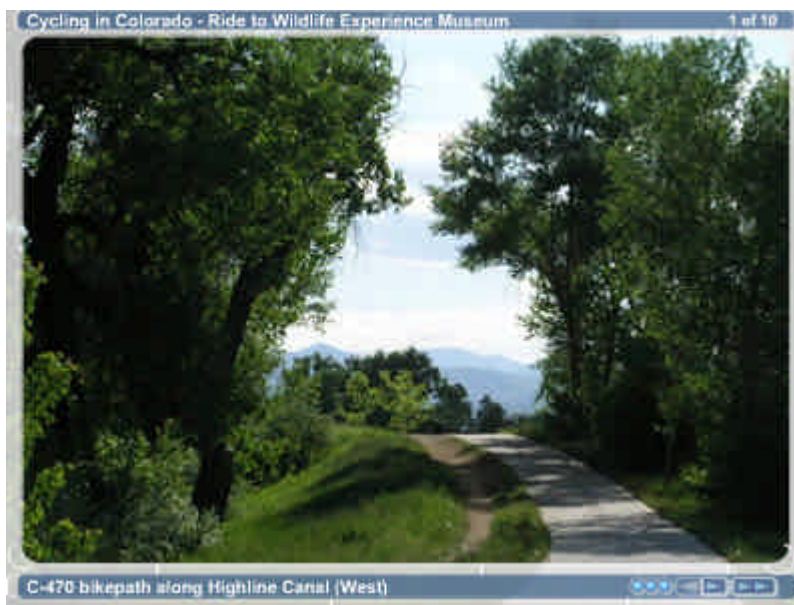


RIDE: Wildlife Experience Museum (Total Distance: 42 miles/68 km)

This ride will take you entirely on paved bicycle path free of motorized vehicles through the south suburbs of Denver to the Wildlife Experience Museum located at the southeast part of the Denver Metro area. The bike path is mostly flat, but it does have few moderate uphill sections.

You will start your ride from the RTD's Park'n'Ride at the intersection of Ken-Caryl Ave and Shaffer Pkwy. The ride will follow the C-470 bike path along the South Platte River through Chatfield State Park. After crossing the South Platte, the bike path will hug C-470 freeway going eastward until junction of I-25 and E-470 at the Park Meadows Mall. From there the bike path will connect via underpass to E-470 bike path, which will lead eastward to Parker. You will ride on E-470 bike path until you reach S. Peoria Road. You will turn right onto S. Peoria Road and follow it south to the intersection with Lincoln Pkwy, where you will arrive at the Wildlife Experience complex. This is the turnaround point for the ride and the end of the OUT leg. At the Wildlife Experience Museum complex, you will find all the necessary refreshment amenities and entertainment.



Technical & Other Information (Distance, Profile, Surface, Parking, Hazards, etc.)

Ride Ratings: 

Distance: 42 mi /68 km (*Out & Back*)

Total Climbing: 2,800 ft/855 m

Surface: Paved Bike Path

Traffic Volume: No motorized traffic. Ride follows bicycle path only. On weekends, sections of the bike path can get busy with other non-motorized traffic.

Start: Intersection of Ken-Caryl Road and Shaffer Pkwy at RTD's Park'n'Ride.

Turnaround Point: Wildlife Experience Museum at 10035 S. Peoria Road.

Average Riding Time: 2:30 hrs *Out* and 1:30 hrs *Back*

Parking: Parking is available at RTD's Park'n'Ride at Ken-Caryl Ave and Shaffer Pkwy in Littleton, Colorado.

How to Get There: Take Colorado C-470 Freeway to Ken-Caryl Road Exit. Drive East on Ken-Caryl Road for about 1,000 feet until the second traffic light. At the traffic light, turn left (North) onto Shaffer Pkwy (Exxon gas station on your left). Turn right at the end of Shaffer Pkwy (100 ft) into RTD's Park'n'Ride parking lot.

Other Access Points: This ride is best accessed from its starting point at Ken-Caryl Rd and Shaffer Pkwy. Other access points: University Blvd and C-470; Broadway and C-470; Chatfield State Park (from the top of the dam).

Hazards: Bikepath underpass at Wadsworth Blvd and the C-470 underpass when entering Chatfield State Park - possibility of flooding after heavy rain.
Bikepath crossing at Broadway, University Blvd, Quebec Street, Park Meadows Mall, and Lincoln Ave - heavy cross traffic and short pedestrian signals.
Bridge over South Platte River - slippery when wet or during frost.

When to Ride: Although it is possible to ride this route year round (except on snow days), the best time is from early spring to late autumn.

Other: On hot summer days take with you plenty of water/fluids.

Refreshment Opportunities

On this ride there is plenty of opportunity to stop for refreshment. You will find several coffee shops along the ride located just few blocks from the bikepath. At the end of the OUT leg of the ride you will find a small deli at the Wildlife Experience Museum complex with tables outside to enjoy a refreshing drink and to refuel on energy snacks before returning back.

Points of Interest

Wildlife Experience Museum, Chatfield State Park, Highline Canal

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