

Healthy Landscapes, Healthy People

Your actions, guided by these simple stewardship tips, will ensure a memorable and safe experience while minimizing impact on valuable natural resources.



Red Mountain Open Space, Photo © Guy Turanne



Stay on Trails

The vegetation growing alongside trails is an important part of the ecosystem. Stay on designated trails to avoid trampling new growth. Walk through mud to avoid widening or damaging trails.



Know Before You Go

Before leaving your house, check the weather and bring appropriate equipment for your day outdoors. Have a plan B if your destination's parking area is full. Practice going early (before 10 a.m.) or late (after 3 p.m.) during the busy months to avoid crowds.



Be Fire Safe

Know and follow the current fire restrictions and regulations of the area you are visiting. If campfires are allowed, be sure to "Drown, Stir, Feel" before you leave the campsite. Is it DEAD OUT?



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WEAR IT

Wearing a well-fitting Personal Flotation Device (PFD) is one of the best ways to keep you and your friends safe on the water. Children 12 years of age and younger are required to wear a PFD on the water.



Let's DOO It

Bring enough waste bags, water, and a 10-foot (or less) leash (required) if hiking with your dog. Bag it, Pack it, Can it! Dispose of dog waste in the trash – do not leave it to "pick up later."



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Stow the Line

Protect wildlife. Loose fishing lines get tangled with wildlife and can cause harm to the ecosystem. Locate and use designated disposal receptacles.



Be Kind

The outdoors is for all; be courteous of others' experiences. Keep the music volume down, take only memories, and share a smile.



Mule Deer Photo © Ally Louie



Pinewood Reservoir, Photo © Jeanie Sumrall-Ajero



About Us

The Larimer County Department of Natural Resources began in 1954 with a partnership with the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation to operate and manage recreation at its reservoir parks, including Horsetooth, Carter Lake, Pinewood and Flatiron reservoirs.

Over the years, Larimer County has acquired and conserved a vast network of public and private lands. The community's love of the outdoors has played a vital role in this growth.

In 2014, a citizen initiative successfully extended a quarter cent sales and use tax to support the acquisition and management of Larimer County open spaces through 2043.

Larimer County offers thirteen properties for recreational access and enjoyment and has conserved over 56,000 acres of land within its boundaries.

Larimer County is dedicated to connecting people, nature, and place. Our vision for the future rests on the belief that healthy landscapes support healthy people - and from there, our community can thrive.

Rules & Regulations

You are responsible for knowing and obeying all regulations. Violations are punishable by a fine of up to \$300. A valid permit is required upon entrance at most properties. See amenity chart for areas with free entrance.

For a complete list of regulations:
larimer.gov/naturalresources/regulations



Contact Information

General Information: 970-619-4570
Non-Emergency Dispatch: 970-416-1985
Emergency: Call 911



Larimer County Natural Resources
1800 S. County Road 31
Loveland, Colorado
Larimer.gov/naturalresources

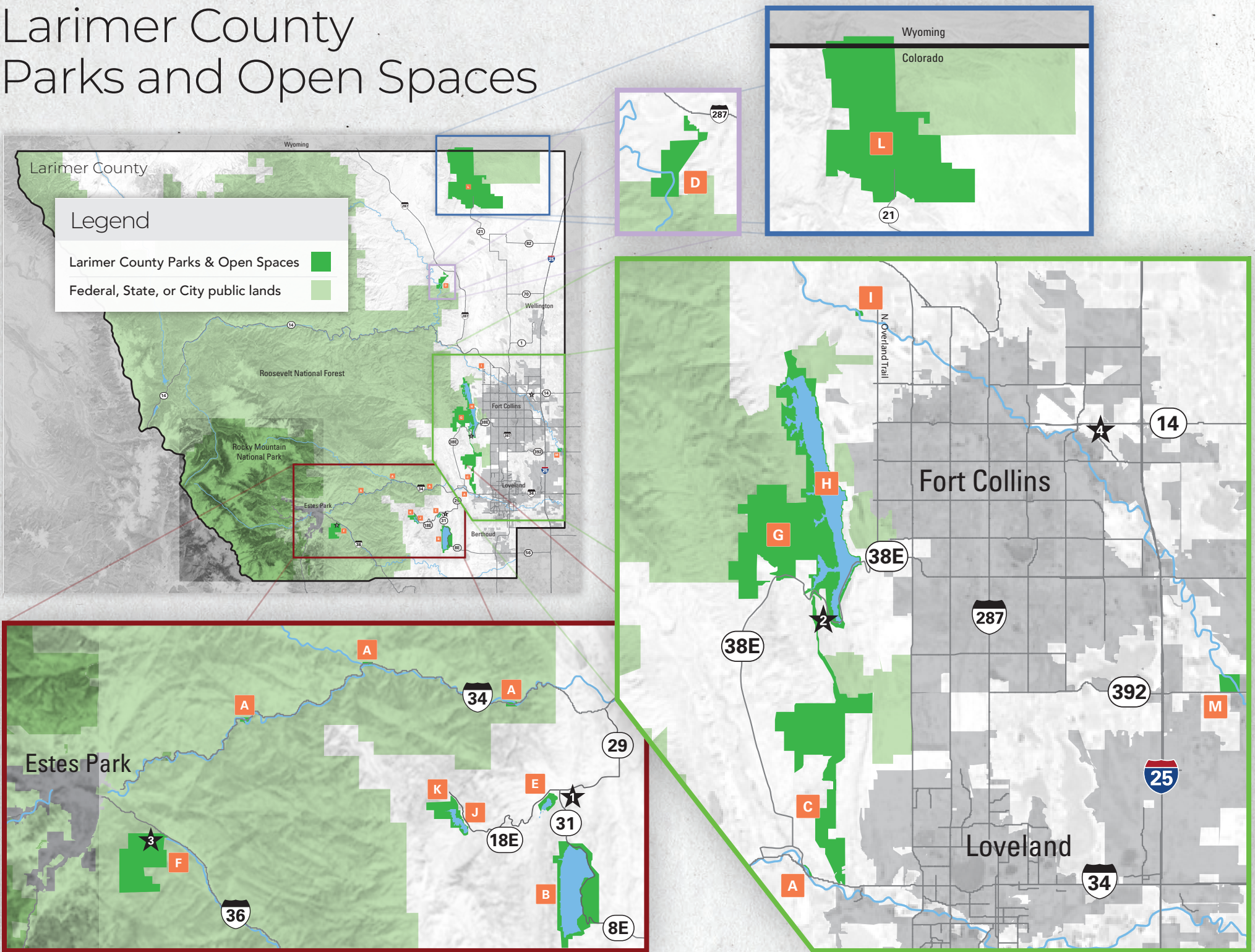


Larimer County Parks and Open Spaces

At-A-Glance Guide



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Illustrative purpose only; not to scale.

Amenities

Individuals with mobility disabilities are permitted to use power-driven mobility devices on open space trails within the existing trail tread, at no more than 5 MPH. Visit: larimer.gov/naturalresources/e-bike-study
 More general information, visit larimer.gov/naturalresources or COTREX (Colorado Trails Explorer).



Property	Miles of Trails	Recreation	Amenities	Notes
A Big Thompson Parks (Glade, Narrows, Forks, Sleepy Hollow)	0			Located within the Big Thompson Canyon, with access to the river; open April-October.
B Carter Lake	3.7			Sailing, concessions, and marina. Swim beach open during summer. Showers. Group campground.
C Devil's Backbone Open Space	17.3			No rock climbing. Limited shade.
D Eagle's Nest Open Space	4.8			Breathtaking views of the Laramie Foothills. No bikes allowed. No fee.
E Flatiron Reservoir	0			No swimming or boating allowed. Reservable tipi.
F Hermit Park Open Space	8.4			Spectacular views, backcountry feel in a frontcountry setting. Open March through mid-December.
G Horsetooth Mountain Open Space	29.5			Spectacular views of Fort Collins. Home to Horsetooth Rock.
H Horsetooth Reservoir	5.1			Concessions and marina. Swim beach open in summer. Showers.
I Lions Open Space	2.2			Beautiful riverfront site along Poudre River Trail. No fee.
J Pinewood Reservoir	2.5			Paddlecrafts only.
K Ramsay-Shockey Open Space	2.3			Forested open space, meadow and valley vistas. Nearby fishing access at Pinewood Reservoir.
L Red Mountain Open Space	18.5			Incredible landscape of rock outcroppings and diverse ecosystems. Open March-November. No dogs. No fee.
M River Bluffs Open Space	1.2			Links to Poudre River Trail. Great spot for birding. No fee.

★ Natural Resources Administration Office
1800 S. County Road 31, Loveland

★ Horsetooth Area Information Center
4200 W. County Road 38E, Fort Collins

★ Hermit Park Open Space Office
17 Hermit Park Road, Estes Park

★ Land Stewardship Office
2649 E. Mulberry St. Suite 6, Fort Collins

- ★ Larimer County Office
- 🏠 Cabin
- 🚶 Hiking
- 🚣 Boating
- 🐎 Horseback Riding
- 🚻 Restrooms
- 🌳 Picnic Area
- 🚲 Biking
- 🎣 Fishing
- 🚣 Paddlecraft
- ♿ Wheelchair Accessible
- 🏠 Pavilion
- ⛺ Camping*
- 🐕 Dog on Leash
- 🪨 Rock Climbing
- 🏊 Swimming

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*Full hook-up sites to walk-in tent sites available, visit larimercamping.com to reserve.