

# Celebrating a Vibrant, Growing, and Active Community of Families and Friends.

We value our rich cultural heritage, unique neighborhoods, a vibrant economy, and easy access to an active lifestyle. We envision a future that mixes small town livability with balanced growth and superior City services. We are a community that cherishes our distinct hometown feeling, while maintaining and developing the benefits that come with today's very best technology.

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## RULES AND REGULATIONS

Please help protect our City's fine parks and be sure to report any suspicious behavior by calling 911. Vandalism affects us all.

### Park Regulations & Shelter Rentals

- ◆ All parks open at 6 am and close at 10 pm daily.
- ◆ Dogs must be leashed at all times while in any park or recreation facility with the exception of the **Great Bark Dog Park**.
- ◆ Glass containers of any kind are not permitted in any park or recreation facility.
- ◆ Consumption of alcoholic beverages in any park or recreation facility is prohibited, unless the person or party acquires a special use permit. Alcoholic beverages may only be consumed by members of the group holding the shelter permit and may not be resold to the general public.
- ◆ Motor vehicles are not permitted outside the designated parking area of any park or recreation facility.
- ◆ Littering is prohibited in any park or recreation facility. Please use trash receptacles.
- ◆ Horses are not permitted in parks or on trails unless designated.
- ◆ Fires permitted in designated areas only where grills are provided.
- ◆ Firearms are not permitted in any park or recreation facility.
- ◆ Noise Ordinance—Any use of sound amplifying equipment requires a Special Events and/or Sound Amplification Permit available through the **City Clerk's Office, City Hall, 1290 South Public Road, Lafayette, CO**.

### Open Space Regulations

- ◆ Open space hours are 4am to 10pm daily.
- ◆ Pets are allowed on open space; must be on leash at all times.
- ◆ Please pick up after your pet.
- ◆ Please stay on trails to prevent degradation of native grasses and habitat.
- ◆ Commercial or business activity is prohibited.
- ◆ Equestrian use is allowed only on Rock Creek Trail; prohibited on ALL other open space properties.
- ◆ Motorized vehicles on open space are prohibited; exceptions are: authorized City maintenance vehicles or motorized wheelchairs.
- ◆ Please keep bicycle use on the trail.
- ◆ Please do not litter; breakable and glass containers are prohibited.
- ◆ The use of alcohol is prohibited on open space including ALL public land.
- ◆ Encroachment into open space is prohibited including: private improvements such as gardens, landscaping, fences, tree houses, swings, swing-sets, bike ramps, paths, compost piles, storage of personal property etc.
- ◆ Destruction or altering of any kind to any natural, historic, geologic, archeological or cultural resources is strictly prohibited.
- ◆ Please do not light any fires including camp fires on open space property.
- ◆ Discharging, possession, use or carrying of any weapon on open space is prohibited (except as permitted by Chapter 75 of the Lafayette Municipal Code).
- ◆ Fishing, boating or swimming is prohibited on open space property.
- ◆ Please close all gates along trails where applicable.

Violation of any of the above rules and regulations are subject to a minimum fine of \$10 and maximum fine of \$300.

- Always carry a bag.
- Pick up after your pet.
- Dispose of dog waste in appropriate receptacles.
- Keep your pet on leash. (unless in a designated off-leash area)

## OPEN SPACE

Open Space provides wildlife habitat, protects riparian areas and view corridors, provides buffers between communities and connects trail systems. Please stay on trails to avoid degradation of open space. The City of Lafayette believes that open space is essential to:

- **PRESERVE** or restore natural areas, including the plants and animals that live there
- **PROTECT** water resources and wildlife habitats
- **PROVIDE** a place for passive recreational uses such as hiking, biking, photography, or nature studies
- **RETAIN** land for agricultural use
- **SHAPE** development of the city and limit noise and congestion
- **SAFEGUARD** the land for its contribution to your quality of life

## TRAILS

The City of Lafayette maintains approximately 19 miles of trail (not including sidewalks) throughout town. The following are soft surface trails unless otherwise noted.

- ◆ **Waneka Lake Trail: Easy-Walk, Bike**  
With trail access to Greenlee Wildlife Preserve and Thomas Open Space Organic Farm. 1.3 mile fitness trail loops around beautiful Waneka Lake. Park access is from Caria and Emma Streets. Wheelchair accessible.

- ◆ **287 By-Pass Trail: Easy-Walk, Bike**  
2.0 mile hard surface trail follows Highway 287 north of Highway 42 to Baseline Road. Trail intersects the Coal Creek Trail. Wheelchair accessible.

- ◆ **Flagg Park Trailhead: Easy-Walk, Bike**  
Horse trailer parking and horse access to Rock Creek Trail.

- ◆ **Rothman Open Space: Easy-Walk, Bike**  
2.7 miles of formalized trail runs north to south from Arapahoe Road over to the Bob L. Burger Recreation Center, and east to the Great Bark Dog Park. Wheelchair accessible.

- ◆ **Outdoor Classroom Trail: Easy-Walk, Bike**  
This short trail (0.3 mile) loops around a natural setting that serves as an outdoor classroom. Wheelchair accessible.

- ◆ **Harney/Lastoka Trail: Easy-Walk, Bike**  
1.1 mile soft and hard surface trail which loops around the historically significant Harney/Lastoka Open Space and north across South Boulder Road, connecting to Lafayette's Powerline Trail and Louisville's Hecla Lake Trail. Connects to the Coal Creek Trail on the eastern and southern sides.

- ◆ **Coal Creek/Rock Creek Regional Trail:**  
A 27 mile long trail that extends from the existing Rock Creek Trail, near 120th Street in Lafayette, to the existing trail at Vista Pointe Parkway and Coal Creek in Erie. The section completes one of the last remaining links of a 24-mile loop trail that connects these communities with Louisville and Superior to the west, and Boulder Open Space & Mountain Parks.

## CITY PARKS

Lafayette has numerous parks, ranging from neighborhood playgrounds to large community parks to a dog park. Parks give people a place to play, relax and recreate while also providing neighborhoods with spaces that foster a sense of community. Parks are open daily from 6am to 10pm.

**The City of Lafayette has 236 acres of developed park land. This includes;**

- ◆ 4 community parks: Waneka Lake Park, Lafayette City Park, LaMont Does Park and Whitetail Park
- ◆ 14 neighborhood parks
- ◆ 1 Great Bark Dog Park
- ◆ Wilson Community Garden—garden plots available in the heart of downtown



## BOB L. BURGER RECREATION CENTER

The Lafayette Recreation Department offers the surrounding community quality fitness and recreational activities through outstanding customer service, a wide variety of amenities, facility cleanliness, well-organized programs, and exceptional value. 111 W. Baseline Road, Lafayette, CO 80026.



## WILDLIFE

Lafayette's wildlife generally consists of those species comfortable living in developed environments. Mammals such as raccoons, skunks, foxes, and coyotes have learned to live with humans in our suburban areas. However, Lafayette is also fortunate to have open spaces and several important water bodies that attract a more diverse collection of creatures. Perhaps most noticeable in the late spring and summer are nesting birds, including both migrant and resident species. Greenlee Wildlife Preserve, Waneka Lake, and the Coal Creek Trail are prime areas for birding in Lafayette. In the spring and fall migrating waterfowl and shorebirds are common on our lakes. The city's lakes and streams also provide habitat for reptiles and amphibians.



## THE ORGANIC FARM AT THOMAS OPEN SPACE

In November 2005, voters passed a ballot issue that allows the City of Lafayette to lease open space for farming purposes. City Council approved an agricultural lease with Isabelle Farm in January 2011, to energize citizen interest in locally grown food. Look for activity on the farm between spring and late fall, depending on weather.



## VIBRANT, ACTIVE DOWNTOWN

The City of Lafayette supports a vibrant community of local artists and cultural events. You can find art showcased on Public Road through the Art on the Street program. The Lafayette Cultural Arts Commission promotes, nurtures and celebrates the visual, performing and language arts.

The Festival Plaza is a gathering place in Old Town Lafayette on Public Road and Chester Streets used for community events such as The Farmer's Market, The Peach Festival, live music, holiday events and more!

Starting Memorial Day the fountains will be on from 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. daily until Labor Day.



## SHARING THE ROAD SAFELY... RIDE SMART BICYCLING TIPS

**Cyclist and Drivers; same roads, same rules, same rights and responsibilities.** Please take a moment to read through these tips to learn more about cycling safely. Be polite, alert and smart. Show respect for all users of the road, and you will get respect back as a result.



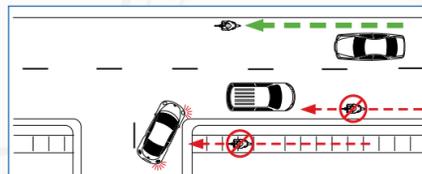
### PROTECT YOUR HEAD

Colorado law requires all bicyclists under the age of 18 to wear a helmet. Helmet and bicycle mirrors improve your overall awareness and allow you to see following vehicles.

**85%** of brain injuries can be prevented by wearing a helmet.

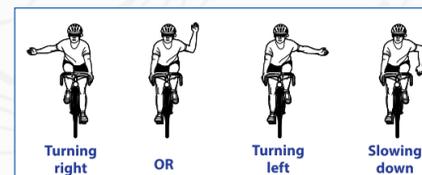
### NEVER, EVER RIDE AGAINST TRAFFIC

Ride on the right with the flow of traffic—NEVER ride against traffic on the road, in a bike lane, or on a sidewalk. Drivers turning the side cannot see you and approaching drivers will not expect you to be riding the wrong way.



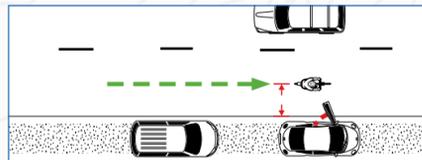
### HAND SIGNALS; POLITE AND SMART

Use hand signals to show your intentions and ride in a predictable fashion. Obey all traffic laws, signs and signals.



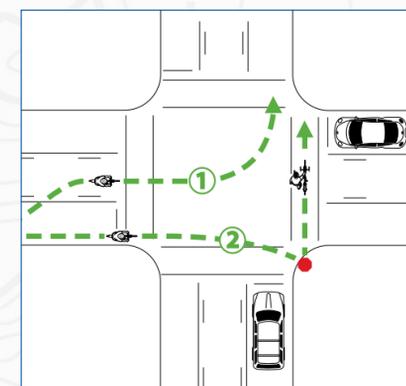
### RIDING BY PARKED CARS

Look for people in parked cars ahead of you and ride in a straight line at least 5 feet away from the car. Someone may open the car door in front of you unexpectedly. Be predictable: don't weave in and out of parked cars.



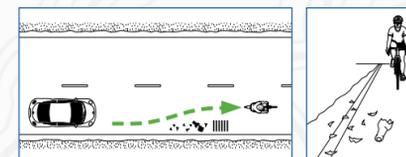
### THREE LEGAL WAYS TO TURN LEFT

- 1 Make a left turn like a vehicle by looking over your shoulder, signaling, and moving into the left turn lane when it is safe.
- 2 Make a left turn by going to the far side of the intersection, turning your bike, and using the roadway.
- 3 Make a left turn by going to the far side of the intersection, turning your bike and then walking your bike in the crosswalk.



### TAKE THE LANE WHEN APPROPRIATE

- 1 NOT ENOUGH ROOM: Remember that you may take the lane if the lane is not wide enough for both a car and a bike. Check behind to make sure it's safe, signal your intentions, and take the lane by riding 1/3 to 1/2 of the way into the lane. When safe and possible, move to the right to allow a following vehicle to pass.
- 2 ROAD HAZARDS: Watch out for glass, grates, oily pavement, loose gravel and railroad tracks. Check behind to make sure it's safe, signal your intentions, and make the move to the left to avoid the hazard.



### BE A DEFENSIVE BIKE DRIVER

Be aware of your surroundings, and especially turning and side traffic. Make eye contact with drivers and be sure to get their attention. Don't use headphones or a cell phone when riding. They reduce your ability to hear traffic.



Special thanks to Pima County, AZ Bike and Pedestrian Program for the use of the bicycle safety illustrations.

## CITY OF LAFAYETTE CONTACT NUMBERS:

- ◆ **Parks, Open Space & Golf Department** 303.661.1306
- ◆ **Indian Peaks Golf Course** 303.666.4706
- ◆ **Parks Shelter Rental Information** 303.661.1460
- ◆ **Recreation Center** 303.665.0469
- ◆ **Non-Emergency Police** 303.441.4444
- ◆ **Animal Control** 303.665.5571
- ◆ **Nuisance and Land Use Violations** 303-661-1268
- ◆ **City Hall** 303.665.5588

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## PARKS, OPEN SPACE & TRAILS MAP

Lafayette's panoramic view of the Rocky Mountains inspires our view into the future.



WINNER OF THE NATIONAL GOLD MEDAL AWARD

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POPULATION: 28,278

GEOGRAPHY: Altitude 5,236 feet

Latitude 39.594 N

Longitude 105.052 W

Area 9.3 square miles





**MAP GRID LOCATION PARK LISTING REFERENCE**

Autumn Ash	F3
Cherrywood	G8
<b>City Park</b>	<b>G4</b>
Cottonwood	F7
Cross Ridge	C2
John Breaux	F6
<b>LaMont Does</b>	<b>G-H 6-7</b>
Lindenwood	G4
Ophelia Miramontes	F4
Red Oak	E7
Romero	F5
Simpson Mine	H5
Spruce	E6
Sunset Maple	F5
<b>Great Bark Dog Park</b>	<b>H4</b>
<b>Waneka Lake</b>	<b>E5</b>
Whispering Meadows	F7
<b>Whitetail</b>	<b>G9</b>
Yarrow	D2

**MAP LEGEND**

- Lafayette
- Point Of Interest
- Trailhead
- Trail Network**
- Walk & Wheel Loop
- Walk & Wheel Connectors
- Hard Surface
- Soft Surface
- Under Construction
- Future Trails
- Regional Trails
- Trails By Others
- Parks & Open Space**
- City Park
- City Golf Course
- City Open Space
- Other Open Space

