Benson Sculpture Garden

Located at the corner of W. 29th St. and Beech Dr., Benson Sculpture Garden provides a beautiful and unique outdoor setting for showcasing sculpture.

It is here that the Loveland High Plains Arts Council hosts its renowned “Sculpture in the Park” event each August. The LHPAC has donated or purchased over 130 pieces of sculpture currently on display.

The High Plains Arts Council, a private not-for-profit organization, was established in 1984 for the purpose of promoting sculptural arts for the cultural and economic benefit of the community. Their focus continues to be sponsorship of the annual “Sculpture in the Park” show. Each year proceeds generated from the show go towards the funding of additional sculpture, park improvements and landscaping. For more information, please contact the LHPAC at: lhpac@sculptureintheBenson.org or by calling them at: (970) 663-2940.

The Benson Gazebo, located between the middle and south ponds, is surrounded by trees, flowers and natural habitat. With the Rocky Mountains as a majestic backdrop, the garden has been described as “one of the most unique sculpture gardens in the nation”, making it a natural choice when people select a venue for a special occasion. See the Rental Information section for further details.

Park Rules & Regulations

- Loveland’s parks are open from 6:00am to 10:30pm. Overnight parking, residing within a park, or camping within a park is prohibited. Residing is defined as utilizing a park, under the totality of the circumstances, in such a manner, and with such a frequency, which would give rise to a reasonable belief that an individual is living within a park.
- Camping is defined as setting up a tent (meaning a temporary structure constructed of fabric and/or any other material utilized in a manner to provide privacy), or any other like structure for providing privacy is prohibited.
- Only small pop-up shade shelters, temporary in nature, with removable walls designed to provide shelter from the sun are allowed (10’ x 10’). No stakes are to be driven into the ground more than 6” (inches) for any reason (irrigation lines are present) and/or ticketing.
- Smoking is prohibited, except in designated areas. No silly string, paint or any other item which may contain manmade object is NOT permitted.
- Motorized vehicles (except authorized) are not allowed outside of established streets and parking areas.
- Parking allowed in designated areas only. Parking cannot be blocked off.
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- Littering, graffiti or markings on parks or facilities is prohibited.
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- No open fires or flames except in provided grills. No gathering or cutting firewood.
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- Alcoholic beverages are only allowed by having an Alcohol Beverage Permit, allowed ONLY in conjunction with a shelter/pavilion or special event reservation. The Noise Ordinances of the City are strictly enforced.
- Pet owners are required to pick-up and remove pet waste. Pets must be leashed and under human control at all times, except in designated dog park enclosures.
- Horses (except police) are not permitted on parks, recreational trails, or open lands.
- Feeding, trapping, hunting, or disturbing wildlife is NOT permitted.
- Discharge or use of firearms, projectiles, or fireworks is prohibited.
- Bicycling permitted on designated trail only.
- Swimming, wading, boating, ice fishing and bow fishing are NOT permitted. Float Tube Fishing permissible only at River’s Edge Natural Area.
- Fishing is regulated by Colorado State Regulations. All persons over age 16 are required to have a Colorado Fishing License.
- Collecting, removing, destroying, or defacing any natural or manmade object is NOT permitted.
- No Jump Castles, Dunk Tanks, Pony Rides, or other similar set-ups.
- No silly string, paint or any other item which may contain dyes and permanently mark areas.
- Vending is not allowed in City Parks, Open Land areas or trails.
- Remote control (RC) boating questions are addressed by the Colorado Parks & Wildlife Division through the office in Fort Collins. Please call (970) 472-4300 for information. In Loveland, battery powered RC boats have been approved for use on small City-owned bodies of water only; suggested sites would be the Foote Lagoon or North Lake Park-Duck Pond.
- The City’s public-use space is not intended for residing or camping day or night, commercial/retail activities, or for long-term uses.
- Private landscaping or use of park lands, recreational trails (and easements on which they are located) or open lands, including extensions of back yard landscaping, trash or rubbish dumping, or other unauthorized use, is prohibited.
- Any encroachment or storage of privately owned items is prohibited.
- Call 911 in case of Emergency. Report park maintenance concerns or vandalism to the Parks and Recreation Department at (970)962-2727.
- Failure to obey park rules, closing times, allowing unruliness by intoxicated members of the group, or harassment of park employees will warrant forfeiture of all reservation deposits and/or ticketing.

ONLINE REServations AVAILABLE!

This park area may be reserved ONLINE at: www.CityofLoveland.org/WebTrac

Scan this QR Code from your smart phone or device to learn online about the parks facilities, rules & regulations, and MORE!
Park Information

- This park has limited parking, and there is no guarantee on the number of curb-side spaces available. **Due to parking limits, large group reservations (over 50) are not accommodated.**
- Park hours are from 6:00 a.m. to 10:30 p.m.
- Vending is not allowed in City Parks.

Rental Information

* $200 Use Fee / $200 Deposit
* Seating accommodations NOT provided
* Reservation group size is limited to a max. of 50
* Facility Use is not permitted during the Sculpture Show (or its set-up/tear down) held each August

Gazebo Reservation Permits may be obtained at the Parks & Recreation Admin. Office, 500 E. 3rd St., Suite 200, Loveland, CO 80537, a minimum of one week prior to the desired reservation date for a rental fee and deposit. **All permit fees & deposits are due at the time of reservation.** Reservations are taken beginning the first business day of January for the same year, and may be made Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Deposits are to ensure proper clean-up, orderly conduct, and compliance with park rules & regulations. Observe all regulations posted at the shelter/area and within this handout. Deposits are refunded by check in the mail approximately two (2) weeks after the reservation date if there are no damages/park policy violations.

If a facility has not been reserved, it is available for public/small group use, free of charge, on a first-come, first-served basis.

Gazebo Rental Cancellation?

Cancellations must be received by the Parks & Recreation Department at least ten (10) business days prior to the reservation date (in writing or by calling (970) 962-2727) by the person/representative who made the original reservation, or all rental & permit fees will be forfeited. **Cancellations are assessed a $25 cancellation fee.**

Inclement weather refunds can be made by contacting the Parks & Recreation Administration Office on the next business day after the reservation date. **STAFF WILL DETERMINE IF WEATHER HAS CAUSED THE RESERVATION AREA TO BE UNUSABLE FOR THAT TIME PERIOD.** Attempts will be made to reschedule, or a refund of the fee and deposits (less the $25 cancellation fee) will be issued within two (2) weeks by mail. One (1) change to the original reservation can be made at least five (5) business days before the reservation date at no charge. A $25 service fee (per change) will be charged after the first change.

Park Amenities:

* Gazebo is handicapped accessible
* Tables & Seating NOT provided at Gazebo (reservation groups must provide their own)
* Drinking Fountain & Flush Restrooms
* Walking Paths & Park Benches
* Electrical Outlets at Restroom Facility
* Ponds (non-fishing)
* 130+ pieces of Sculpture

The City of Loveland is committed to providing an equal opportunity for services, programs and activities and does not discriminate on the basis of disability, race, age, color, national origin, religion, sexual orientation or gender. For more information on non-discrimination or for translation assistance, please contact the City’s Title VI Coordinator at TitleSix@cityofloveland.org or 970-962-2372. The City will make reasonable accommodations for citizens in accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). For more information on ADA accommodations, please contact the City’s ADA Coordinator at jason.smitherman@cityofloveland.org or 970-962-3319.