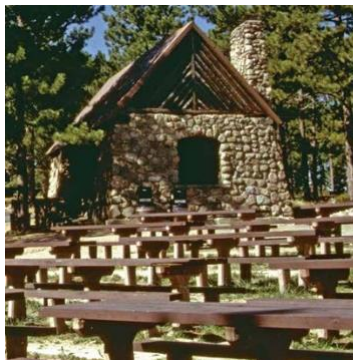


## **Responsible Recreation and Stewardship**

OSMP lands support a diverse range of recreation activities across a diversity of recreation settings. This concept is rooted in the idea that land stewards can facilitate a continuum of outdoor experiences based on the character of the landscape and by understanding what type of experiences best fit within a particular setting, both temporally and spatially (Visitor Use Management Framework, 2016). Trails are often the foundation on which memorable experiences of open space are created for our residents and visitors. OSMP plays a key role in the city and



region's open space and trail network. Beyond repair and rehabilitation work needed for existing trails on OSMP land, past Trail Study Area plans have recommended construction of some new OSMP trails. For example, the council-approved North Trail Study Area Plan recommends the design and construction of about 10 new miles of trail. In addition, future area and site planning may also result in recommendations for additional trail mileage. Staff intend to fulfill goals in past trail plans to design and



construct new trail mileage. However, department funding levels over the next decade will determine the degree to which this can be achieved— both in terms of construction and ongoing maintenance costs for new trails. Therefore, additional funding mechanisms may be sought, including management partnerships with other land managers or organizations and volunteers to support trail construction and maintenance. This desire for quality facilities was also reflected in the 2016 Resident Survey, where respondents rated the quality and importance of certain OSMP facilities. For example, six in 10 respondents felt that restrooms are important. Master Plan engagements with youth, people experiencing disabilities, and the Latinx community specifically resulted in strong interest and support for accessible, high-quality visitor facilities, including benches, picnic tables, and child-friendly restrooms to support and encourage family visits to OSMP.

### **Representative projects:**

- **Chautauqua Trailhead and Ranger Cottage Renovation -2024-2026**
- **Mt. Sanitas Trail Enhancements and Climbing Access -2025-2027**
- **Boulder Valley Ranch Trail Enhancements – 2024-2025**
- **Marshall Mesa Trailhead Gathering Area -2024**

**RRSE.A) DIVERSE RANGE OF RECREATIONAL EXPERIENCES**

A fun and diverse range of passive recreational experiences inspire stewardship and contribute to our physical and mental well-being.

**RRSE.B) ENJOYABLE, RESPONSIBLE RECREATION**

Amid changing visitor use levels and patterns, ecosystem health is sustained, and visitor experiences remain positive.

**RRSE.C) WELCOMING, ACCESSIBLE TRAILHEADS**

Welcoming trailheads and supporting recreational facilities provide access to and highlight Boulder's scenic, natural, and cultural landscape.

**RRSE.D) GREAT EXPERIENCES FOR ALL**

Visitors respect and care for each other and for the land, so all can enjoy themselves for generations to come.

**RRSE.E) HIGH-QUALITY TRAIL NETWORK**

Visitors can enjoy OSMP lands and reach a range of recreational destinations through a well-maintained, connected network of local and regional trails that is welcoming and accessible to all.