



Open Space and Regional Parks Commission Meeting March 2026

SOUTH REGION HIGHLIGHTS

- The Come in From the Cold Series wrapped up on Saturday March 14th with a performance from Reno Youth Jazz Orchestra
- Park Ranger Chris Smyczek lead a *Ranger Walk* at Bartley Ranch Regional Park. They strolled around the ranch trails and the historic buildings. The group of approximately 50 attendees also got a tour of the Western Heritage Interpretive Center and its western artifacts.
- Bartley Ranch hosted *Junior Ranger Day* on February 7th . Over 50 attendees learned about our local birds of prey and their impact on the Great Basin's ecosystem with special thanks to Great Basin Bird Observatory for assisting with the identification of some of our local species.
- Park Ranger Chris Smyczek lead a *Ranger Walk* in Hidden Valley Regional Park on Saturday March 21st highlighting the natural history of the park and its surrounding areas.

SOUTH REGION UPCOMING EVENTS

- We will be hosting a *Junior Ranger Adventure Day* at Crystal Peak Park on April 18th led by Park Ranger Bret Hartman. He will be discussing the rich history of tiny little Verdi and some of the structures remaining in the park.
- *Washoe County Rocks!* Geology series will continue at Bartley Ranch on Saturday May 2nd at 10am. Attendees will tour the park with a geologist and learn about the processes that formed the land around them.
- Park Ranger Nick Steuer will lead a *Ranger Walk* at Davis Creek Regional Park on May 9th at 10am around Davis Creek Pond and the Nature Trail. This will feature amazing views of Slide Mountain and lots of information about the wildlife you may run into at Davis Creek Park.



NORTH REGION HIGHLIGHTS

- The highly anticipated return of the *Ranger Walks* series took place on Saturday, February 7th at the Swan Lake Nature Study Area, led by Ranger Celia Walker in partnership with the Northwest Nevada Bird Alliance (formerly the Lahontan Audubon Society), attended by 25 people.
- Park Rangers Brandon Faber and Lauren Hay hosted a safety-themed *Junior Ranger Adventure Day* at Lazy 5 Regional Park on Sunday, March 8th, attended by more than 26 junior rangers and their families.
- *Wildlife Wednesdays* at Lazy 5 Regional Park continue to be very well attended, with an average of 50 people each month. The February 11th program featured a presentation on *Suburban Bobcats* presented by Dr. Meegan Gray, followed by Park Ranger Lauren Hay presenting on Cervidae (deer family) on March 11th.

NORTH REGION UPCOMING EVENTS

- Peavine District Park Rangers and the Discovery Room Volunteers team up to present *Discovery Room Crafts Days* from 10am-1pm both weeks of Spring Break, March 25th-27th and April 1st-3rd. This free program is supported solely by donations and the dedicated group of retired schoolteachers and hard-working Rangers who make it possible.
- On Saturday, April 18th, Park Ranger Gabe Barbato will lead a 4-mile round trip *Ranger Walk* along the Sugarloaf Peak Trail in Spanish Springs. With the nice weather, we expect this one to be popular. Attendance for *Ranger Walks* is typically capped at 25-30 people and Free registration is now live on our website.
- North Region staff will lead several volunteer projects as part of the annual KTMB Great Community Cleanup on Saturday, May 2nd from 8am – 12pm. North sites will include Rancho San Rafael, Swan Lake NSA, North Valleys Regional Park and Lockwood Trailhead.
- *All About Birds* is the theme of the upcoming *Junior Ranger Adventure Day* at Swan Lake Nature Study Area on Saturday, May 16th from 10-11:30am. Free registration for this event will open 30 days in advance.





WILDLIFE WEDNESDAYS AT LAZY 5
PRESENTED TODAY BY:
RANGER LAUREN HAY

The Cervidae Family of Nevada & More!

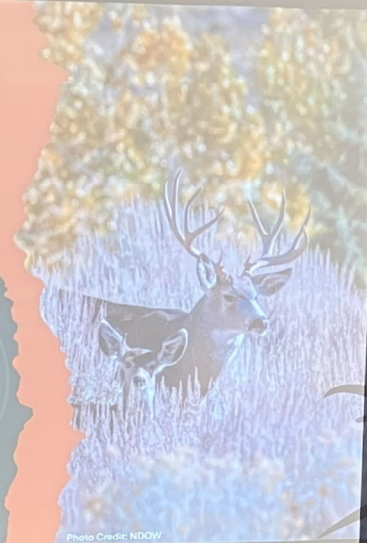


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