



Take a walk on the wild side, or mild side



Loveland's natural areas offer lots of opportunities for residents to step out

The Loveland Recreation Trail offers 21 miles of walking and biking opportunities, all with diverse topography and spectacular views of the surrounding foothills.

Paul and Amy Worland and their slightly pudgy basset hound, Rocket, were closing the deal on their decision to move to Loveland during a late August walk around the new Boedecker Bluff Natural Area.

On a visit with friends after traveling from their home in Council Bluffs, Iowa, the Worlands were taking in as much of Loveland's open spaces as they could, especially in the vicinity of the Mariana Butte neighborhood where they hope to live by next summer.

Smoke from a mid-August breakout of Colorado wildfires had mostly obscured the Front Range views that would have made their walk even more spectacular.

"That's really unfortunate," Amy said. "But, we've been here a few times before. We know what it looks like and that's a big reason we're back."

The Worlands have discovered what many Loveland residents already know: Rich opportunities for outdoor adventure lie right outside their back doors. The Loveland Parks & Recreation Department's Open Lands and Trails Division has spent the past several years on a development pace that has added thousands of acres, and many miles of trails, to the City's holdings.

Here is a tiny sampling of hike-able destinations:

1. River's Edge Natural Area

This 163-acre oasis in south Loveland features five ponds and nearly four miles of trails that wrap around them. Access from the Recreation Trail and First Street on the north, Taft Avenue on the west and Railroad Avenue on the east allows plenty of entry points from surrounding neighborhoods. For people not within walking distance, lots of on-site parking is available. Great fishing opportunities abound, so many people carry rods on their excursions.

2. Meadowbrook Natural Area

A great example of "infill" open space, the 17-acre Meadowbrook parcel includes wetlands, a 2-acre pond, mature cottonwood trees where raptors nest and native grasslands. A soft-surface trail loop, linking to the Recreation Trail, provides access to those features from all surrounding neighborhoods.

3. Prairie Ridge Natural Area

At 785 acres Prairie Ridge is the City's largest natural area and one of its newest. Developed in cooperation with the City of Fort Collins, Prairie Ridge is within easy reach of fast-growing neighborhoods in northwest Loveland. Among the draws are native plants, flowers, birds and wildlife, plus access to another 35 miles of regional trails.

4. Mariana Butte Natural Area

This iconic landmark is best known as the namesake for the world-class golf course in west Loveland. It also boasts a mile and a quarter of hiking trails that encircle Mariana Butte, ascending near its summit for spectacular views of Front Range peaks. The Mariana trail system was built entirely by volunteers.

5. Loveland Recreation Trail

The 21-mile Recreation Trail that encircles Loveland is the best-known among the city's natural areas and trails. The map shows how to hop on almost anywhere along its route.

Maps and much, much more

Information on Loveland's natural areas and trails, including maps for most of them, are available online at

www.cityofloveland.org/openlands

Arts and culture alive and well though things done a little differently now

The Loveland Museum and Rialto Theater staff are working hard to create a safe environment so that arts patrons can access the cultural arts and history they know and love, while keeping visitors, staff and volunteers safe.

The Rialto has a thrilling lineup of Halloween movies playing on the big screen during the month of October. Friday and Saturday evenings will feature some favorite spooky classics while Saturday afternoons will be something the whole family can enjoy. Grab your

scaredy-cat friends and we will see you at the movies.

See www.RialtoTheaterCenter.org for more information.

It is that time of year again at the Museum – time for the 29th Annual Governor’s Art Show and Sale, on view in the Main Gallery through Nov. 1. Presented by the Loveland Rotary Clubs, the Governor’s Art Show and Sale is one of our most popular exhibits of the year and features more than 50 Colorado artists. Admission to this exhibit is \$7 for anyone 12 years of

age and older. Timed-entry tickets must be purchased in advance at www.LovelandMuseumGallery.org.

The Museum and Rialto’s pandemic policies are at: www.LovelandMuseumGallery.org and www.RialtoTheaterCenter.org.



Thanks to technology, Loveland Public Library’s Virtual Classroom is always open

Learning technology and computer software is now easier and more accessible than ever thanks to the expansion of Loveland Public Library’s Virtual Classroom. Patrons and community members are able to take more than a dozen free computer classes from the comfort of their own home, with a live instructor via Zoom video conference software. Participants can chat with the instructor using audio and video, or simply observe and ask questions via the text box. Popular class subjects include Excel,

Word, Powerpoint, Wordpress, Google Apps, Social Media for Business, Facebook, Search Engine Optimization and more. A full list of classes can be found at:

www.lovelandpubliclibrary.org/events.

In addition to the live sessions,



select computer classes such as Mac and Windows 10 Basics are pre-recorded and available to view at any time, accompanied by instructional material and handouts to guide the self-paced learning process. If you’ve never taken a virtual computer class before or need assistance using Zoom, librarians from the Technology Center and Adult Services are standing by to help get you started.

For more information, email library.technology@cityofloveland.org or call 970-962-2599.

Gymnastics classes are BACK!

Three fall sessions beginning:

Sept. 12
Oct. 10
Nov. 7

TO REGISTER:

cityofloveland.org/webtrac

MORE INFO:

teamsideline.com/loveland



Annual Shred Event

10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Sat., Sept. 19

Centennial Park, 977 W. First St.

Free with current yard debris permit - \$5 without permit
3 bags/boxes per household



GO SEE A
MOVIE
AT THE
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FRIDAYS AND SATURDAYS IN OCTOBER

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OCTOBER 4-10 IS PUBLIC POWER WEEK.

It's a celebration of what matters most to us: YOU, our customers — because at Loveland Water and Power, we are #CommunityPowered!

WE ARE COMMUNITY-OWNED. As a city-owned utility, our owners are the residents we serve. You have a voice at the table, whether at City Council meetings or Loveland Utilities Commission meetings.

WE ARE NOT-FOR-PROFIT. Because we are a public entity, we serve YOU, not investors. We focus on providing great service and not just the bottom line.

WE ARE CUSTOMER-FOCUSED. Because we're not-for-profit, we're focused on listening to you and providing you with the services you requested. We're developing new efficiency programs and expanding our utility to include Pulse Broadband.

WE CREATE LOCAL JOBS. Loveland Water and Power adds 146 jobs to the Loveland economy

WE ARE RELIABLE. Outside of major events (like snowstorms) public power customers lose power nearly half as much as investor-owned utility customers.

WE ARE AFFORDABLE. The average public power customer in America pays 11% less than investor-owned utility customers.

WE EMBRACE SUSTAINABILITY. Public power utilities generate nearly 40% of their energy from noncarbon sources. By the end of 2020, nearly 50% of Loveland's energy will be carbon-free. *Facts and figures from PublicPower.org

NEW SOLAR PROJECT TO SERVE LOVELAND ELECTRIC CUSTOMERS

Electric utility customers in Loveland, Estes Park, Fort Collins and Longmont will soon receive noncarbon energy from Platte River Power Authority's latest solar installation. The Rawhide Prairie Solar project will begin commercial operation in the fall. The project covers approximately 150 acres at Platte River's Rawhide Energy Station, located north of Wellington, and is capable of generating approximately 22 megawatts of solar energy – enough electricity to power approximately 4,000 homes annually.

The project includes a 2 megawatt-hour Tesla battery storage pack, which will be used to test battery storage technology as Platte River moves toward achieving the board-adopted Resource Diversification Policy goal of a 100% noncarbon energy mix by 2030. Rawhide Prairie Solar is being built by DEPCOM Power who will deliver output from the project to Platte River under a 20-year power purchase agreement.

Rawhide Prairie Solar is one of two noncarbon energy resources Platte River added to its portfolio this year. In June, the 225-megawatt Roundhouse Wind Energy Center began commercial operation and represents Platte River's largest and lowest-cost noncarbon resource to date. Platte River also receives energy from Rawhide Flats Solar, a 30-megawatt solar project built at the Rawhide Energy Station in 2016 and is seeking to add another 150 megawatts of solar by 2023.

To learn more about Platte River, visit prpa.org.

PLEASE HELP ENSURE FIRE HYDRANTS ARE VISIBLE & ACCESSIBLE!

GUIDELINES FOR LANDSCAPE CARE AROUND FIRE HYDRANTS

CLEARANCE AROUND HYDRANTS:

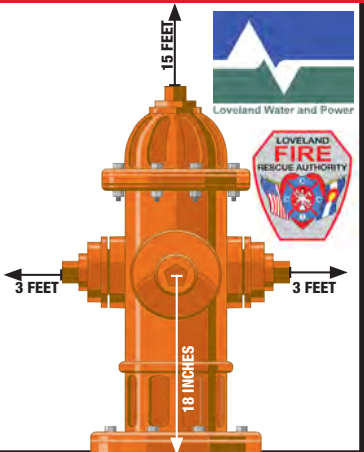
- 3 feet of clearance all around the hydrant is needed.
- 15 feet of clearance is needed above a hydrant for maintenance equipment.
- 18 inches of vertical clearance is needed from the hydrant's base to the center of the large cap, to allow crews to quickly connect fire hoses and/or conduct maintenance.
- Shovel snow around the hydrant so it's visible and accessible to crews.
- 15 feet distance in front of or behind a hydrant when parking.

GUIDELINES FOR LANDSCAPING...

- Never paint a fire hydrant. Firefighter & utility crews look for orange hydrants.
- Keep plants to a minimum, trim vegetation to maintain a 3 foot clearance, or plant ground cover instead.
- Keep other landscape objects clear of fire hydrant.
- Do not plant any trees within 10 feet of the hydrant or any bushes within 5 feet of the hydrant.

NEED MORE INFORMATION?

Fire Safety Concerns **970.962.2537**
 Utilities Maintenance **970.962.3000**



UTILITY NEWS

MAIN SWITCHBOARD
970-962-3000

UTILITY BILLING
970-962-2111



visit us online...
cityofloveland.org/LWP



IMAGINE A DAY *without* WATER

This year, as communities across America face the public health threat of the coronavirus pandemic, water and wastewater systems continue to do their job, keeping water flowing for our economy and our health. Many Americans take water for granted every day. What would a day be like without water? #ValueWater

THE UNITED STATE (S) OF WATER

Ongoing access to clean, safe water is critical to our economy, health and way of life. Although we live in different parts of the country, Americans are united in our dependence on water and the infrastructure that connects, protects and supports it.



THE COST OF CLEAN



Water is free, keeping it clean, safe & flowing is not. We must invest in our systems.

\$4.8 trillion to maintain water & wastewater systems

THE THREE R's

Every drop is cleaned, reused, recycled & returned to the environment.

- The average American sends between **66-182 gallons** of wastewater to the system each day.
- **34 billion gallons** of water are treated each day by U.S. water treatment plants.



VALUE OF WATER



- **23 to 1** = return for U.S. public health from early clean water investments.

- **60%** of Americans are in favor of paying more to invest in water infrastructure.

WHAT HAPPENS WHEN WE INVEST?

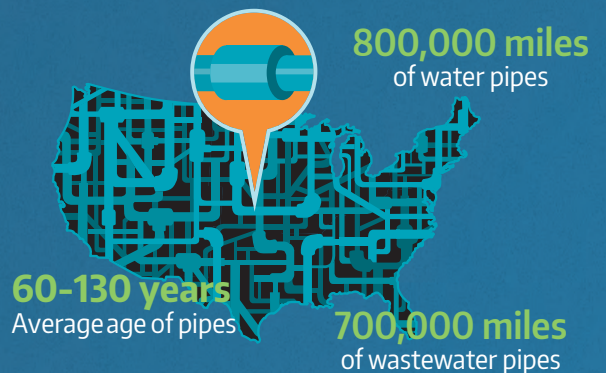
We could gain **over \$220 billion in annual economic activity** and generate **1.3 million jobs** by meeting U.S. water & wastewater infrastructure needs



American Water Works Association

Water Environment Federation
the water quality people™

AGE AT-A-GLANCE



WHERE'S THE WATER?

The average American uses 100 gallons of water daily.



SOURCES: <http://bit.ly/2mrFZTH>