REGULATIONS TO HELP US SERVE YOU

This open space is managed for migrating and resident waterfowl and wildlife. These regulations are enforced to protect you and the natural resources of the open space.

► Pets are not permitted.
► Open daily from sunrise to sunset. Entry gate closes at sunset and no public access is allowed after that time.
► Hiking and wheelchair access allowed on designated trails only. **You must stay on trails at all times.**
► Please respect all seasonal closures of trails.
► During winter conditions, ice is unstable. Stay off.
► The following are not permitted:
  • biking, skateboarding, inline skating
  • wading, swimming
  • hunting, fishing, boating
  • fires and/or grills
  • horses
► All special events require a permit. Call (970) 679-4570.

Welcome to Larimer County’s Parks and Open Lands...
**What Is Fossil Creek?**

The Pierre shale, a rock formation which lies to the west of this open space is a fossil-rich marine deposit. The creek that cuts through this formation is named Fossil Creek.

Developed to store irrigation water for agricultural lands to the east, Fossil Creek Reservoir Regional Open Space creates a unique ecosystem composed of a mixture of grasslands, including restored native shortgrass prairie, and water habitats.

Identified as an Important Bird Area by the National Audubon Society, Fossil Creek Reservoir Regional Open Space is a significant nesting, feeding, and roosting area for a variety of resident and migratory birds.

When you come to this open space, bring your sketch book, camera, spotting scope, or binoculars. Take advantage of the quiet, peaceful essence of this almost magical place to recharge and renew your inner self.

**Seasonal Closures Protect the Wildlife**

Every spring and winter, trails are closed to accommodate our resident and migratory birds.

This open space is an oasis on a rapidly developing front range of Colorado. Part of our mission is to protect wildlife that inhabit these open spaces while providing opportunities for recreation.

Please watch for and respect all trail closures.

**Partnerships Make It Happen**

Habitat protection is a community effort. The partnerships at Fossil Creek Reservoir Regional Open Space include the citizens of Larimer County, through their passage of the Help Preserve Open Spaces sales tax initiative, the City of Fort Collins, and the North Poudre Irrigation Company.

**Why NO Boating, Fishing, Bikes, Dogs?**

Our highest priority in managing this open space is continued protection of natural resources while balancing public recreation. Our trails were designed to minimize human impact on wildlife. Biking, water recreation and pets all have a significantly greater impact than hiking and can cause an unwanted disturbance.

Thanks for your cooperation.