

Living Next to Public Land

Those who live next to public land in Broomfield can play a key role in keeping this land public by following these tips:

- Keep yard waste on your property. Tossing it on public land damages natural vegetation, encourages weed growth, and makes maintenance difficult.
- Keep gardens, landscaping, fences, playgrounds, patio furniture, errant toys or golf balls on your property and encourage your neighbors to do the same.

Living with Wildlife

• Do not feed wildlife. Feeding songbirds is fine, but be aware feeders may attract other animals. Place bird feeders where they are not accessible to other wildlife.

- Cover window wells to prevent wildlife from becoming trapped in the wells.
- Close holes around and under foundations so animals will not be tempted to homestead. Bury wire mesh 1 to 2 feet deep in places where animals might gain access.
- Store garbage in containers with tight fitting lids and keep cans in a garage or shed until pick-up. Keep pet food inside the house.
- Screen fireplace chimneys, attic and dryer vents, and keep dampers closed to avoid "drop-in" guests. To prevent fire or safety hazards, check with a knowledgeable source before attempting this work.
- Seal all cracks and holes larger than one-quarter inch in diameter to keep out rats, mice, bats, and snakes.
- Confirm that these improvements are allowed by your Homeowners Association, if applicable.
- Trim vegetation to reduce hiding places.

For additional tips on living with local wildlife, contact the Broomfield Wildlife Masters at 303-464-5554.

Specific Guidelines for Coexistence with Coyotes

• Never feed coyotes and make sure attractants such as fallen fruit, pet food, dirty barbecue grills, and unsecured trash or compost are removed from your yard.

• Keep cats and dogs indoors or in completely enclosed runs, especially at night and do not assume that even a 6-foot fence will keep a coyote out of your backyard.

- Keep dogs on short leashes (no longer than 6 feet) and stay close to your pet when walking outside. Do not allow your dog to run with coyotes.
- Keep noisemakers such as whistles and horns on hand to scare away coyotes that may enter your yard.
- Yell, clap your hands, blow a whistle and try to make yourself look larger if you encounter a coyote that is too close to you.

For more information on Broomfield's wildlife policies, visit Broomfield's Open Space website at www.broomfieldopenspace.com, or visit the Colorado Parks and Wildlife website at: cpw.state.co.us.

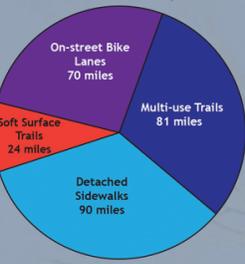


Broomfield Open Space and Trails

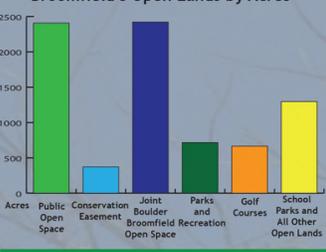
The Broomfield Open Space and Trails program is committed to:

- enhancing the community's quality of life by acquiring open space to preserve water resources, wildlife, agricultural uses, and unique geographic features so every resident is able to have a positive connection with the natural environment; and
- creating a comprehensive network of trails so every citizen has the opportunity to walk and bicycle to open space, parks, neighborhoods, schools, commercial centers, and public facilities throughout the community.

Broomfield's Trail System



Broomfield's Open Lands by Acres



The Broomfield Open Space Foundation

The Broomfield Open Space Foundation exists to serve our community by protecting, enhancing, and promoting Broomfield's open space, trails, and wildlife. The Foundation provides:

- Financial support for grant applications;
- Sponsorship of native habitat enhancement projects;
- Nature education events such as the annual fishing derby and Birds of prey presentation; and
- Coordination of volunteers for open space events.

For more information about the Broomfield Open Space Foundation or to become a member, visit their website at broomfieldopenspacefoundation.org



Volunteer Opportunities

Broomfield is always looking for volunteers to help maintain and enhance Broomfield's natural resources and help out with special events.

To volunteer for Broomfield's Open Space and Trails, please visit Broomfield's volunteer web page at www.broomfield.org/volunteer.



Key Information about Broomfield's Open Space and Trails Program

- The Open Space, Parks, Recreation and Trails (OSPR) Master Plan was adopted by the City Council in 2005 and carries forward many objectives established in the 1995 Master Plan.
 - The OSPRT Plan set a goal to reach 40% Open Lands for the community. 'Open Lands' is an umbrella term that encompasses open space, park/recreation areas, and other natural areas. Currently Broomfield has over 7,800 acres of Open Lands, which comprises about 32.8% of the Broomfield community.
 - Other key features of the Plan include an interconnected trail system, a residential public land dedication requirement, and safe and equitable access to open space and trails throughout the community.
 - A citizen advisory committee provides oversight on key issues and decisions.
 - Open Space acquisition and maintenance is funded by a 1/4 cent sales tax in Broomfield.
- For information on open space related topics, please visit www.BroomfieldOpenSpace.com.

Featured Open Space Properties

- The Field Open Space**
- 140 acres, located between Main St. and Ash St. on both the north and south sides of Midway Blvd.
 - This site features a scenic pond, public art benches, stone sculptures, and a 1.5 mile loop on primarily soft-surface trails. The restored Brunner Farmhouse is also located on the property, offering a glimpse into Broomfield's local history.
- Broomfield County Commons Open Space**
- 237 acres, located north of Midway Blvd. between Sheridan Blvd. and Lowell Blvd.
 - One of Broomfield's largest and most popular open space areas. Amenities include nearly

three miles of soft surface trails along with a variety of habitat improvements, benches, a nature pavilion, and a wildlife viewing deck adjacent to Le Gault Reservoir. Fishing is permitted at Tom Frost Reservoir.

- Metzger Farm Open Space**
- 152 acres, located just northeast of Lowell Blvd. and 120th Ave.
 - This former model Colorado farm was jointly acquired with the City of Westminster and features two ponds, a trailhead with parking, a fishing dock, and scenic wildlife viewing areas, all near the original farmstead. Two miles of soft-surface trails wind around the property and connect to the Big Dry Creek Trail. The property is home to many nesting birds, including great blue herons and red-tailed hawks.

- Lac Amora Open Space**
- 132 acres, located west of Highway 287, along Miramonte Blvd. and Oak Circle.

- Lac Amora was Broomfield's first dedicated open space property and features Josh's Pond, the Lake Link Trail, and a connection to the Rock Creek Trail and Stearns Lake to the north.
- Ridgeview Open Space**
- 136 acres, bordering Highway 287 to the west and the Ruth Roberts Open Space in Boulder County to the north.
- The Ridgeview Open Space is one of Broomfield's most spectacular sites with splendid views of the mountain vistas to the west and Rock Creek Farm in the foreground. The Lake Link Trail winds through the Ridgeview Open Space offering rolling terrain for hikers, joggers, or mountain bikers, and the newly constructed Ruth Roberts connector trail provides access to the Rock Creek Trail system to the north.

- Trail Tips and Regulations**
- The Broomfield trail system accommodates both commuters and recreational users, and connects neighborhoods, schools, commercial areas, public facilities, parks, and open space. To minimize conflicts and ensure a positive experience for all trail users, please follow these rules and safety tips:
- Stay on the right side of the trail moving with the flow of traffic, except to pass.
 - Always pass other trail users on the left. When bicycling, slow down and notify other trail users before passing.
 - Do not block the path – groups should be in single file when other users are present or leave at least half of the trail open for passing.
 - All users should stay on existing trails and avoid creating new trails or causing damage to the surrounding landscape.

Some Animals you might find in Broomfield...

- American Kestrel** (*Falco sparverius*): Up to 12" tall with blue-orange hue.
- Swainson's Hawk** (*Buteo swainsoni*): Note dark tail band.
- Red-tailed Hawk** (*Buteo jamaicensis*): Note rusty red feathers on tail.
- Great Horned Owl** (*Bubo virginianus*): Note large ears and 'hoo-hoo' call.
- Bald Eagle** (*Haliaeetus leucocephalus*): Adults have stark white head and large yellow bill.
- Northern Flicker** (*Colaptes auratus*): Note spotted wings and red mark on head.
- Red-winged Blackbird** (*Agelaius phoeniceus*): Note red-orange patch on wing. Often found in cattails.
- American White Pelican** (*Pelecanus erythrorhynchos*): Seen in spring and summer near ponds and reservoirs. Up to 5-foot wing span.
- Western Burrowing Owl** (*Athene cucularia*): Lives underground in prairie dog burrows.
- Orange Sulfur Butterfly** (*Colias eurytheme*): Often found near alfalfa plants.
- Black-tailed Prairie Dog** (*Cynomys ludovicianus*): Note black-tipped tail and high pitched warning chirps for intruders.
- Cottontail Rabbit** (*Sylvilagus nuttallii*): Note large ears and cottonball tail.
- Coyote** (*Canis latrans*): Note large ears and black-tipped tail.
- Red-tailed Fox** (*Vulpes vulpes*): Smaller than coyotes; note red fur and white-tipped tail.
- Bull Snake** (*Pituophis melanoleucus*): Not a poisonous snake but will act defensively. No rattle on tail.
- Snapping Turtle** (*Chelydra serpentina*): Knobby greenish shell and distinct tail.
- American Avocet** (*Recurvirostra americana*): Note sharply pointed bill. Migrates through Broomfield in spring/early summer.
- Great Blue Heron** (*Ardea herodias*): Often 4 feet tall. Frequently seen near the ponds at Metzger Farm Open Space.
- Western Rattlesnake** (*Crotalus viridis*): Note rattle on tip of tail and darker blotches on back. Never approach these poisonous snakes.
- Mallard Duck** (*Anas platyrhynchos*): Males have bright green head, while females are brown.
- Killdeer** (*Charadrius vociferus*): Note black stripes on head and breast.
- Snowy Egret** (*Egretta thula*): Smaller heron with white feathers and black bill.

Broomfield Nature Program

Broomfield offers morning nature walks, moonlight walks in the open space, and a variety of programs for children and adults through its local volunteer nature program. These activities are led by local volunteer naturalists and are frequently held at the Field Open Space, Lac Amora Open Space, and Broomfield County Commons Open Space.

To find more information about the Broomfield Nature Program, call 303-464-5530, or visit www.broomfield.org/NatureProgram.



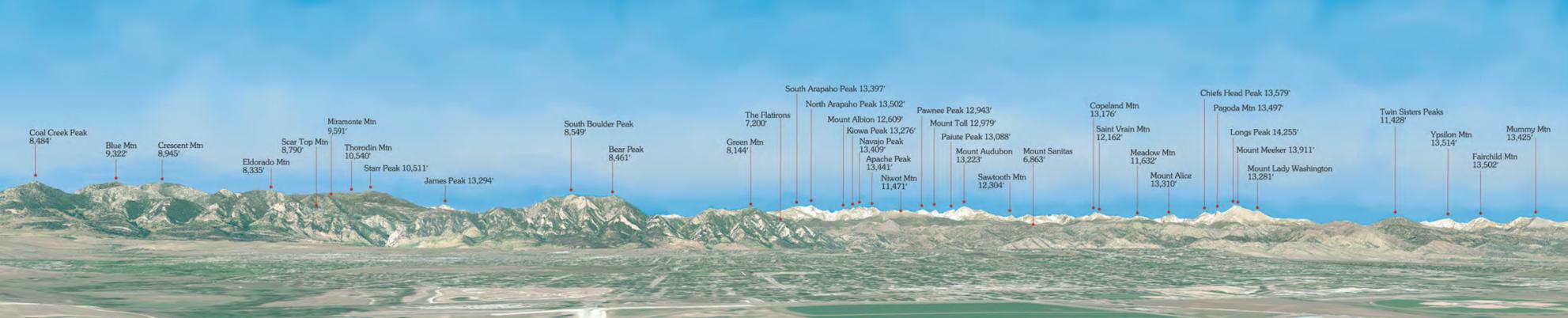
General Bicycle Safety Tips

- Bicyclists can use the roads in Broomfield, and there are over 70 miles of on-street bike lanes.
- Bicyclists have the same rights and responsibilities as motorists.
- Bicycles are considered vehicles by law and should follow all traffic laws signs and signals.
- Always ride with the flow of traffic and remain on the right side of the road as much as possible.
- Use hand signals to indicate turns, lane changes, and stops.
- When overtaking other pedestrians or cyclists, pass on the left and provide audible notice.
- Follow lane markings. At an intersection, stay in the appropriate lane and never go straight through an intersection from the turning lane.
- Remember that pedestrians always have the right of way within crosswalks, paths and sidewalks, and bicyclists must always yield to pedestrians.
- Always wear a helmet and be sure that it fits comfortably and securely.
- Be alert at intersections and signal your intentions.
- Be visible. Use a headlight, rear light, and reflectors when riding at dusk or nighttime.

Broomfield Wildlife Masters

The Broomfield Wildlife Masters are local residents that volunteer their time to answer questions about a variety of common wildlife issues. Questions range from how to keep rabbits out of a backyard garden to general questions about coexisting with neighborhood wildlife.

Contact the Wildlife Masters at 303-464-5554 and leave a message. A volunteer will respond within approximately 24 hours. If you are interested in Broomfield's wildlife and would like to share knowledge with other residents, volunteer to become a Wildlife Master by calling 303-464-5803.



Broomfield Trail Map
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