

# Park Ranger-Led Programs

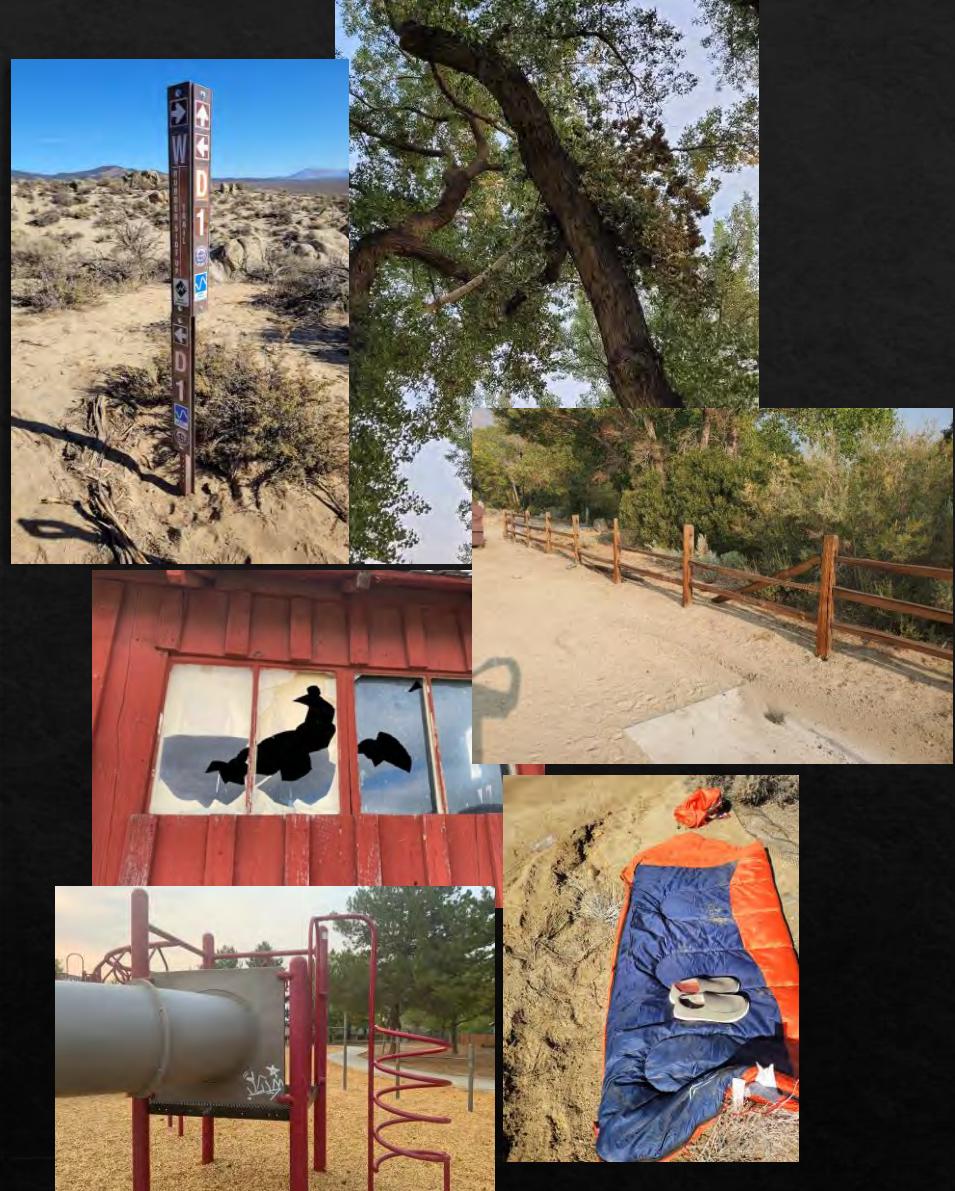


Park Ranger Tyler Kerver

Park Ranger Lauren Zentner

# Park Ranger Duties

- Maintenance
- Enforcement
- Safety
- Patrol
- And of course... leading programs!



# Park Ranger-Led Programs: A Brief History



- Americorps started a version of these programs (2017 - Aug 2019)
- Ranger Tyler took over in September 2019
- Quickly established the programs as park-ranger led programs
- Similar to State and National Park Service Programs
- These have become so much more than just educating the public

# A Larger Purpose

- Preventative Law Enforcement
  - Spending time with Rangers
- Learn history and importance
  - Gain understanding and maybe even a sense of ownership
  - Respect



# What types of Programs do we offer?

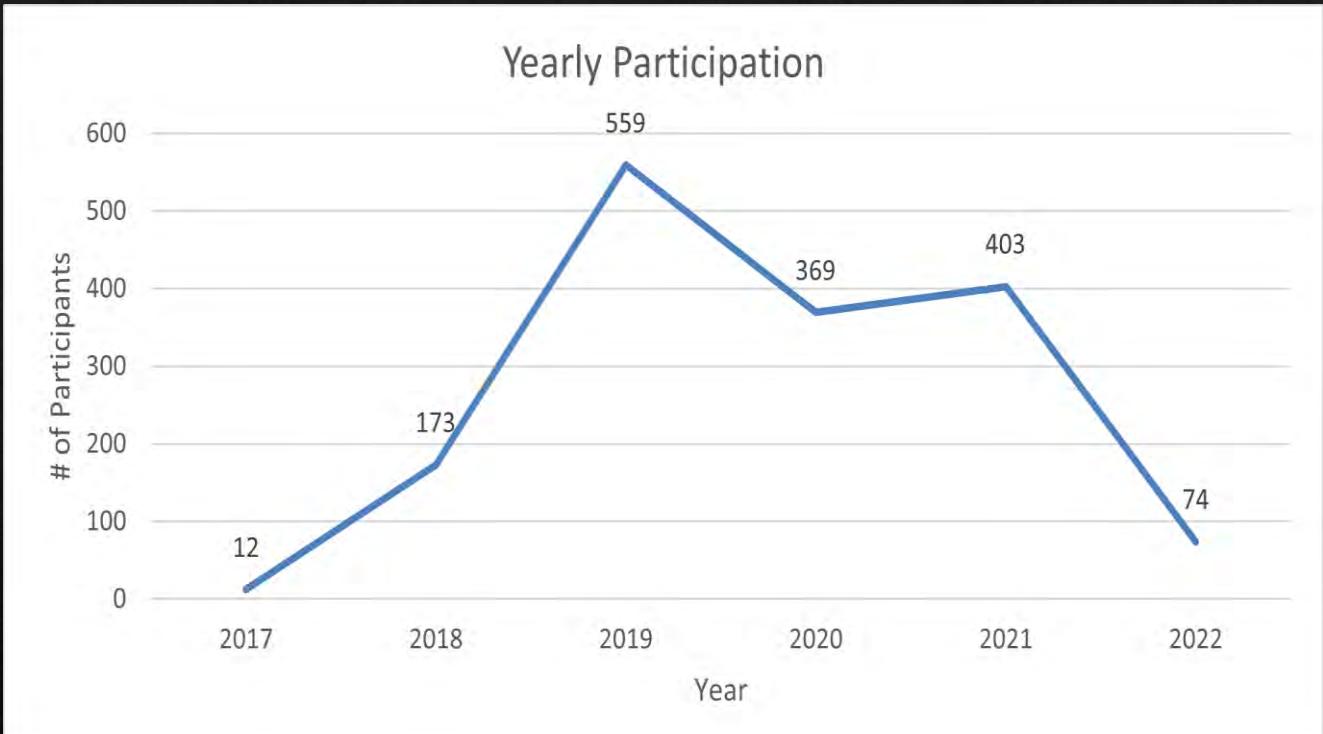
- Natural Resource
  - Scorpion Search, Coyote Walk, Bird Walk, Geology Excursion
- Historical Tours
  - Silver Saddle Ranch and Cemetery Tours
- Mission-Based
  - Tot Trots, Full Moon Hikes, Junior Park Ranger, and Women in the Wild



# Participation Data

- ❖ Huge increase 2018-2019
- ❖ Then 2020 happened
- ❖ Still growing

Year	Percentage Change	Monthly Average
2018	1342%	14
2019	223%	47
2020	-34%	31
2021	9%	34

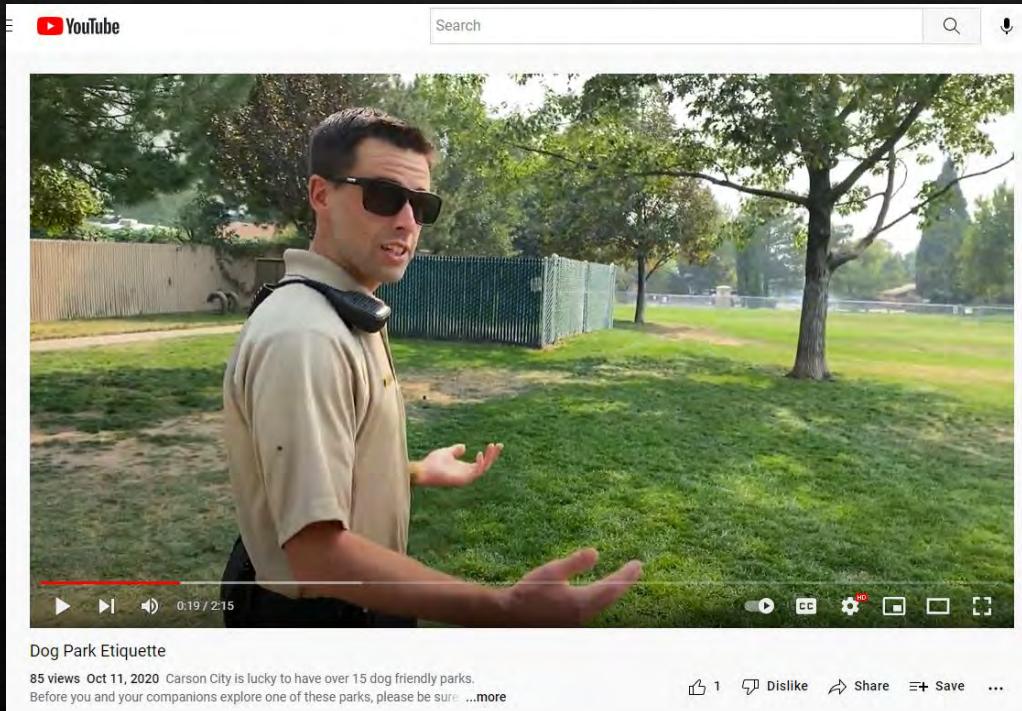


# 2022 So Far

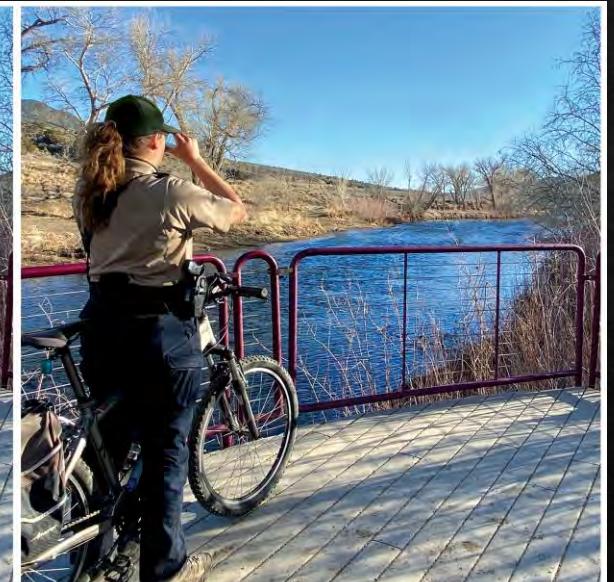
	2021	2022	Percentage Change
January	21	2	- 90
February	25	50	+100
March	21	22	+4

- ❖ Programs we've had
  - ❖ January: Silver Saddle Ranch Tour
  - ❖ February: Night Under the Stars, Winter Full Moon Hike
  - ❖ March: Silver Saddle Ranch Tour, Women in the Wild

# Our “Digital Duty Belt”



A YouTube video player interface showing a park ranger in a tan shirt and sunglasses speaking to the camera in a park setting. The video is titled "Dog Park Etiquette". The player shows a progress bar at 0:19 / 2:15, and the video has 85 views on Oct 11, 2020. The video content is described as: "Carson City is lucky to have over 15 dog friendly parks. Before you and your companions explore one of these parks, please be sure ...more".





## Legend of the Poop Fairies

457 views Sep 17, 2020 Take a stroll through Carson River Park with Park Ranger August Muscato to learn about the beautiful area, the different types of wild ...more

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## Share the Trails: Go Slow and Say Hello

169 views Premiered Mar 14, 2021 Carson City is lucky to have over 70 miles of trails; most of them are considered multi-use meaning they are open to wide ...[more](#)

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## Coyote Awareness with Ranger Muscato

63 views Nov 25, 2020 When visiting a trail or a park, you are visiting the habitat of many different species of wildlife. One of the creatures we receive the most ...[more](#)



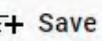
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carson\_city\_parks One of our trail cameras captured this bobcat exploring the Carson City area. Bobcats (Lynx rufus) can weigh up to 25 lbs and travel over 30 miles in search of food. They mostly hunt small mammals and will sometimes eat fish and birds.

Remember anytime you see a wild animal, such as this bobcat, to view it safely from a distance and leave it be!  

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#wildnevada #carsoncitytrailadventure #felinefriends #lynxrufus  
#carsoncity

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Fuji Park

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carson\_city\_parks This time of year, it's important to be bear aware! One of our Park Rangers encountered this fella scavenging for snacks at Fuji Park last night. If you cross paths with a black bear in one of our parks or open space remember to practice bear safety:  
1. Keep a safe distance, never approach a bear.  
2. Keep your pets on leash and under control. Allowing your dog to bark at or chase after a black bear is asking for trouble.  
3. Shout or bang on loud metal objects to scare it away.  
4. If the bear has not ran away, remain calm and back away slowly. Never run!

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#bearaware #blackbear #carsoncity #parkrangerlife #parklove

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brianjmontes They seem to be everywhere this year, I encountered one on the Mexican Ditch trail heading towards Silver Saddle about a week and a half ago.

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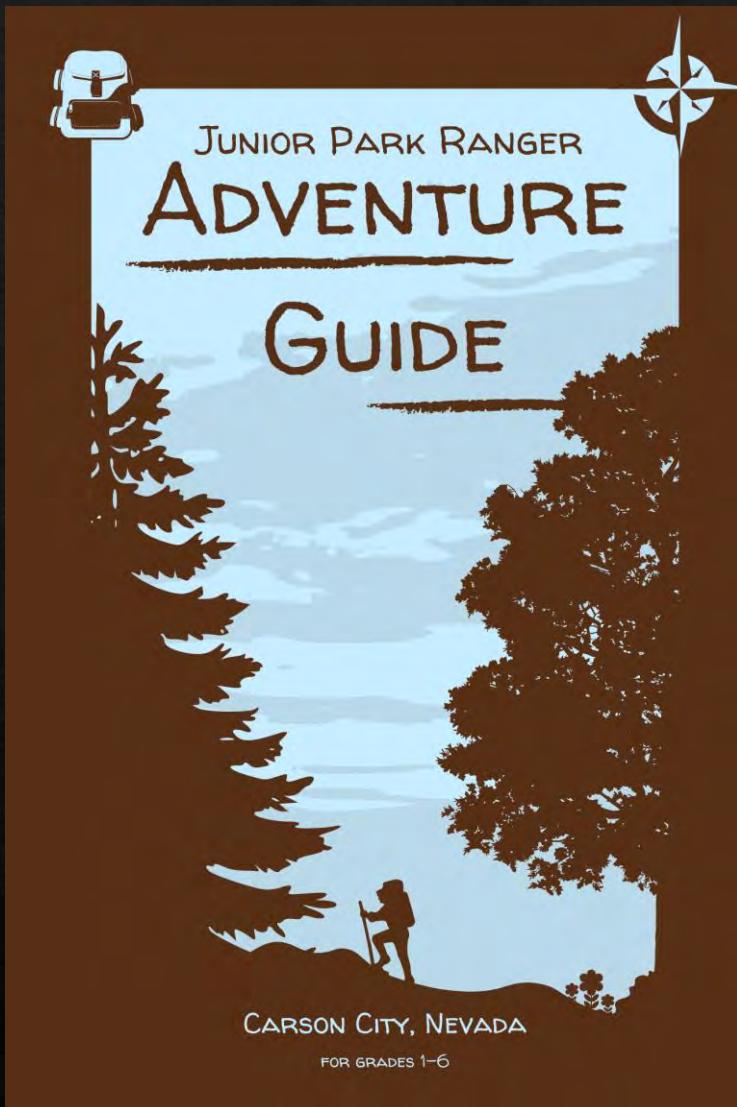
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# Improved Junior Ranger Program



# JUNIOR PARK RANGER

THIS ADVENTURE GUIDE BELONGS TO:

WELCOME TO THE CARSON CITY PARKS, RECREATION & OPEN SPACE DEPARTMENT JUNIOR PARK RANGER ADVENTURE GUIDE! CARSON CITY IS LUCKY TO HAVE MANY PARKS AND OPEN SPACE THAT OFFER GREAT OUTDOOR OPPORTUNITIES. ENJOY WORKING THROUGH THIS GUIDE AND LEARNING MORE ABOUT THE AREAS THAT WE, AND OUR WILDLIFE FRIENDS, CALL HOME!

TO BECOME AN OFFICIAL CARSON CITY JUNIOR PARK RANGER:

- WORK THROUGH THIS GUIDE AS BEST AS YOU CAN
- PLAN YOUR OWN ADVENTURE ON PG. 4
- VISIT CARSON RIVER PARK ON PG. 6
- COMPLETE AT LEAST THREE OF THE OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES ON PG. 8
- JOIN A CARSON CITY PARK RANGER ON AT LEAST ONE EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM

ADULTS:



EARN THIS JUNIOR  
PARK RANGER  
PATCH!

WHEN THE REQUIREMENTS HAVE BEEN COMPLETED, FIND THE PARK RANGER-LED PROGRAMS PAGE AT [WWW.CARSON.ORG/PARKSANDREC](http://WWW.CARSON.ORG/PARKSANDREC) TO LEARN HOW YOUR NEW JR. PARK RANGER CAN GET A SWEARING IN.



CHALLENGE YOUR CHILDREN AND/OR STUDENTS TO THINK OF WAYS TO BE GOOD STEWARDS AND PRACTICE LEAVE NO TRACE WHILE COMPLETING THIS BOOK!

## PLAN YOUR ADVENTURE

PLANNING YOUR OUTDOOR ACTIVITY IS THE MOST IMPORTANT STEP. YOU NEED TO RESEARCH WHERE TO GO AND POSSIBLE ROUTES; WHAT EQUIPMENT AND ITEMS YOU WILL NEED TO BRING; CHECK THE WEATHER FORECAST; AND TELL SOMEONE WHERE YOU'RE GOING AND WHEN YOU'LL BE BACK. USE THIS FORM TO HELP PLAN YOUR NEXT TRIP TO THE OUTDOORS.

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

START DATE: \_\_\_\_\_ START TIME: \_\_\_\_\_

RETURN DATE: \_\_\_\_\_ RETURN TIME: \_\_\_\_\_

PURPOSE OF TRIP: \_\_\_\_\_

DESTINATION: \_\_\_\_\_

IF USING A TRAIL, DESCRIBE YOUR ROUTE:

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WEATHER FORECAST: \_\_\_\_\_

EQUIPMENT NEEDED:

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HOW MANY PEOPLE ARE GOING WITH YOU: \_\_\_\_\_

# ORIENTEERING

NOW THAT YOU'VE PLANNED YOUR ADVENTURE, LEARNED HOW TO PACK SAFELY, AND TRAVEL USING LEAVE NO TRACE PRINCIPLES, TAKE A TRIP TO CARSON RIVER PARK TO PUT YOUR SKILLS TO THE TEST. USE THE MAP ON THE NEXT PAGE TO COMPLETE THIS SHORT HIKING ACTIVITY.

## NEVER EAT SOGGY WAFFLES

A JUNIOR PARK RANGER SHOULD ALWAYS KNOW WHERE THEY ARE AND HOW THEY GOT THERE. TWO GREAT TOOLS WE USE TO HELP US WITH THAT ARE A MAP AND A COMPASS. BOTH TOOLS REQUIRE YOU TO KNOW FOUR IMPORTANT DIRECTIONS: NORTH, EAST, SOUTH, AND WEST. A GREAT WAY TO REMEMBER THEM IS BY SAYING, NEVER EAT SOGGY WAFFLES.

THE BEST WAY TO USE BOTH TOOLS IS BY POINTING THE NORTH SYMBOL FROM THE COMPASS ON THE MAP IN THE SAME DIRECTION THAT THE ARROW IS POINTING ON YOUR COMPASS IN YOUR HAND. THE ARROW ON YOUR COMPASS ALWAYS POINTS NORTH. GET WITH A PARK RANGER TO LEARN MORE ABOUT ORIENTEERING.

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TURN THE MAP SO IT  
MATCHES THE ARROW

## CARSON RIVER PARK SCAVENGER HUNT

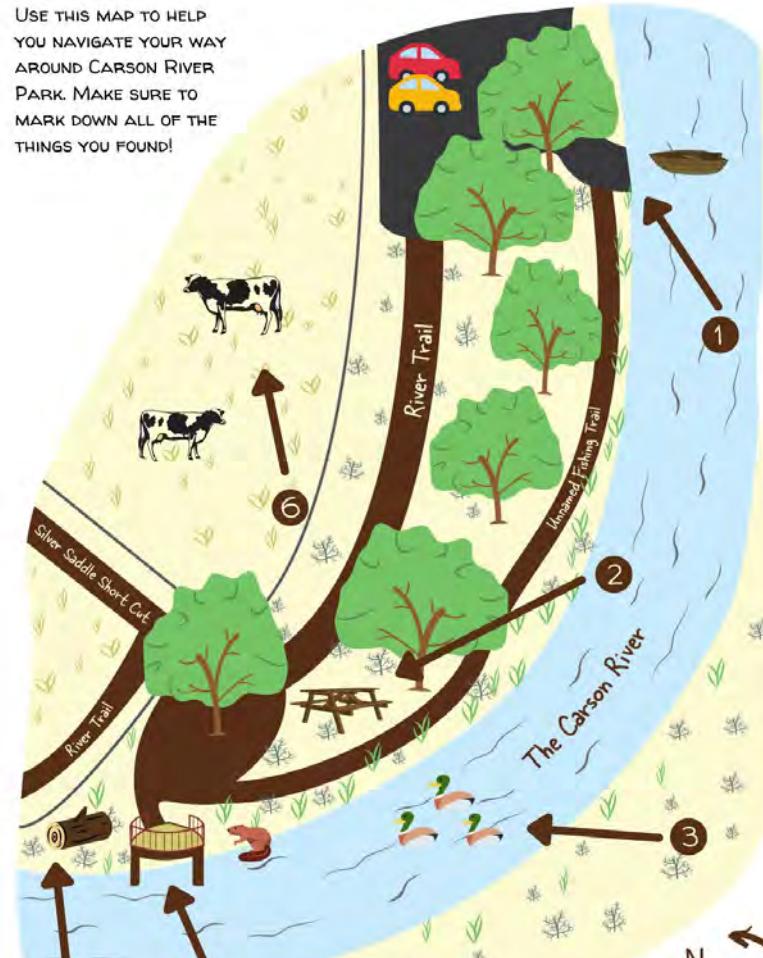
START YOUR SCAVENGER HUNT IN THE PARKING LOT OF CARSON RIVER PARK. BRING ALONG YOUR COMPASS IF YOU HAVE ONE AND A PAIR OF BINOCULARS. USE THE MAP ON THE NEXT PAGE TO NAVIGATE YOUR WAY AROUND THE PARK AND FIND EVERYTHING THE ARROWS ARE POINTING TO. USE THIS LIST TO HELP YOU KEEP TRACK OF EVERYTHING YOU FIND.

1. BOAT LAUNCH	<input type="checkbox"/>	4. FISHING DECK	<input type="checkbox"/>
2. PICNIC TABLE	<input type="checkbox"/>	5. DECAYING LOG	<input type="checkbox"/>
3. DUCKS/OTHER BIRDS	<input type="checkbox"/>	6. COWS GRAZING	<input type="checkbox"/>

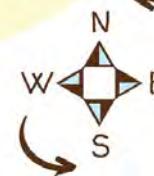
WRITE DOWN ONE MORE THING YOU FOUND THAT'S NOT LISTED ON THE MAP

# CARSON RIVER PARK MAP

USE THIS MAP TO HELP YOU NAVIGATE YOUR WAY AROUND CARSON RIVER PARK. MAKE SURE TO MARK DOWN ALL OF THE THINGS YOU FOUND!



REMEMBER TO ORIENT YOUR BOOK SO THAT NORTH ON THE MAP POINTS TOWARDS NORTH IN REAL LIFE. IF YOU DON'T HAVE A COMPASS, USE THE DIRECTION TOWARDS RENO AS NORTH.



## OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES

EVERY PARK AND OPEN SPACE HAS SOMETHING SPECIAL YOU CAN DO ON YOUR VISIT. LOOK AT THE LIST OF ACTIVITIES BELOW AND TRY TO PARTICIPATE IN AT LEAST THREE OF THEM. FOR EACH ONE YOU COMPLETE, WRITE DOWN WHERE YOU COMPLETED THE ACTIVITY. REMEMBER YOUR OUTDOOR SAFETY SKILLS AND LEAVE NO TRACE PRINCIPLES.

### ACTIVITY

- HIKING
- DISC GOLFING
- SWIMMING
- PICKLEBALL
- TENNIS
- SOCER
- BASKETBALL
- OHV
- BIKING
- FISHING
- ROCK CLIMBING
- SOFTBALL
- HORSEBACK RIDING
- ARCHERY
- SKATEBOARDING
- RUNNING
- FLYING AN RC AIRPLANE
- BASEBALL

### LOCATION



- PARKS, RECREATION & OPEN SPACE

- + About Us

- Forms

- Activity Guide

- + Reservable Facilities

- + Cemeteries

- + Parks and Places

- + Special Events

- Recreation and Activities

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## Carson City Park Ranger-Led Programs

The Carson City Park Rangers offer a variety of free activities all year long for you and your family: enjoy adventures under the full moons, learn the history of your favorite areas, bike along the Carson River, hunt for scorpions at the Wild Horse Trail, snowshoe up Kings Canyon, become a sworn Junior Park Ranger, and much more! There are activities for all age groups and skill levels. Choose your next adventure using the links above.

## Schools and Organizations

Do you have a class, scout troop or organization that would like a Park Ranger to lead your next adventure? Contact Senior Park Ranger John Costello for more information: [Email](#).

## Upcoming Program Highlight

Kids to Parks Day 2022 will be held at Mills Park from 10am-2pm. Come for food, vendors, games and the first annual

## Upcoming Programs

- Kids to Parks Day May 21 at Mills Park
- Tot Trots
- Silver Saddle Ranch Historical Tours
- Scorpion Search



# Thank You!

