



WHAT'S HAPPENING IN THE FOOTHILLS?

SPRING/SUMMER 2023 UPDATES

- **Public Lands Ranger Program:** Two Public Lands Rangers dedicated to the Foothills began patrolling in the fall of 2022. Their goal is to be stewards for the Foothills by supporting trail users, educating the community on use regulations, and working with Public Lands staff on overall land management. They will be posting announcements and hosting meet and greets at trailheads starting in May. Stop by and say hello!
- **BeWILD:** Public Lands is launching a new department-wide program this spring to educate the community on how we can enjoy and care for our collective public spaces together when limiting our impact. We'll be sharing specific "Be WILD" guidelines for the Foothills so be on the look out for those and share your feedback!
- **Improvements at Foothills Trailheads:** Starting this summer, various trailheads will be updated with amenities like paved parking, fencing, landscaping, trash and recycling receptacles, dog waste bags, clearer entry plazas and trailhead information kiosks.

Trailhead Improvements:

- **Victory Road**
Paved parking lot for 10-12 designated spaces, bike racks, invasive weed cleaning station and bike repair station.
- **Bonneville Blvd**
Marked parking for up to 50 designated spaces (including two ADA spaces), signage, event space, restroom, bike racks, and an invasive weed cleaning and bike repair station.
- **18th Ave**
Parking for 12-20 designated spaces (including one ADA space), picnic tables and benches, bike racks, and an invasive weed cleaning and bike repair station.
- **Popperton Park**
New paved parking lot with up to 40+ designated spaces, signs, restrooms, water fountains, crosswalks, picnic tables and benches, bike racks, an invasive weed cleaning station, street lighting, and shade structures.
- **Emigration Trailhead**
Graded and fenced parking for 15-20 designated spaces, invasive weed cleaning and bike repair stations.

Additional Improvements:

- Updated signage and "care stations" at most residential minor trailheads.
- A 1-mile segment of the Bonneville Shoreline Trail along City Creek Canyon road will be closed for 2-3 weeks in May for rehabilitation work to create better water drainage and minimize soil erosion. Closures will be posted on trail signs, online, and with social media.

Other Projects in the Foothills

- The City has been partnering with Rocky Mountain Power (RMP) to help them minimize environmental disturbance as a part of their Wildfire Mitigation Project. Phase 2, between the Cemetery and the University, crossing through South Popperton and below Dry Creek is expected in June. Phase 3 will likely occur in July through November and run through the Foothills from East City Creek, above Terrace Hills Drive, and down through Perry's Hollow to the Cemetery. Follow updates at: www.slc.gov/parks/trails-natural-lands/rocky-mountain-power-wildfire-mitigation-project

What's New with the Foothills Master Plan Review?

Salt Lake City's Foothills Natural Area provides a variety of recreation, trail, and cultural experiences for diverse ages and abilities now and for future generations. A well-designed and managed trail system reduces environmental damage with ongoing maintenance and management. Our Foothills Master Plan began the process of developing a managed trail system and we continue to review, revise, and make improvements to the process and the natural area itself.

In addition to the improvements planned this year detailed on the reverse side, we're also working on:

- Signage and wayfinding recommendations and implementation.
- A designated Maintenance and Management Plan to identify ongoing maintenance needs, and promote trail system longevity and a high standard of quality.
- Sustainable trails standards to help reduce erosion and other trail degradation issues over the long term; and allow for habitat recovery in sensitive areas.
- Improved process to identify existing trails or segments of trail that meet the sustainable trail standards, or could meet with some rehabilitation, and segments of trail that can be returned to nature if other segments are improved.
- Improved process to notify trail users about planned changes with signage on site and notification via Public Lands' channels, including the website, newsletter and social media feeds.



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