

# Regional Parks and Open Space



COMMUNITY  
SERVICES DEPARTMENT

HOURS, PROGRAM OR ACTIVITY CHANGES AND EMERGENCY CLOSURES

**Check in or call before you commute: unexpected changes in hours, programs, or activities.**

## Parks Program Hours & Services

Washoe County Regional Parks and Open Space operates and maintains 39 neighborhood parks, one pool, three water parks, seasonal community events, ten regional parks, a campground, fishing ponds, a museum, an arboretum, an amphitheater and shooting facility across 12,000 acres.

Due to the nature of the community events and the extent of parks facilities, some unexpected changes to program hours, services, access, or public safety occur due to climate, emergency, or maintenance issues. This includes the ability to have wood campfires.

Delays and unexpected closures are very disappointing to both parks staff and the public. To avoid the extra frustration of traveling only to find that your favorite activity is cancelled or closed, our regional parks and open space team is committed to including unexpected changes on our social media sites.

As soon as possible, changes to services are also shared with media, included on the Washoe County Parks web pages, and included on our announcements for main phone lines.

**Visit our website for last minute updates to hours and services – Remember check in before you commute.**

## Why Closures Happen

### Air Quality Closures

Poor air quality will result in the closure of outdoor pools, water parks, Regional Shooting Facility, and evening park programs. Decisions on closures is determined by location. Closures due to air quality concerns occur when air quality reaches the red zone, 151+ or above according to AirNow.org.

### Red Flag Warning

A Red Flag Warning is issued for weather events which may result in extreme fire behavior that will occur within 24 hours. Red Flag Warnings are issued by the National Weather Service (NWS). Additional information is available and issued on weather.gov. During Red Flag Warnings, wood campfires are banned in conjunction with other limitations as noted by public safety officials.

### Emergencies

Infrequently, public safety emergencies will result in a closure or diversion on Washoe County Regional Parks and Open Space facilities. Public Safety personnel will determine necessary public safety precautions including public noticing to include media outreach and local signage. Washoe County Regional Parks and Open Space works closely with our public safety officials to support their efforts.

### Special Events

Closures of park amenities due to special events are noted on the Washoe County Regional Parks and Open Space website and will also be included on phone announcements.

Check In First

Before You Commute Visit

[www.washoecounty.gov/parks](http://www.washoecounty.gov/parks)

Washoe311 (Dial 3-1-1)

775.328.2003

Bower's Mansion Pool: 775.849.0644

Bower's Mansion: 775.849.0201

Lazy 5 Regional Park: 775.424.1866

Melio Gaspari Water Park: 775.424.1865

North Valleys Splash Park: 775.971.3047

Regional Shooting Facility: 775.475.2991

May Museum: 775.785.5961

May Arboretum: 775.785.4513

Galena Creek Park: 775.849.2511

Parks General Number: 775.823.6501

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