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Things you need to know before hiking the Dixon trail:

- You will encounter rugged terrain with a difficult to extreme rating.
- Trail markers and signs are provided.
- Be sure to allow enough time. This is a ROUND TRIP hike. There are NO pick up locations and No camping is permitted.
- Carry enough water – there is no place to refill
- Pack out all food and trash
- Be prepared for unpredictable weather conditions including lightning.
- NO SMOKING
- Bikes and horses must turn around at the 2.5 mile mark.



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ATTENTION

Cheyenne Mountain State Park is bear and mountain lion habitat. Although our chances of an interaction are low, please note the instructions below if you encounter a bear or mountain lion.

- Do not run, scream, or turn your back
- Make yourself look as large as possible
- Put children between adults
- Speak firmly and back away slowly
- If attacked, fight back

We are fortunate to have these beautiful animals living in the park. Please respect all our wildlife.

Report any sightings to the Visitor Center at 719 - 576 - 2016



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1957's Airplane Crash

An airplane crash occurred at this site on October 12, 1957, when a single jet engine Lockheed T-33A training plane flying from Scott Air Force Base in Illinois attempted a routine landing at Peterson Air Force Base, on the north side of the Colorado Springs airport. The weather consisted of fog and rain showers with winds gusting up to 30 mph; poor conditions for flying. The pilot's last communication with the control tower was, "We missed," then the radio went silent. The plane turned on final approach and somehow navigated too far west of the airport, shortly after 8 pm it crashed into the ground in this remote spot on Cheyenne Mountain. The wreckage was scattered over several hundred feet, killing the 2 person flight crew on impact, Lt. Col. Stevens H. Turner and Capt. Roy Vernon Cook. A subsequent Air Force investigation determined that the crash was the combined result of a failure to follow instrument approach landing procedures, weather conditions, and pilot fatigue.



The remains of the wreckage of the T-33A Shooting Star training plane that crashed in this spot in October, 1957.



U.S. Air Force photo Alexander Reina

T-33A Shooting Star

The T33A Shooting Star, manufactured by Lockheed between 1948 and 1959, was at one time the most widely-used jet trainer in the world. It had a wing-span of 39 feet and a length of 38 feet. The unarmed plane, also nicknamed the T-Bird, could fly at up to 600 mph, and had a range of over 1300 miles. It was developed from the earlier Lockheed P-80 with a lengthened fuselage to allow for a second tandem seat. The plane was powered by a single 5,200 pound thrust Allison turbo-jet engine.



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