



Winter Brings Seasonal Closures & Snowmaking Operations

Park Restrooms, Emerald Trails and Snowmaking Shift to Winter Season

STEAMBOAT SPRINGS, COLORADO-November 9, 2017-With the drop in temperatures and snow covering much of the Yampa Valley from early November storms, seasonal restrooms in several parks are being winterized and closed for the season; snowmaking at Howelsen Hill fired up full-time and trails closures on Emerald are now in effect.

Typically from early to mid-November, the non-heated park restrooms are closed due to the increased risk of frozen pipes. At this time, the restrooms at Rich Weiss Park, Emerald Park, Howelsen Hill Ballfields, Whistler Park, West Lincoln Park, the Rodeo Grounds, Yampa River Botanic Park and Little Toots Park have been closed for winter. For active cold weather recreationalist, the Bear River Park, Fetcher Park and Howelsen Hill Lodge restrooms will remain open through the winter season.

Many mountain bike trails on Emerald Mountain are now closed due to wet and muddy conditions. A number of trails will reopen for fat-tire biking once additional snow provides sufficient coverage for winter riding use. Please help protect our incredible mountain trail system by being aware of trail closures and conditions.

As snowmaking operations fire up in force at Howelsen Hill yesterday morning, park users should understand that ski area crews will be on the mountain at all times and equipment could be encountered any time during the early season. Crews will begin to accumulate essential machine-made snow in key areas across the ski area and rodeo arena and the public is asked to stay out of these areas.

In addition for ski area operations, the city will be making snow for several early season competitions including Winter Start (a ski jumping and Nordic combined event), the Nor Am Snowboard Race to the Cup, the return of the International Continental Cup and the Murphy Roberts Holiday Classic as well as stockpiling snow for Winter Carnival. Your cooperation is essential in allowing snowmaking crews to take full advantage of temperatures and weather conditions.

As an added reminder, sledding at Howelsen Hill is not permitted. With various heavy equipment, snowmaking and event materials spread across the facility, along with unmarked hazards during early season, public sledding is not accommodated at the ski area.

Howelsen Hill Ski Area is scheduled to open for the 2017/18 season on November 25, 2017 (conditions permitting). On sale now, Howelsen Hill offers affordable season pass options for individuals and families looking for all-access, alpine or Nordic passes to the historic ski area. Purchase your season pass by November 18 to ensure the lowest price available. Season passes may be purchased online at www.steamboatsprings.net/ski, or at the ski area concession stand.



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