



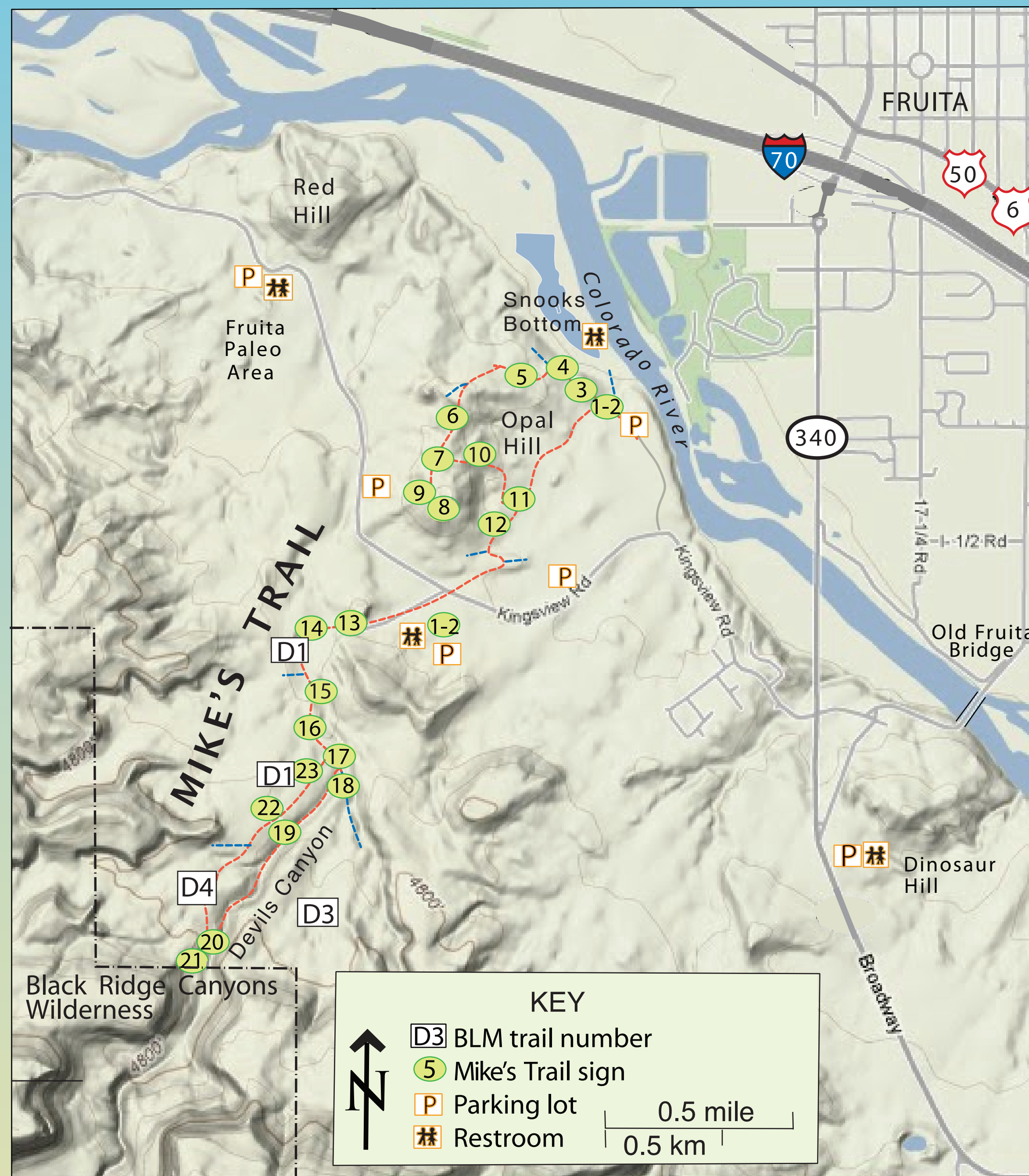
Mike's Trail

1. The Shape of the Land



How did the land get the way it is? Why is there a hill here, a river there, a range of mountains back behind them all?

Mike's Trail will take you on an adventure through Earth's past, and show you how to read the story from the rocks you see. Each sign along this trail helps tell how the nearby land became the way it is today. Together the 23 signs reveal a lot about Earth's journey through time.



Before you start:

- Mike's Trail climbs the gentle slope of Opal Hill to its summit, descends its eastern side, crosses the flats then continues south near Devils Canyon Creek to the Black Ridge Canyons Wilderness boundary.
- Most of the trail is gently sloping. A few sections are narrow and steep.
- The trail can be split into two parts:
 1. Opal Hill loop, the northeast part of Mike's Trail, Signs 1-12
1.5 miles (2.4 km)
One hour to walk, plus time to look at the signs and the view.
 2. Devils Canyon loop, the southwest part of Mike's Trail, Signs 13-23
2 miles (3.2 km)
One hour to walk, plus time to look at the signs and scenery.

· Mike's Trail was put together by friends, students, and family of FMHS teacher Mike Williams as a way to continue his teaching of Geology and love of the outdoors. A special thanks to cartoonist Bruce Manchee and to the many contributors who helped this project happen.

