



The Linear Park System

FIELD GUIDE

THE FARM

LIVE ABUNDANTLY



The Lost Art of Connection

SMILES CONNECT US

And trails are Mother Nature's smiles—
inviting us to adventure and further pursuit.
There's an honest-to-goodness connection
you feel when the experience is natural,
rather than virtual.

At The Farm, we are proponents, protectors,
and preservationists of the lost art of
connection—the human and natural kinds.
It ties the community and land together while
guiding our approach to parks and trails.



THE LINEAR PARK SYSTEM

As for the land, we introduced Colorado Springs' first linear park system—parks and pocket parks that run from end-to-end through the entire community, all connected and navigable by a thoughtfully considered trail system. You are invited to get outside and find your heart in nature every day.

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HILL SLIDES

Our Farm blue on these two slides at the community entrance beckons kids of all ages to come and play.



FLORA



Goldenbanner

These bright, delightful flowers bloom and last for several weeks. They are especially attractive to bumblebees.

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ANN LEACH PAINTING

Ann Allison Leach grew up here. Originally, it was her family's land. Ann was a painter. Her love of the place is reflected in her artwork. This little park invites you to see the front range through Ann's eyes— with a magnificent view and a replica of her painting, "Pikes Peak."



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BLACK SQUIRREL PASSAGE

You could say this park leads the way to all the others. The wooden wayfinding pole at its center is made out of recycled barn materials from the original farm. And its directions range from the whimsical to the straight-forward, from places you might have been, to places you're heading now.



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TREE SWING

Just north of Black Squirrel Passage and across the street from the mail kiosk is Tree Swing—a creative twist on childhood fun.



FAUNA



Black Squirrel

The black squirrel is also known as the Abert's Squirrel, named after the American naturalist Colonel John James Abert.

OVERLOOK PARK

Some of the most spectacular views can be found at this park, with its beautiful, elevated setting. Lovely, well-shaded places to hang out make it a wonderful weekend respite. And it's equally delightful as a place to take in a sunset, or meet up to hit the trails.

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FAUNA



American Kestrel

Part of the hawk family,
the American Kestrel is
the smallest raptor.



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KNOLL PARK

Get the family together, load up the picnic basket, and (if you have a certain sense of humor) make sure to include a few hard-boiled eggs. Along with natural landscaping and mountain views, Knoll Park sports "The Cracked Egg" sculpture. It's a great place to spread out a blanket, have a bite of egg, and watch the kids play on one.

FLORA



Ponderosa Pine

Like a big "howdy" from a good friend, these trees—with their tall trunks and bright green needles—are always a happy sight.



FORK IN THE ROAD

Yogi Berra's famous quote, "When you arrive at a fork in the road, take it," applies here. The park features a giant fork sculpture—a whimsical reminder that there's fun around every turn at The Farm.

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FAUNA



Bumblebee

Important natural pollinators, bumblebees are honeybees' fuzzy cousins, with their black and yellow bands resembling the gift of a hand-knitted sweater vest from a distant aunt.

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LITTLE NIPPER PARK

A nod to the history of the place, this charming little park is named after a former resident—thoroughbred, Little Nipper. Before it became The Farm, the Allison Valley Ranch was dedicated to raising racehorses. You'll find a sculpture of giant, buried carrots there, in honor of the horses' favorite treats.



FLORA

*Scrub Oak*

Not needing irrigation and adaptable to harsh conditions, scrub oak are a metaphor for Front Range hardiness.

FAUNA



Butterflies

Colorado is one of the top states for butterfly diversity. From the Anise Swallowtail to the Zerene Fritillary, there's a whole alphabet of them to see.

FOOTHILLS FARM PARK & COW CROSSING

Foothills Farm Park has three play areas, two of which are designed for kids of different ages, to encourage and inspire activity and imagination. The colorful bovine sculptures on either side of the park are there to remind you to have fun—'till the cows come home.

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THE GATHERING PLACE

Our crown jewel of human connection brings neighbors together—to hang out by a gorgeous swimming pool, launch kayaks or canoes for a paddle, take a yoga class, or host anything from graduation celebrations and weddings to family barbecues and community events.

FAUNA



Dragonfly

Dragonflies can reach speeds of up to 30 mph, pivot 360 degrees, and fly upside down and backwards.



- A** Pool Deck with Seating
- B** Changing Rooms & Lockers
- C** Indoor/Outdoor Fitness Rooms
- D** Triple Crown Event Room
- E** Jockey Club Patio
- F** Winners' Circle Courtyard
- G** Canoe/Kayak Launch
- H** Beach Frontage
- I** Gathering Area
- J** Pond Overlook
- K** Shoreline Fishing



Lake Ann

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*Eventually, the trail ends,
but the adventure never does.*



While some connections might expedite a search or provide a distraction, the connections you'll make here will feed your soul. The fuel necessary to live abundantly.

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