

COYOTE BOB^{AND} RANGER PAULA

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The legend of
THE FLATIRONS

...and other
Boulder Tales

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CITY OF BOULDER

OPEN SPACE^{AND} MOUNTAIN PARKS

COYOTE BOB'S LEGEND OF THE FLATIRONS

OK kids, who knows where the Flatirons came from?



I know Ranger Paula!



Millions of years ago, plates in the earth's crust...

That's right, Suzie. I made them.

Coyote Bob, please? Let me tell you the story.



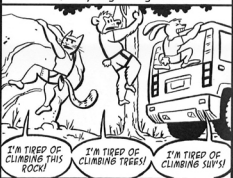
I remember when Boulder didn't have the Flatirons, oh about 5 or 28 or 132 years ago. I don't exactly remember. See, the people back then wanted to protect the environment, like today!



It was important to do for future generations to enjoy. Like you and I, they were hikers, bikers, kayakers and mt. climbers.



Oh the climbers! Living in a town without Flatirons, they began to grow restless.



I'M TIRED OF CLIMBING THIS ROCK!

I'M TIRED OF CLIMBING TREES!

I'M TIRED OF CLIMBING SUVS!

A lot of folks had silly ideas about how to protect nature.

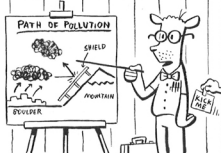


THE BEST WAY TO PROTECT WILDLIFE IS TO BUILD A HUGE STONE WALL BETWEEN THE MOUNTAINS AND THE TOWN! KEEP THE ANIMALS OUT OF TOWN, OUT OF DANGER! LET THEM HAVE THEIR PEACE!



YOU'LL SEE BY MY SUPERBLY DRAWN DIAGRAM THAT THE BEST WAY TO KEEP IMPENDING CITY POLLUTION AWAY FROM NATURE IS TO CONSTRUCT GIANT DEFLECTOR SHIELDS IN FRONT OF THE MOUNTAINS.

I'M A GENIUS.



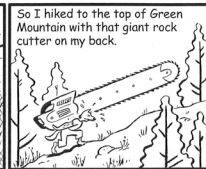
IF YA ASK ME, AND EVEN IF YA DON'T, I THINK THE PROBLEM IS DEVELOPMENT. TOO MANY PEOPLE WANT TO LIVE IN THE MOUNTAINS. WHY? CAUSE IT'S PERTY THERE! IF YA CUT DOWN ALL THE TREES 'N FLOWERS, THEN NOBODY WOULD WANT TO LIVE THERE. RIGHT?

SHAVE THE MOUNTAINS BARE I SAY!

So one day, I was working at my mom's machine shop when my friend Ranger Paula came by for lunch.

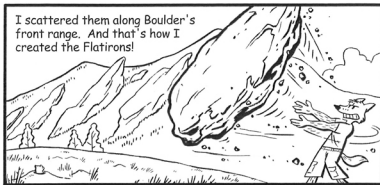


Hi Coyote Bob.



Note to self: Tip my personal trainer.

I scattered them along Boulder's front range. And that's how I created the Flatirons!



Everyone was happy, especially the mountain climbers.

THEY'RE GOOD FOR THE ANIMALS.

THEY'RE AT THE PERFECT ANGLE.

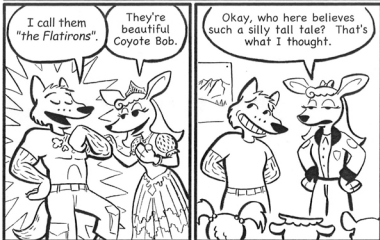
BARE ROCK, THAT'S WHAT I LIKE!



I call them "the Flatirons".

They're beautiful Coyote Bob.

Okay, who here believes such a silly tall tale? That's what I thought.



RANGER PAULA'S REAL STORY OF THE FLATIRONS

Now you be quiet.



There used to be an older mountain range 280 million years ago where today's Rockies are now.



Little by little, wind and water wore those ancient mountains down, grinding them into sand and pebbles that washed down creeks and spread out across the land where Boulder is now.

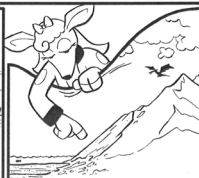
More sand, mud and rock collected on top and for a while, the Boulder area was even under an ocean.



The huge weight of all the water and mud on top of the sand crushed it into a harder rock called sandstone.



The Rockies are eroding again. Will there be another set of Flatirons millions of years from now?



When today's Rocky Mountains began to rise, they pushed back the ocean and tilted up the flat sandstone that Coyote Bob did not really name the Flatirons!

That's strange. I thought that would put them to sleep.

No way! Tell us more about the Flatirons, Ranger Paula.



A HISTORY OF OPEN SPACE AND MOUNTAIN PARKS

4000 B.C. LONG BEFORE BOULDER EXISTED, PREHISTORIC PEOPLE MAY HAVE HUNTED AND GATHERED IN THE BOULDER VALLEY.



1851 A.D. AFTER HUNDREDS OF YEARS OF OCCUPATION, THE NATIVE ARAPAHOE PEOPLE WERE GRANTED OWNERSHIP OF THE BOULDER AREA.



1858 A.D. THE FIRST NON-NATIVE SETTLERS CAME TO THE AREA NOW KNOWN AS SETTLER'S PARK.



1898 A.D. BOULDERITES PURCHASED THE CHAUTAUQUA MEADOW TO SET ASIDE FOR LAND PRESERVATION. THIS WAS THE FIRST OF MANY PURCHASED LANDS TO BE PROTECTED UNDER WHAT IS NOW OPEN SPACE AND MOUNTAIN PARKS!



BUT WHAT IF THAT NEVER HAPPENED?
WHAT IF BOULDER NEVER PROTECTED ITS ENVIRONMENT?

1892



1900



1927



1954



1969



1977



1998



2092



LUCKILY, THIS NEVER HAPPENED AND...

...WE HAVE OUR BEAUTIFUL LANDS AROUND US!



WORD SEARCH FUN!

Find these words in the box below.

AIR	HABITAT	PRESERVE
ANIMALS	HOME	RECYCLE
CARE	LITTER	RESOURCE
CLEAN	OCEAN	REUSE
EARTH	OXYGEN	SOIL
ENERGY	PEOPLE	WATER
FUEL	PLANTS	WORLD

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Did you know
Open Space and
Mountain Parks has
over 130 miles
of hiking trails?



If you hiked all of
them, it would be like
walking from Boulder
to Wyoming!

AND NOW PRAIRIE DOG ADVENTURES!



RANGER PAULA'S WILDLIFE SAFETY TIPS

If you are hiking or playing in mountain lion or bear country, stay with a friend or a group.

WHAT TO DO IF YOU SEE A BEAR OR LION:



- 1 Never approach a lion or bear!
- 2 Stop, stay calm and back away slowly. Talk to the animal in a calm, firm voice. Do not run! Give the animal plenty of room to escape.
- 3 Do not make direct eye contact. Watch the animal but never turn your back on it.
- 4 Look as big as possible. Do this by pulling a jacket or backpack up over your head, and waving your arms.
- 5 Tell an adult, if one is near by!
- 6 Fight back if you are attacked. Use rocks, binoculars, sticks or even your bare hands.

It's rare to see these animals but it's important to be prepared.



We want you and the wildlife to be safe!

Now help Mama Prairie Dog get to her pups.

