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 6 am to 10 pm.

The City of Lafayette has 236 acres of developed park land. This includes:
- 4 community parks: Waneka Lake Park, Lafayette City Park, Lematte Deer Park and WhiteTail Park
- 14 neighborhood parks
- 1 Great Bark Dog Park
- 1 Town Park
- 1 Wilson Community Garden–garden plots available in the heart of downtown.

OPEN SPACE

Open Space provides wildlife habitat, protects riparian areas and views 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 outdoor natural areas, including the plant and animal communities.
- Protect water resources and wildlife habitats.
- Provide a place to participate in recreational use such as hiking, biking, photography, or nature studies.
- Retain land for agricultural use.
- Support the development of the city and limit noise
- Safeguard the land for its contribution to your quality of life.

LAFAYETTE WALK & WHEEL ROUTE

The Lafayette Walk and Wheel Program was created to support Lafayette’s active lifestyles and promote safer, healthier, and more accessible ways for residents to travel throughout the community on bike or foot.

THE ORGANIC FARM AT THOMAS OPEN SPACE

In November 2005, voters passed a ballot issue that acquired a special use permit and wetlands restoration on a 12.3 acre property under the aegis of the group holding the special use permit. The land is to be the model for the general public.

Proceed to Lafayette’s 700-acre形 Open Space for birding in Lafayette. In the spring and fall migrating late spring and summer are nesting birds, including both permanent and transient species. Great Writer 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.

WILDLIFE

Lafayette's wildlife generally consists of those species comfortable living in developed environments. Mammals such as raccoons, duclots, foxes, and coyotes have learned to coexist 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. Most important in the late spring and summer are nesting birds, including both migrant and resident species. Great Writer 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

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

BOB L. BURGER RECREATION CENTER

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VIBRANT, ACTIVE DOWNTOWN

The City of Lafayette supports a vibrant community of local athletes and cultural events. You can find information on the City’s events and community activities at the City’s events calendar.

Sharing the Road Safely...

RIDE SMART BICYCLING TIPS

Three Legal Ways to Turn Left

1. Make a left turn like a vehicle by looking over your shoulder, signaling, and moving into the turn lane.
2. Make a left turn by going to the far side of the intersection, turning, and using the roadway.
3. Make a left turn by going to the far side of the intersection, turning, and then biking your bike in the crossover.

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The Festival Plaza is a gathering place in Old Town Lafayette different events such as The Farmer’s Market, The Peach Festival, live music, holiday events and more.

HISTORY

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

Coal Creek/Rock Creek Regional Trail: 27.2 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.

Flagg Park Trailhead: Easy-Walk, Bike

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NEVER, EVER RIDE AGAINST TRAFFIC

Ride on the right when the flow of traffic NEVER ride against traffic on the road, in a bike lane, or on a sidewalk.

Drivers turning the sideway cannot see you and approaching cyclists 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 when changing traffic lanes, signs and signals.

BE A DEFENSIVE BIKE DRIVER

Be aware of your surroundings, and especially turning and side road traffic. Make a connection 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.

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.

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Special thanks to Pima County AZ Parks and Recreation Department for the use of the bicyclist safety illustrations.

City of Lafayette

Be a Part of It!

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 feel, while maintaining and developing the benefits that come with today's very best technology.

PARKS, OPEN SPACE & TRAILS MAP

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