Gunbarrel Gateway to the Lakes

Start/End:Intersection of Spine Road and Lookout Road, north sideDistance:4.3 to 9 miles totalTime:1.5 to 3 hours

Directions:

Get out for a beautiful early morning or late-afternoon hike from Gunbarrel to Coot Lake or Boulder Reservoir (or both!) on this route, walking a total of 4.3 miles (around Coot Lake), 8 miles (around Boulder Reservoir), or 9 miles (both lake loops plus connector trail).

Start (or finish) with a takeout order from Aperitivo or Ampersand Coffee Roasters in the Gunbarrel shopping center on the north side of Lookout Road (across from the King Soopers plaza). Take your drink or snack and head east on the sidewalk along Lookout Road. Walk over the underpass tunnel and make a sharp left onto the LoBo Trail connector. Walk northwest along the paved multi-use path that takes you behind houses on the right and alongside the Boulder and Whiterock Ditch on your left.



The paved path dead ends at the entrance to the Cottontail Trail. Follow the dirt trail around to the east and cross the bridge over the ditch. Turn left (west) onto the IBM Connector trail. Follow the trail under the railroad tracks and Highway 119. Cross 63rd Street at the crosswalk,



then choose your own adventure: go left to hike about 5 miles around Boulder Reservoir or right to explore the 1.38-mile Coot Lake loop! The Gunbarrel connection is 1.5 miles each way.

Map: Gunbarrel Gateway to the Lakes Online: <u>https://caltopo.com/m/2E99</u>

