Project Outdoors: Plug in to Nature in Loveland

**How can outdoor opportunities be improved in Loveland?**

The goals are to:
1. Identify barriers to access, connectivity and participation in outdoor activities;
2. Find ways to engage youth and families in the outdoors;
3. Improve opportunities and access to nature-related activities, places, and programs; and
4. Empower youth and the community to be involved in developing solutions.

**LOVELAND CONTEXT**

**PLACES**

Build and enhance trails, access, and community hubs to get kids safely from their homes and into parks, natural areas, and other public lands in order to cultivate curiosity and confidence.

**PROGRAMS**

Programs like outdoor education and organized recreation experiences should help make places close to home come alive as well as provide opportunities for kids to play in and experience nature at more distant locations over time.

**PATHWAYS**

Provide youth with opportunities to participate in outdoor service learning and stewardship projects as pathways to leadership and career opportunities.

**DID YOU KNOW?**

Young people spend an average of four to seven minutes a day outside in unstructured play. Research shows outdoor time is good for kids physically, socially, emotionally, and cognitively, yet many barriers exist between youth and the outdoors.

Inspiring a deep connection to nature is the goal of this project because it is vital for the wellbeing of our community, our wildlife, and the Colorado way of life.

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