



Castle Rock
**PARKS &
RECREATION**
April 2022



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Upcoming Events

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

MAY
14

BASICS OF BIRDWATCHING GUIDED WALK (PART II)
8 - 10 a.m.
East Plum Creek Trail

MAY
18

BASICS OF BIRDWATCHING GUIDED HIKE (PART III)
8 - 10 a.m.
Gateway Mesa Open Space

MAY
21

CLIMB4CHANGE
6:30 a.m. - 2 p.m.
The Challenge Hill at Philip S. Miller Park

JUNE
3

FIRST FRIDAYS FEAT. THE SPAZMATICS & 5K 80S RUN
5 - 9 p.m.
Festival Park

JUNE
4

NATIONAL TRAILS DAY
7:30 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Gateway Mesa Open Space

JUNE
11

SUMMER CONCERT SERIES FEAT. THE SPIN DOCTORS & SPECIAL GUEST THE BURROUGHS
7 - 10 p.m.
The Amphitheater at Philip S. Miller Park

JUNE
16

TUNES FOR TRAILS FREE CONCERT FEAT. SOMETHING UNDERGROUND
6:30 - 9 p.m.
The Amphitheater at Philip S. Miller Park

JUNE
29

COBBLESTONE RANCH PARK GRAND OPENING CELEBRATION
5 - 8 p.m.
Cobblestone Ranch Park

JUNE
30

SUMMER CONCERT SERIES FEAT. FUEL
7 - 10 p.m.
The Amphitheater at Philip S. Miller Park

Recurring Summer Event

Join us for the Farmers Market each Sunday! View up-to-date information at CRgov.com/FarmersMarket.





Therapeutic Recreation

DREAMS COME TRUE PROM

Dreams came true and wishes were granted for the Therapeutic Recreation Division on Saturday, April 23 at this year's Dreams Come True Prom for individuals with disabilities who are ages 14 and up.

“My son and his best friend had a fantastic time at Prom! They could not stop talking about the great night and all the options during the evening. We could not be more thankful for this event in creating a space for our boys to be included, to be themselves, and to be celebrated just like any of their peers. Going to prom is a traditional part of growing up, and this was the best experience that we could have asked for!”
- Parent of first-time guest, age 17

This annual event, put on in partnership between the division and Wellspring Community, was held at Castle View High School and delivered a magical evening for 76 adolescents and adults with disabilities. Guests were able to take part in a prom experience for all ability levels and at no cost to families.

Due to generous sponsorships from Developmental Pathways and Chick-Fil-A, guests were provided the opportunity to be the star of the show and to engage in a variety of activities and elements. These included walking the red carpet, riding the Town of Castle Rock trolley, interacting with character actors/actresses, taking keepsake photos in the photo booth, dancing the night away, and being crowned individually as prom royalty. This event was able to be held in a supportive and encouraging environment through the dedication of over 100 volunteers, who amassed a total of 434 hours to the project as prom buddies, decorating crew members, check-in support, trolley and welcoming hosts and food service assistants.

The Town of Castle Rock's Therapeutic Recreation Division is designed to enhance the quality of life for youth, adolescents and adults with disabilities through participation in recreational activities. Our goal is to provide diverse leisure opportunities that focus on promoting skill development and growth related to self-esteem, appropriate socialization, independence and overall wellness. Program offerings focus on opportunities related to athletics and movement, aquatics, camps, community outings, cultural arts, outdoor recreation, and social for individuals of various ability levels and age ranges.





Castle Rock
**SUMMER
CONCERT
SERIES**

Spin Doctors
Saturday | June 11

Fuel
Thursday | June 30

Uprooted ft. Michael Glabicki of Rusted Root
Friday | July 15

Nancy Wilson's Heart
Friday | July 22

Three Dog Night
Saturday | Aug. 6

Scotty McCreery
Friday | Aug. 12

Kashmir, the Live Led Zeppelin Show with the Denver Pops Orchestra
Saturday | Aug. 27

AMPHITHEATER
at PHILIP S. MILLER PARK

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Community Events

LINEUP ANNOUNCED FOR SUMMER CONCERT SERIES

The Summer Concert Series has hosted dozens of Grammy-nominated, world-famous artists and has made Castle Rock a musical hotspot. These ticketed music events have become a signature part of summers in the community.

The 2022 concert series includes:

- Spin Doctors – Saturday, June 11
- Fuel – Thursday, June 30
- Uprooted featuring Michael Glabicki of Rusted Root – Friday, July 15
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Ticket prices range depending on the artist. Gates open at 6 p.m. and bands begin playing at 7 p.m. for each concert. Delicious food will be available from a variety of food trucks and refreshing drinks can be purchased from the full cocktail bar.

Purchase your tickets online at CRgov.com/PSMConcerts.



FIRST FRIDAYS TO BRING LIVE MUSIC, FAMILY FUN, 5K'S AND MORE TO FESTIVAL PARK

On the first Friday of the month, June through August, head to Festival Park to enjoy live music, food trucks, cocktails, kids' activities and more. House music will begin at 5 p.m., opening bands will play from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m., and the featured artist will take the stage from 7 to 9 p.m.

With family friendly activities and a themed run/walk, First Fridays are the perfect nights to bring the entire family Downtown.

Before you indulge in the Friday fun, start the night off right with the First Fridays 5K. These free, theme-based run/walks are fun for the entire family. The unofficially timed races start at 5:30 p.m. right in Festival Park. Registration is required and available online.

First Fridays events will feature:

- June 3 – The Spazmatics | 80s 5K
- July 1 – Thumpin' | Patriot Run 5K
- Aug. 5 – Blink-180TRUE | Color Run 5K

Check out [CRgov.com/FirstFridays](https://www.coloradogov.com/FirstFridays) for details on the entire season and 5K registration.

FARMERS MARKET RETURNS

The annual Festival Park Farmers Market returned for the season this month and will run through September. The Local Colorado will again be organizing this year's market, which will be held from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. every Sunday. Its mission is to provide an atmosphere where communities can gather outside, socialize and enjoy access to dozens of small businesses.

Market visitors will find locally raised meats, farm-fresh eggs, delicious baked goods and artisan-made products from over 50 local vendors for sale.

Follow the market on Instagram @FestivalParkFarmersMarket for updates throughout the season, and be sure to savor those strolls while treating yourself to great goods!





Parks, Open Space & Trails

CONSTRUCTION TO COMMENCE FOR BUTTERFIELD PARK RENOVATION

In April, Town Council approved a construction contract with American Civil Constructors to renovate Butterfield Crossing Park, which has been home to swim meets, sports practices and cherished community events since 1986.

Construction will commence this spring and the final project is planned for completion in early 2023. Upgraded amenities are to include new basketball and pickleball courts, improved gathering spaces, improved accessibility and lighting, upgraded irrigation, new walking paths and a fitness court.

During the planning and visioning phases of this renovation project, public feedback demonstrated a collectively strong desire to not only renovate the park but to create a playground that would serve everyone. The Possibilities Playground will offer play elements and amenities for anyone to engage with and will create a space that removes barriers so all can participate together in an inclusive environment.

The Castle Rock Parks and Trails Foundation is raising money to help fund the playground in its entirety. Features will include musical instruments to stimulate senses; a slide that prevents static shock to those with cochlear implants; a merry-go-round, swings and zip lines that can accommodate wheelchairs; a sensory wall with a variety of textures and colors; and more! Donations to fund the playground can be made online at PossibilitiesPlayground.org. Renderings of the park and Possibilities Playground are shown to the left.

The pool and the athletic fields will remain open throughout construction. The plaza area will remain open to the greatest extent possible, as well as the walkway connection with Meadow View Elementary until school closes for the summer. Parking availability will also be limited.

Learn more and stay informed of project updates at CRgov.com/ParkImprovements.

PHILIP S. MILLER PARK PLAY LOOP UPDATES TO INCREASE PLAY AND IMPROVE TRAIL ACCESS

The Town of Castle Rock is adding a sidewalk along the existing unpaved path that will provide an accessible looped connection between the parking area, aerial trekking course and adventure playground at Philip S. Miller Park. The portable restrooms will be relocated out of the parking lot to improve safety and free up seven spaces for parking as part of the project. Curb and gutter will be installed on the far end of the parking lot and the trailhead will be relocated and formalized to improve access to park trails. Three new play features will be added along the new route, expanding the play experience at the adventure playground. The project is funded through lease fees paid by the Edge Ziplines and Adventures. Construction will commence the last week of April and is scheduled to be complete by summer 2022.



POST Partners Volunteer Program

126 VOLUNTEERS RESTORE CREEK BANKS IN HONOR OF EARTH DAY

On Saturday, April 16, over one hundred volunteers helped to stabilize the banks of the East Plum Creek.

For more than a decade, volunteers have helped the Town celebrate Earth Day by restoring disturbed areas along waterways. This year, three teams harvested and planted willows for this conservation project established in honor of earth day.

Volunteers first took cuttings from mature willows and then planted the cuttings along the of the East Plum Creek Trail south of East Plum Creek Parkway and north of Crystal Valley Parkway.

As the new plantings get established, they will contribute to a robust riparian habitat that prevents stream bank erosion, helps to filter pollution, reduces impacts from flooding and provides shelter for animals.

Learn more about the project at CRgov.com/EarthDay.

ARBOR DAY TREE PLANTING EVENTS

POST Partners Volunteers teamed up with the Park Operations & Maintenance Division to plant 71 trees across seven events.





Education

FREE SPRING PROGRAMMING OFFERS INFORMATION ABOUT CASTLE ROCK'S WILD SIDE

How can you protect small pets from coyotes? Are there really rattlesnakes on the trails? What do you do if you see a bear in your neighborhood? Staff set out to answer these questions and more every spring through free educational programming.

On April 27, residents experienced real wildlife displays and learned about local animals at Wild in Our Town. Douglas County Open Space and Colorado Parks and Wildlife were also present to help answer questions about coyotes, bears, deer, mountain lions, bobcats, rattlesnakes, prairie dogs, beavers and turkeys. Following the open question and answer segment, representatives presented interesting wildlife facts.

The public can also learn about birds native to Castle Rock at three birdwatching classes. Basics of Bird Watching is for beginners and was held Wednesday, May 4. Attendees learned about bird identification, choosing and using binoculars, field guides and where to find the best birding spots.

A guided birdwatching walk will be offered on Saturday, May 14 along the East Plum Creek Trail and a guided hike on Wednesday, May 18 at Gateway Mesa Open Space. The walk and hike are designed to advance birding skills learned during the Basics of Birdwatching class, but attending the indoor class is not required to participate. Preregistration is required at CRgov.com/Registration. Remember to bring binoculars!

For additional and upcoming programs, learn more at CRgov.com/EnvironmentalEd.





Parks Operations & Maintenance

GEMSTONE TURF REPLACEMENT PROJECT

Throughout April, contractor Academy Sports Turf installed new synthetic turf at the athletic field at Gemstone Park. This athletic field was one of the first installed in Castle Rock in 2006 and has been widely used for a variety of sports being conveniently located off of Crow Foot Valley Road near Founders Parkway.

The project was part of the repair and replacement program identified annually through the Town's budget and capital improvement planning process. The synthetic turf had already outlived its 10-year lifespan having been in place for 16 years. Academy replaced 57,000 square feet in April and staff anticipate repurposing the old turf for a variety of projects as needed.

The replacement was funded through the General Long Term Planning Fund and Town Council authorized expenditures of up to \$292,000 plus a Town-managed contingency by resolution in April.

