

# CRESTED BUTTE LAND TRUST LETTERBOX CLUES

*Good luck, be safe and have fun!*

## Woods Walk

**Difficulty:** Very easy, less than ¼ mile, very gentle walking.

**Clues:** Go up Kebler Pass Road (leaves town from Whiterock Ave.). The trailhead is directly on the right after Treasury Hill Road. Park on the south (left) side: you'll see several signs, one of which reads "Woods Walk " at the top. Begin your search on the trail by veering left through fence posts. Follow the trail past an open meadow, past a large boulder on the side of the trail, to a second open meadowy area, though smaller than the first. Here you'll see a few large stand-alone boulders on your right. Search these boulders, for one hides what you seek! From here you can continue on the Woods Walk and enjoy views of Paradise Divide to the Lower Loop, or return directly to your car.

## Lower Loop/Slate River

**Difficulty:** Easy, gentle walking. Distance from northern parking lot: less than 1 mile.

**Clues:** Make your way out to Peanut Lake Road and to the trailhead of the Lower Loop (this can be reached by walking the Woods Walk, or driving/bicycling to either the first or second parking area along the road. You also have the option to make this a loop with the Upper Lower Loop Trail). Begin on the Lower Loop Wide Path. Follow the trail as it crosses two wooden bridges. Just as you cross the second bridge, there is a conifer tree to the left of the edge of the bridge. Search the undergrowth of this tree!

## Gunsight/Coal Train

**Difficulty:** Easy. Less than a ¼ mile (you can almost see your destination from your car!).

**Clues:** From Gothic Road, make your way out Slate River Road to a left turn approximately 3 ½ miles out. (You can also continue to hike from the Lower Loop to Gunsight Pass Road and follow the signs down the road to Gunsight Bridge) A left turn will take you to the Land Trust's popular Gunsight Bridge, a wonderful spot to dip your toes in the water. This letterbox is located on the new Coal Train Trail, which begins just down the road from the Gunsight parking area. This trail was completed in 2021 to help accommodate increased recreation in the area and connects Gunsight Bridge to Oh-Be-Joyful. Once on the new Coal Train Trail, continue over a series of small bridges. Just as the trail begins to look outlined by rocks, keep your eyes peeled for a noticeably darker open ground area (from old mining days) to your left. Look for a large rock that is overgrown with vines and shrubbery at the far edge of the dark patch. Search around this rock and shrubbery for your treasure!

### **Lupine Trail**

**Difficulty:** More strenuous, some steeper climbing. Distance from Slate River Trailhead less than 1 mile.

**Clues:** Drive out Slate River Road for approximately 2 ½ miles and park at the Slate River Trailhead (at the base of the Lupine Trail). Begin by following the windy trail uphill through the wildflowers and sage. This portion of the Lupine Trail was built by a group of volunteers in 2012. It makes its way through the Town of Crested Butte and Land Trust's Kikel A & B properties. Keep hiking up (you can do it!) for about a mile until you reach a bench. Enjoy the view! Look around for a cairn and behind that, a stand of aspens. Search a nearby cluster of aspen trees for your letterbox!

### **Old Rock Community Library**

**Difficulty:** Easy, right in town at 507 Maroon Avenue.

**Clues:** The Old Rock Community Library was built in 1883 and is one of town's oldest buildings. Originally built as a school, the building was renovated in 1993 to become a branch of the Gunnison County Library District. Search the library's window displays for your treasure! You can always ask a friendly librarian for help!

### **Crested Butte Museum**

**Difficulty:** Easy, right in town at 331 Elk Avenue.

**Clues:** The Crested Butte Museum preserves, shares, and celebrates the history and traditions of Crested Butte and the Gunnison Valley. In 1993 concerned citizens got together to create the Museum, a place to share and preserve artifacts and history that define and enrich our community. Check out their incredible window displays and search for your letterbox.

## **CRESTED BUTTE LAND TRUST**

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