has been built in a safe shooting area about .8 miles in from the McCabe Lane entrance with a parking spot and bench rest. Please remove all your targets & shells. Paintball can be practiced anywhere but please be respectful of other visitors & don't mark up signs or buildings.

Snowmobiling – Hartman's isn't great for snowmobiling but in years when there is enough snow this use is allowed on the groomed ski trails and an additional 2 miles along the power line road. Please stay on designated trails and be careful not to disturb the classic ski tracks that are set along the side of the groomed trails.

Cross Country Skiing – volunteers from the Gunnison Nordic Club groom 16 miles of trails for both classic and skate skiing that can be accessed from either entrance. This area is important for wintering wildlife so please respect the animals by staying on groomed routes and keeping your dogs from chasing wildlife.

Competitive or Special Events – contact the land managing agencies several months ahead of any event you want to hold in this area. These events often require permits, insurance and fees.



Photo: Courtesy of Gunnison Nordic