



PLAN Jeffco

Working to conserve Jefferson County Open Spaces since 1972



Clear Creek in late winter, photo courtesy of Patrick Klein

The PLAN Jeffco Monthly February 2025

The year has turned. The worst of winter is behind us, and spring is just around the corner. Celebrate the shift of the seasons in our Open Space Parks.

Jeffco Open Space Parks are open one hour before sunrise until one hour after sunset, so use those hours to enjoy the park experience.

PLAN Jeffco, a dedicated non-profit organization, has been at the forefront of conserving Jefferson County's open spaces for over five decades. Our foundational purpose remains clear; to advocate for and take meaningful actions that protect our environment for future generations. The "Open Space Resolution" we championed in 1972 has not only preserved our natural landscapes but has also enhanced recreational opportunities for residents and visitors alike. We remain committed to these efforts and encourage community engagement to ensure the health and beauty of our local ecosystems.

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<https://planjeffco.org/>

What's New in the Blogosphere?

Jeffco Open Space Conservation Awards 2025

<https://planjeffco.org/jeffco-open-space-conservation-awards-2025/>

Volunteers are the heartbeat of the Jefferson County Open Space system. In 2024, 6,038 individuals logged 57,000 working hours. They completed 549 projects, preserved 291 acres and created 17 miles of new trails...

Upcoming Events

<https://planjeffco.org/plan-jeffco-board-meeting-agenda-january-16-2025-2/>

Stay in touch, find out what's happening in the next six months...

Take Notice – Winter is Here!

<https://planjeffco.org/winter-is-here-shaun-howard/>

Our parks are "primitive" parks. Don't expect the trails to be groomed for you. Make sure you have micro-spikes with you, just in case you need them. Be prepared for any type of weather, especially as you gain in elevation.

Thank you for staying with us as we navigate the massive changes to PLAN Jeffco following the loss of our long-time Board members Ann Bonnell and John Litz.

These changes were inevitable but nonetheless unexpected.

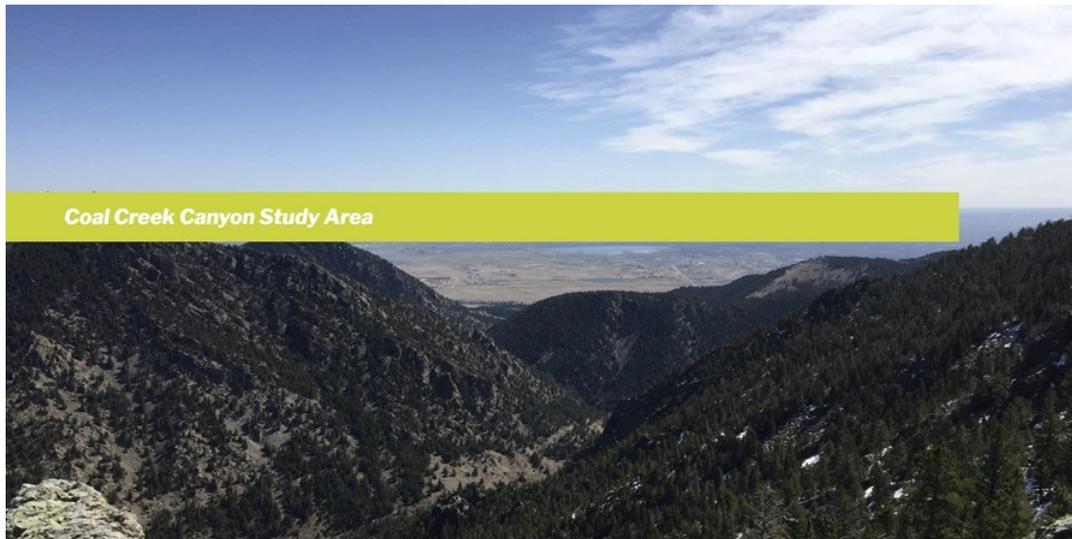
PLAN Jeffco has openings on the Board. We would love to hear from you, we would like to hear your thoughts, we would like you to consider a Board position.

If you're interested in exploring this possibility, drop us an email at

ContactUs@PLANJeffco.org

Want to JOIN US or renew your membership? Click on the button below and get caught up!

Join or Renew My Membership



This park is NOT YET OPEN to the public.

Jeffco Open Space is implementing a Conservation Planning process to develop a formal plan for the area. Coal Creek Canyon Study Area lacks formal trails, parking, and facilities. The future vision for Coal Creek Canyon Park incorporates the protection of critical wildlife habitats for bear, elk, bobcat, deer & mountain lion; protection of designated conservation sites; protection of the scenic values of the mountain backdrop; and the development of trail opportunities.

Future trails will be natural surface for non-motorized uses. The Ranch Region Resource Management Plan, scheduled for completion in mid-2018 will provide goals, objectives, and implementation strategies for management of the Coal Creek Canyon area.

Other New Stuff on the Website

Stay up-to-date with what's happening at the PJ Board meetings

PLAN Jeffco February Board Meeting Minutes 2/22/2025 – DRAFT
<https://planjeffco.org/portfolio-item/pj-board-meeting-minutes-2-22-25-draft/>

PLAN Jeffco January Board Meeting Minutes 1/16/2025 – FINAL
<https://planjeffco.org/portfolio-item/pj-board-meeting-minutes-1-16-2025-final/>

PLAN Jeffco November Board Meeting Minutes 11/21/2024 – FINAL
<https://planjeffco.org/portfolio-item/pj-board-meeting-minutes-11-21-2024-final/>

Missed a PLAN Jeffco Monthly newsletter? Find them here...

PLAN Jeffco Monthly – January 2025
<https://planjeffco.org/portfolio-item/plan-jeffco-monthly-january-2025/>

PLAN Jeffco Monthly – December 2024

<https://planjeffco.org/portfolio-item/plan-jeffco-monthly-december-2024/>

PLAN Jeffco Monthly – November 2024

<https://planjeffco.org/portfolio-item/plan-jeffco-monthly-november-2024/>

What's been happening at the Open Space Advisory Committee (OSAC) meetings...

Regular Open Space Advisory Committee in-office meetings are generally held on the first Thursday of every other month, starting at 6:00 PM.

<https://www.jeffco.us/1581/Advisory-Committee>

Alternate month meetings are in the field. We have been assured that these in-the-field meetings are open to the public; the times and locations should be published on the County calendar.

Thursday, February 6 @ 4PM, Study Session, in-person at Jeffco Open Space Office, 700 Jefferson County Pkwy #100, Golden 80401

2024 Resident Survey Results – Introduction, Survey Methodology, Key Findings Presentation, Comparison of Results, Next Steps

Check the calendar for upcoming agendas <https://www.jeffco.us/Calendar.aspx?EID=12380>

Find all available past meeting documents & videos at <https://www.jeffco.us/4528/Past-Meeting-Videos-and-Documents>

Open Space Activities

Know Before You Go

Check these sites for additional information on Park and Trail closures, openings, and other operations that may impact your Jeffco Open Space Park experience...

JCOS Alerts & Closures

1. CLOSED: Seasonal Wildlife Closures at multiple parks Feb 1-July 31.
2. CLOSED: Deer Creek Canyon Park, Rattlesnake Gulch, & Black Bear Trails closed until further notice following the Quarry Fire.
3. CLOSED: Portions of Elk Meadow Park, including Stagecoach Trailhead, are closed through summer of 2025.
4. REMINDER: Some JCOS Parks have designated-use trails or alternating use days

Jeffco Open Space Construction Updates

Beaver Ranch Forest Health Management Project

Beginning this July, JCOS will treat ~86 acres of mixed-conifer forest with funding from the Colorado Strategic Wildfire Action Program and Denver Water Forests to Faucets Program. They will be replacing lodgepole pine with Ponderosa pine seedlings to help the forest adapt to a warming climate. The seedlings were grown by JCOS from seeds collected during the 2024 Alderfer/Three Sisters Open Space Park forest health project. Expected completion: late fall 2025.

Elk Meadow Stagecoach Trailhead Update

Construction is proceeding on schedule, assisted by the mild weather. The contractor may take some time off if the weather turns colder, but plans to resume work as soon as the ground has thawed. Scheduled reopening, late summer or early fall 2025.

Forest Restoration Grant Awarded to Natural Resources Team

The JCOS Natural Resources Team was awarded a grant for \$205,000 from the Forest Restoration and Wildfire Risk Mitigation Grant Program. The stated plan is to apply the funds toward replacing the 30-year-old skidder, which has been in constant use in the JCOS Forest Health program, transporting forest materials.

Hiwan Museum Annual Deep Clean 2025

This cleaning is done annually, to ensure visitor comfort and safety and to protect the historical artifacts at Hiwan. JCOS volunteers, the Evergreen Mountain Area Historical Society, the JCOS Heritage Stewardship Team, Hiwan Staff, and the JCOS Parks Services Team got the job done in 216 hours over three days.

Nightly Closure of Lookout Mountain Road Began 1/29/25

Following years of planning and multiple, often intense public and community meetings, the 4.1-mile stretch of Lookout Mountain Road from Golden up to just below Buffalo Bill's Grave is closed to vehicle traffic every night. Foot and bicycle traffic will still be able to access this section of Lookout Mountain Road during the nighttime closures. Winter closure hours are 7PM to 5AM. Standard closure hours begin on the second Sunday in March and run through October 30th, one hour after sunset to one hour before sunrise.

Pine Valley Open Space Park

Pine Lake is closed to all ice recreation activities for the season.

Stafford Trail, Stafford Hogback, Ken Caryl Valley

The JCOS Trails Team stepped outside our Open Space Parks and recut/rerouted 2,000 feet of trail along the Stafford Hogback in the Ken Caryl Valley, to better meet JCOS trail standards. While upgrading the Stafford Trail, they restored 1500 feet of "social trails", trails which are deemed undesignated and unsustainable. The JCOS Park Services Team installed a fence on the west side of the property to aid in maintaining the closure of one of the undesignated trails.

Jeffco Open Space Science & Social Updates

Conservation Greenprint Updates Happening Now

The Conservation Greenprint is being updated for the 2026-2030 cycle. The JCOS Planning Team is incorporating findings from the 2024 Resident Survey and is seeking public input for the Conservation Greenprint. Public meetings scheduled:

Monday, March 3 – West Jefferson Middle School - 5:00-7:00 p.m.

Tuesday, March 4 – Buchanan Recreation Center - 5:00-7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, March 5 – Jefferson County Fairgrounds - 11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Wednesday, March 12 – Columbine Public Library - 6:00-8:00 p.m.

Thursday, March 13 – Standley Lake Public Library - 4:30 – 6:30 p.m.

Target date for the Conservation Greenprint 2026-2030 release: fall 2025.

Boettcher Mansion, Lookout Mountain Nature Preserve

The first "My Spooky Valentine" event was held at the Mansion, with an assist from the Rocky Mountain Paranormal Research Society. Eighty-plus visitors make the trek up the mountain to hear about the fascinating stories that are part of the Mansion's history.

Conservation Awards Ceremony

January 30th, the Lakewood Cultural Center, hundreds of volunteers and awardees gathered to celebrate the outstanding volunteer and partnership programs which are part of JCOS. In 2024, over 6,000 volunteers contributed 57,000+ hours of service to JCOS. [Meet the winners here.](#)

Jeffco Open Space Foundation Grants

Nature's Next Stewards Grant will allow JCOS to expand the Recreational Adventures for Visitors Experiencing Disabilities (RAD) program.

The Ranger Grant will help train the next generation of open space stewards via programs like Junior Rangers, Camp Junior Rangers, Fishing Junior Rangers, and Winter Junior Rangers.

Nature's Next Stewards Grant, awarded to the Heritage Stewardship Team, will help expand the youth educational programs.

Centennial Cone 2024-2025 Hunt Numbers

North (Ralph Schell) Trailhead: 158 hunter sign-ins with 18 companions harvested 2 elk and 9 deer.

West Trailhead: 78 hunter sign-ins with 46 companions harvested 4 elk and 11 deer. Reportedly, there was a noticeable increase in moose sightings during the hunting season. Now that a portion of Centennial Cone has reopened to recreation, please be on the lookout for moose.

Volunteer Recruitment Fair

Every year JCOS hosts a Volunteer Recruitment Fair, which gives visitors a chance to check out the many different opportunities for volunteering in the Open Space Parks.

This year's event was held on February 8th; it was very well attended. Hopefully, in next month's PLAN Jeffco Monthly, we'll be able to report on how many new volunteers were signed up.

Adaptive Recreation Update

JCOS is preparing to launch its Recreational Adventures for Visitors Experiencing Disabilities (RAD) reservation system. Volunteers and JCOS staff will be trained on adaptive mountain bike transfer and identifying adaptive climbing routes. There is now a web page dedicated to Adaptive Recreation, <https://www.jeffco.us/4845/Trails>.

2025 Native Plant Master Classes Are Open

Choose from 1, 2 or 3-day courses, gaining knowledge about botany, plant identification, native and non-native species, ecosystems, and more. [Get details here.](#)

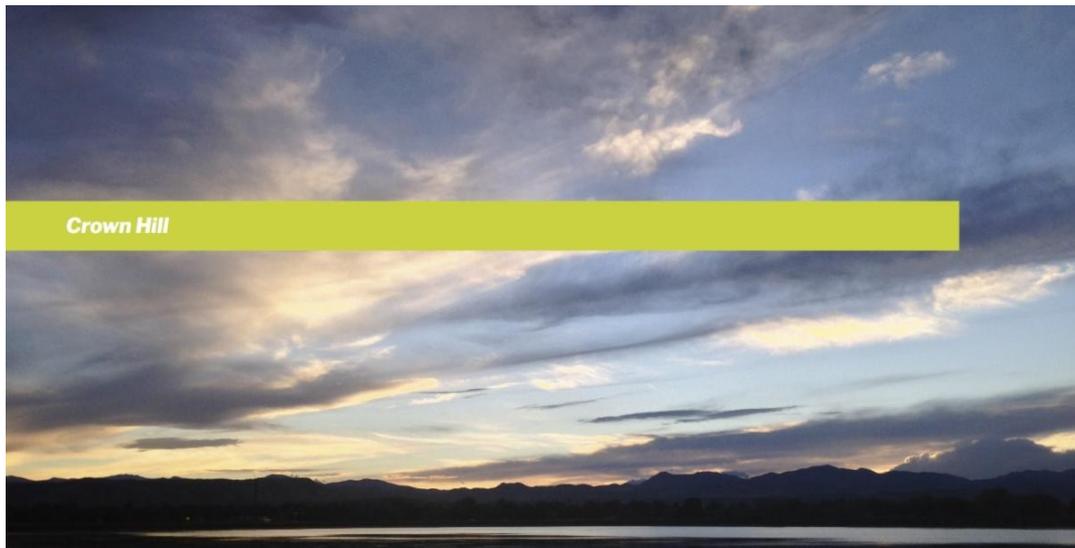
2025 ENOR Summer Camp Registration is Now Open

<https://jeffco.extension.colostate.edu/programs/enor-environmental-discovery-camp/>

Dinosaur Ridge Hawk Watch

It is that time of year! Spring Migration Monitoring is happening March 1-10. Contact the Denver Field Ornithologists at <https://dinosaurridgehawkwatch.org/>

For additional information on social gatherings go to the [Open Space Event Calendar](#)



Looking for a gorgeous natural sanctuary that is easy to access from all over the Denver metro area? Enjoy abundant wildlife, including great birdwatching, at Crown Hill Park, a 242 acre wildlife preserve with over 10 miles of trails. Home to many species of birds and a regular stopping point for migrating waterfowl, this park is perfect for avid birdwatchers. The Nature Preserve and Kestrel Pond are closed seasonally for nesting reasons. Obey all posted signs regarding park closures and off-limits areas.

County News & Happenings

Jeffco Open Space Calendar <https://www.jeffco.us/Calendar.aspx?EID=12380>

Jeffco Open Space Plans & Projects <https://www.jeffco.us/1585/Plans-Projects>

Jeffco Fairgrounds – CSU Extension <https://www.jeffco.us/calendar.aspx?CID=27>

Jefferson County – Sustainability Commission

https://www.jeffco.us/3406/Sustainability_Commission

Jefferson County – COVID-19 Updates

<https://www.jeffco.us/3999/Coronavirus-Disease-2019-COVID-19>

TOGETHER JEFFCO

<https://www.nocoplaces.com/>

Together Jeffco is a two-year process which combines efforts to update the Comprehensive Plan (CP), Transportation and Mobility Plan (TMP), Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP), Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan Evacuation Annex (CEMP EA), and development regulations to create a Unified Land Use Code (ULUC)

What's Available for Review:

Transportation and Mobility Plan DRAFT: Projects, Priorities & Strategies

<https://www.jeffco.us/2613/Regulation-Updates>

NOCO PLACES

<https://togetherjeffco.com/>

"Nine county, state, and federal public land agencies from north-central Colorado are actively collaborating to address the challenges the mountains and foothills in this region are facing from high visitation and a growing population. We are committed to sustainable solutions, equitable actions, and beneficial land management practices for the long-term conservation of Colorado's public lands and the quality of the visitor experience."

A Regional Vision and Shared Philosophy <https://www.nocoplaces.com/conservation-and-recreation-vision/>

Latest Common Messaging <https://www.nocoplaces.com/nature-streaming/>

COTREX App Recommended by Public Land Managers <https://www.nocoplaces.com/cotrex-app/>

Winter Recreation Safety Tips <https://www.nocoplaces.com/the-challenge/winter-recreation-safety/>

The Value of Public Land <https://www.nocoplaces.com/the-value-of-public-lands/>

How to Know Before You Go <http://www.nocoplaces.com/know-before-you-go/>

The NoCo Places 2024 Annual Report is available for download at <https://www.nocoplaces.com/materials-2/>

AROUND THE STATE

Arapahoe County Bijou Basin Open Space – County officials are seeking input from the public on the 3,000-acre Bijou Basin on how this park should be used. Public open houses are scheduled to begin in early March. [Read more here.](#)

The Parks Legacy Fund of Denver bought vacant land off Mississippi Avenue for a Windsor neighborhood park. [Read more here.](#)

Park County, Michigan Creek – 120-acre property in Park County will become the

Michigan Creek State Wildlife Area, managed by Colorado Parks and Wildlife, thanks to the hard work of CPW and the Western Rivers Conservancy, following the original landowner's donation. [Read more here.](#)

Three Meadows Ranch and Snowmass Falls Ranch added 4200+ acres to the Roaring Fork Valley's conserved lands in Eagle and Pitkin Counties. [Read more here.](#)

West Colfax Urban Renewal Authority is planning to build a "complete street", with bike lanes and sidewalks, at the intersection of West Colfax and Heritage Road, near the former Heritage Square site at the base of Lookout Mountain. The Lena Gulch flood mitigation project is delaying development of Golden's plans to develop the former Bachman Property, purchased with assistance from Jeffco Open Space, into a community park. Reported in Golden Today, 2/10/2025.

Ice fishing at Rocky Mountain National Park will be available at Sprague Lake through March 21st, now that the lake at Pine Valley Open Space Park is closed to ice fishing for the season. [Read more here.](#)

Wilderness Backpacking in Rocky Mountain National Park – permits go on sale March 1st. Sales are online only, first come, first served, at <https://www.recreation.gov/>

White-tailed Ptarmigan, "ghost of the alpine", faces an uncertain future – [read more here.](#)

Our Conservation Partners

Colorado Parks and Wildlife

<https://cpw.state.co.us>

News & Media <https://cpw.state.co.us/aboutus/Pages/NewsMedia.aspx>

CPW Podcasts <https://cpw.state.co.us/CPW-podcast>

eNews & Social Media <https://cpw.state.co.us/enews-and-social-media>

News Releases <https://cpw.state.co.us/aboutus/Pages/NewsReleases.aspx>

Camping reservations can be made year-round, up to six months before your arrival date; make your reservations now. <https://cpw.state.co.us/camping>

Big Game License Applications open March 1st, <https://cpw.state.co.us/hunting>

Jefferson Conservation District

<https://www.jeffersoncd.com/news-events>

Centaur Ranch Project, Evergreen. 150 acres, ongoing, expected completion March 2025.

Miramonte Phase 3 Project, Coal Creek. 60 acres, ongoing, expected completion June 2025.

Bird Conservancy of the Rockies

<https://www.birdconservancy.org>

News releases at <https://www.birdconservancy.org/news-and-events/press-releases/>

Travel Opportunities at <https://www.birdconservancy.org/get-involved/take-a-birding-tour/>

Activity Calendar at <https://www.birdconservancy.org/events/>

Bird Conservancy Blog at <https://www.birdconservancy.org/news-and-events/>

Publications <https://www.birdconservancy.org/resource-center/publications/>

The Bird Conservancy of the Rockies is slowing and possibly pausing some of their

projects due to the Federal Funding instability. Check the events calendar and news releases on their website for more information.

Denver Audubon

<https://denveraudubon.org>

What We're About at <https://denveraudubon.org/about-us/>

Denver Audubon Blog at <https://denveraudubon.org/blog/>

Mark your calendars for the Denver Audubon's Soaring Soirée, 3/27/2025, 6-9PM, at the Wellshire Event Center. [Click here for more information.](#)

Colorado Open Lands

<https://coloradoopenlands.org/>

700,000 acres of land, 3238 miles of waterways, 715 projects in 50 counties

Newsletters and Publications <https://coloradoopenlands.org/publications/>

More Conservation Updates <https://coloradoopenlands.org/latest-news/>

Cochetopa Dome Ranch, Saguache County

The 1609 acres of Cochetopa Dome Ranch are surrounded on three sides by Gunnison National Forest and BLM land. West Pass Creek flows through three miles of the property, which includes senior water rights. Project partners include the Gunnison Ranchland Conservation Legacy, the Natural Resources Conservation Service, and Keep It Colorado.

Lower Pasture of the HG Vickerman Ranch, Custer County

The 1232 acres of the lower pasture is the final piece of the historic Vickerman Ranch to be conserved. The entire ranch, totaling over 3600 acres, is surrounded on three sides by development. The lower pasture alone is a mosaic of montane grasslands, piñon-juniper woodlands, stands of conifer and aspen forests, a small canyon with rocky outcroppings, and wetlands along Lapin Creek which traverses the property for one mile. The property has three springs for livestock and wildlife watering, and big views of the Sangre de Cristo Mountains across the Wet Mountain Valley. Project partner is the San Isabel Land Protection Trust; COL holds the stewardship responsibility.

Purgatoire River property, Bent County

The 493 acres of this property hosts multiple Species of Greatest Conservation Need by the State of Colorado: black-tailed prairie dog, swift fox, burrowing owl, golden eagle, ferruginous hawk, Cassin's sparrow, lark bunting, loggerhead shrike, long-billed curlew, northern harrier, prairie falcon, plains leopard frog, and Texas horned lizard. The Southern Plains Land Trust intends to make the property available for educational and recreational purposes while restoring native vegetation. GOCO was another partner on this project.

Mountain Area Land Trust

<https://savetheland.org/news/>

26,733 acres of land in 6 counties

Read about more News and Success Stories at <https://savetheland.org/news/>

Sign up for MALT's newsletter at <https://savetheland.org/category/newsletter/>

Mark your calendars, MALT's legendary Magic in the Meadow will be held

Saturday, June 21st, beneath their signature white tent overlooking Meyer Ranch Open Space Park. For details go to <https://e.givesmart.com/events/GRT/>

Keep It Colorado

<https://www.keepitco.org/>

Our mission is to unite, elevate and empower Colorado's conservation community to protect the lands and waters that define our state.

Amplifying Conservation: The Time Is Now
Hear about the return on investment of conservation [in this 2 1/2-minute video](#).

Conserving Colorado Roadmap
Our statewide plan sets goals to double down on conservation. [Download Roadmap](#) |

Keep It Colorado: Creating a Colorado Where People, Lands, Waters and Wildlife Thrive. [Watch this 8-minute video](#) to learn about Keep It Colorado's work.

News & Press Releases at <https://www.keepitco.org/whats-new>
Event Highlights at <https://www.keepitco.org/out-and-about-event-highlights>
Land Trust Events at <https://www.keepitco.org/land-trust-events>
Coalition & Industry Events at <https://www.keepitco.org/coalition-industry-events>
The Source Newsletter at <https://www.keepitco.org/the-source-newsletter>

Douglas Land Conservancy

<https://douglaslandconservancy.org/>

27,400 acres of land in Douglas, Jefferson & Elbert Counties

Guided Hikes & Educational Events at <https://douglaslandconservancy.org/guided-hikes-educational-events/>

Upcoming Events <https://douglaslandconservancy.org/events/>

Decode DC Outdoors at <https://douglaslandconservancy.org/decode-dc-outdoors/>

News at <https://douglaslandconservancy.org/news/>

DLC is launching their inaugural UNDER A WILD SKY fundraiser this summer. Stay tuned for more information, tickets will be available soon at <https://douglaslandconservancy.org/events/under-a-wild-sky/>

City of Golden Parks & Trails

https://www.cityofgolden.gov/community/parks_trails/index.php

19 parks, 42 miles of paved trails

Stewards of Golden Open Space <https://stewardsofgolden.org/>

Map of the Golden Open Space Parks – [click here](#).

[Biological Survey of Golden Open Space Survey, Colorado Natural Heritage Program \(pdf\)](#)

[Common Native Plants of the Greater Golden Area \(pdf\)](#)

[Golden Rocks: The Geology and Mining History of Golden, Colorado \(pdf\)](#)

Accomplishments: <https://stewardsofgolden.org/accomplishments>

Front Range Trails Conservancy

<https://frtrails.org/>

A nonprofit that protects and advances public lands along Colorado's Front Range by effecting equitable, effective, and lasting change through trail and advocacy projects. Trail building schedule: <https://frtrails.org/projects>

The Front Range Trails Conservancy is gearing up for a busy 2025 season. The next meet-and-greet, where visitors can learn about plans for the year, will be at Lakewood's Volunteer Fair, March 19th, Bear Creek Lake Park. For exact meeting location and details, go to <https://frtrails.org/project/1121>

SOLVE (Save Open Lands, Vistas and the Environment)

PLAN Jeffco's sister organization in Clear Creek County <http://www.solveccc.org>

SOLVE member meetings on the 3rd Tuesday of the month, 6:30 PM in-person,

United Center, Idaho Springs.

SOLVE is monitoring multiple potential acquisitions being negotiated by Clear Creek Open Space. Mountain Area Land Trust (MALT) is working closely with CCCOS on these projects.

Follow the postings from other conservation groups, listed at the bottom of each of our web pages

<https://www.PLANJeffco.org>

[Colorado Open Space Alliance \(COSA\)](#)

[Colorado Native Plant Society](#)

[Douglas Land Conservancy](#)

[Bird Conservancy of the Rockies](#)

[Colorado Cattlemen's Agricultural Land Trust](#)

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One of the most iconic parks in Jefferson County, Evergreen's Elk Meadow Park features more than 16 miles of trails of varying difficulty for people of all ages to enjoy. Elk Meadow features many different landscapes including a beautiful meadow, aspen groves, and Bergen Mountain for a more challenging hike. True to its name, Elk Meadow is also the place with the best chance for viewing herds of elk in the County. The hike to Bergen Mountain's summit offers views of the Continental Divide. Hike the Founders Trail to the Carol Karlin Overlook, rest on the concrete bench, and read the names of the PLAN Jeffco founders who were responsible for the creation of Jefferson County's Open Space Parks.

WATCH THIS SPACE...Local Goings-on

Bear Creek Reservoir Expansion Proposal

Also known as the Bear Creek Reservoir Expansion project, this project was initiated by the Water Supply Act of 1958 and the Energy and Water Appropriations Act of 1998. This study looked at various scenarios to forecast possible gaps between supply and demand by the year 2050 by increasing the reservoir size and storage capacity of Bear Creek Reservoir. The South Platte Basin is projected to have an annual supply and demand gap that ranges from about 509,000 acre-feet per year up to 835,000 acre-feet per year. The study itself was begun in 2015 by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, with the first public presentation in October 2021, and an April 2022 update. The expected conclusion of this feasibility study was to be sometime in 2024.

For more information, visit <https://cwcb.colorado.gov/bearcreeklake>
<https://coloradosun.com/2024/01/25/bear-creek-lake-expansion-neighborhood-fight-lakewood/>

Gross Reservoir Updates <https://www.denverwater.org/grossreservoir>

Despite the ruling that Denver Water's permit for the Gross Reservoir expansion violating federal laws, and an order to determine alternatives to flooding wetlands and forest:
<https://www.cpr.org/2024/10/18/judge-rules-denver-waters-permit-gross-reservoir-expansion-violates-federal-laws/>

Denver Water, Kiewit Barnard and project support staff have been working through the winter; they are preparing the site and dam for roller-compacted concrete placements. Once temperatures are consistently above freezing, the concrete work will proceed. Learn more about the RCC process at www.denverwater.org/RCC.

Gross Dam Road is open for public use, [read more here](#).
Stay up to date at <https://www.denverwater.org/grossreservoir/news>
Recreation Activity Impact: <https://www.denverwater.org/recreation/gross-resevoir>
Project Information & Impact: <https://www.denverwater.org/grossreservoir>

Here's a link to Jeffco Planning and Zoning, where the new interactive map showing ongoing applications and permits is located (scroll down to the bottom of the page): <https://www.jeffco.us/786/Planning-Zoning>

Support conservation in Jeffco, donate here so we can keep doing what we do!

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In 1972, PLAN Jeffco launched the citizen's initiative which created the Jeffco Open Space Program, protecting more than 70,000 acres comprising 27 parks and more than 270 miles of trails.



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