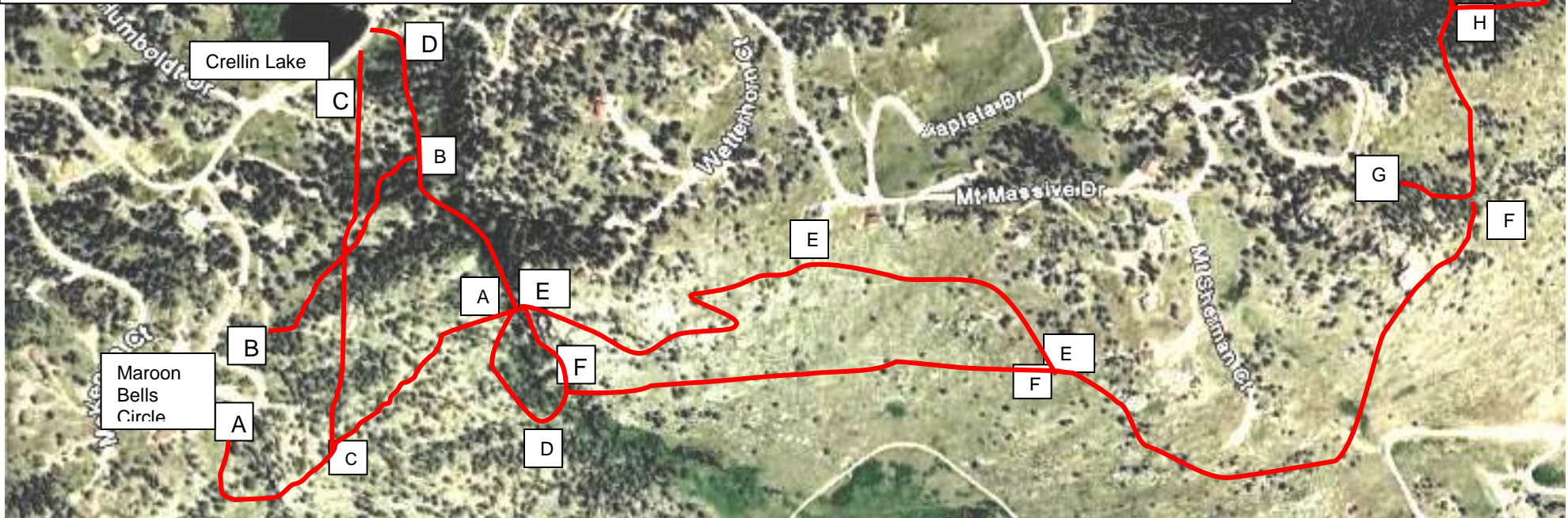


## GLACIER VIEW MEADOWS TRAIL MAP

Trail Label & Name	Start	End	Distance	Elevation Change
A Maroon Bells I	Maroon Bells Circle	Lower Crellin Nature Trail, top of Loop	.65	330 feet
B Maroon Bells II	Maroon Bells Circle	Upper Crellin Nature Trail, 1/3 from top	.22	180
C West Crellin	Crellin Lake	Maroon Bells II or I	.48	80
D Crellin Nature Trail & Loop	Crellin Lake	Connection to MB II, MB II, Asbury & Sloan	.41	310
E Asbury	Crellin NT upper loop	Sloan	.38	430
F Sloan	Crellin NT lower loop	Mount Moriah Trail	.95	155
G Mount Moriah	Crestone Way	Mount Moriah or Sloan	.47	430
H Batterson Loop	Mt. Moriah Trail	Mt. Moriah Trail		

Eight trails are described on this map beginning clockwise with two trails originating from Maroon Bells Circle (Maroon Bells I and II), two trails originating from the Crellin Lake parking area, West Crellin and Crellin Nature Trail. The fourth and fifth trails, Asbury and Sloan trails begin at the lower end of the Crellin Nature Trail, going eastward to the Mount Moriah Trail. The Mount Moriah Trail begins at the switchback on Crestone Way, proceeds south to a juncture with the Sloan Trail which will take you to the Crellin Lake trail complex; a right turn takes you up to the top of Mount Moriah and a 360 degree view of the area. A few hundred feet from the beginning of the Mount Moriah Trailhead is the Batterson Loop which descends to the grave of Azuba Batterson (the first known marked grave in the area) and brings you back up to the Mount Moriah Trail. Crestone Way access via Gate 5, Crellin Lake via Gate 6. Larger letters indicate trailheads.



## HISTORY

The **Crellin Canyon Trail**, which flows down Crellin Creek, was created by the Evans (Howard Ensign and Mary Alice) in the early 1980s on their own initiative. The trail is described in their book *A Naturalist's Years in the Rocky Mountains*. In 2000, Frank McCormick, a R&R Board member and retired ecologist suggested making the Crellin a self-guided nature trail. The Ecology Committee (created in 1997) accepted the suggestion and with the leadership of the Corwins developed a brochure and placed 27 numbered posts along the trail which identified trees and plants such as narrow-leafed cottonwood, alder, willow, birch, Kinnickinnick, juniper, ponderosa, Douglas-Fir, squaw current, aspen, snowberry, lichen. They added a Loop Trail at the bottom of the "Evans" Trail. Brochures are in a box at the beginning of the trail. Recycle by returning them to the box when you have finished your hike.

In the late 1980s the GVM staff constructed the **Mount Moriah** Trail from Crestone Way to the top of the mountain of the same name, and also the **Asbury** Trail from the bottom of the Crellin Canyon Trail to Pyramid Court/Mount Massive. Asbury was one of several **Riddle** brothers to homestead in the area. Riddle Lake is along Eiger Road.

In 2000 Iris Slack organized a trails group which was formalized the following year (2001) and engaged the services of Don Weixelman (the developer of GVM) to develop a trail system which was called the **Currie Park Trails Complex** named after the father and son, John and Clarence, who had assembled a 16,000 acre ranch over a 60 year period (1906-1967), of which GVM is a portion. Don brought his employees from Beaver Meadows and flagged trail locations which were part of his original master plan which had 33 miles of hiking and 36 miles of horseback trails. Thus were created the **Maroon Bells I & II**, **West Crellin** and **Sloan** trails. The Sloan family is also one of the pioneering families in the area. An eastern loop is added to the Asbury Trail, connecting it to the eastern portion of the Sloan. MB I has spectacular views of Rocky Mountain National Park, with a picnic table for your enjoyment.

In 2004 the **Batterson Loop Trail** was added to the Mount Moriah Trail, descending to the grave of Azubah Batterson who died at age 10. The Battersons homesteaded here circa 1870. The barn (completed 1890) is visible across Red Feather Lakes Road and the hill and lake are named after the Battersons.

There are three lakes in GVM named after homesteaders/early settlers: Crellin, Batterson and Riddle, and each has a trail with picnic tables. Additionally there is Currie Lake (visible from Western Ridge which is on private property).

## OTHER TRAILS

In the 1990s GMV staff constructed two trails in Filing 2, **Circle View Trail** (accessible from Manhead Meadow Court) and **Castle Court Trail** (accessible from the road by that name).

In 2002 the **Porter Trail** was constructed in a Filing 12 Greenbelt between Horse Mountain Drive (near the pump station) and Meadow Mountain Drive. Paul and Jean Porter were major players in GVM history, working on trails serving, on the R&R Board, and helping establish the Glacier View Volunteer Fire Department.

Also in Filing 12, at the entrance gate, is access to a large amount of U.S. Forest Service Land, providing an almost limitless area to hike and ride horses.