



## Spring Creek Dam Restoration Project Begins

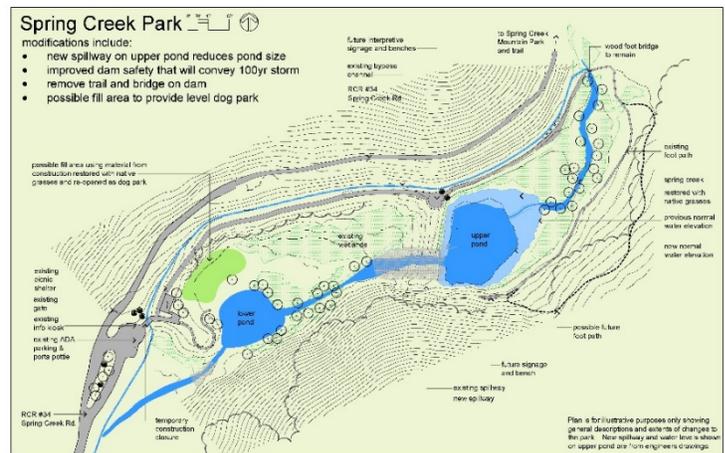
*Parking, Dog Park & Pond Access Closed Starting Today*

**STEAMBOAT SPRINGS, COLORADO-August 19, 2019**-A flood of construction activity will soon descend upon the Spring Creek area, specifically focused on the dam and around the two ponds as part of the Springs Creek Dam Restoration Project.

Starting this week, all access to the parking area at the gazebo, the off leash dog park and the trail around both ponds will close for the duration of the project as Duckels Construction starts work. In addition, no porta-let will be available for public use for the rest of the summer.

While County Road #34 and access to Spring Creek Trail will remain open during the project, construction traffic will be frequent on the road and may be heavy at times. Heavy equipment will be working on site executing the planned dam modification and large trucks will be hauling material off site for disposal. Work is anticipated to take approximately six to eight weeks.

Trail users should use the trail parallel to the road where possible to access Spring Creek Trail. With the Spring Creek dog park closed, dog walkers are encouraged to use other [Off Leash/Voice Control recreation areas](#) including: Sailors Way Trail, Butcherknife Trail, Rita Valentine Park and Whistler Park.



Based on concerns previously identified by the Colorado Division of Water Resources Dam Safety Branch, the planned dam safety improvements generally include the construction of a new 30-foot wide dam spillway and installation of additional fill material on the dam slopes with an improved dam drainage system. This modified dam will meet the qualifications of a non-jurisdictional dam impounding a smaller sized pool than what currently exists. The spillway will be capable of routing a 100-year storm event. New interpretive signage, benches and a proposed looped trail system is planned at the upper pond following the 2019 construction.

The city has worked with the State of Colorado and the Army Corps of Engineers for permitting of the project. W. W. Wheeler and Associates, Inc. was contracted to design and perform construction observation services for the dam modifications and Duckels Construction has been contracted to execute the work.

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