



December Newsletter

Carson City Parks, Recreation & Open Space



**November Recap | Volunteer Opportunities |
Recreation Opportunities | Park Ranger-Led Events |
City Events | Wildlife Spotlight**



November Recap



On Saturday November 8th, participants of Carson City's Trails Challenge came together for the end of year prize raffle! Gift certificates, outdoor gear, and fun swag donated by local businesses were raffled off to those who completed their Challenge this year!

Also on Saturday November 8th, a local group of volunteers spent the morning cleaning up dog waste, trash and sweeping debris off of the V&T Trail!



On Saturday November 15th Jr. Park Rangers gathered to show off their creativity at Carson River Park! Participants learned about color theory like how mixing complementary colors can make their artwork pop, and spent the morning painting with their imagination!

Parks Updates



2025



Centennial Park Softball Fields Synthetic Turf Conversion Project has started and there is a lot of construction activity going on. Centennial Park Tennis Restroom Replacement has also begun and other improvements to the general tennis court area are underway now. Please avoid the area if possible. Heritage Way is closed to the public during construction hours.



Open Space Updates



The Mexican Dam Portage Project, completed on November 14th, was a joint effort between CWSD and Carson City Open Space with funding from the Recreational Trails Program. It is intended to provide river paddlers with a safe portage around the Mexican Dam for their kayaks, canoes, paddleboards, and rafts. There will be a ribbon cutting in the spring, in conjunction with a river float!

December Volunteer Opportunities 2025



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.



Wreaths Across America



Wreaths Across America is a heartwarming, national volunteer initiative intended to remember fallen soldiers, honor those who serve here and teach the next generation the value of freedom. Across the nation with thousands of simultaneous events from Arlington National Cemetery to Carson City's Lone Mountain Cemetery, millions will receive a meaningful tribute for their dedication and sacrifice.



Saturday December 13th | 10:00am | Lone Mountain Cemetery

With approximately 2,200 veterans at Lone Mountain Cemetery, it is imperative that every veteran is included as part of this event. Volunteers and wreath sponsors are critically needed to ensure every veteran received a proper remembrance. Sponsor one wreath for \$17!

To volunteer or sponsor a wreath, please visit the Wreaths Across America website at wreathscrossamerica.org



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@CARSON.ORG 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@carson.org
or call (775) 283-7348**

December Recreation Opportunities

2025



Adaptive Recreation

Popcorn, Christmas Cookies and Movie

Need some mid-week fun? Come on down to the Carson City Community Center and enjoy popcorn and a movie!

Wednesday 12/3 | 5:30pm-7:00pm | \$10 Fee | Community Center

Creative Crafts

Let's get creative! Join us in the Bonanza Room at the Community Center for Christmas carols, cookies, coloring and hot chocolate.

Thursday 12/18 | 5:30pm-6:30pm | \$10 Fee | Community Center

Goal Getters Jog, Walk and Do

The Goal Getters Jog & Walk program is a great way to beat the winter breeze and get your body moving. Each week participants will jog & walk at the Carson City MAC indoor track. Every lap a participant completes will be accounted for and the distance will be measured at the end of each session. As a team of Goal Getters participants will set out to go the distance!

Mondays 12/1-1/26 | 4:00pm-5:00pm | \$5 Fee | Carson City MAC



CELEBRATE CHRISTMAS WITH SIERRA INLINE HOCKEY LEAGUE!



Join us for our christmas party! We will be hosting an amazing event with plenty of activites for all ages.

\$10

Entry (Includes 2 Free Raffle Tickets)

- \$3 Skate Rental
- \$3 Each Raffle Ticket
- Starts at 5PM
- Food Truck Vendors

DEC

20th

**5PM
TO
8PM**

Highlights:

- Ugly Sweater Contest
- Public Skate
- Music
- Raffle
- Hot Chocolate Bar
- Mini Games
- Photo Booth with Santa, Elf and Reindeer!
- Reindeer Food Making Station

Let's gather together for an unforgettable night of holiday music and joy!

December Recreation 2025 Opportunities



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.

Mondays 9/8-12/31 | 10:00am-11:40am | FREE | Art Building

My Toddler is Sewing!

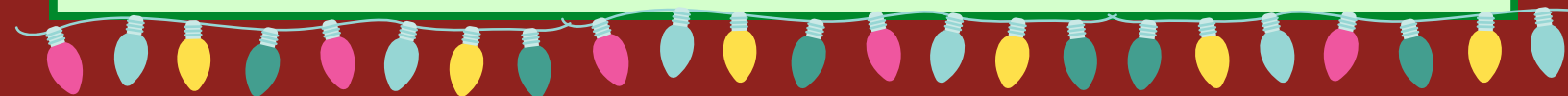
Children will complete a flat foam sewing card cut into a shape while using a shoelace to complete their project. They can keep the sewing card for further practice. Parent/guardian required to stay with their child. Classes are 30 minutes in length. Every 1st & 3rd Saturday and Sunday at 1:30pm, and Tuesdays/Thursdays at 3:00pm.

10/1-12/31 | \$22 Fee | 3-5 years old | 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. Classes 2nd & 4th Tuesdays at 4:00pm, and 1st & 3rd Thursdays at 4:00pm

10/1-12/31 | \$37 Fee | 6 years + | Art Building



December Recreation 2025 Opportunities



Arts & Culture

Quilting Basics

This 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. Classes every 3rd Saturday/Sunday at 2:30pm, and 1st & 3rd Tuesday at 7:00pm

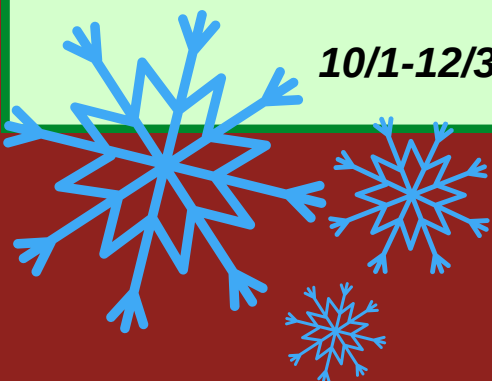
10/1-12/31 | \$37 Fee | 6 years + | Art Building

I Can't Believe I'm Sewing!

Come join the sewing machine class & have fun learning how to use & control your machine! Learn how to make your own clothes, fix & mend clothes, use your sewing machine properly, and even how to finish those impossible unfinished projects! Bring a snack for a break halfway through the class. Parent/guardian required to stay with participants under 18.

Classes every 1st Saturday/Sunday at 2:30pm and 2nd & 4th Thursday at 4:00pm.

10/1-12/31 | \$37 Fee | 6 years + | Art Building



December Recreation 2025 Opportunities



Adult Sports



Self-Paced Marathon

If your New Year's resolutions include exercise, try this marathon that can be broken up at your pace and your schedule. You can walk, jog or run. MAC staff will help track your distance. Includes a t-shirt upon completion of 26.2 miles, which is 208 laps on the MAC track. Registration open December 8th-January 4th.

1/5-2/28 | During MAC hours | \$10 Fee | Carson City MAC

365 on the 395: A Self-Paced Year-Long Challenge



Are you ready for a challenge? Join us the MAC for a year-long, virtual 365-mile walking journey on the 395 highway. At your own pace and on your own time, MAC staff will help you log the miles that you walk, jog or run everyday throughout the year of 2026. You will be able to virtually track your progress as you reach notable sights along the route from Susanville to Alabama Hills on the beautiful US Route 395. Upon completion of the 365 mile journey you will receive a t-shirt. Registration open December 8th-January 4th.

1/5-12/31 | During MAC hours | \$10 Fee | Carson City MAC



December Recreation 2025 Opportunities

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 12/2-12/11 | 9:30am-11:00am | \$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 12/2-12/18 | 11:00am-12:30pm | \$110 Fee | MAC



Park Ranger Led- Programs

2025



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

December 12, 2025

6:30pm -7:30pm

Silver Saddle Ranch

Telescopes will be set up around the Red House area and staff will be around to instruct on our solar system, the Milky Way Galaxy and much more! Backup date is scheduled for January 9, 2026 if inclement weather occurs.



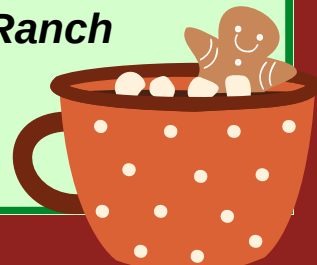
Galaxy Talk

Join the Carson City Park Rangers and Dr. Thomas Herring, Professor of Physics at WNC, for a star gazing event at Silver Saddle Ranch!

Telescopes will be set up around the Red House area and staff will be around to instruct on our solar system, the Milky Way Galaxy and much more! Stop by anytime between 6:30pm-7:30pm. Bring your questions and dress in warm layers!

Friday 12/12 | 6:30pm-7:30pm | FREE | Silver Saddle Ranch

[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER!](#)



Park Ranger Led- Programs

2025



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

December 13, 2024
1:00pm – 3:00pm
Riverview Park

Join the Park Rangers for a festive hike in
your ugliest holiday sweater!



Holiday Hike

Lace up your hiking boots and get ready to join the Carson City Park Rangers for a festive holiday hike! This holly jolly hike encourages participants to wear their ugliest holiday sweater. We will be walking from Riverview Park to the Carson River while discovering the secrets of how wildlife prepares for the colder months ahead.

Saturday 12/13 | 1:00pm-3:00pm | FREE | Riverview Park

[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER!](#)



Holiday Wagon Rides 2025



Holiday Wagon Rides

Join the Friends of Silver Saddle Ranch as they offer these mule-pulled wagon rides through the ranchlands of Silver Saddle Ranch. Max group size is 10, and advanced registration is required. Time slots are available in intervals of 30 minutes between 2:00pm-4:30pm. Please dress in warm layers!

Saturday 12/20 & 12/21 | 2:00pm-4:30pm | FREE | Silver Saddle Ranch

[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER!](#)

Flora | Fauna Highlight



The **Bald Eagle** has been the national bird of the United States since 1782. This massive raptor is best known for their striking white feathers on their head and tail. It has a heavy body, large head, and long, hooked bill. With a wingspan averaging 80 inches, the Bald Eagle will hold its broad wings flat like a board during flight. Bald Eagles typically nest in forested areas adjacent to large bodies of water, staying away from heavily developed areas when possible. In winter, Bald Eagles can also be seen in dry, open uplands if there is access to open water for fishing. In this area, they are most commonly spotted in the winter months hanging around the ranches to feed on the nutrient rich afterbirth provided the calving season. Their nests are exceptionally large, some of the largest nests in the avian world. They use sticks and pliable branches to weave together a nest and add to it throughout the years. Bald Eagle calls are weak and squeaky sounding, and fun fact, movies that feature Bald Eagles usually have a Red-tailed Hawk call because it is much more robust. To read more, visit

<https://www.ndow.org/species/bald-eagle/> !

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.

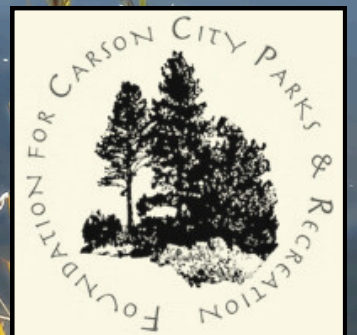
ABOUT

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

Follow us on Social Media:



Visit our website at:

carson.org

OR

Sign up for upcoming events at:

www.carson.org/ccpr