



Castle Rock  
**PARKS &  
RECREATION**  
May 2026  
Monthly Report



# UPCOMING

## Events

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

JUNE  
**13**

**Climb4Change**  
6:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.  
Challenge Hill  
at Philip S. Miller Park

JUNE  
**14**

**Flag Day**  
11 a.m. to 1 p.m.  
Festival Park

JUNE  
**18**

**Tunes for Trails free concert feat.  
The Rick Lewis Project**  
5:30 to 9 p.m.  
Amphitheater at Philip S. Miller Park

JUNE  
**26**

**Summer Concert Series feat.  
The Marshall Tucker Band**  
6 to 10 p.m.  
Amphitheater at Philip S. Miller Park

JULY  
**3**

**First Fridays feat.  
That Arena Rock Show**  
5:30 to 9 p.m.  
Festival Park

JULY  
**7**

**Animals Around the Rock feat.  
Raptors Over the Rock**  
6 to 7:30 p.m.  
Amphitheater at Philip S. Miller Park

JULY  
**11**

**Pedal the Moon**  
6:30 to 10 p.m.  
East Plum Creek Trail

JULY  
**18**

**Summer Concert Series feat.  
Jackson Dean**  
6 to 10 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](https://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 in a grassy area. Further right is the 'FITNESS & WELLNESS PARKS & RECREATION' logo. Below the logo is a decorative pattern of yellow dots.



**FREE**  
ADMISSION

**FREE FITNESS FRIDAYS**  
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 bottom of the image has a black and yellow graphic overlay with text and a logo.

# 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).

### Construction and site preparation continue at Lost Canyon Ranch Open Space

Lost Canyon Ranch Open Space continues to take shape as one of Castle Rock's most significant conservation and recreation projects. This 681-acre property was preserved to protect its rolling grasslands, ponderosa forests, canyon landscapes and wildlife habitat, while providing future low-impact public access.

May brought continued progress toward the property's anticipated mid-July opening, with advancements in trail construction, trailhead development, roadway improvements and visitor amenities. Timberline Trailcraft continues natural-surface trail construction across the property. Corridor clearing and trail clearing are now complete, while major trail segments, including the Willow Creek ADA path, Turkey Track Loop, Gobbler's Pass and connecting trails, have been constructed. Approximately seven miles of trail have been completed to date, including 175 stone steps, 331 square feet of rock armoring and 118 square feet of rock wall. Staff continue working with the contractor to refine trail connections between parking areas and trailheads to support a positive visitor experience.

Trailhead construction also advanced. The Creekside trailhead retaining wall is complete, and installation of fencing and access-control chicanes is planned to begin as materials become available. ADA improvements, parking lot construction and site furnishings continue to move forward, with bike racks delivered and bear-resistant trash receptacles and split-log benches expected in late June.

Traffic calming measures along Lost Canyon Ranch Road are also scheduled for installation in June. Work began on construction of the new entryway, including demolition of the existing gate structure, roadway improvements and excavation activities. Staff continue coordinating with CORE Electric and DoIT to establish permanent power, communications and security systems for the site.

Significant progress has also been made on wayfinding and visitor information. Temporary signage has been finalized and ordered to support the July opening, while permanent wayfinding signs, kiosks and trailhead graphics continue through design and fabrication. Staff will conduct trail walks through early July to evaluate navigation, verify sign placement and identify opportunities to enhance the visitor experience before opening day.



# CAPITAL PROJECT UPDATES

## *Parks, Open Space & Trails*



Environmental stewardship remains a key priority throughout project implementation. Staff continue coordinating with Castlewood Canyon State Park on the trail connection between the two properties, including planning for installation of protective fencing near an active Golden Eagle nesting area. Coordination also continues with Douglas Land Conservancy on a proposed trail alignment for the Echoes of Ancestors trail adjustment designed to improve visitor experience while minimizing impacts near roadways and future development areas.

These efforts reflect the Town's continued commitment to preserving natural and cultural resources while thoughtfully expanding public access. Lost Canyon Ranch remains on track for its anticipated mid-July opening, when residents and visitors will gain their first opportunity to experience this remarkable landscape.

### **Castle Rock Sports Center continues to take shape**

Construction continued this month on the Town's much-anticipated new indoor recreation facility, the Castle Rock Sports Center. The 145,000 square-foot facility will serve as a premier destination for sports, recreation and community wellness in Castle Rock.



Work progressed steadily throughout May, with significant advancement in the aquatics, competition and building systems areas. Early in the month, crews completed installation of the Myrtha walls for the program pool, a major milestone in the development of the facility's aquatic amenities. Concrete placement also continued throughout the building, including work on the south track area and slab-on-grade placement within Competition Area C, further advancing interior construction.

Building enclosure efforts moved forward with the commencement of skylight installation, which will bring natural light into key interior spaces. Mechanical, electrical and plumbing infrastructure also continued to take shape, with overhead rough-in work beginning in the group fitness areas and ongoing installation of utilities throughout the facility. In the locker room areas, construction of concrete masonry unit walls and mechanical, electrical and plumbing systems remained active, while the building's main electrical switchgear was set in place.

Additional site and infrastructure work continued outside the building footprint. Crews prepared for placement of the competition pool concrete slab, while underground sewer, stormwater and water line installation progressed along the east side of the site. The project also moved closer to permanent power service, with electrical inspections completed and utility coordination underway to transition the facility from temporary construction power to permanent building power.

# MAY OPERATIONS

## *Updates in Parks and Recreation*

### Upcoming Events

#### Staff prepare for busy summer concert season

Parks and Recreation staff are preparing for another busy season of outdoor concerts and community events, with three distinct concert series bringing live entertainment to residents and visitors throughout the summer. These events require extensive coordination across multiple Town departments and external partners to ensure a safe, enjoyable and well-organized experience for attendees.

Preparation efforts include development of site and traffic management plans, emergency response coordination, vendor and performer logistics, wayfinding and signage installation, permitting, equipment staging and event operations planning. Staff also work closely with other Town departments to prepare venues, support guest services and ensure facilities are ready to accommodate visitors throughout the season.

#### FIRST FRIDAYS

The First Friday series returned to Downtown Castle Rock June 5, drawing a large crowd to Festival Park for a performance by Mallrats. The free community event combines live music, family activities, food vendors, cocktails and a free 5K fun run, creating a vibrant atmosphere in the heart of Downtown.

Upcoming performances include:

- July 3: That Arena Rock Show, a high-energy tribute to classic rock featuring hits from iconic artists of the 1970s and 1980s.
- Aug. 7: 6 Million Dollar Band, a Colorado-based group known for recreating the sounds of 1980s new wave, pop and dance music.

#### SUMMER CONCERT SERIES

The Amphitheater at Philip S. Miller Park is celebrating the 10th anniversary of the Summer Concert Series, one of the Town's signature events and a major regional entertainment attraction. Over the past decade, the series has hosted nationally recognized artists and continues to attract audiences from across the Front Range. The 2026 lineup includes:

- June 26: The Marshall Tucker Band with special guest Ben Chapman. The Marshall Tucker Band is known for its blend of Southern rock, country and blues influences.
- July 18: Jackson Dean with special guest Tigerlily Gold. Dean's music combines modern country with traditional influences and a distinctive, powerful vocal style.
- Aug. 1: Fitz and the Tantrums with special guest Sun



Room. This special Colorado Day performance features the band's energetic mix of indie pop, soul and alternative rock.

- Aug. 15: Cheap Trick with special guest The Pat Travers Band. Cheap Trick is known for its classic rock sound and decades of chart-topping hits.
- Aug. 29: Still the Same: A Bob Seger Tribute with special guest the Denver Pops Orchestra. The performance celebrates the timeless rock catalog of Bob Seger through a full orchestral collaboration.

#### TUNES FOR TRAILS / PERKS FOR PARKS

Hosted by the Castle Rock Parks and Trails Foundation, the Tunes for Trails / Perks for Parks concert series provides free live music while raising awareness and support for local parks, trails and recreation amenities. Admission is free, and donations to the Foundation are encouraged. Attendees are invited to bring a picnic or purchase food and beverages on site while enjoying an evening of music at Philip S. Miller Park. The 2026 lineup includes:

- June 18: The Rock Lewis Project, performing a mix of classic rock, blues and popular favorites.
- July 16: That Eighties Band, delivering high-energy performances featuring iconic hits from the 1980s.
- Aug. 20: Santa Rios, a tribute band celebrating the music of Santana through Latin rock and blues-inspired performances.
- Sept. 17: Ninety Percent 90s, featuring popular alternative, rock and pop hits from the 1990s.

Together, these concert series provide a wide variety of entertainment experiences for residents while supporting community gathering, economic activity and activation of public spaces. The Town remains committed to offering diverse, family-friendly events that help make Castle Rock a vibrant place to live, work and play.

# MAY OPERATIONS

## *Updates in Parks and Recreation*

### Education program spotlight

#### Adventure Club Preschool celebrates another successful school year

At the end of May, the Town's Adventure Club Preschool held its year-end graduation celebration at the Amphitheater at Philip S. Miller Park. Families gathered to celebrate students completing their preschool and pre-kindergarten programs, marking the culmination of another successful school year and recognizing the growth, confidence and academic readiness of Castle Rock's youngest learners.

Adventure Club Preschool is a state-licensed, school-year program operated at the Castle Rock Recreation Center. Designed for children ages 2½ to 5, the program provides a secure, enriching and nurturing environment that supports early learning and social development. Adventure Club is also a proud Colorado Universal Preschool (UPK) provider, offering state-funded, part-day preschool for four-year-olds during the year before they enter kindergarten.

This school year, the program served 154 students, with dozens more families placed on waitlists due to continued strong demand. Adventure Club encompasses several age-appropriate learning tracks, including Junior Preschool, Preschool, Pre-K and Five-Day Half-Day Pre-K, each designed to support children's academic, social and emotional development through engaging, developmentally appropriate experiences.

The program earned a Level 4 rating through Colorado Shines, the state's quality rating and improvement system for early learning programs. This designation recognizes Adventure Club's commitment to providing a high-quality environment that promotes children's health, safety, learning and school readiness. The achievement reflects the dedication of staff and their ongoing focus on delivering exceptional early childhood education opportunities for Castle Rock families.

Adventure Club Preschool continues to play an important role in supporting early learning and kindergarten readiness within the community, helping prepare young learners for future academic success.



# MAY OPERATIONS

## *Updates in Parks and Recreation*

### Program updates

#### Fitness programs see steady year-over-year growth

Participation in the department's fitness and wellness offerings continues to increase, reflecting strong community demand for both group and individualized fitness experiences.

Group fitness attendance reached nearly 24,000 check ins from January through May 2026, compared to 17,609 visits during the same period in 2025, representing a 35% increase year over year. Average monthly attendance increased from 2,516 participants in 2025 to 3,396 participants in 2026. While improved attendance tracking procedures implemented in 2025 have contributed to more accurate reporting, the data also reflects growing participation across the department's fitness offerings.

Personal training services have likewise experienced significant growth. Through May, trainers delivered 594 sessions, compared to 451 sessions during the same period in 2025, representing a 32% increase and setting a new record for the program. The continued growth highlights strong demand for personalized fitness services and demonstrates the value residents place on individualized health and wellness support.

The continued growth in participation is also helping inform long-term planning efforts for the future Castle Rock Sports Center, scheduled to open in summer 2027. Staff have begun evaluating fitness equipment needs, program expansion opportunities and service enhancements to ensure the new facility is equipped to meet increasing community demand for health and wellness programming.

#### Birthday party program continues strong attendance

The department's birthday party program continued to serve families across multiple facilities throughout May, offering a variety of celebration options at the Miller Activity Complex, Recreation Center, Cantril School and Burgess Pool. While the total number of parties hosted in May was slightly lower than the same period in 2025, overall attendance continued to grow.

A total of 964 children attended birthday parties in May 2026, compared to 821 children in May 2025, reflecting strong demand and larger average party sizes. The average number of children per party increased from 12.1 in 2025 to 13.8 in



2026, continuing a year-to-date trend of larger gatherings and strong participation. The Miller Activity Complex remained the most heavily utilized party location, with demand continuing to outpace other facilities.

These results demonstrate the ongoing popularity of the department's birthday party offerings and their ability to provide memorable recreation experiences for Castle Rock families while maximizing use of Town facilities.

#### Therapeutic Recreation programs support wellness and community connection

In May, the Therapeutic Recreation program continued to provide a broad range of inclusive opportunities for participants. Aquatics-based offerings remained strong, including Therapeutic Recreation swim lessons, which served 10 participants with two additional individuals on the waitlist, along with Water Aerobics and Special Olympics Swim. Additional programs such as In the Kitchen, Craft & Create, Move & Groove Zumba and a mini golf and dinner community outing supported social connection, independent living skills, creativity and physical activity. Collectively, May programming served participants across multiple interest areas, demonstrating the continued value of offering varied, accessible recreation experiences that promote confidence, belonging and community engagement.

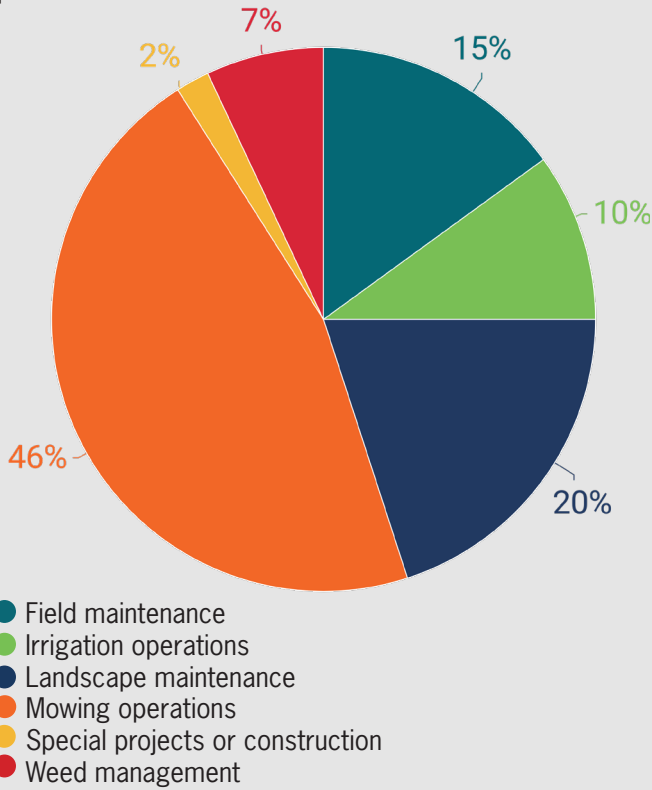
The Town's Therapeutic Recreation program is designed to enhance quality of life for individuals with disabilities by offering recreation opportunities that support skill development, self-esteem, socialization, independence and overall wellness. Program offerings include athletics and movement, aquatics, community outings, cultural arts, outdoor recreation and social activities for a variety of ages and ability levels.

# MAY OPERATIONS

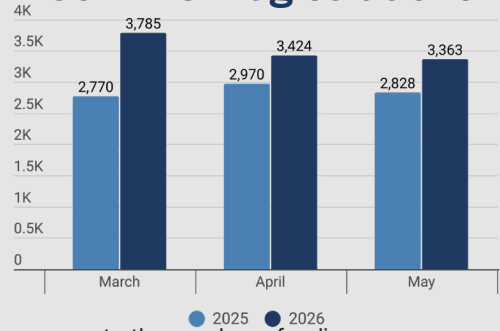
## By the Numbers

### Parks Maintenance and Operations

This chart provides a breakdown of Parks Maintenance and Operations activities and areas of focus for the month.



### RockREC Registrations



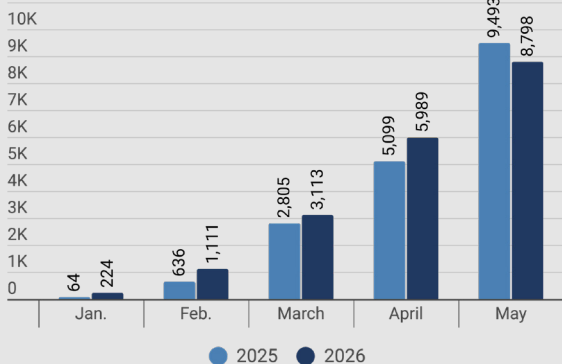
This data represents the number of online program registrations completed via the RockREC app or the desktop version of the site, Recreation.CRgov.com, in 2025 and 2026.

### POST Partners Volunteer Program



### Red Hawk Ridge Golf Course

Year-to-date golf rounds are 6.3% higher than the same period last year.



### 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.



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 surge in warmer months.



# SOCIAL MEDIA

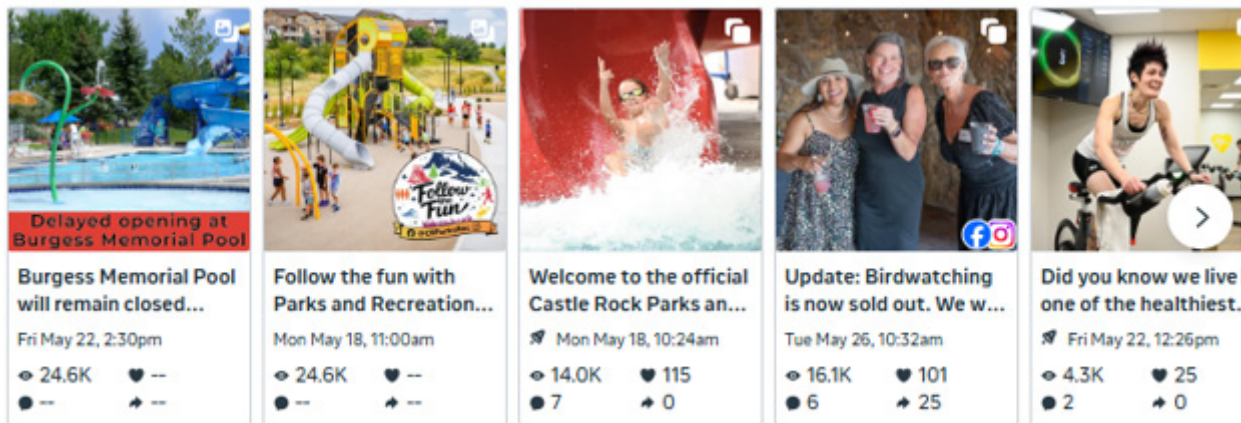
## Summary

### Social Media Overview

#### Parks and Recreation launches dedicated Facebook page

The Parks and Recreation Department continues to use social media as a key tool for public outreach, community engagement and program and event promotion. In May, the department expanded its digital communication efforts by launching a dedicated Facebook page, @CRParksRec, creating a new channel focused specifically on Parks and Recreation news, events, programs, facilities, parks, trails and open space updates.

The page launched May 18 alongside the Follow the Fun campaign, which encouraged residents to follow the new channel through sidewalk stickers in parks, water bottle stickers, digital promotion and print materials. The campaign exceeded early expectations, with the page reaching 949 total followers by May 31. During its first partial month, the new Facebook page generated 84,880 views, reached 39,271 accounts, produced 645 content interactions, drove 699 link clicks and received 4,074 visits. Staff published 20 photo posts, 5 reels and 11 stories during the month, helping quickly establish the page as a strong new outreach tool. Top content based on views is shown here:



The department's dedicated Instagram channel also continued to perform well in May. The account generated 145,672 views, 32,111 in reach, 3,422 content interactions, 1,261 link clicks and 1,598 visits. The account gained 312 followers, bringing the total to 6,231, up from 4,627 in May 2025. While reach and interactions were lower than the prior year, views and link clicks increased, indicating that content continues to support visibility and direct users to additional program, event and facility information. In May, staff published 32 photo posts, 12 reels and 50 stories, with story content increasing compared to April.

Each platform plays a distinct role in the department's overall communication strategy. The new Parks and Recreation Facebook page provides a dedicated space for more detailed updates, event information and timely reminders, while Instagram continues to serve as a visually driven platform for storytelling, short-form video and community engagement. The department also continues to coordinate with the Town's Communications Division on content for the Town's official Facebook and Instagram channels, while using other platforms, such as X and Nextdoor, to supplement messaging when appropriate. Together, these channels support the department's goals of informing the public, promoting programs and events, showcasing community achievements and encouraging participation in Parks and Recreation opportunities.