



Winter is here, coating some areas of the Foothills with fresh snow and providing enjoyable recreation opportunities. Bundle up and read on to learn more about what's happening in Salt Lake City's Foothills!

Rocky Mountain Wildfire Mitigation Project Update



Since October, Rocky Mountain Power (RMP) Wildfire Mitigation Project has been replacing outdated power poles throughout the East City Creek and Upper Avenues section of the Foothills.

Regrading work (returning the landscape to its original slope angles) is almost complete and will continue when weather and soil conditions allow. Seeding will begin in spring and certain areas will be closed for revegetation and restoration.

This spring, a local trail builder with extensive knowledge of the Foothills will be brought in to rehabilitate any trails that have been disturbed by this project.

Read the full update [HERE](#).

Learn more about RMP's wildfire mitigation plan [HERE](#).

Recommended Winter Hikes



Looking for a walk in a winter wonderland? Check out these recommended routes from our team.

BST Parley's Point: Access this section of the Bonneville Shoreline Trail from [Lakeline Drive](#) and enjoy a gentle 1.4 mile climb to Parley's Point, which provides beautiful views of the Salt Lake Valley and Mount Olympus. This trail can also be accessed from [Benchmark Drive](#) Trail users can access Parley's Point through the Cannon Point HOA thanks to a recreational easement.

Tomahawk/Dry Creek Loop: Starting at Popperton Park Trailhead, access the BST Dry Creek via the paved path leading east away from the park. Take the BST to Tomahawk and head back to Popperton Park using Tomahawk Trail and neighborhood streets to complete 4.6 mile loop. For intermediate hikers.

Hike early to avoid muddy trails, ideally before 10am or after a fresh snow. Hiking on muddy trails damages trail surfaces and leads to erosion.

Read our [Wildlife Interactions](#) blog and [Identifying Animal Tracks in the Snow](#) blog before heading out. You never know who you'll meet on the trail!

Looking Ahead to 2025



What's in store for the Foothills this year?

New trailhead openings: [Bonneville Boulevard](#) and [Popperton Park](#) trailheads will feature additional parking and restrooms. Bonneville Boulevard will include a native plant garden and summer-only event venue in the repurposed salt storage "dome"! Keep an eye out for grand opening information this spring. Learn more about trailhead projects [HERE](#).

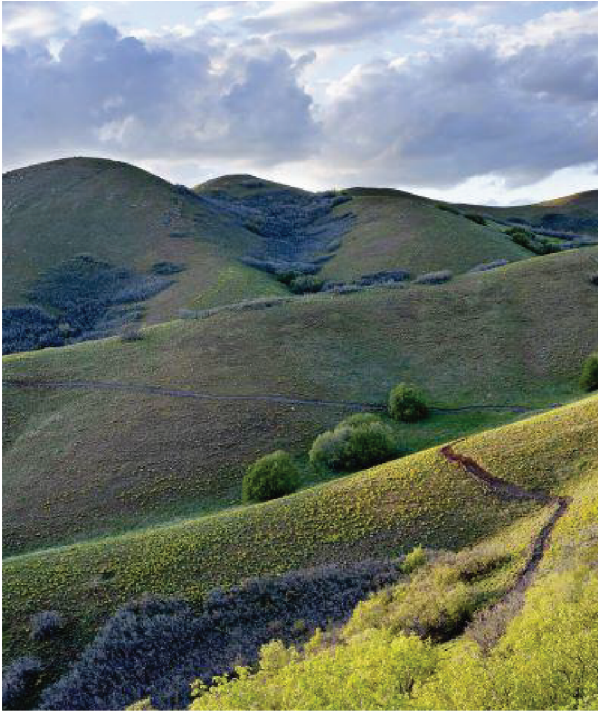
Volunteer Opportunities: The [Foothills Stewardship Program](#) inspires folks to get out and care for their favorite trails by pulling invasive weeds, planting native plants, and cleaning up. Look for spring volunteer opportunities on our social media (@SLCPublicLands) and in your inbox, including a NEW exciting [Steward Lead](#) role!

Foothills Welcome Stations: Find a new favorite trail access point! We are activating over 30 minor trailheads with "[Welcome Stations](#)" equipped with dog waste bags, trash cans, and a scannable sign that collects anonymous trail user data to inform future Foothills decisions.

And much more! Follow @SLCPublicLands on social and continue reading our newsletters for opportunities to be informed and involved.

2024 Highlights





join us for a moment of celebrating our team's many accomplishments from 2024.

- Hired our first two full time Natural Resource Technicians, who care for the Foothills with support from part time staff and volunteers.
- Launched the [Foothills Stewardship](#) Series. Throughout the summer, 50 volunteers worked 150 hours to remove over 1800 lbs. of invasive weeds, improve trail surfaces among other important tasks.
- Initiated major and minor [Trailhead Improvement](#) projects, set for completion in early summer 2025.
- Updated hundreds of wayfinding signs throughout the Foothills Trail system.



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