

Second Edition



# DECODE DOUGLAS COUNTY OUTDOORS

CAN YOU UNLOCK  
THE SECRETS?



# DOUGLAS COUNTY OUTDOORS HAS A SECRET...

but it's encrypted, and we need YOU  
to crack the code!

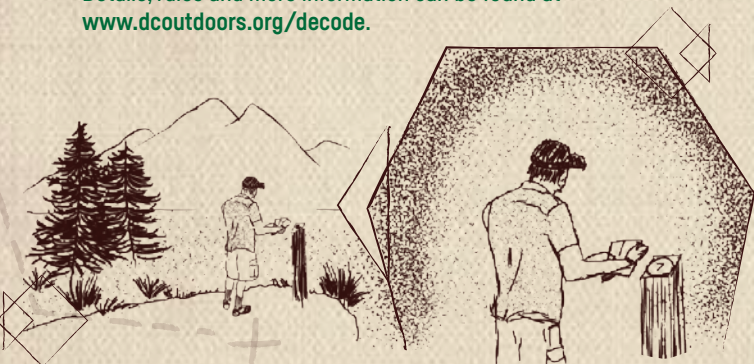
Visit eight scenic Douglas County Outdoors Open Space or Parks locations to find the numbers to solve the code. Your first destination is provided on page eight of this decoder booklet.

Explore each trail or park while keeping your eyes peeled for a wooden post with a plaque on top. That's where you'll find a number in the code and the clue to your next location.

Once you collect all eight numbers you've cracked the code! Use them to open two four-digit locks on a chest located at our Parks office.

Unlock the Decode Douglas County secrets to win a prize and be entered into the grand prize drawing.

Details, rules and more information can be found at [www.dcoutdoors.org/decode](http://www.dcoutdoors.org/decode).



To receive your prize please provide your contact information:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Street: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

I am:

0-12 years old  13-18 years old  over 18

Are you or an immediate family member  
an employee of Douglas County? Y/N

# HOW TO PLAY

1. Have fun and enjoy your parks, trails and open spaces.
2. Each individual may complete their own booklet (one booklet per person).
3. Visit the first location, which is LOCATION J. [Find the list of locations and their corresponding letters on pages 4-7.]
4. Know before you go. Look at trail maps online or at the trailheads.
5. DON'T FORGET A CRAYON or PENCIL.
6. Find the post with the numbered plaque. Create a rubbing of the plaque in the first box on page 8 by placing your booklet over the plaque and running your crayon or pencil over it. [The number in the center of the rubbing is the first number of the code that opens the locks on the chest.]
7. Write down the letter for the next location as indicated on the sign below the plaque.
8. Visit the next location; find the post; create a rubbing on the following page; and write down the letter of the next location.
9. Repeat Step 8 until you have visited all eight locations.
10. When you have collected all eight rubbings, use the numbers to unlock the chest outside the Douglas County Parks office at Highland Heritage Regional Park, 9651 S. Quebec Street Littleton, CO 80130.
11. Rubbings from locations 1-4 correlate to the **BLACK** lock on the chest.
12. Rubbings from locations 5-8 correlate to the **GOLD** lock on the chest.
13. When the chest is open, submit your booklet and relock.
14. Decode Douglas County Outdoors is an annual program starting January 1 and ending December 1.
15. To be eligible for prizes, completed booklets must be submitted by December 1.
16. Each year during December, the locations and codes will change.
17. Play again next year.

# LOCATIONS

## A

### **SANDSTONE RANCH OPEN SPACE**

9605 S PERRY PARK ROAD - LARKSPUR, CO 80118

Take Juniper Valley Trail N of the trailhead one mile west. Turn right at the Juniper Valley Loop intersection, and past the mile marker to an ascending turnoff on the left. The post is located by the interpretive sign.

## B

### **BINGHAM LAKE**

7740 LAKESHORE DRIVE - PARKER, CO 80134

Make sure you have your fishing gear (no license required) and check out Bingham Lake. There are many spots to fish along the 1-mile loop trail including an 80-foot fishing dock. The post is located on the south side of the lake.

## C

### **BLUFFS REGIONAL PARK**

10099 CROOKED STICK TRAIL  
LONE TREE, CO 80124

Bluffs Regional Park is a fabulous escape in the heart of Lone Tree. Get a great hike or ride in on the 3+ miles of hilly trail and enjoy views of Denver and the Front Range. The post is located at the end of the west overlook 1 mile from the trailhead.

## D

### **CHERRY CREEK REGIONAL TRAIL 1**

NORTH PINERY PARKWAY - PARKER, CO 80134 - 0.4  
MILES WEST OF HIGHWAY 83 ON N. PINERY PARKWAY

Bring your binoculars and spot wildlife along the Cherry Creek Regional Trail. Birds and deer are plentiful and if you're lucky you may even spot an owl or porcupine. The post is located 1.5 miles north of the trailhead.

## E

### **CHERRY CREEK REGIONAL TRAIL 2**

2581 WALKER ROAD - FRANKTOWN, CO 80116

Enjoy a short hike along the Cherry Creek Regional Trail while you spot wildlife. From the parking area at Walker Road, go E, then S on the trail about 1 mile. The post is near the second bridge.

## F

### **COLORADO FRONT RANGE TRAIL**

FRINK CREAMERY TRAILHEAD - W. PLUM CREEK AVE  
LARKSPUR, CO 80118

Start at the Frink Creamery Trailhead and head south for 0.6 miles to find the post while enjoying views of Pikes Peak and Monkey Face Butte to the west. This trailhead does not accommodate trailers.

## G

### **COLUMBINE OPEN SPACE**

2 FARAWAY PLACE - CASTLE ROCK, CO 80104

Head south on the 1.5-mile loop trail. See the old barn and 1800s rock spring house, and East Plum Creek with cottonwoods, willows and beaver dams. Pass by ponderosa pines and oaks. Find the post at the loop curve on the far end of the big grassy meadow.

## H

### **DAWSON BUTTE RANCH OPEN SPACE**

1923 TOMAH ROAD - LARKSPUR, CO 80118

Ride your horse or bike, jog or hike the 5-mile loop trail with wildflowers, wildlife, rocks, forests, meadows and Front Range views. The post is by the picnic tables at mile marker 2 on the Dawson Butte Loop Trail on the west side of the property.

## I

### **DUPONT PARK AND OPEN SPACE**

8020 MAINSTREET - LOUVIERS, CO 80125

Enjoy the historic town of Louviers, created for the Dupont dynamite company. It is the perfect spot for a picnic and a hike. The post is located at the start of the trail behind the picnic shelter. Please respect private property.

## J

### **EAST/WEST REGIONAL TRAIL**

11700 GRIGS ROAD - LITTLETON, CO 80126  
1.7 MILES SOUTH OF MCARTHUR RANCH PARKWAY  
ON GRIGS ROAD.

If you want the best views of Metro Denver and the Front Range then this location is for you. Cross the road and head west for 1.1 miles. The post is located at the overlook.

# LOCATIONS

**K FAIRGROUNDS REGIONAL PARK**  
500 FAIRGROUNDS DRIVE - CASTLE ROCK, CO 80104  
Take the pups to this popular dog park at Fairgrounds Regional Park. Enjoy the unique playground and numerous sports fields. The post is located just outside the dog park.

**L GLENDALE FARM OPEN SPACE**  
12300 HAVANA STREET - CASTLE ROCK, CO 80108  
Glendale Farm was the old Kroll family homestead. View the land, the dog off-leash area, and the tributary drainage of Happy Canyon from the first bench above the rocks on the north end, where you will find the post. The post is located 0.5 miles from the trailhead.

**M HIDDEN MESA OPEN SPACE**  
3636 PLEASANT VIEW DRIVE - CASTLE ROCK, CO 80108  
From the Pleasant View parking lot, hike or ride the loop around the property's namesake, the "Hidden Mesa." At a bench stop where Rocky Pass meets the loop trail, learn about prairie dogs and find the post. The post is 0.7 miles from the trailhead.

**N HIGH LINE CANAL**  
11498 ROXBOROUGH PARK ROAD - LITTLETON, CO 80125  
Hike a portion of the historic 71-mile High Line Canal. This section borders Chatfield State Park and is perfect for spotting birds and white-tailed deer. The post is 1.5 miles east of the trailhead.

**O HIGHLAND HERITAGE REGIONAL PARK**  
9651 SOUTH QUEBEC STREET - LITTLETON, CO 80130  
Soccer fields, a bike course, exercise equipment, sand volleyball, basketball and playgrounds – Highland Heritage has it all! The post is located near the playground on the east side of the park.

**P LINCOLN MOUNTAIN OPEN SPACE 1**  
7333 JONES ROAD - LARKSPUR, CO 80118  
Choose the Lower Palmer Divide Trail, a 4-mile loop, and head clockwise. One mile from the trailhead you will encounter Dewey's Hill and find the post. Continue around the loop for a longer hike or head back to the trailhead.

**Q LINCOLN MOUNTAIN OPEN SPACE 2**  
7333 JONES ROAD - LARKSPUR, CO 80118  
Choose the Lincoln Mountain Trail and follow it to the top of Lincoln Mountain. Head clockwise around the loop for stunning views of Pikes Peak. The post is located 1.6 miles from the trailhead.

**R SPRUCE MOUNTAIN OPEN SPACE 1**  
13415 SOUTH SPRUCE MOUNTAIN ROAD  
LARKSPUR, CO 80118  
Hike or ride about 1 mile to the flat top of Spruce Mountain then head either direction around the 2.3-mile loop trail. Halfway around the loop, at Windy Point, you will find the post. This hike is 4.7 miles long.

**S SPRUCE MOUNTAIN OPEN SPACE 2**  
13415 SOUTH SPRUCE MOUNTAIN ROAD  
LARKSPUR, CO 80118  
Enjoy the lower and flat trails of Spruce Mountain by heading west from the trailhead for 0.3 miles. Continue west by following the Eagle Pass Trail until you find the post. The post is located 1.6 miles from the trailhead.

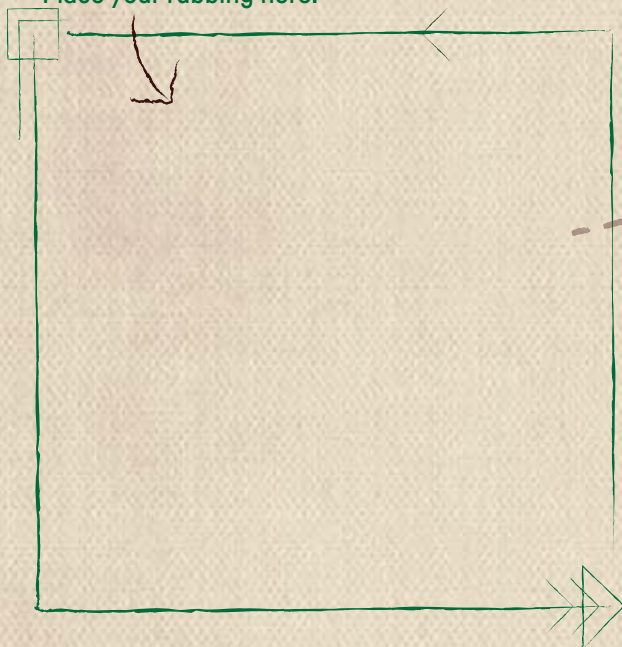
**T WHISPERING PINES PARK**  
8000 EAST PARK DRIVE - FRANKTOWN, CO 80116  
Pack a lunch, a volleyball and the kids and enjoy this hidden gem in Douglas County. The post is located near the playground.

# FIRST LOCATION

J

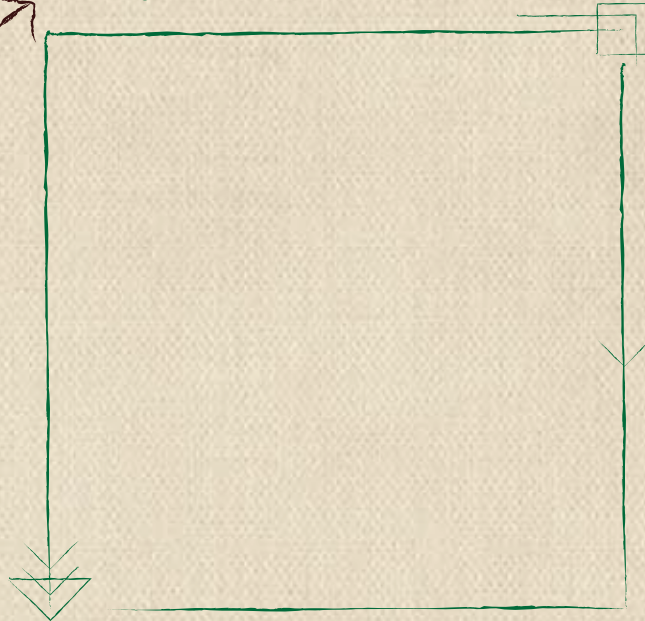
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Place your rubbing here.



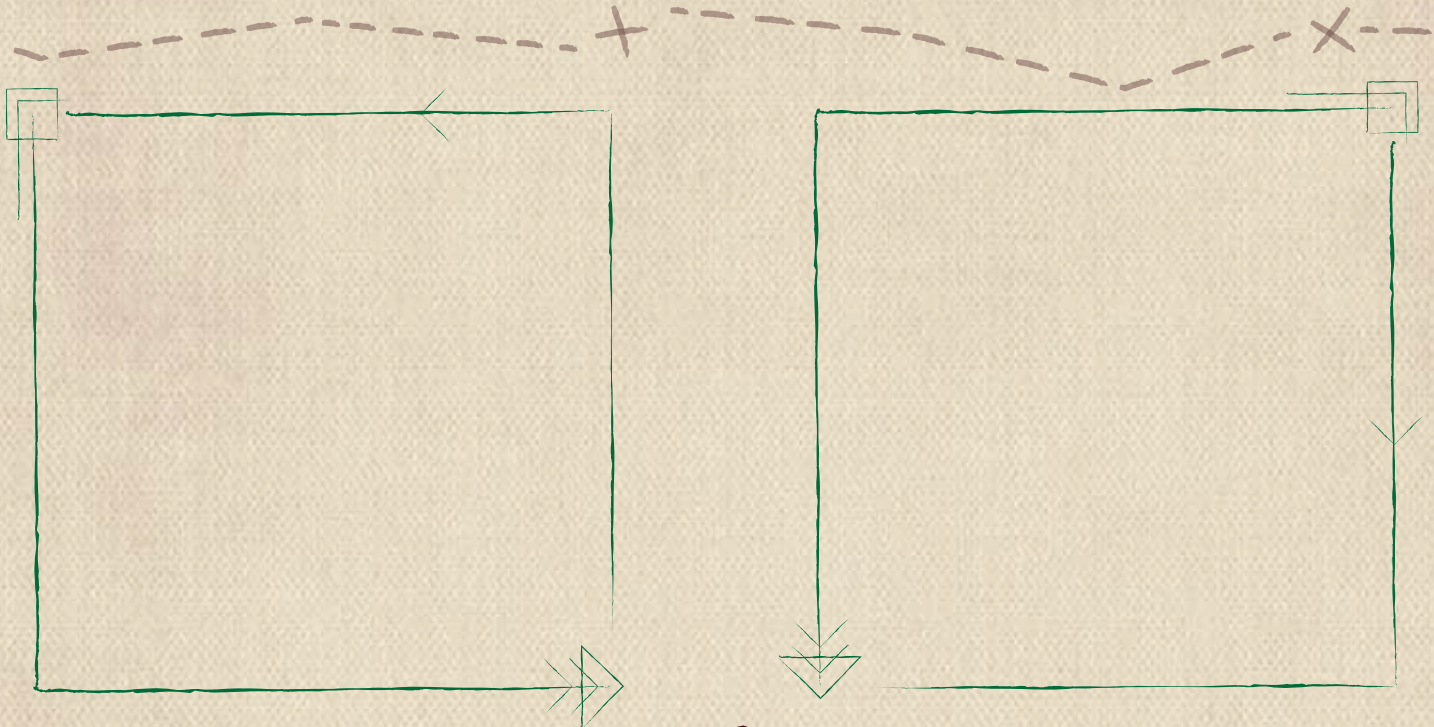
# SECOND LOCATION

Don't forget to record your next location.



# THIRD LOCATION

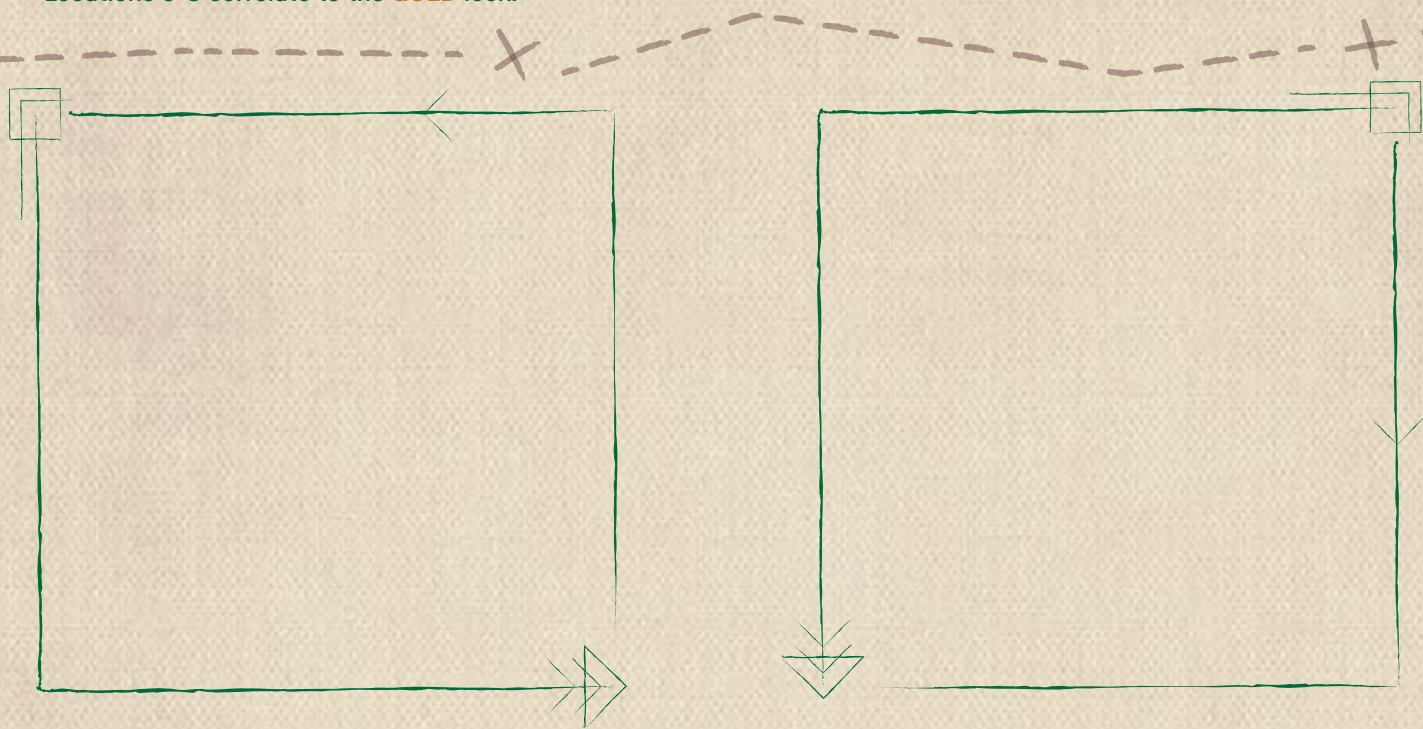
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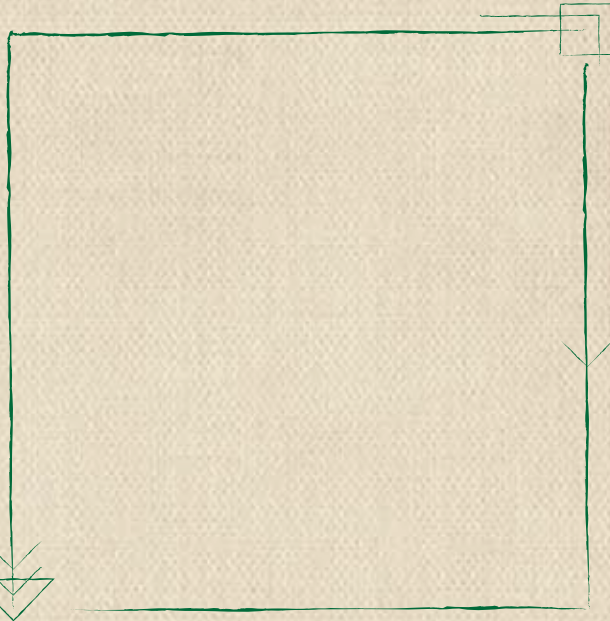
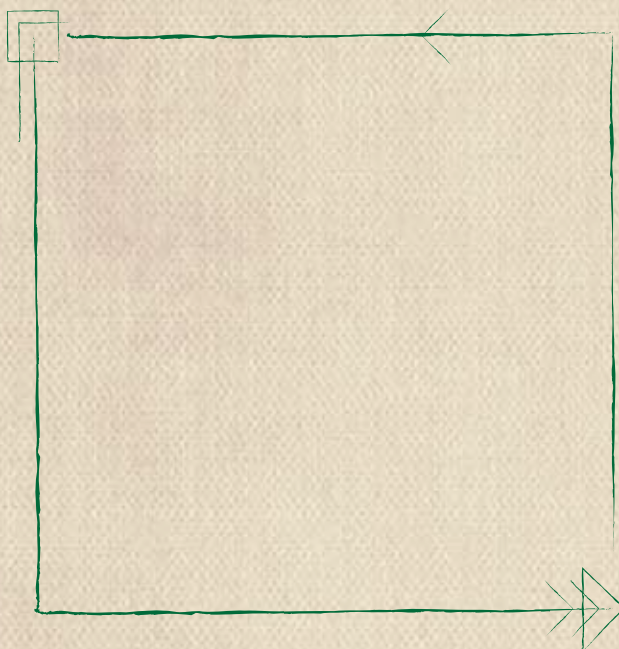
Locations 5-8 correlate to the **GOLD** lock.

## SIXTH LOCATION



## SEVENTH LOCATION

## EIGHTH LOCATION





# Questions, suggestions or need help finding a post?

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[douglaslandconservancy.org](http://douglaslandconservancy.org)

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**303-688-8025**  
[decodedcos@gmail.com](mailto:decodedcos@gmail.com)

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