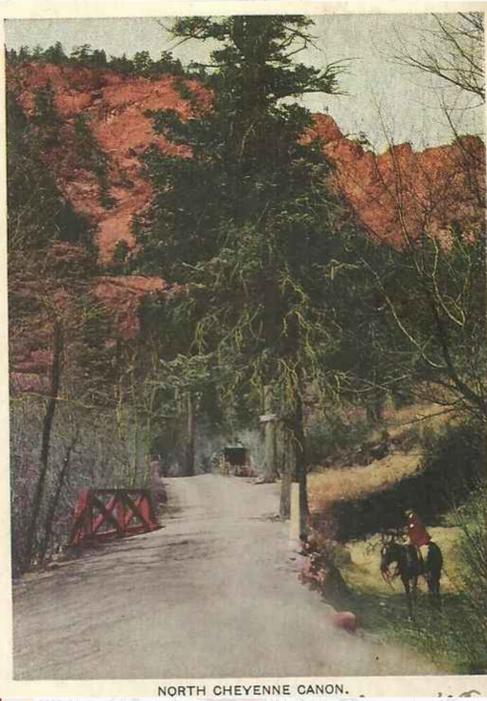
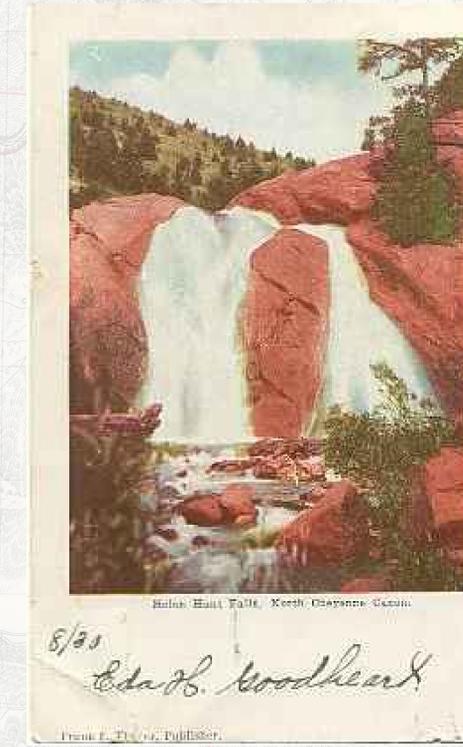


EVANS AVENUE BRIDGE

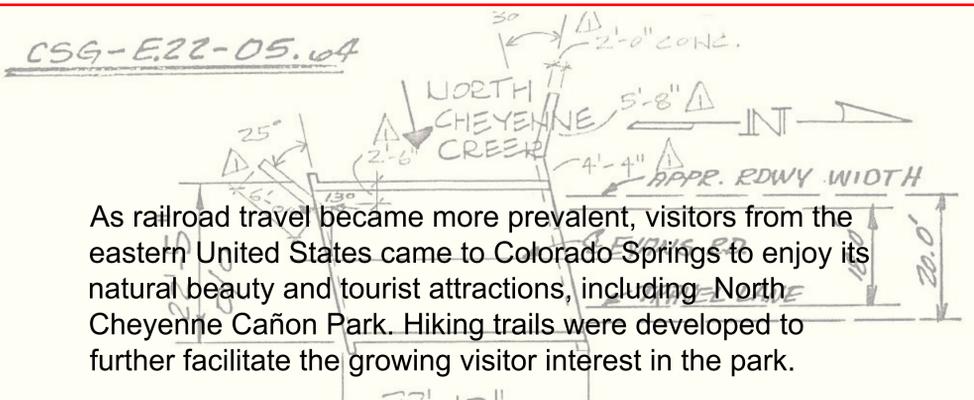
The City of Colorado Springs purchased the initial core six hundred acres of North Cheyenne Cañon Park in 1885. An additional 480 acres was donated by General William Jackson Palmer which included High Drive, Silver Cascade Falls, and Helen Hunt Falls. The city sought to set aside and preserve the Cañon as a place where the public could experience the natural splendor.

Many of the old foot paths evolved into horse trails and then roads. Accessing the park soon required bridges to be installed in the park. Without bridges in the park it is unlikely the park would have gained prominence in Colorado.

In the early days, many historic postcards depicting the sights of North Cheyenne Cañon Park, including the creek, Bruin Inn and the waterfalls were mailed by tourists across the country. This notoriety helped establish the park as an attraction in Colorado.



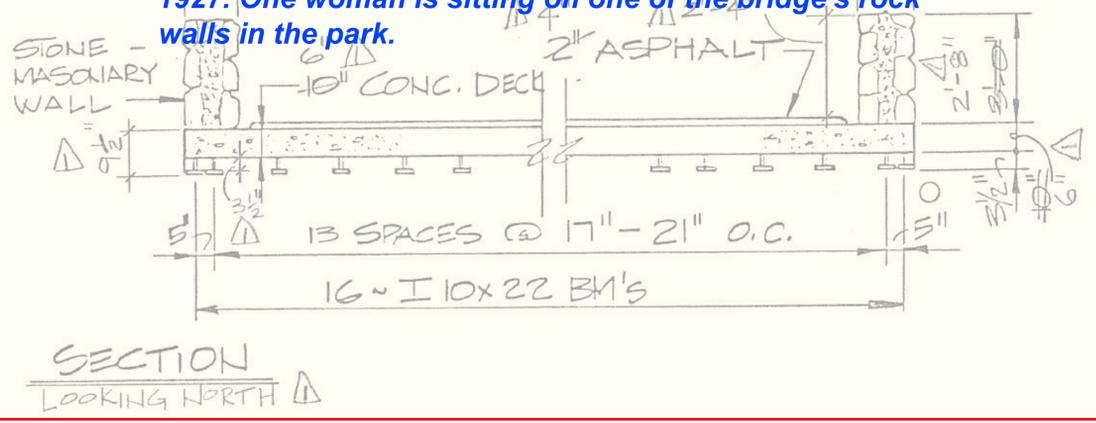
Visitors in North Cheyenne Cañon Park in 1907.



As railroad travel became more prevalent, visitors from the eastern United States came to Colorado Springs to enjoy its natural beauty and tourist attractions, including North Cheyenne Cañon Park. Hiking trails were developed to further facilitate the growing visitor interest in the park.



Two women visiting and enjoying Cheyenne Cañon in 1927. One woman is sitting on one of the bridge's rock walls in the park.



In 1914, the City of Colorado Springs started replacing the park's existing timber bridges with concrete and granite structures. By 1919, ten stone vehicular and pedestrian bridges were built in the park.

The Evan's Avenue Bridge was built in 1925 as part of an effort to improve the park after a storm washed out part of the main road in 1921. It was one of two bridges built at the parks's entrance.



Photograph of the old Evans Avenue Bridge in 2015. Courtesy of Pikes Peak Library District and CDOT.

EVANS AVENUE BRIDGE	
CITY OF COLORADO SPRINGS, CO	
Complete	1925
Length:	32' - 10"
Width:	22' - 5"
Demolished:	2015