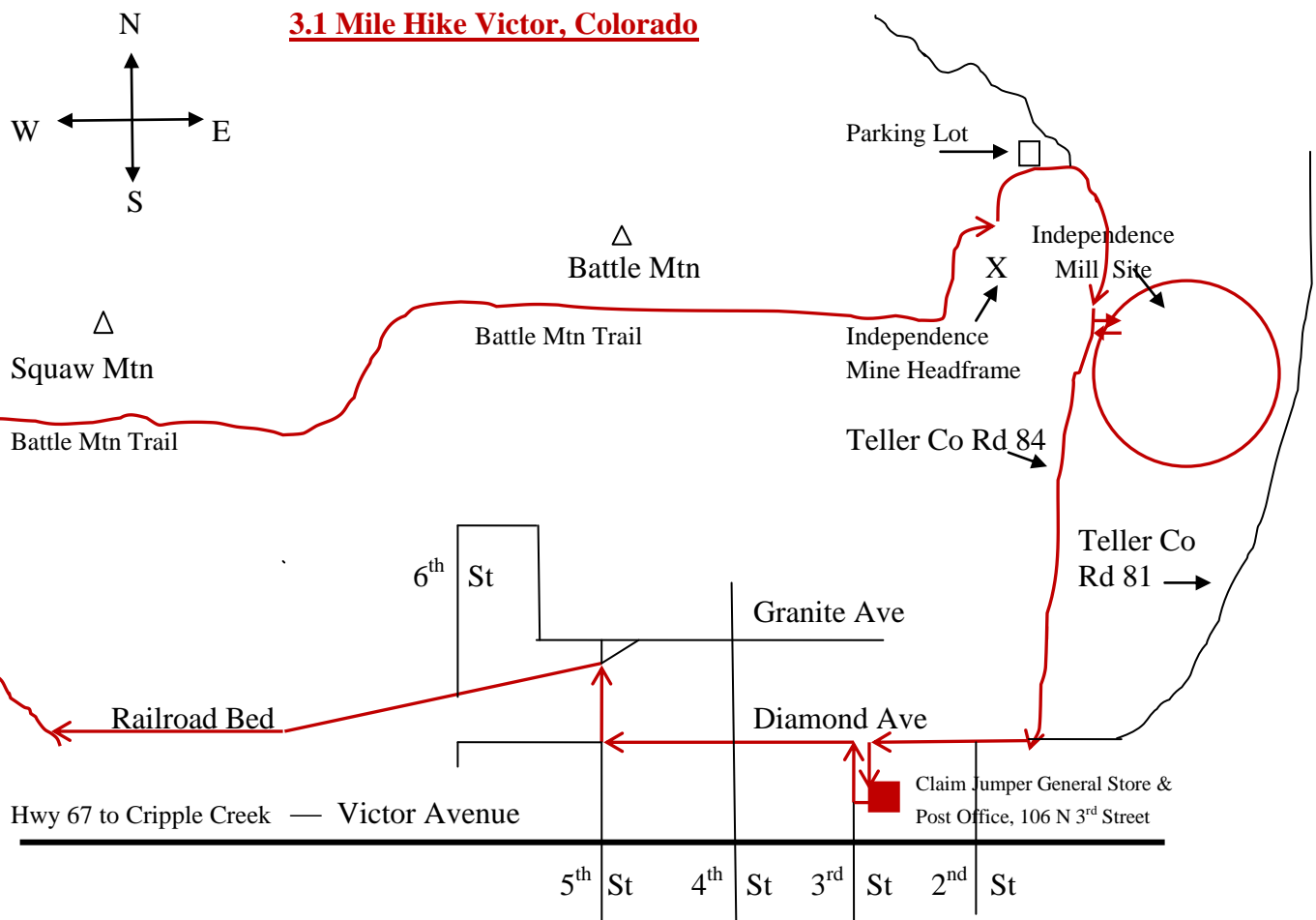


Victor Year-Round VolksMarch Hiking Club Trail—3.1 Mile or 6.2 Mile Hikes

The Victor, Colorado Year Round VolksMarch Hiking Club Trail utilizes parts of a series of trails developed by the Southern Teller County Focus Group in cooperation with the Cripple Creek & Victor Mining Company. Maps and directions are provided below.

The trails pass through both historic and active private mining property. For safety reasons, please do not venture off the marked trails. The trails are open to foot, horse and bicycle traffic in the summer, and skiing and snowshoeing in the winter. No motorized traffic is allowed.

The trails are through mountain terrain at elevations from 9,500 to 10,500 feet above sea level. The 3.1 mile hike covers terrain with less variation in elevation compared to the 6.2 mile hike. Bring a hat, sunscreen, and jacket in case of rapidly changing weather conditions. See <http://www.victorcolorado.com/hiking.htm> for more information on the trails.



The 3.1 Mile Hike is shown in RED on the map above. The 6.2 Mile Hike (an extension of the 3.1 Mile Hike) **is shown in BLUE on the map below.** Both start and loop back to the same place.

Start at the Claim Jumper General Store & Post Office at 106 N 3rd Street. There is a public parking lot just across the street.

- Go north on 3rd Street for ½ block and turn left (west) on Diamond Avenue.
- Go west on Diamond Avenue for 2 blocks and turn right (north) on 5th Street. (You will pass by the historic Gold Coin Club and the ruins of the Gold Coin Mine.)
- Go north on 5th Street for 1 block and turn left (west) on the narrow, angling street that was once the Midland Terminal Railroad bed. (The brick depot building can be seen one block away in the opposite direction.)
- Continue west on old railroad bed past 6th Street as the road eventually narrows to a path through aspen trees and rock outcroppings. This path climbs gently until it merges into another much wider abandoned railroad bed. (Looking to the west you will see the Sangre de Cristo mountain range in the distance and the leach pad of the active surface mining operations of the Cripple Creek & Victor Gold Mining Company.)
- Turn to the right (east) and follow the wide abandoned railroad bed across the face of Squaw and Battle Mountains. (Above the trail on the left are the historic headframes for the underground Ajax and Portland Mines. Below the trail on the right are spectacular views overlooking the City of Victor, the Strong Mine, as well as more distant views of Straub Mtn, Nipple Mtn, and the Wet Mnts.)
- The Battle Mountain Trail portion of your hike ends in a parking lot just beyond the historic headframe and ore sorting equipment once part of the Independence Gold Mine. (This was the mine that made Winfield Scott Stratton the first millionaire in early days of the Gold Camp.)
- Turn right out of the Independence Mine parking lot onto Teller County Road 84. About 20 yards down the road, veer left onto the trail toward the Independence Millsite. The Independence Millsite Trail and Interpretive Site is a loop through the ruins of a gold recovery operation dating to the turn of the 19th / 20th Century. (Foundations of some of the Millsite ruins have been converted into a small outdoor amphitheater.)
- **To finish a 3.1 mile hike**, leave the Millsite Loop Trail and turn left (south) back onto Teller County Road 84 downhill toward the City of Victor.
 - Turn right (east) on Diamond Avenue and go 2 blocks to 3rd Street.
 - Turn left (south) on 3rd Street and continue ½ block back to the Claim Jumper General Store and Post Office at 103 N 3rd Street.
- **The 6.2 mile hike continues from the Millsite Loop** as shown in the map and directions below.

6.2 Mile Hike, Victor, Colorado

- **To continue on a 6.2 mile hike**, turn right (north) from the Millsite Loop Trail and veer onto the Golden Circle Trail which connects to the Vindicator Valley Trail Loop. (The Golden Circle Trail roughly parallels Teller County Road 81 which passes by the historic town of Goldfield on the way to Victor.) **SEE MAP BELOW**
- When you reach the Vindicator Valley Trail, turn to the left and complete the loop through the Vindicator Valley in a clockwise direction. (Interpretive signs with historic photos, information about numerous historic underground gold mines, railroads, gold rush era communities, and current-day surface mining are located along the loop.)
- Upon completion of the loop, exit the Vindicator Valley Trail and head back toward Victor again on the Golden Circle Trail to the Independence Millsite.
- Veer to the left fork of the Golden Circle Trail to pass by the lower side of the Millsite and connect with Teller County Road 81 near the helipad.
- Turn right (west) on Teller 81 which becomes Diamond Avenue leading into the City of Victor.
- Continue west on Diamond Avenue to 3rd Street.
- Turn left (south) on 3rd Street for ½ block to return to the Claim Jumper General Store and Post Office at 106 N 3rd Street.

SEE MAP OF 6.2 MILE HIKE BELOW

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6.2 Mile Hike—Continuation of 3.1 Mile Hike, Victor, Colorado

