

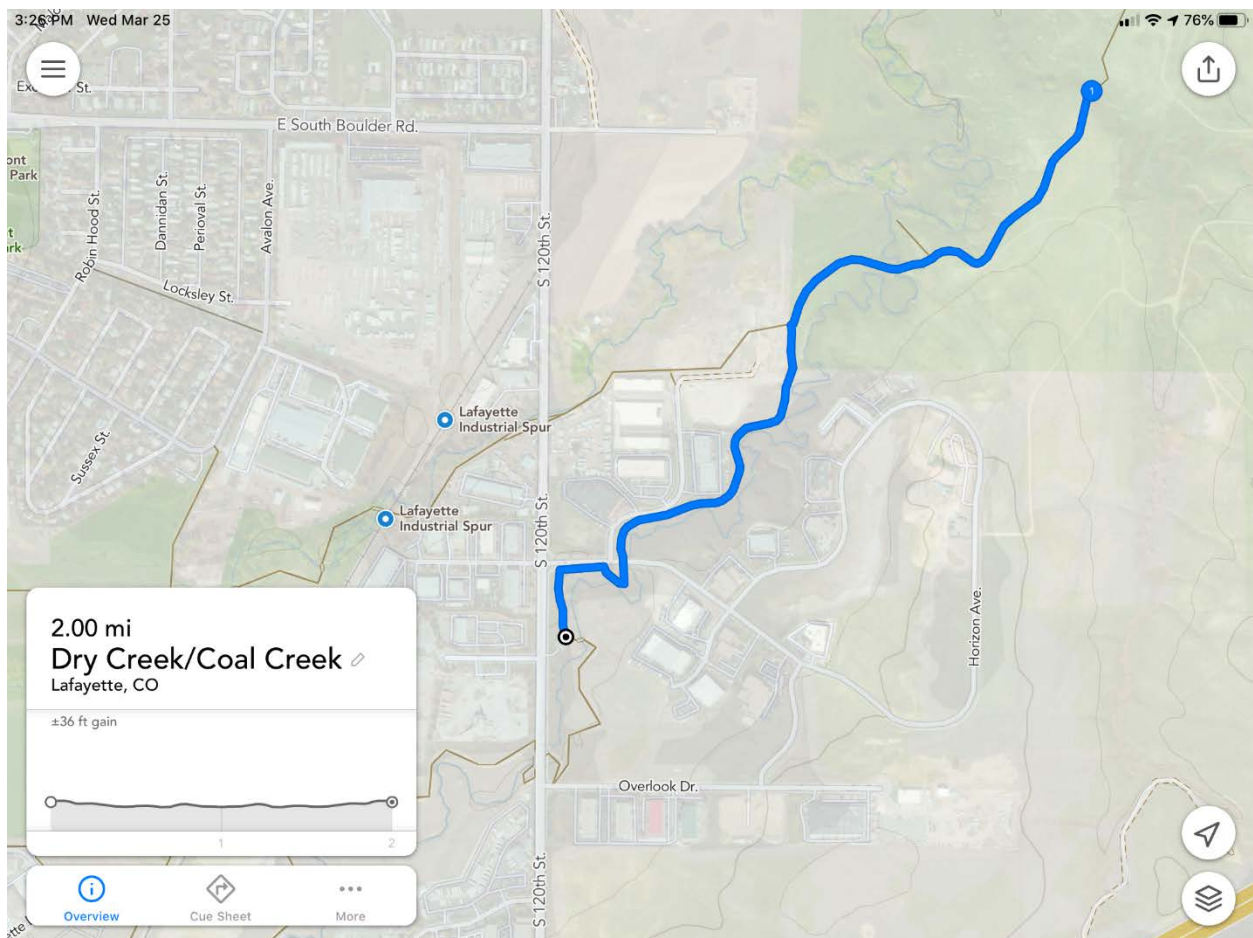
**Dry Creek/Coal Creek**  
Lafayette, CO

**Description:** This hike is geared at accessibility for all scouting levels. The hike is about 2.0 miles on a mostly flat unpaved surface, largely uphill for the out, downhill for the return, and takes about 30 minutes. The route is an out and back hike. Everyone will need to practice good trail awareness and remember to "keep right." This trail is mostly exposed so proper sun protection should be considered and water is a must.

**Directions & Parking:** Rock Creek Trailhead, on east side of S 120<sup>th</sup> in Lafayette.

**Meet:** Please congregate near the trail where it starts at the parking lot.

**Hiking Club Guidelines:** Please see next page for Pack 545 guidelines for the Hiking Club. The Hiking Coordinator will be looking for at least one other adult or leader to assist during the hike.



NOTE: Black/white circle on the bottom left denotes start/finish, route follows blue line northeast out and back.

### **Purpose of the Hiking Club Program**

The program is intended to invite the scouts to be more active in the outdoors, to learn more about the environment, practice good outdoor principles, and learn to love hiking!

A scout earns one mile credit for every mile hiked with the hiking club. The goal is for your scout to have fun while hiking. The Hiking Stick is the primary reward to be earned by scouts participating in the program, as well as other milestones. The Hiking Stick reward and additional milestones are subject to review and adjustment periodically by the Pack Committee. Currently, any scout who completes 10 miles with the Hiking Club will earn the Hiking Stick.

The hiking program will run concurrently with the scouting year and will consist of monthly hikes as the Pack calendar allows. Most hikes will be within an hour's drive and intended to be about 2 to 4 miles each ( around 1 ½ to 2 ½ hrs). They will be appropriate for all scout ranks unless stated otherwise. All scouts, families and siblings are welcome to participate.

While the purpose is to encourage hiking in our scouts and they may want to continue hiking on their own as a family or Den, only the organized Hiking Club hikes count toward the hiking program rewards and milestones.

### **Hiking Rules**

Scouts are required to have a parent-guardian on the hike with them at all times.

All hikes will depart from the meeting location as scheduled and on time.

Scouts need to be in uniform, however they can choose between their class A or B shirts.

Wear comfortable shoes, preferably sturdy hiking shoes with appropriate socks.

Scouts must carry their own pack with the six essentials.

Siblings may participate. It is up to the parent-guardian to decide if younger children can maintain a consistent pace and are capable of hiking the designated distance. Only scouts will receive hiking awards. If siblings participate, the parent should hike as well.

An adult leader will be tasked to the "lead" and "tail" positions. The Pack hikes as a unit. We start together, break together, etc., with everyone following the same trail. No "sprinters" going out ahead and no stragglers will be left behind.

Scout's mileage that is earned must be recorded by the hiking club leader (or their designate) to receive credit. It is the scout's responsibility to sign-in at each event.

Any awards or milestones will be awarded at Pack meetings or hiking club events.

Please no dogs allowed on pack hikes.

### **Six Essentials**

Water Bottle

First Aid Kit

Safety Whistle

Trail Snack

Sun Protection

Flashlight

(rain gear/jacket/poncho)