

March Newsletter

Carson City Parks, Recreation & Open Space



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February Recap



6 volunteers from Zen Leaf participated in a clean-up of Moffat Open Space as part of their newly adopted trail on Thursday February 12th. Volunteers cleaned up 4 large bags of trash and dog waste over two hours - Thank you volunteers!

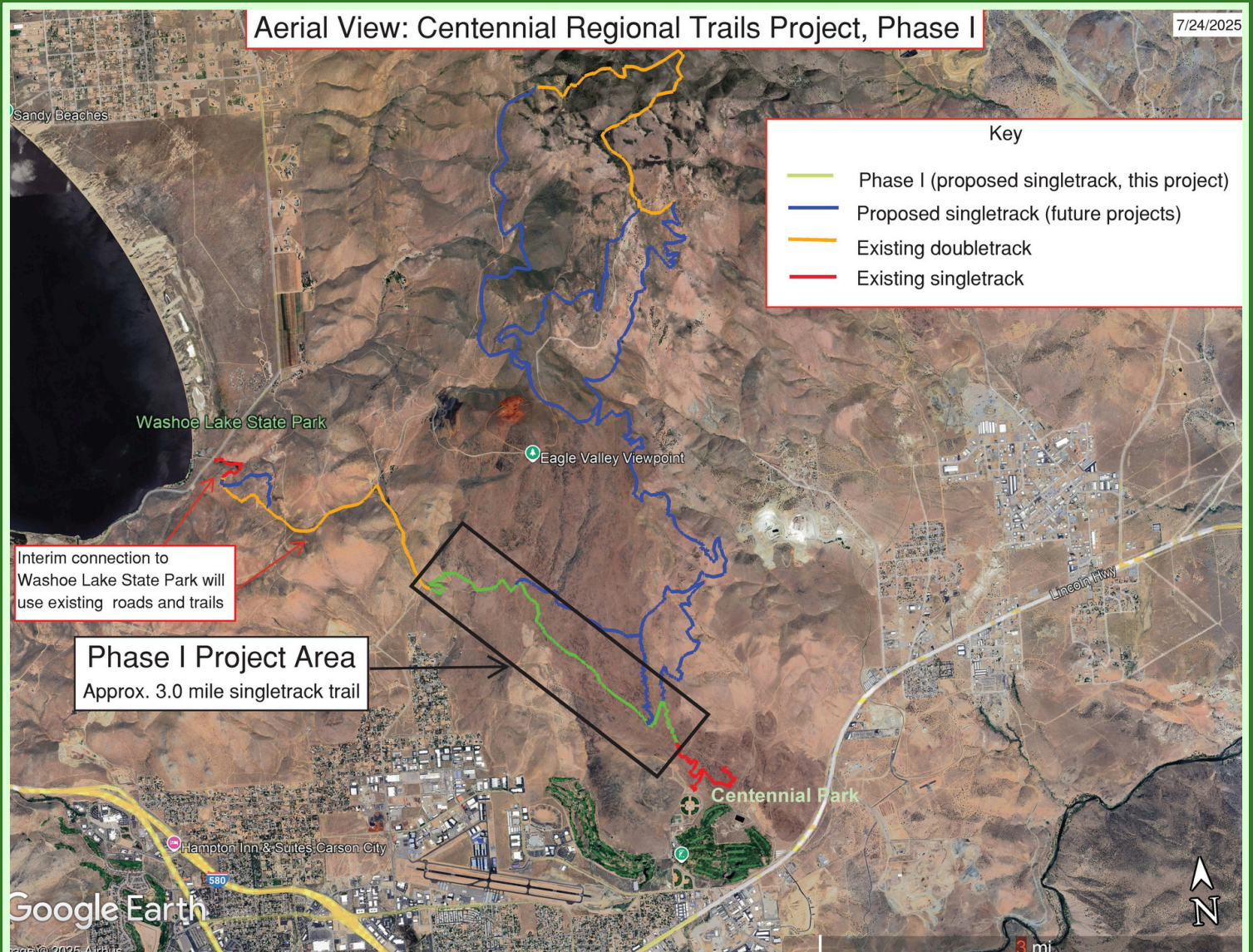


Thank you to those who joined us for the Park Ranger Led- Trivia at the Carson City Library! Participants tested out their knowledge of Nevada history, Carson City historical figures, wildlife, and Carson City Parks, Recreation & Open Space for the chance to win fun prizes!



The Carson City Park Rangers also hosted Read with a Ranger in February, a free program available to families every second Friday of the month at the Carson City Library. February's books were all about bats!

Open Space Updates



Open Space just received notice of a grant award from the Recreational Trails Program in the amount of \$80,040 to construct Phase I of the Centennial Regional Trails Project. The project proposes a 22-mile trail system linking Centennial Park in Carson City with various points in the Virginia Range in Washoe County. Phase I will consist of a new three-mile trail from Centennial Park to Goni Road, where existing roads and trails will complete a link with Washoe Lake State Park. Construction is expected to begin in fall of 2026 or spring of 2027.

Parks Updates

Pete Livermore Sports Complex ADA Improvements Project is in progress and on schedule to be completed in March.



John D Winters Centennial Park Softball Project is in progress and slightly ahead of schedule, mostly due to the mild winter we have had thus far. That project is scheduled to be completed in April, weather pending.



Centennial Tennis Courts Restroom Replacement building was delivered and installed on 1/30. Coons Construction will be making utility connections and pouring back the concrete in the next month. The new restroom should be open to the public sometime in March. The new practice wall and other improvements will follow with very little to no disruption to the courts or restroom.



Parks Updates



Recently, landscape renovations and tree plantings were completed by a landscape contractor for the Carson City Parks, Recreation & Open Space Department. Currently, there is a project in place for the College Parkway landscaped medians where 44 new trees have been planted, mulch rings have been installed around the 83 existing trees and 44 new trees by the contractor, and the drip irrigation for all 127 trees has been updated by the contractor.






Arts & Culture Updates

Out of the Box 2026: Submit your original design to paint a local traffic signal box! Applications accepted now through the end of March. See full details for this and other calls for art at carsoncity.gov/arts under “Contribute”. Interested in volunteering to help select the winning designs? Contact Anna at afreeman@carsoncity.gov

Contribute to the Arts & Culture Program: Know a group or individual looking to volunteer? Know a business or organization interested in sponsoring an event, class, or other programming? From donating household items for art projects to committing to event title sponsorship, no gift is too big or too small! Please contact afreeman@carsoncity.gov to contribute your time, talent, tender, or treasures.

Coming Soon / SNEAK PEAK!

- **April 11:** Art Volunteer Day
- **April 18:** Reno Philharmonic Concert - Reserve tickets and transportation with Carson City Parks, Recreation & Open Space Department at carsoncity.gov/CCPR
- **April 25:** Earth Day/Art Day
- **May 29:** Meet the Orchestra 2nd grade field trip
- **TBA Soon:** Paddle and Paint kayak adventures, tickets and transportation to select Lake Tahoe Shakespeare Festival performances, art award at chamber event, art activities at Camp Carson and more!



Check out events and classes at carsoncity.gov/arts and on Facebook @CarsonCityArtsCulture.



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Ongoing Volunteer Opportunities

Park Ambassador Program

The Carson City Parks, Recreation & Open Space Department is looking for volunteers to assist with the day-to-day operations at our parks and open spaces. We are looking for volunteers who can ideally visit the assigned park of their choosing once per week. Volunteers can assist with a wider variety of tasks, depending on their skill level. Some tasks may include (but not limited to): picking up trash, weeding, picking up dog waste, reporting vandalism and broken infrastructure, and other tasks dependent on your skillset!

Adopt-A-Trail Program

The Adopt-A-Trail program is an environmental stewardship initiative and a chance for businesses, clubs, schools, and other citizen groups to give back to Carson City community by helping with care and maintenance of a trail. It aims to build civic pride and involve community members in positive outdoor recreation. Adopters coordinate 2-3 volunteer events per year at their adopted trail with activities based on their trails needs. Groups also get a sign at the trailhead promoting their group as the adopter.



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Upcoming Volunteer Opportunities



Saturday March 21st | 9:00am-12:00pm | Carson Ridge Disc Golf Park

Join Carson City Parks, Recreation & Open Space staff for another workday at the Carson Ridge Disc Golf Park! Volunteer activities will include trash clean-up, weed removal, and trail maintenance.

No registration required.

Contact volunteer@carsoncity.gov if you have any questions!





Join Local Organizations and Protect Trees!

Where: Silver Saddle Ranch

When: 9am - Noon, April 11, 2026

Join River Wranglers, Carson City Parks, Recreation, and Open Space, and others, in participating in America 250 NV. We will be painting and wrapping trees to protect them from wildlife.

There are limited spots available, register to secure your spot and a t-shirt! You can register by scanning the QR code below, or visiting

<https://tinyurl.com/3svswcj3>





SATURDAY APRIL 11, 2026

9:00am - 12:00pm

Meet at the Art Building (801 N. Roop St)

Art Volunteer Day

**Sign Up
Today!**

Help clean and re-seal existing
public art & prep and prime signal
boxes for new art coming soon!

Click the link above or contact Anna Freeman
at afreeman@carsoncity.gov to register!

Carson City

Earth Day Trash Bash

Saturday April 18th, 2026

Starts at: Silver Saddle Ranch
9:00am-12:00pm

Join the Carson City
Parks, Recreation & Open
Space Department for a
City-Wide Clean-Up in
celebration of Earth Day!



[CLICK HERE
TO REGISTER](#)

Educational Earth Day
Celebration and Debrief
starts at 9:00am at Silver
Saddle Ranch. Clean-Up
from 10:00am-12:00pm.

Registration required.

Questions? Email
volunteer@carsoncity.gov



DO YOU LOVE SPENDING TIME IN YOUR
LOCAL PARK OR OPEN SPACE? ARE YOU
LOOKING FOR MORE WAYS TO GET
INVOLVED IN YOUR COMMUNITY?



BECOME A PARK AMBASSADOR TODAY!

CARSON CITY PARKS, RECREATION & OPEN
SPACE IS LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS WILLING
TO VISIT THE PARK OR OPEN SPACE OF THEIR
CHOOSING ONCE PER WEEK, ENSURING IT IS
CLEAN, WEEDED, AND DOG WASTE FREE!



CONTACT THE VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR AT
VOLUNTEER@CARSONCITY.GOV FOR MORE INFORMATION!



WANTED:

RANGE SAFETY OFFICERS



Are you passionate about Rifle Range safety? Do you love spending time outside with others who enjoy shooting at the Range? The Carson City Rifle Range is looking for volunteers to assist with the day-to-day operations at the range including (but not limited to):

- Weed removal
- Picking up shell casings
- Enforcing the rules and policies of the range
- Answering questions/addressing concerns from range users

This is a fun and exciting opportunity for those 18 or older, who have a National Rifle Association Range Safety Officer Certification. Volunteer hours are flexible, and those who work a minimum of 8 hours per week will receive an annual pass to the Rifle Range!

**For more information or to apply please contact the
Range Coordinator at nartam@carsoncity.gov
or call (775) 283-7348**

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Adaptive Recreation

Spring Bowling League

Sponsored by the Foundation for Carson City Parks and Recreation, the Movers and Doers Bowling League is a fun and social season of strikes, spares, and friendly competition! All skill levels are welcome as participants will enjoy weekly games in a supportive environment. Bowlers will get the chance receive a Movers and Doers Bowling Jersey and play 2 games of bowling.

Rental shoes provided by Home Grown if needed.

Wednesdays 3/4-4/22 | 3:45pm-5:30pm | FREE | Home Grown Bowl

Tahoe Knight Monsters Hockey Game

Sponsored by the Foundation for Carson City Parks and Recreation. Join us for an action-packed evening of hockey as the Tahoe Knight Monsters take on the Kansas City Mavericks! Experience the excitement of fast-paced gameplay, thrilling goals, and unforgettable moments on the ice. Whether you're a lifelong hockey fan or new to the sport, this is a perfect opportunity to cheer on our local team and enjoy a fun night out with friends! Those attending the game will also receive a food voucher valued at \$15. Transportation is available.

Friday 3/13 | 5:30pm-10:00pm | FREE | Meet at Community Center



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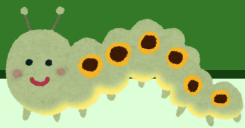
Youth Sports

Skyhawks Spring Break Sports Camp

Multi-sport programs are designed to introduce young athletes to a variety of different sports in one setting. Athletes will learn the rules and essential skills of each sport, along with vital life lessons such as sportsmanship, inclusion and teamwork. Registration open

March 1st - March 31st. Ages 6-12 years.

Monday-Friday 4/6-4/10 | 9:00am-12:00pm | \$100 Fee | MAC

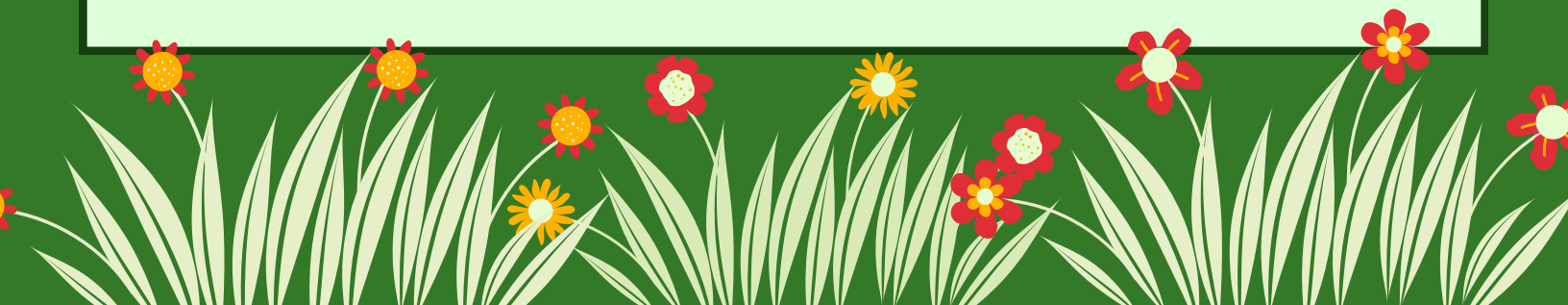


Tahoe Knight Monsters Hockey Night

Carson City Parks & Recreation is hosting a hockey evening at the Tahoe Blue Event Center as the Tahoe Knight Monsters take on the Kansas City Steelheads! Come on out to witness the newest professional sports team to our area. Registration closes March 12th. Follow the link below for discounted tickets:

www.gofevo.com/event/Carsoncity62

Friday 3/13 | Game at 7:00pm | \$26+ | Tahoe Blue Events Center





**CARSON CITY PARKS,
RECREATION, AND OPEN SPACE
NIGHT!**



**TAHOE KNIGHT
MONSTERS VS. KANSAS
CITY MAVRICKS**

MARCH 13, 2026. | 7PM

TAHOE BLUE EVENT CENTER

TICKETS START AT JUST \$27.00

PURCHASE TICKETS AT: [HTTPS://WWW.GOFEVO.COM/EVENT/CARSONCITY62](https://www.gofevo.com/event/carsoncity62)

Spring Break

CARSON CITY PARKS, RECREATION
AND OPENSOURCE

SPORTS CAMP

APRIL 6-APRIL 10

AT THE MULTI-PURPOSE ATHLETIC CENTER

FOR AGES 6-12



SOCCER



BASKETBALL



**FLAG
FOOTBALL**

**Get ready for week
full of fun, friends,
and sports!**

Your child can participate in a thrilling lineup of sports activities including soccer, basketball, futsal, flag football, and more.

**Spots fill fast - Sign up
today for a summer they
won't forget!**

Why Join

- MULTI-SPORT TRAINING
- EXPERIENCED COACHES
- SKILLS AND DRILLS, GAMES & TEAM CHALLENGES
- SKILL-BUILDING, TEAMWORK & CONFIDENCE

For more information:

Call: 775-887-2339



REGISTER AT CARSONCITY.GOV/CCPR

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Adult Sports



Adult Softball

Men's Upper division includes a 10-game season plus a post-season. Coed division & Men's 40+ includes a 6-game season plus postseason.

Registration is open from March 1st - April 26th.

Men's Division | Mondays, Wednesdays 5/4 | \$528 Team Fee

Coed & Men's 40+ Division | Fridays 5/1 | \$264 Team Fee

Dinks & Drinks Pickleball Tournament

Round-robin pickleball tournament with bracket play and medal rounds as appropriate. All ages, skill levels (2.5-4.5+) Carson City Parks and Recreation Department supplies a bar with beer, wine, seltzers, as well as water and hydration drinks. Proceeds from the tournament go to the Mills Park Pickleball Court Project Fund at the Foundation for Carson City Parks and Recreation, a 501(c)(3) organization. Register at www.pickleballbrackets.com, search for Carson City.

Friday-Sunday 4/10-4/12 | 9:00am-5:00pm | \$40+ | MAC

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Adult Sports

Pickleball with Mae: Introduction to Pickleball

This is a 4-session class that will introduce new players to the fun sport of pickleball. Participants will learn the fundamentals for game play including game rules, basic serving and hitting (dinks and volleys), plus proper scoring instruction.

Tuesdays, Thursdays 3/31-4/9 | 9:30am-11:00am | \$75 Fee | MAC

Mondays, Wednesdays 3/30-4/8 | 5:00pm-6:30pm | \$75 Fee | MAC

Pickleball with Mae: Pickleball for Advanced Beginners

This is a 6-session class that is meant for participants who are familiar with the basics of Pickleball. Participants will improve upon their skills in dinking, volleying, gameplay strategy, positioning, footwork, defense, etc.

Tuesdays, Thursdays 3/31 | 11:00am-12:30pm | \$110 Fee | MAC

Mondays, Wednesdays 3/30-4/15 | 6:30pm-8:00pm | \$110 Fee | MAC



Dinks & Drinks

Friday, Saturday and Sunday, 10, 11, & 12 April 2026
at the MAC in Carson City

Join us for a fun 3-day tournament this spring at the Carson City Multi-Use Athletic Center (MAC), **1860 Russell Way**. It's called "Dinks & Drinks" because the Parks Department will be selling selected adult beverages during the tournament. Tournament play is daily on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, 10, 11, and 12 April, and includes Singles, Men's, Women's, and Mixed Doubles events. Details and **register online** by **scanning the QR code below**, or search for **Carson City** on the **pickleball.com** website. Proceeds from the tournament will go to the Foundation for Carson City Parks and Recreation Mills Park Pickleball Project for our outdoor courts.

Details & Registration at <https://pickleballbrackets.com/?Spring26DinksNDrinks>

Registration opens 1 February 2026 and closes 6 April 2026. Don't miss out on the fun!

Forward to your friends so we can have a great turnout.

Dave & Juana

775-450-2304

775-882-6121

Scan code for details
and registration



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Arts & Culture



Music and Art Tot Time

Early childhood arts activities including imitation and exploration in music and visual art. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Registration required.

1-5 years of age. 40-minute sessions.

NEW: Evening class from 5:30pm-6:10pm

Mondays 1/1-4/30 | 10am, 11am, 5:30pm | FREE | Art Building

My Toddler is Sewing!

Children will complete a flat foam sewing card cut into a shape while using a shoelace to complete their project. They can keep the sewing card for further practice. Parent/guardian required to stay with their child. Classes are 30 minutes in length on the 1st & 3rd Saturday and Sunday, and on Tuesdays & Thursdays.

1/1-4/30 | Sat/Sun 1:30pm, Tue/Thurs 3:00pm | \$22 Fee | Art Building

Hand Sewing for Beginners Boot Camp



Do you want to learn how to sew? In this class you will learn basic hand sewing which will include getting familiar with hand sewing safety, notions, tools, threading a needle, tying knots, pinning, eight hand stitches, three sewing techniques and a simple project. Bring a snack for a break halfway through the class. Parent/guardian required to stay with participants under 18. Additional art supplies not included. Classes on 2nd & 4th Tuesdays, 1st & 3rd Thursdays, and 3rd Saturday and Sunday.

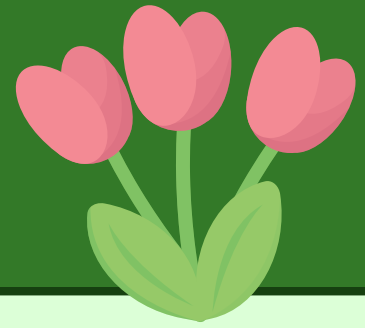
1/1-4/30 | Tue/Thurs 4:00pm, Sat/Sun 2:30pm | \$37 Fee | Art Building

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Arts & Culture



Quilting Basics

The class introduces the basic skills and techniques needed to create a hand-sewn quilt block. The Quilting Basics class aims to equip students with the essential knowledge and skills to confidently create their own quilts and explore the vast and rewarding world of quilting.

Parent/guardian required to stay with participants under 18. Each class is 3 hours in length on the 1st & 3rd Tuesdays.

1/1-4/30 | Tue/Thurs 4:00pm | \$37 Fee | Art Building

I Can't Believe I'm Sewing!

Come join the sewing machine class & have fun learning how to use & control your machine! Do you simply want to learn how to use your sewing machine? Do you want to learn how to use a sewing machine so you can make or mend your clothes? Are you stuck trying to figure out how to finish a project because the instructions are confusing? Join this class to learn how to have fun controlling your machine & if possible, get instructions on how to finish your project that is confusing. Bring a snack for a break halfway through the class. Parent/guardian required to stay with participants under 18. Classes held 1st Saturday and Sunday, and 2nd & 4th Thursdays.

1/1-4/30 | Sat/Sun 2:30pm, Thurs. 4pm | \$37 Fee | Art Building



March 28th - November 1st

 **TRAILS**

2026

 **CHALLENGE**

**QUALITY OF LIFE
30TH ANNIVERSARY
EDITION!**




**REGISTER
HERE!**

Photo Credit: Scott Robertson, Previous Trails Challenge Participant

Trails Challenge 2026



How to Complete the Challenge:

-  1. **Sign up** yourself and any other participants who will be joining you on your Challenge. 
 -  2. **Download and carefully read** through the Trails Challenge Guidebook. This Guidebook contains helpful tips & tricks while out on the trail, the 2026 Trails List, and a Trails Log. 
 -  3. **Hit the trails!** Pick trails from the carefully curated Trails List to complete at your leisure over the next few months. We recommend trying something new! 
 -  4. **Get extra raffle tickets!** This year, we have included new ways to earn extra raffle tickets throughout your Challenge... see how in the Guidebook! 
 -  5. **Log your miles.** Be sure to fill out your Trails Log as you complete your trails. You will need this to submit at the end of your Challenge. 
 -  6. **Turn in your Trails Log.** Once you have completed a minimum of 5 trails from the Trails List, submit your log before November 1st to be entered into the prize raffle! 
-  ***Register today and join us at the 2026 Trails Challenge Launch on Saturday March 28th starting at 10:00am, for a Park Ranger-Led Hike at Silver Saddle Ranch which will count as your first trail on the Challenge!*** 



REGISTER HERE!





2026

SNOWSHOE SCHEDULE

Date	Time	Location
Jan. 3	5pm	Full Moon @ Chickadee Ridge
Feb. 10	10am	Donner Memorial State Park
Feb. 25	4pm	Sunset @ Spooner Lake
Mar. 14	2pm	Hope Valley

Read with a Ranger



Every Second Friday

10:30am–11:30am

Free and Fun for

all ages!



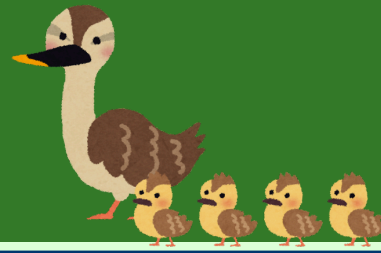
Carson City Library
Your Knowledge & Discovery Place
www.carsoncitylibrary.org

Join the Carson City Park Rangers at the Carson City Library for Read with a Park Ranger, happening Friday March 13th from 10:30am-11:30am. This free event is for kids of all ages!

This month we will be reading and learning all about birds!

Park Ranger Led- Programs

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Carson City Parks, Rec & Open Space
Park Ranger-Led Programs

March 14th, 2026
10:00am – 12:00pm
Prison Hill – OHV Area

Join the Carson City Park Rangers for an
adventure that truly rocks!



Park Ranger Led- Geology Excursion

Join the Carson City Park Rangers and geologist Tom Gray for an adventure that truly rocks! On this hike we will be discussing the geology of Nevada and Carson City and looking at some cool examples along the way. We will check out the rocks in the parking lot of the Prison Hill OHV area, then we will hike along the new west side trail.

Saturday 3/14 | 10:00am-12:00pm | FREE | Prison Hill OHV Area

[REGISTER HERE!](#)

Park Ranger Led- Programs

2026



Carson City Parks, Rec & Open Space
Park Ranger-Led Programs

March 21, 2026

2:30pm - 4:00pm

Long Ranch Park

Join the Park Rangers for an educational walk
all about the black bears!



Park Ranger Led- Bear Walk

Join the Park Rangers for an educational walk all about the black bears! While enjoying a walk along the paved paths around Long Ranch Park, you will gain a deeper understanding of these fascinating creatures and the ecosystem they call home.

Saturday 3/21 | 2:30pm-4:00pm | FREE | Long Ranch Park

[REGISTER HERE!](#)

Quality of Life Initiative - 30 Years!

How Open Space Came To Be

The Open Space Program was created by the Quality of Life Initiative (QOL), passed by Carson City voters in 1996. The Quality of Life Initiative funded the acquisition, development and maintenance of parks, open space, trails and recreation facilities through an increase in the sales tax rate of $\frac{1}{4}$ of 1 percent. 40% of the funds are designated for the Open Space Program, which currently results in just under \$1.7 million in annual revenue.

The objective of the Open Space Program is to promote quality of life for citizens of Carson City through the preservation and protection of the quality of the natural environment which has given Carson City much of its character. This natural environment includes many spectacular views of the mountains, Carson River, and Eagle Valley. The natural streams, wetlands and open space lands, with their water and related plant and animal life complement the scenic vistas and remind us of the area's early history. These natural areas, water bodies, vistas and panoramas, natural landmarks, and native flora and fauna are intended to be preserved and protected for the enjoyment of this and future generations through the judicious use of funding for open space.

Since its inception, the Open Space Program has acquired over 30 properties, and holds one conservation easement. In total, Quality of Life funds have helped the City to purchase 2,200 acres of Open Space lands, the first of which was Moffat Open Space, but lands have also been acquired through donations and federal land transfers. In total, the Program manages over 7,400 acres of Open Space properties throughout Carson City. Lands have been acquired focusing on floodplain protection along the Carson River, historic agricultural land preservation and protection of hillsides and viewsheds. Open Spaces are intended to obtain a balance and harmony between recreation opportunities and natural and cultural resource protection for the benefit of Carson City citizens. Preservation of open space in all parts of the city fosters appreciation of the natural environment, protects wildlife habitat, provides increased opportunities for passive recreation, preserves agricultural uses, allows connecting open space corridors, and improves the quality of life for residents and visitors alike.

DONATE OR JOIN TODAY!

MISSION

The Foundation for Carson City Parks and Recreation is dedicated to improving citizens' experience with Carson City's parks, open spaces, and recreation facilities.

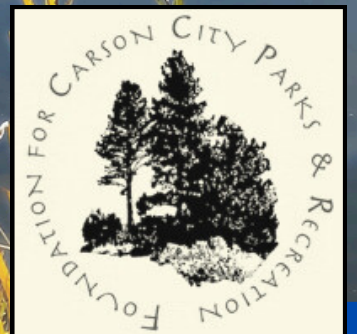
ABOUT

The Foundation for Carson City Parks & Recreation, Inc (FCCPR) was established in 2015 as a non-profit member-driven 501(c)(3) organization. Operating as an independent, non-governmental organization, the Foundation is dedicated to bringing together members of the Carson City community to encourage and enable public support for the continuing enhancement of Carson City's parks and recreational facilities.

The Foundation promotes and supports individual and organizational-based projects to enhance indoor and outdoor recreational facilities and public use areas under the administration of the City's Parks, Recreation & Open Space Department.

The Foundation is dedicated to bringing together members of the Carson City community to encourage and enable public support for the continuing enhancement of Carson City's parks and recreational facilities. To learn more about how to help further these efforts, just click the link below!

LEARN MORE!



For More Information

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Visit our website at:

carsoncity.gov **

OR

Sign up for upcoming events at:

www.carsoncity.gov/ccpr

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carsoncity.gov***