



Castle Rock  
**PARKS &  
RECREATION**  
April 2024  
Monthly Report



# UPCOMING

## Events

View up-to-date information at [CRgov.com/Events](https://CRgov.com/Events).

MAY  
**18**  
**GUIDED BIRDWATCHING WALK (PART 2)**  
7:30 to 9:30 a.m.  
Gateway Mesa Open Space

MAY  
**26**  
**FESTIVAL PARK FARMERS MARKET**  
9 a.m. to 2 p.m.  
Festival Park

MAY  
**30**  
**TWILIGHT ON THE TRAILS**  
6 to 9 p.m.  
Metzler Family Open Space

JUNE  
**1**  
**NATIONAL TRAILS DAY**  
8 a.m. to noon  
Memmen Ridge Open Space

JUNE  
**8**  
**CLIMB4CHANGE**  
6:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.  
Philip S. Miller Park trails and Challenge Hill

JUNE  
**7**  
**FIRST FRIDAYS**  
6 to 9 p.m.  
Festival Park

# 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](https://CRgov.com/ProjectUpdates).

### LOST CANYON RANCH OPEN SPACE

The purchase of the spectacular Lost Canyon Ranch property is complete and is the largest one-time acquisition and protection of open space in the Town's history.

In late April, The Conservation Fund (TCF) officially purchased Lost Canyon Ranch and placed a permanent conservation easement on the open space through the Douglas Land Conservancy, which limits the uses going forward and preserves the natural state of the land. TCF then sold the property and associated groundwater rights to the Town on May 1, 2024. The total cost for Lost Canyon Ranch Open Space was approximately \$15 million.

Douglas County provided \$5.5 million from the Open Space, Parks and Historic Resources sales and use tax — which was extended with a nearly 80% approval rate by voters in 2022 — toward the acquisition of Lost Canyon Ranch.

GOCO provided the Town with a \$3 million Centennial Program award toward the purchase, marking the largest funding amount from GOCO for any project in Town history. The Centennial Program grant invests in high-value, once-in-a-generation visions and projects that will create lasting impacts for the Centennial State and future generations.

The Parks and Recreation Department will initiate a master planning process in 2024 to define the vision, goals and strategies for the use and management of the open space in alignment with the conservation values of the conservation easement. Residents will be invited to participate in the process which will help inform future public access to the open space.

### MITCHELL GULCH PARK

Phase one of the park's renovation project was opened to the public, including the playground areas, the new plaza with seating, the fitcourse, cornhole and basketball court. Remaining work includes final landscaping around the courts and court surfacing, which are both dependent on consistent warmer temperatures.

The Town looks forward to celebrating and sharing the fully completed project with the community this summer, including the addition of the first-class tennis court facility that will be available for programmed and drop-in use.



# NEW AND NOTABLE

## *Updates in Parks and Recreation*



### Starburst Award

#### TWO RECENT PROJECTS NAMED 2024 STARBURST AWARD WINNERS BY THE COLORADO LOTTERY

The Town of Castle Rock was named winner of two 2024 Starburst Awards by the Colorado Lottery for two recent capital projects. One award recognized the Town's segments of the Colorado Front Range Trail, while the other celebrated its collaboration with the Meadows Metropolitan District No. 1 on Butterfield Crossing Park featuring Possibilities Playground.

This prestigious award recognizes commitment to excellence in utilizing Lottery funds for community and conservation projects. Winners are chosen based on a number of considerations including the creativity of the project, economic and social impact on the community, as well as the broader impact to Colorado. Read Colorado Lottery's description of both award-winning projects below:

- The Town's portion of the Colorado Front Range Trail is part of a statewide multi-use trail envisioned since 2003. The goal was to complete nearly five miles of new 10-foot-wide concrete trail, connecting Denver through southern Douglas County. This \$7 million project helped open a major recreational corridor and regional trail alternative, which now connects Castle Rock to Colorado Springs to Pueblo.
- Inclusivity is at the heart of the Butterfield Crossing Park featuring Possibilities Playground in Castle Rock. A total \$5.98 million project, the Town of Castle Rock created this vibrant and welcoming space that transcends the traditional barriers to access to outdoor play. Every feature was crafted to ensure that individuals of all abilities can fully engage and enjoy the park experience including wheelchair-accessible fitness courts, sensory walls with built-in tactile elements and American Sign Language (ASL) alphabets, a Roller-Table offering sensory stimulation through deep-muscle pressure, and the We-Go-Swing which promotes social interaction and provides visual and vestibular stimulation, including for those in wheelchairs.

### Tiny Art Quest

#### PUBLIC ART COMMISSION LAUNCHES TINY ART QUEST

The Public Art Commission and Castle Rock Christian Academy partnered to launch the Tiny Art Quest. Part scavenger hunt, part mini-art installation, the quest will feature tiny artworks by tiny artists in and around Festival Park. Once installed, those who look down and around will be rewarded with an outdoor show of miniature art in unexpected places in and around the heart of Downtown Castle Rock.

Castle Rock students age 13 and under are encouraged to submit artwork to be considered for the upcoming Tiny Art Quest installations. [Learn more about the Tiny Art Quest and the Public Art Commission's work to engage local youth in arts.](#)

# NEW AND NOTABLE

## *Updates in Parks and Recreation*



### Summer Concert Series

#### 2024 SUMMER CONCERT SERIES LINEUP ANNOUNCED

The Town released its much-anticipated Summer Concert Series lineup, bringing six unforgettable nights of music and pure summer vibes.

Tickets for the 2024 Summer Concert Series are now on sale.

- June 22 — Generation Radio — Featuring Jason Scheff of Chicago and Jay Demarcus of Rascal Flatts, stylistically, this collaboration straddles the line between melodic rockers, pop-infused fare and adult contemporary ballads. Playing a mix of Chicago, Tom Petty, Journey and Rascal Flatts hits, get ready to replay the soundtrack of your youth.
- July 12 — GIN BLOSSOMS — Capturing the essence of 90s alternative rock, be prepared to sing your heart out! The band's fusion of pop, melodic rock, folk and country elements made the band an MTV playlist hostage for almost a decade and a natural 90s mainstay.
- July 19 — Cooper Alan — A rising star with the spirit of a true entertainer, this is an artist willing to take country music where others have never dreamed — and fans love him for it. He plays it all, whether it's a deeply personal, step-by-step romantic saga or an off-the-wall party anthem!
- Aug. 10 — HAIRBALL — Back by popular demand for a head-banging night you won't want to miss! This high-energy group took the Amphitheater by storm last year with their packed arena rock lineup including favorite hits — and costumes — from Van Halen, KISS, Motley Crue, Queen and many more!
- Aug. 17 — WILDER WOODS — NEEDTOBREATHE front-man, Bear Rinehart, is ready to bring his solo project to life for Castle Rock. Experience the perfect combination of a Colorado sunset and soulful melodies as Rinehart takes the stage with infectious authenticity and a blend of vintage vibes, passion and swagger.
- Aug. 23 — Damage Inc with Denver Pops Orchestra — It's the ultimate mash-up! Brace yourself for an explosion of sound as you experience Damage Inc, a dynamic Metallica tribute band, with the Denver Pops, a Denver-based orchestra boasting over 65 members. This powerful combination will have you rocking into the night.

Gates open at 6 p.m. and opening bands begin playing at 7 p.m. for all concerts except the Denver Pops show which is scheduled one hour later. Delicious food will be available from a variety of food trucks and drinks can be purchased from the full cocktail bar.

To buy tickets or get more information, visit [CRgov.com/Concerts](https://CRgov.com/Concerts).

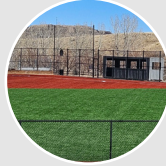
# APRIL OPERATIONS

## By the Numbers

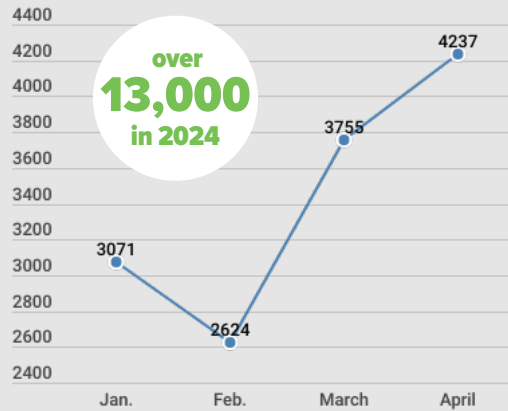
### Parks Maintenance and Operations

This month the Parks Maintenance and Operations division spent:

- 105 on field maintenance
- 40 hours on weed management
- 60 hours on aeration
- 55 hours on mowing operations
- 55 hours on construction and special projects
- 75 hours on irrigation maintenance



### RockREC Registrations



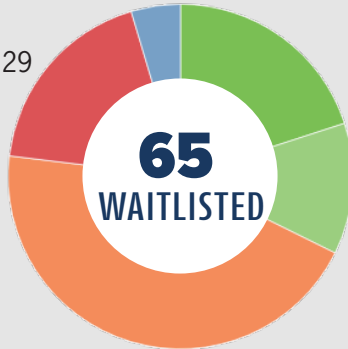
This data represents the number of online program registrations completed via the RockREC app or the desktop version of the site, Recreation.CRgov.com

### Waitlisted Programs

Due to space limitations, 65 enrollees were waitlisted for programs in April.

- Adventure Club Preschool: 29
- Toddler Time: 12
- School break camps: 3
- Adult Pottery: 13
- KidStage: 8

This total does not include children waitlisted for summer camps.



### POST Partners Volunteer Program



**322**  
volunteers



**781**  
volunteer hours



**11**  
events



**135**  
trash bags collected

### Red Hawk Ridge Golf Course



**4,509**  
rounds of golf in April



**14%**  
increase over April '23

### Park Pavilion and Trolley Rentals

The Town Trolley is available for rent for a variety of events, including field trips, historic landmark tours, weddings, nights on the town, and special event parking transportation.

**3**  
trolley rentals



Pavilions at Town parks are also available for rent throughout the year, with the rest being available on a first-come, first-served basis. Rental numbers for both assets typically slow with colder weather.

**26**  
pavilion rentals



# PROGRAM PARTICIPATION

## Summary



**141**  
adults enrolled  
in pottery  
or dance



**154**  
youth enrolled in dance,  
KidzArt, KidStage,  
fencing or biking

**164**  
enrolled in  
Adventure Club  
Preschool



**32**  
enrolled in  
Toddler  
Time



**180**  
Middle School  
Madness  
participants

**60**  
enrolled in  
school break  
camps



**2,327**  
group fitness  
program  
attendees

**98**  
personal  
training  
sessions

