

April in Larimer County's Parks and Open Spaces

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Healthy Counties, Healthy Families ~ call (970) 498-7150 for info!

Celebrate April's County Government Month, "Healthy Counties, Healthy Families," with a hike in a County open space with a County Commissioner. No sign up required. Hike rating: easy ~2 hrs.

- Devil's Backbone Open Space with Commissioner Tom Donnelly Saturday, April 14, 2-4 p.m.
- Eagle's Nest Open Space with Commissioner Lew Gaiter, III Saturday, April 21, 2-4 p.m.
- Soderberg Open Space with Commissioner Steve Johnson Saturday, April 28, 2-4 p.m.

Nature Notes Club ~ call (970) 679-4489 for info! **Signup required**

Learn how to create your own nature journal. You'll receive basic instruction on sketching, ecology, geology, wildlife, and other natural sciences while on outings in the open spaces. Call for details and signup. Wednesdays, April 11 & 25

Tiny Trekkers ~ call (970) 679-4489 for info!

Join us for an hour of fun for you and your toddler the 2nd and 4th Mondays of every month.

Devil's Backbone Open Space

Mondays, April 9 and April 23, 10-11 a.m.

Be a Park Aide! ~ call (970) 679-4552 for info!

Volunteer by the water's edge this summer at Carter Lake or Horsetooth Reservoir! You'll help visitors by assisting boaters, answering questions, giving directions, and coordinating boat-trailer parking. Call for info!

Guided Hikes and Programs ~ call (970) 679-4489 for info! *Programs are free*

- "Bear Necessities" at Horsetooth Mountain Open Space. Learn about local bruins, their lifestyle from habits to habitat, and the best way to avoid trouble with them. \$6/vehicle entrance permit required.
Hike rating: easy ~ 2 hrs. Saturday, April 7, 10 a.m.
- "Really Useful Plants of Horsetooth" at Horsetooth Mountain Open Space. Ever wonder how settlers and Native Americans survived off the land? \$6/vehicle entrance permit required.
Hike rating: easy ~ 2 hrs. Saturday, April 14, 9 a.m.
- "Hey Kids! Spring Is Here!" at Devil's Backbone Open Space. Bring your 5 to 12-year old kids to learn some signs of the new season and have fun doing it. No better way to spend a morning with your young ones!
Hike rating: easy ~ 1.5 hrs. Saturday, April 21, 9 a.m.
- "Camping Conundrums" at Lions' Open Space in Laporte. Bring the whole family for this introduction to camping skills: using a camp stove, what to do around wildlife, and how to avoid camping catastrophes!
Stationary program ~ 2 hrs. Saturday, April 21, 9:30 a.m.
- "Devil's Backbone: Millions of Years in the Making" at Devil's Backbone Open Space. Take a short hike with a naturalist through millions of years of geologic history!
Hike rating: easy ~ 1.5 hrs. Friday, April 27, 10 a.m.
- "Wildflower Treasure Hunt" at Devil's Backbone Open Space. Don't miss this new take on a classic nature walk during a fun-filled afternoon exploring the beautiful spring flowers and sharing your finds!
Hike rating: easy ~ 3 hrs. Saturday, April 28, 9 a.m.
- "Hummers--the birds that is, not the cars!" at Horsetooth Mountain Open Space. Learn all about this fascinating species and smallest of the woodland birds. \$6/vehicle entrance permit required.
Hike rating: easy ~ 2 hrs. Saturday, April 28, 10 a.m.



for more information

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