



Emerald Park Playground Closes For Replacement Project

New, Modern Play Area Planned For Completion In Fall 2026

Steamboat Springs, Colorado-April 15, 2026—Emerald Park’s playground will close Monday, April 20, 2026, as crews prepare to remove the existing structure and begin construction on a new, expanded playground designed to serve a wide range of ages and abilities.

“Playgrounds are important community spaces that support physical activity, learning, and social connection across generations,” said Deputy Parks and Recreation Director—Land Management Stephanie Munro. “This project represents a significant investment in creating a more accessible, engaging, and dynamic play environment for the community.”

The Emerald Park parking lot, athletic fields and restrooms will remain open and accessible during construction. The playground is anticipated to reopen in fall 2026.

The new playground will feature two age-appropriate play structures, a 60-foot zipline, swings, a spinner, two digi-riders, benches, tables with umbrellas, seating boulders, sidewalks, a rubberized play surface and native landscaping.

In addition to new play equipment, the project will address existing drainage issues in the park and include installation of a modern, water-efficient irrigation system.

The project reflects community input gathered throughout the design process last year and will replace the existing playground with a modern, inclusive play space designed to serve a wide range of ages and abilities. The redesigned playground will also expand beyond the existing footprint to improve site functionality and enhance the overall park experience.

“This redesign allows us to reimagine the space to better serve today’s needs while improving long-term sustainability and usability,” continued Munro.

Residents and visitors are asked to respect all closures and construction areas for safety.

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