

Adopt-A-Park

PROGRAM INFORMATION



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Adopt-A-Park Overview

The Adopt-A-Park Program is designed to provide participants with the opportunity for hands-on work in our parks, helping to keep them clean, attractive and safe for everyone to enjoy!

Who can participate?

Everyone! The Adopt-A-Park Program is open to individuals, neighborhood associations, civic groups, faith-based organizations, service organizations, school groups, businesses and other community organizations. A responsible adult must accompany minors.

What is the time commitment?

There are a minimum number of required volunteer hours based on the park's size and amenities. Cleanups may vary in frequency from two to four times a year, with total volunteer hours ranging from 25 to 200 hours. Please note that these are only the minimum requirements, additional volunteer efforts are accepted and encouraged. The more people there are in the adopting the group, the easier it is to fulfill the hours. Participants are given direction, yet allowed to responsibly work at their own convenience.

When do most cleanups take place?

We will work with your schedule, weather permitting and during park hours!

Where will my group work?

You choose the park based on your desired time commitment, the area you wish to work, and what locations are available.

Why should my group adopt a park?

Participating in Adopt-A-Park is a great opportunity to promote civic responsibility, pride, appreciation and awareness while providing a sense of accomplishment. Adoptive groups also develop teamwork, camaraderie and company/organization pride. In addition, this program saves taxpayer dollars and allows parks staff increased opportunities to better prioritize park projects and keep up with growth.

How will my group get the work done?

Parks staff will work closely with you to provide direction and will loan you all of the necessary supplies, tools, and safety equipment needed to get the job done.

Will I receive recognition?

Yes! Active groups will be listed as park adopters on the municipality's website, and will have the opportunity to have a sign installed within the park acknowledging the adoption.

Program Details

When an individual or group adopts a park, members perform general maintenance and beautification, and may also be asked to assist in more complex improvement projects.

Examples of types of tasks

Many basic tasks can be done at your adopted park on a regular basis and do not need approval or supervision from Park staff members or require special tools.

- Litter removal
- Weeding
- Sweeping courts and pathways
- Basic cleaning of graffiti
- Raking of leaves
- Reporting damage, vandalism, or other potential park problems

Advanced tasks require approval and/or supervision from Parks staff, as well as special training and equipment that is not regularly stocked.

- Planting projects or plant removal
- Pruning
- Painting over graffiti
- Re-painting of park fixtures, walls or buildings
- Installation of fencing, benches or other park amenities
- Trail maintenance or building

When an individual or group is interested in performing an advanced task, park staff must be contacted no later than 4 weeks before the proposed project date. The type of project desired, the number of volunteers participating, and services/supplies/materials requested must be described. At times, park staff will have advanced tasks they want completed in their parks. You could be contacted and given an opportunity to assist in the project.

Once an event is planned, please contact parks staff a week in advance to confirm the date, location and times. In the interest of saving time and resources, you will be asked to notify parks staff as soon as possible if you must reschedule a cleanup or are expecting a significant change in group size.

Time Commitment

The park adopter commits to a minimum number of volunteer hours per year spread over several days at different times of the year. The minimum time commitment varies with the size of park adopted.

- **Pocket Parks** - Adopter commits to at least 25 volunteer hours per year with two volunteer days. Sites are typically less than one acre and have a limited range of amenities.
- **Neighborhood Parks** - Adopter commits to at least 75 volunteer hours per year with two or three volunteer days. Sites are typically between 3 and 15 acres, and have a range of park amenities.
- **Community Parks** - Adopter commits to at least 150 volunteer hours per year with three volunteer days. Sites range in size from 15 to 49 acres and are highly used parks because of size and type of amenities. Multiple adopters might be considered.
- **Regional Parks** - Adopter commits to at least 200 volunteer hours per year with three to four volunteer days. Sites exceed 50 acres and are highly used parks because of size and type of amenities. Multiple adopters may be considered.

Portions of larger parks, as well as trails, can also be adopted individually. Time commitments when adopting trails will be considered on a case-by-case basis.

Contract Periods

Adopt-A-Park agreements are typically 2 year commitments and will be renewed following approval. The park adopter or the municipality may cancel the agreement if the adopter is unable to meet the requirements. The terminating party should submit the cancellation in writing.

Tracking Hours

All Adopt-a-Park participants must keep track of their hours spent volunteering on the forms provided to them. Forms must be returned to parks staff no later than five days after the work day. The Parks office documents this information and tabulates total yearly hours to justify the need for more tools and supplies, confirm growth or decline in volunteer participation, and to keep an official record to provide recognition.

Safety Guidelines

All volunteers must take responsibility for their actions, use good judgment, and follow these guidelines while performing tasks at any park.

Do

- Notify us in advance if your group requires any special accommodations or has extensive physical limitations.
- Wear socks and appropriate footwear. For your safety, no flip flops or open toe shoes.
- Dress in layers, especially with morning cleanups. Use sunblock and wear a hat.
- Wear sturdy work gloves at all times.
- Tie bags tightly for disposal and do not overfill.
- Lift with your legs while keeping your back straight.
- Work during daylight hours.
- Work with a partner whenever possible.
- Carry small first aid kit.
- Handle sharp objects with care – children should NOT pick up broken glass.
- Contact Parks staff immediately if you notice a safety hazard.
- Be alert for snakes, stinging insects or other hazards that may exist.
- Wash your hands thoroughly when you complete your work.

Don't

- Don't overexert yourself. Be sure to take breaks and drink plenty of fluids.
- Don't bring small children or pets along on projects unless they can be closely supervised.
- Don't leave children or pets locked in the car at work locations.
- Don't enter any lake, pond, river or irrigation ditch.
- Don't engage in horseplay, distract, or interfere with motorists.
- Don't stomp on trash bags. Injuries may occur from broken glass or sharp objects.
- Don't pick up materials you suspect might be hazardous, such as needles or drug paraphernalia. Other items to avoid include powders, chemicals, smelly substances, suspicious packages, chemical drums or containers, or weapons. Make a note of the precise location of such materials and report it to Parks staff immediately.
- Don't pick up dead animals. Call Washoe Animal Services at 322-3647.

Please make sure all volunteers in your business or organization are familiar with these safety precautions. Your safety is extremely important to us!

Park Directory by Municipality

<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Municipality</u>
Aimone Park	55 Queen Way	City of Sparks
Alf Sorensen Community Park	1400 Baring Blvd	City of Sparks
Ambrose Park	River Lane at Rainshadow Lane, Reno	Washoe County
Anderson Park	Del Monte Lane near Davis Lane, Reno	Washoe County
Antelope Ridge Park	1900 Primio Way, (Future Park)	City of Sparks
Ardmore Park	1200 12th Street	City of Sparks
ArrowCreek Park	2950 Arrowcreek Parkway, Reno	Washoe County
Bailey Creek Park	14770 Granite Mine Court, Reno	Washoe County
Bandstand Park	1519 Victorian Avenue	City of Sparks
Barbara Bennett Park	400 Island Avenue	City Of Reno
Bartley Ranch Regional Park	6000 Bartley Ranch Road, Reno	Washoe County
Bicentennial Park	10 Ralston Street	City Of Reno
Bitterbrush Park	3650 Lepus Drive	City of Sparks
Bodega Park	1200 Bodega Drive	City of Sparks
Bowers Mansion Regional Park	4005 US Highway 395 North	Washoe County
Brodhead Park	5 South Park Street	City Of Reno
Burgess Park	1605 Pyramid Way	City of Sparks
Callahan Park, Phillip & Anne	15960 Callahan Ranch Rd, Reno	Washoe County
Canyon Creek Park	1485 Robb Drive	City of Reno
Canyon Hills Park	4480 Los Altos Parkway	City of Sparks
Charlie Smith Youth Fields	455 Sparks Blvd.	City of Sparks
Crissie Caughlin Park	3415 Idlewild Drive	City of Reno
Church Park	1850 1st Street	City of Sparks
Cold Springs Park	3355 White Lake Pkwy, Reno	Washoe County
Cottonwood Park	777 Spice Island Drive	City of Sparks
Coyote Springs Park	Vista Del Rancho Parkway	City of Sparks
Crystal Lake Park	1190 Country Estates Circle	City of Reno
Crystal Peak Park	Old Highway 40, Verdi	Washoe County
Damonte Ranch Park	1950Damonte Ranch Parkway	City Of Reno
Davis Creek Regional Park	25 Davis Creek Road, Washoe Valley	Washoe County
Deer Park	1700 Prater Way	City of Sparks
Del Cobre Park	7990 Via Del Cobre Avenue	City of Sparks
Desert Winds Park	105 Ember Drive, Spanish Springs	Washoe County
Dick Taylor Memorial Park	1140 Beech Street	City Of Reno
Don Mellow Sports Complex	455 Sparks Blvd.	City of Sparks
Donnelly Park, Betsy Caughlin	3295 Mayberry Drive, Reno	Washoe County
Dorostkar Park	Mayberry Drive and the Truckee River	Washoe County
Dorothy McAlinden Park	12000 Mt. Charleston	City Of Reno
Double Diamond Park	9100 Wilbur May Parkway	City Of Reno
Eagle Canyon Park	400 Eagle Canyon Dr., Spanish Springs	Washoe County
Eighth Street Parkway	455 E. 8 th Street	City of Reno
Ellen's Park	12450 Creek Crest Drive, Reno	Washoe County

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Evans Park	200 E. 9 th Street	City of Reno
Evergreen Park	9555 Evergreen Drive	City Of Reno
Fisherman's Park	55 Galetti Way	City of Sparks
Fisherman's Park I and II	495 Galetti Drive	City Of Reno
Forest Park	Forest Park Drive, Cold Springs	Washoe County
Galena Creek Regional Park	18350 Mt Rose Highway	Washoe County
Gandolfo Rodeo Arena	2200 Loop Road	City of Sparks
Gateway Park	2101 Greg Street	City of Sparks
Gator Swamp Park	255 Egyptian Dr., Spanish Springs	Washoe County
Gepford Park	305 E. Gepford Parkway, Sun Valley	Sun Valley GID
Glendale Park	399 Coney Island	City of Sparks
Golden Eagle Regional Park	6400 Vista Blvd.	City of Sparks
Golden Valley Park	7490 Hillview Dr., Reno	Washoe County
Hidden Valley Regional Park	4740 Parkway Drive, Reno	Washoe County
Highland Ranch Park	1200 Highland Ranch Blvd., Sun Valley	Sun Valley GID
Hilltop Park	3950 Buckingham Square	City Of Reno
Holcomb Historic Park	1005 Holcomb Avenue	City Of Reno
Horseman's Park	2800 Pioneer Drive	City Of Reno
Huffaker Park and Mountain Trail	1160 East Huffaker	City Of Reno
Idlewild Park	1900 Idlewild Drive	City Of Reno
Irving Circle Park	85 Irving Park Circle	City Of Reno
Ivan Sack Park & Pathway	3005 Idlewild Drive	City Of Reno
Jacinto Park	7805 Jacinto Avenue	City of Sparks
Jamaica Park	1000 Jamaica Avenue	City Of Reno
John Champion Park	957 Kuenzli Street	City Of Reno
Kestrel Park	5611 Cathedral Peak Drive	City of Sparks
Lake Park	40 Coleman Drive	City Of Reno
Las Brisas Park	5050 Las Brisas	City Of Reno
Lazy 5 Regional Park	7100 Pyramid Lake Highway	Washoe County
Lemmon Valley Horseman's Arena	11400 Deodar Way, Lemmon Valley	Washoe County
Lemmon Valley Park	325 Patrician Drive, Reno	Washoe County
Les Hicks Jr. Park	3650 Oakridge Drive	City of Sparks
Lillard Park	965 Victorian Avenue	City Of Reno
Lockwood Park	10505 Lockwood Drive	Washoe County
Longford Park	250 E. Greenbrae	City of Sparks
Maldonado Park	2150 Canyon Parkway	City Of Sparks
Martin Luther King Park	305 Coretta Way, Black Springs	Washoe County
Mary Gojack Park	3100 Skyline Blvd.	City of Reno
Mayberry Park	688 White Fir Street, Reno	Washoe County
McKinley Park	925 Riverside Drive	City Of Reno
Melody Lane Park	2370 Scottsdale Road	City Of Reno
Miguel Ribera Park	3925 Neil Road	City Of Reno
Mira Loma Park	3000 McCarran Blvd.	City Of Reno

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New Washoe City Park	2400 Lakeshore Drive, Washoe Valley	Washoe County
Moana Park	240 Moana Lane	City Of Reno
Mogul Park	110 Mogul Mountain Dr., Reno	Washoe County
Newlands Park	700 California Avenue	City Of Reno
North Valleys Regional Park	8085 Silverlake Road	Washoe County
Northgate Park	6450 Moonridge Terrace	City Of Reno
Northwest Park	2775 Apollo Way	City Of Reno
Oppio Park	2355 18th St., Sparks	City of Sparks
Oxbow Nature Study Area	3100 Dickerson Road	City Of Reno
Pagni Ranch Park	1000 Festa Way	City of Sparks
Pah Rah Mountain Park	1750 Shadow Lane	City of Sparks
Panther Valley Park	850 Link Lane	City Of Reno
Pat Baker Park	1910 Bishop Street	City Of Reno
Pelican Park	2665 Pride Drive	City of Sparks
Pickett park	250 Kirman Avenue	City Of Reno
Pinion Park	355 S. 21st Street	City of Sparks
Pleasant Valley Park	West Laramie Lane, Pleasant Valley	Washoe County
Plumas Park	475 Monroe Street	City Of Reno
Poulakidas Park	530 4th Street	City of Sparks
Powning Park	150 S. Virginia Street	City of Reno
Rainbow Ridge Park	1355 Rainbow Ridge Road	City of Reno
Raleigh Heights Park	8855 Red Baron Blvd.	City of Reno
Rancho San Rafael Regional Park	1595 N. Sierra St., Reno	Washoe County
Recreation Park	98 Richards Way	City of Sparks
Red Hawk Park	3215 Poco Rey Drive	City of Sparks
Regional Shooting Facility	2155 Pyramid Way	Washoe County
Reno Sports Complex	2975 N. Virginia St.	City Of Reno
Rivermount Park	Webster Dr., Off W. Plumb Lane, Reno	Washoe County
Riverside Drive Park	650 Riverside Drive	City of Reno
Robinhood Park	800 Robinhood Drive	City of Reno
Rock Park	1515 Rock Blvd.	City of Sparks
Rose Garden Park	6195 Wingfield Springs Road	City of Sparks
Rotary Centennial Park	1265 Hillboro Street	City Of Reno
Sage Canyon Park	5195 Vista Heights Drive	City of Sparks
Sage Street Park	790 Sage Street	City Of Reno
Schiappacasse Park	3945 Riverhaven Drive	City Of Reno
Seminary Park	1101 Sierra Street	City Of Reno
Shadow Mountain Sports Complex	3300 Sparks Blvd.	City of Sparks
Shelly Park	2901 N. Truckee Lane	City of Sparks
Sierra Rock Park	17770 Sweet Gum Dr., Cold Springs	Washoe County
Silver Knolls Park	11300 W. Silver Knolls Blvd., Reno	Washoe County
Silver Lake Park	8855 Red Baron Blvd.	City Of Reno
Silverton Shores Park	2799 Silverton Way	City of Sparks

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South Valleys Regional Park	15650 Wedge Parkway, Reno	Washoe County
Sky Country Park	3290 Snake River Drive	City Of Reno
Sky Ranch Park	8900 La Posada Rd., Spanish Springs	Washoe County
Sparks Marina Park	300 Howard Drive	City of Sparks
Sparks Memorial Park	241 Pyramid Way	City of Sparks
Sterling Village Tot Lot	760 Winston Drive	City Of Reno
Stewart Park	400 Stewart Street	City Of Reno
Summit Ridge Park	4560 Summit Ridge Drive	City of Reno
Sun Mesa Park	570 Sun Mesa Drive	Sun Valley GID
Sun Valley Community Park	115 W. 6th Avenue., Sun Valley	Sun Valley GID
Sun Valley Regional Park	North End of Sidehill Dr., Sun Valley	Washoe County
Swan Lake Nature Study Area	East End of Lear Blvd. off Military Rd	Washoe County
Teglia's Paradise Park	2745 Elementary Drive	City Of Reno
Terrace Sports Complex	2525 Robb Drive	City Of Reno
Thomas Creek Park	12875 Thomas Creek Rd., Reno	Washoe County
Tumblewood Trails Park	7575 Bareback Drive	City of Sparks
University Ridge Park	990 South University Loop	City Of Reno
Valleywood Park	6555 Valleywood Drive	City Of Reno
Van Meter Park	1300 O'Callahan Drive	City of Sparks
Verdi School Park	Bridge Street, Verdi	Washoe County
Village Center Park	18755 Village Center Dr., Reno	Washoe County
Village Green Park	849 Lepori Way	City of Sparks
Virginia Foothills Park	13905 Spelling Ct., Reno	Washoe County
Virginia Lake Park	1980 Lakeside Drive	City Of Reno
Vista View Park	2201 N. D'Andrea Parkway	City of Sparks
Wedekind Neighborhood Park	4 th Street	City of Sparks
Wedekind Regional Park	11 Disc Drive	City of Sparks
West Street Plaza	200 West Street	City Of Reno
Wheatland Park	990 Wheatland Road	City Of Reno
Whitaker Park	550 University Terrace	City of Reno
Whites Creek Park	Telluride Drive at Killington Circle, Reno	Washoe County
Wildcreek Park	3900 El Rancho Blvd.	City of Sparks
Wilkinson Park	1201 East Taylor Street	City of Reno
Willowcreek Park	1250 E. Prater Way	City of Sparks
Wilson Commons Park	4970 Susan Lee Circle, Washoe Valley	Washoe County
Wingfield Park	2 S. Arlington Avenue	City Of Reno
Woodtrail Park	1730 Golden Spike Drive	City of Sparks
Yori Park	2800 Yori Way	City Of Reno

Please see the following websites for updates on Adopt-A-Park availability!

*City of Reno – www.reno.gov
City of Sparks – www.cityofsparks.us
Washoe County – www.washoecountyparks.com
Sun Valley GID – www.svgid.com*

Contact Information & Important Numbers

Adopt-A-Park Contacts

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General Park Phone Numbers

City of Reno Parks, (775) 334-2270

City of Sparks, (775) 353-5555

Washoe County Parks Administration, (775) 823-6500

Sun Valley GID, (775) 673-2220

Other Important Phone Numbers

Emergency, 911

Reno Police Department – Non Emergency, (775) 334-2677

Sparks Police Department – Non Emergency, (775) 353-2231

Washoe County Sheriff's Office – Non Emergency, (775) 328-3001

Reno Fire Department, (775) 334-2300

Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District, (775) 326-6000

Nevada State Division of Forestry (fire/emergencies), (775) 883-3535

Washoe Poison Control, (775) 982-4129 or 1-800-222-1222

Animal Services (aggressive dogs, dead animals, etc.), (775) 322-3647

Nevada Department of Wildlife (bears, raptors, predators), (775) 688-1500