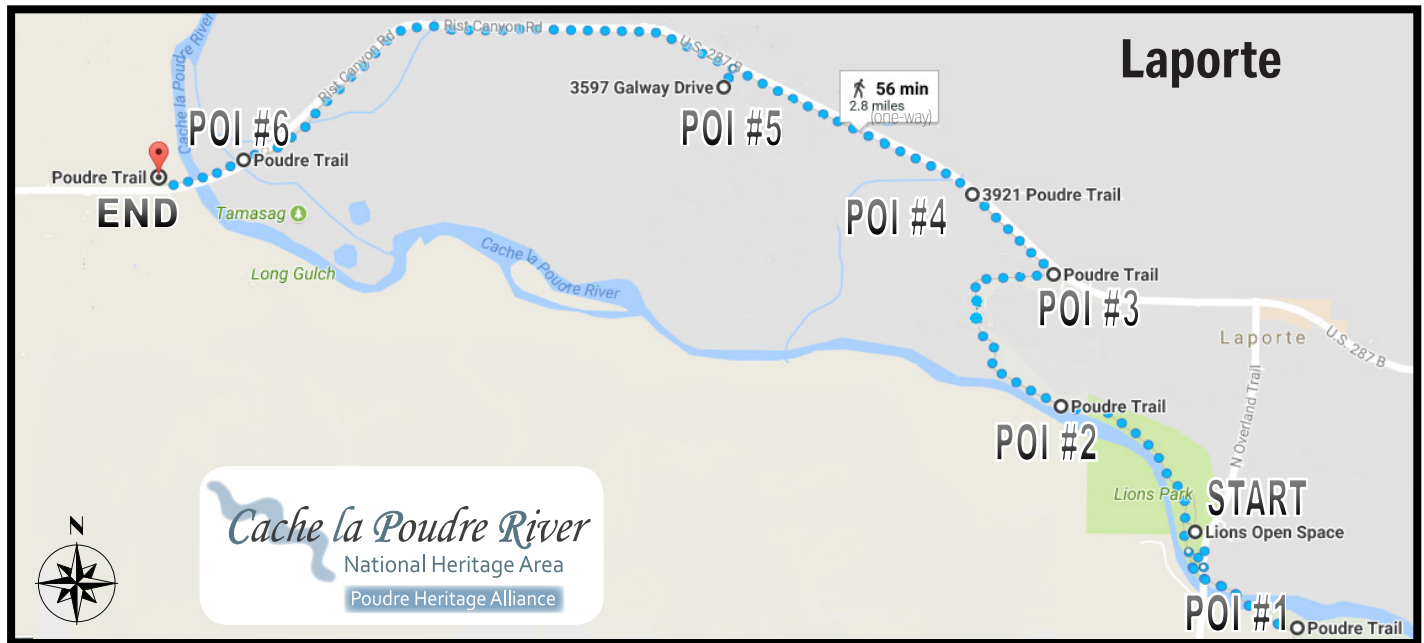


## ROUTE 1 - CONDENSED

# Lion's Share of History



## START

Lions Open Space trailhead parking lot at 2449 N. Overland Trail, Laporte. From the parking lot, first head southeast on the trail where it crosses under (or over) N. Overland Trail.



## POI #1

Lions Open Space Bridge – .3 miles. Cross the bridge and stop where the bridge ends and heads into the Butterfly Woods Open Space.

- Seasonal Selfie: Take a selfie looking up river with as much of the bridge in the background as you can!

Head back towards the parking lot and continue down the trail to the next POI.



## POI #2

Edge of Cache la Poudre School grounds — .8 miles.

- Seasonal Selfie: Take a selfie with the river and foothills in the background.

## POI #3

The Poudre Trail takes a sharp left turn (1.2 miles) and proceeds northwest on the trail alongside 287-B/W County Rd 54G to the next POI.



## POI #4

Taylor and Gill Ditches wayside interpretive sign — 1.4 miles

- Heritage Hunt Question: How long is the Taylor and Gill Ditch?
- Heritage Hunt Question: Scan the QR code on the interpretive sign (or visit the website listed by the QR code: <http://poudreheritage.org/video/irrigation-ditches-canals/>), watch the Poudre Heritage Alliance video and answer the following question:
  - In what year did Congress designate the Cache la Poudre River National Heritage Area?
- Seasonal Selfie: Take a selfie with the Taylor and Gill ditch charthouse in the background.

Continue northwest on the Poudre Trail, cross the Taylor and Gill Ditch, and then turn left (south) onto Galway Drive. Walk a short ways down Galway Drive to the next POI.

## POI #5

Antoine Janis monument—1.8 miles. This stone monument and plaque honor Antoine Janis, the first European settler in the area.

Continue to follow the Poudre Trail as it turns left onto Rist Canyon Road.

## POI #6

Bellvue Hydraulic Irrigation Laboratory wayside interpretive sign — 2.7 miles

- Heritage Hunt Question: What was the name of the college that Ralph Parshall taught at?
- Heritage Hunt Question: Scan the QR code on the interpretive sign (or visit the website listed by the QR code: [www.poudreheritage.org/bellvue](http://www.poudreheritage.org/bellvue)), watch the Water Innovation video and answer the following question: In what year was the Parshall Flume patented?

Continue to follow over two bridges until you reach the end of the Poudre Trail.

## END

This is the official end of the Poudre Trail in Larimer County - 2.8 miles. The parking lot is at the entrance to Watson Fish Hatchery/Watson Lake.