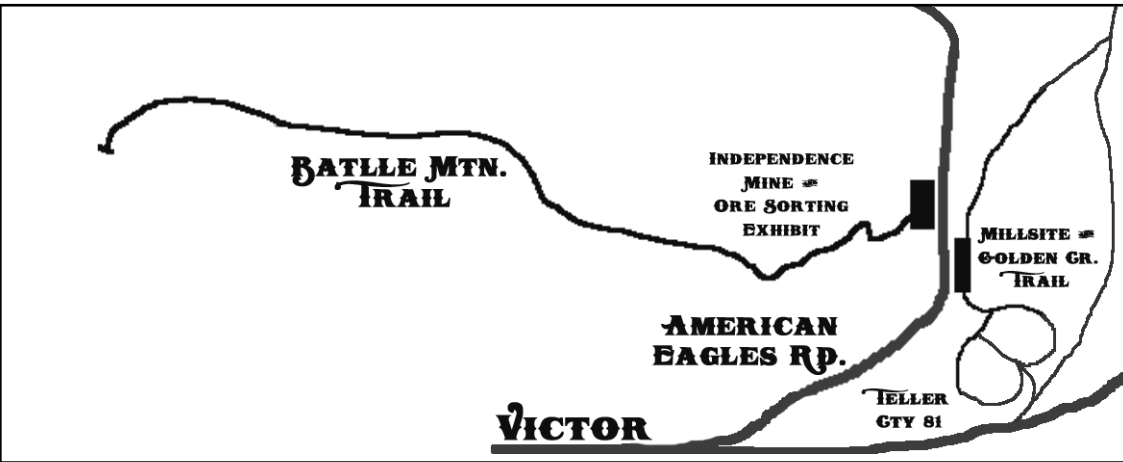
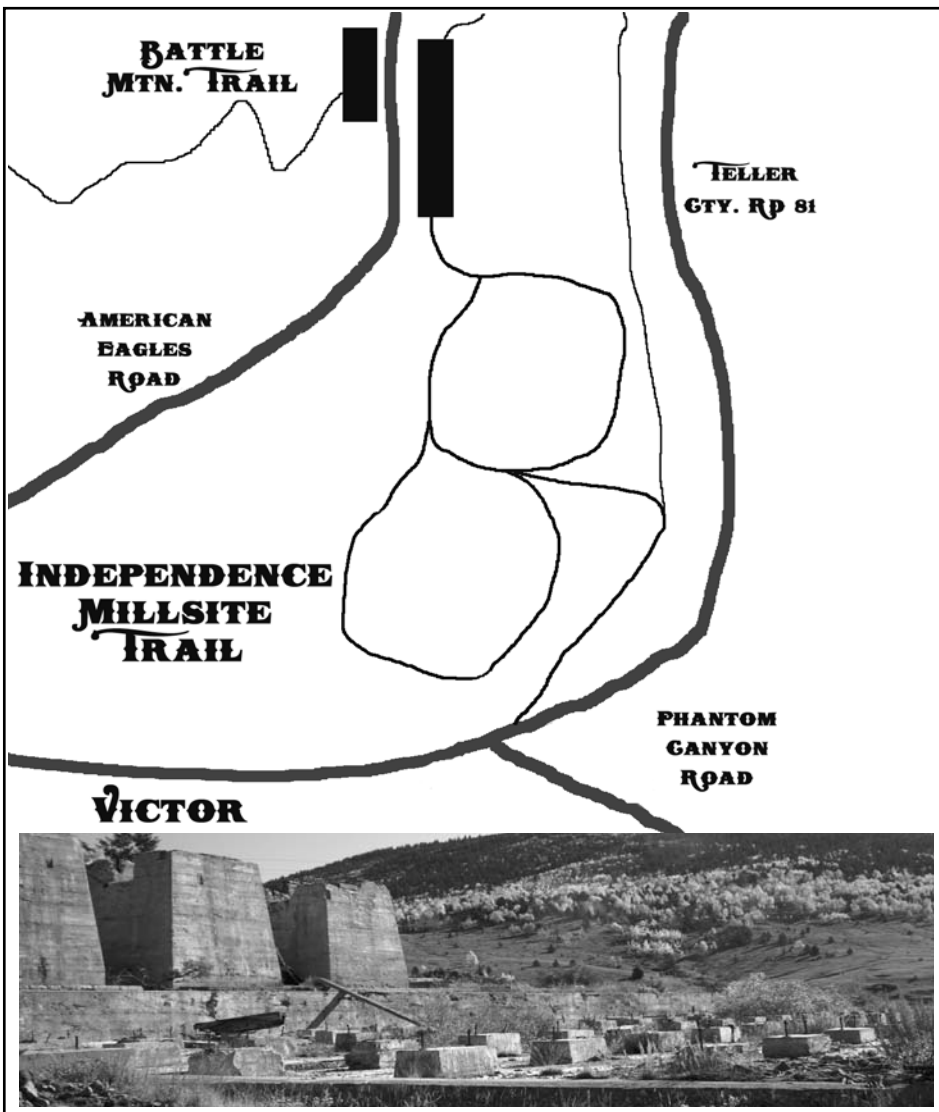


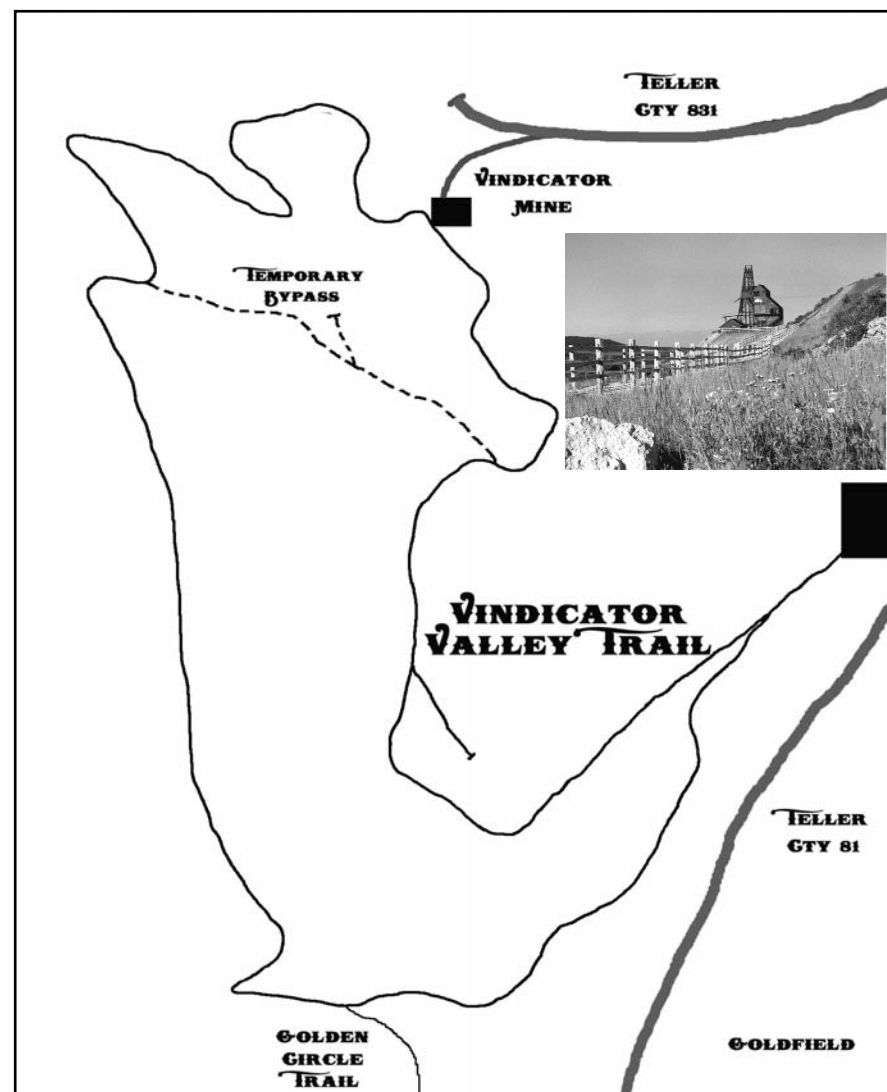
Battle Mtn. Trail & Independence Mine



Independence Millsite



Vindicator Valley Trail



Victor Trail System

Battle Mountain Trail

[Easy 1 Mile Round-trip]

The Battle Mountain Trail begins at Stratton's Independence Mine just outside of Victor on the Range View Road. This 1-mile trail takes you past the famous Independence Mine, where Winfield Scott Stratton made millions at the turn of the century. The trail traverses Battle Mountain below the Portland I and Ajax mines and above the Strong Mine. Views of the Sangre de Cristo Mountains and the historic city of Victor are spectacular.

Golden Circle Trail

[Easy 1.25 Miles One-Way to Vindicator Valley]

The Golden Circle Trail, which follows an 1890's railroad route of the same name, begins at the Independence Millsite Trailhead off American Eagles Road. A trailhead at County Road 81 and Phantom Canyon Road is planned in 2006. The trail is about 1 1/4 miles long and leads from the north end of the new parking area for the Independence Millsite. At the trailhead is the historic single-drum hoist from the Joe Dandy Mine.

Independence Millsite Trail

[Easy 1/2 Mile Loop]

The trail and interpretive site is a loop tour of the Independence Millsite just above Victor off the American Eagles Road, across from the Independence Mine and Battle Mtn. Trail. Stratton's Independence Millsite is an excellent way to see the foundations of the gold recovery operations from the turn of the century. An interpretive brochure includes a sketch map and an outline of the historic process. Please do not climb on the foundations for your safety and the preservation of the structures.

Vindicator Valley Trail

[Easy with Steep Portion 2 Mile Loop]

This trail loops through Vindicator Valley, the historic location of the town of Independence and several of the district's largest mines. Interpretive signs with historic photos, information about railroads and gold rush communities, and current-day mining are located along the trail. There are three trailheads: The Theresa Mine across from Goldfield, the Vindicator Mine on County Road 831, and the Golden Circle Trail at County Road 81 (planned 2006). Please follow all safety directions - a temporary bypass route may be in effect due to active mining nearby.

Golden Circle Trail

