



Castle Rock PARKS & RECREATION

June 2024
Monthly Report



UPCOMING

Events

View up-to-date information at CRgov.com/Events.

JULY
12
SUMMER CONCERT SERIES FEAT. GIN BLOSSOMS WITH SPECIAL GUEST FASTBALL
6 to 10 p.m.
Amphitheater at Philip S. Miller Park

JULY
18
TUNES FOR TRAILS FREE CONCERT FEAT. THAT EIGHTIES BAND
5:30 to 9 p.m.
Amphitheater at Philip S. Miller Park

JULY
19
SUMMER CONCERT SERIES FEAT. COOPER ALAN WITH SPECIAL GUEST CLAY PAGE
6 to 10 p.m.
Amphitheater at Philip S. Miller Park

JULY
20
PEDAL THE MOON
6:30 to 10 p.m.
East Plum Creek Trail

JULY
26
WESTERN HERITAGE WELCOME
6 to 8 p.m.
Downtown Castle Rock

AUGUST
2
FIRST FRIDAYS FEAT. SPINPHONY AND THE PETTY NICKS EXPERIENCE
5 to 9 p.m.
Festival Park

AUGUST
3
CASTLE ROCK DAY AT RUETER-HESS RESERVOIR
8 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Rueter-Hess Reservoir

AUGUST
10
SUMMER CONCERT SERIES FEAT. HAIRBALL
6 to 10 p.m.
Amphitheater at Philip S. Miller Park

AUGUST
13
ANIMALS AROUND THE ROCK: REPTILES UNDER THE ROCK
6 to 7:30 p.m.
The Amphitheater at Philip S. Miller Park

AUGUST
15
TUNES FOR TRAILS FREE CONCERT FEAT. THE LONG RUN BAND
5:30 to 9 p.m.
Amphitheater at Philip S. Miller Park

UPCOMING Events

Recurring Summer Events

Join us for the following events, recurring throughout the summer. View up-to-date information at CRgov.com/Events.



Yoga in the Park



Sundays 8:30 - 9:30 a.m. | The Amphitheater at Philip S. Miller Park
Mondays 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. | Festival Park

A vertical yellow bar on the left contains the text "Yoga in the Park". To the right is a photograph of several people practicing yoga on mats on a grassy area. Further right is the "FITNESS & WELLNESS PARKS & RECREATION" logo. Below the logo is a decorative pattern of yellow dots arranged in a grid.



FREE FITNESS FRIDAYS

FREE ADMISSION

The Amphitheater at Philip S. Miller Park
▶ FITNESS FRIDAY 8-9 a.m.

A group of people in athletic wear are posing for a photo outdoors. The background shows a park setting with a stone wall and greenery. The text is overlaid on a black and yellow background.

CAPITAL PROJECT UPDATES

Parks, Open Space & Trails

The following updates summarize general progress that occurred throughout the month on capital projects managed through the Parks and Recreation department; for background information and additional details visit CRgov.com/ProjectUpdates.

MITCHELL GULCH PARK GRAND REOPENING EVENT

Renovations work at Mitchell Gulch Park is nearing completion. The Parks and Recreation Department looks forward to hosting a grand reopening celebration from 5 to 7 p.m. Wednesday, July 10. The event will feature summer luau fun, including a lei-making station, games, food trucks, music and more. Nestled in the Founders Village neighborhood in east Castle Rock for 27 years, the park was upgraded to improve accessibility, address life-cycle replacements and enhance park users' experience. The renovations feature a new pavilion, all-season restrooms, a fitness area, two new playground areas, six tennis courts, new and expanded parking, a bike pump track and upgraded irrigation and lighting.

EMERALD PARK

Colorado Designscapes continued construction efforts throughout June. The new park shelter was installed, trees were planted and the pickleball courts will soon be striped. The playground equipment will be placed in July, and the contractor will continue to work on confirming permits for the restroom facility and blanket seeding areas where grading has been completed.



CAPITAL PROJECT UPDATES

Parks, Open Space & Trails



LOST CANYON RANCH VIP EVENT

On a picturesque Colorado night, eighty guests gathered at the recently acquired Lost Canyon Ranch property to celebrate over 680 acres of open space now colored in on the Town of Castle Rock map. Mayor Jason Gray, Councilmember Max Brooks, County Commissioners Abe Laydon and Lora Thomas, GOCO Executive Director Jackie Miller, The Conservation Fund Vice President Justin Spring, and Parks and Recreation Director, Jeff Brauer shared toasts of acknowledgment and heartfelt gratitude for the remarkable collaboration that breathed life into the project and ensured the preservation of the open space for generations to come. “Collaboration got us this far, imagine where it can take us.” – Jeff Brauer, Director of Parks and Recreation.



OPERATIONAL UPDATES

and local impact

PARKS, OPEN SPACE AND TRAIL MAINTENANCE

The Parks and Recreation Department is committed to building and maintaining a variety of amenities for the Castle Rock community. In the summer, when these outdoor facilities experience a surge in use, their proper maintenance is crucial to ensure continued safety and enjoyment.

The department manages over 100 miles of trails, 13 diamond ball fields and more than 20 multi-use fields. The dedicated Parks Maintenance and Operations staff manage horticulture, natural resources, athletic fields, turf maintenance, irrigation, streetscapes and more. They work closely with the POST Partners Volunteer Program, offering enjoyable, skill-building opportunities that enhance the Town's parks, open spaces and trails.

Volunteers, including individuals, organizations and Scouts, collaborate with the POST Partners Volunteer Program Coordinator on trail maintenance, park and trail cleanups and custom projects. Together, these efforts ensure the care and beautification of Castle Rock's parks, open space and trails.

In June, their collective work demonstrated significant impact, reflecting the effort put into maintaining Castle Rock's outdoor spaces. This month the Parks Maintenance and Operations division spent:

- 215 hours on field maintenance
- 32 hours on construction and special projects
- 178 hours on landscaping maintenance
- 105 hours on weed management
- 250 hours on irrigation maintenance, and
- 578 hours on mowing operations.

POST Partners' value of service in June was \$15,200, comprised of:

- 186 volunteers
- 478 volunteer hours
- 13 events
- 27 bags of trash picked up, and
- 20.5 miles of trail maintained

To get involved with POST Partners and learn how you can contribute to the Town's parks, open space and trails, visit [CRgov.com/POST](https://www.castlerock.gov/POST).



OPERATIONAL UPDATES

and local impact



RUETER-HESS RESERVOIR

Nestled in the sandstone-rimmed bluffs and Gamble Oak valleys of northeastern Douglas County, Rueter-Hess Reservoir is a haven for history buffs, day hikers, dog walkers, water-sport enthusiasts, and local anthropologists. Owned by the Parker Water and Sanitation District, the primary focus remains on maintaining water quality. However, the district has established the Rueter-Hess Recreation Authority to plan recreational opportunities.

The Town of Castle Rock is an active participant in the Rueter-Hess Recreation Authority, alongside five other organizations: the Parker Water and Sanitation District, the Town of Parker, the City of Castle Pines, the City of Lone Tree and Douglas County. This collaboration ensures Castle Rock residents have access to the reservoir and its amenities, including the 132-step incline and surrounding trails.

Access to the reservoir requires an online reservation. For non-motorized boating or fishing, reservations can be made through [Douglas County, which manages the online reservation system](#). The property has already welcomed over 40,000 visitors in 2024.

Residents can also join the Town of Castle Rock Day at Rueter-Hess on Saturday, Aug. 3. This event, organized by Castle Rock Parks and Recreation, offers a variety of activities designed to connect visitors with nature and the community. Activities include hiking, stand-up paddleboarding, and fishing. Visitors are welcome to bring their own kayak, canoe, or stand-up paddleboard, or rent equipment from SurfSUP, the local vendor. All skill levels are welcome. [Learn more and register to participate.](#)

