

WeDUPT follows Lakewood Creek from the Platte River through Rude Park and Sanchez Park. At the confluence of Lakewood Creek and Meadow Creek the trail turns south to follow Meadow Creek through Joseph P. Martinez Park. At Tennyson Street, you leave the trail as maintained by Denver Parks and Recreation and enter a mixed use area ranging from maintained trails to urban bushwhacking to border of Denver and suburban Lakewood at Sheridan.

Lakewood Gulch is a vital geologic corridor and a de facto north/south division of the West Denver grid. A natural necessity, vital for flood control, it provides the city of Denver with an irreplaceable infrastructure corridor for, high voltage power lines, and the imminent expansion of mass transit.

Denver Parks and Recreation currently mediates land use in Lakewood Gulch between the cities' infrastructure demands and sanctioned recreators such as joggers, cyclists and dog walkers via a series of parks and bike trails.

Denver Parks And Recreation Mission:
"To provide a creative, balanced, and integrated system of recreation facilities which are sensitive and responsive to diverse citizen needs."

The Institute of Sociometries' "pro-bono" incorporation of WeDUPT assists the Denver Parks and Recreation Department in fulfilling their mission objectives by mediating the unsanctioned use of Lakewood Gulch by hobos, recreational binge drinkers, and graffiti taggers. Furthermore, incorporation of the "Preserve" (section 4) raises awareness of the threat that unsanctioned use habitat is under from increasing infrastructure development.

Institute Of Sociometry Mission:
To creatively facilitate Denver Parks
and Recreation's fulfillment of
their mission objectives on a
"pro-bono" basis.

WeDUPT is divided into four sections of varying degrees of difficulty. Sections One through Section Three, a flood canal, abandoned BNSF railroad tracks, and a Denver Park and Rec. Bike path, will constitute the Trail. The Trail currently traverses land already used in some official capacity by the City of Denver. When possible, WeDUPT takes an unexpected path through these areas.

◆ WeDUPT Section One, ADVANCED:

Sec. 1 follows a bike path closed due to its placement within a straight walled flood diversion canal. Watch for flash flooding! Section one is also in close proximity to the Denver City Fleet Services facility and is the consequent site of frequent Denver Police squad car traffic. No camping in section 1.

WeDUPT Section Two, INTERMEDIATE:

Sec. 2 follows abandoned BNSF tracks on the north side of Lakewood Creek. After crossing the second wooden trestle and emerging on pavement at 12th street, leave Lakewood Creek and turn south onto established bike trails along Meadow Creek. Established camp sites: underneath the Federal Blvd. overpass and in the creek side bushes between Federal Blvd. and the bike path bridge.

WeDUPT Section Three, NOVICE:

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Sec. 3 utilizes established paved Denver Parks and Rec. bike paths from the confluence of Lakewood and Meadow Creek to Joseph P. Martinez park where it follows the creek on trimmed grass. No camping in section 3.

◆ WeDUPT Section Four, ADVANCED:

Sec. 4 the Preserve, follows the gully cut by the creek beyond the established boundary of incorporated city parks into areas of rapid "new-urbanist" development and undeveloped thickets extending all the way to the Denver city limits at Sheridan Boulevard. Sec. 4 is an expert section, requiring urban bushwhacking behind Section 8 housing projects, a stream crossing, and navigation of hobo trails leading to an established hobo camp. **Enter Sec. 4 at your own risk!**

Each section is delineated with a trail marker. Each marker has symbols depicting suggested and discouraged activities. In addition trail blazes and markers are along the route. WeDUPT exists in an extra-legal space. Activities encouraged along the corridor reflect actual as opposed to legal use. For example, camping, graffiti, and drinking are expressly prohibited in Denver's Parks. Within WeDUPT's intermediate space between legal and actual activities, such activities are encouraged and locations are delineated. DO NOT, however, mistake the existence of this guide as a legal sanctioning of such activities along this corridor.

