

# Yreka City Newsletter

Special City Parks Edition

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The City of Yreka maintains several parks and a downtown plaza which are available for public enjoyment, recreation, and sporting events. Parking is always free! The Public Works Department is in charge of maintenance of all the parks and completes upgrade work as necessary. While the Department carries out the work, the City plans what needs to be done for the future use and enjoyment of our City's parks and recreation areas. (Make sure to check out the beautiful new restrooms at Greenhorn!) Community members have also formed committees to enhance the usability and beauty of our parks. Greenhorn Park Development Initiative (GPDI) committee and the Yreka Creek Committee in partnership with the City have been very successful in obtaining grants for facility upgrades. Likewise, community members have come together to address the facility maintenance and operation issues at Ringe Pool as well.

While many of us know and use our larger parks such as Greenhorn, Miner Street, and Ringe, our smaller parks also provide us with sporting, leisure and family opportunities throughout the year. This month we are providing a profile of our local parks and top recreation spots.

**Discovery Park** With a plaque detailing the discovery of gold in Yreka in March of 1851 by Abraham Thompson, Discovery Park is a cozy triangular park situated between Yama Street, Discovery Street and Park Place. The facilities include a small set of play structures, a picnic area and benches, and restrooms. An open, sloping field lined with deciduous and coniferous trees, Discovery Park is perfect for a picnic, reading a book or playing a game of Frisbee.

**Downtown Plaza** While a drug-store originally stood in its location on the corner of Miner Street and Broadway, the City purchased the land after the building burned down. In its place, the City built a plaza for downtown patrons. A historical marker faces Miner Street while trees and a trellis of wisteria vines shade the concrete tables and benches. Checker and chess boards have been imprinted into the concrete tabletops for outdoor enjoyment. Restroom facilities are available in conjunction with the Liberty Arts Center next door. Many passersby note the plaza for its prominent clock tower.

## **Greenhorn Park**

The largest park in Yreka, Greenhorn Park has been built around an expansive reservoir sourced by Greenhorn Creek. Trails weave through the surrounding hillside and circle the lake while fishermen take advantage of both shore and rowboat fishing. A large picnic area, horseshoe pits, play structures, and a new log cabin information center and restrooms are located at Upper Greenhorn. Along the south side of the lake is old gold mining machinery and a small ghost town. Lower Greenhorn maintains a community soccer field, play structure, large picnic areas, horseshoe pits, and new restrooms. Yearly activities at Greenhorn Park include youth and adult soccer during the fall and spring, cross-country meets, mountain bike races, and a kids fishing derby.

## **Greenhorn Reservoir**



## **Lower Greenhorn**



## **Upper Greenhorn**



## **Important Numbers**

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Water Division  
(530) 841-2386

Fire Dept  
(530) 841-2383

Police Dept  
(530) 841-2300

Public Works  
(530) 841-2370

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(530) 841-2365

## **Elected Officials**

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Councilmember

Rory McNeil  
Councilmember

John Mercier  
Councilmember

David Simmen  
Councilmember

Liz Casson  
City Clerk

Michael Pavlik  
City Treasurer



**Lewis Park**

**Lewis Park** One of the smallest parks in town, Lewis Park is located on the corner of Lawrence Lane and Wendy Drive. The park has lush green grass with a fantastic play structure and is located in a quiet neighborhood. Visible from Fairchild Medical Center and not far from Evergreen Elementary School, Lewis Park is in a convenient central Yreka location.

**Ringe Park** The largest sports complex in Yreka, Ringe Park is situated on the corner of Knapp Street and Sherman Street. In Ringe Park, there are two Little League baseball fields, a community swimming pool, a large play structure and picnic areas. The local organizers of Little League baseball have recently remodeled their snack shack and concrete stadium seating is provided for the larger baseball diamond along Sherman Street. Facing Knapp St, Ringe Pool is an outdoor pool open to the public throughout the summer.



**Ringe Park**

**Newton Sports Park** Built in the 1990s, Newton Sports Park provides youth and adults alike with multiple outdoor basketball courts, a volleyball court and various outdoor training structures. Down the street from Yreka High School Football Stadium, Newton Sports Park is on the corner of North Oregon Street and Knapp Street. Newton Sports Park is built on the original site of the Siskiyou County High School and is dedicated to the memory of Dr. Albert and Genevieve Newton.



**Shasta Park**

**Shasta Park** Named for its location and stunning view of Mount Shasta, Shasta Park has two softball fields and a soccer field. Ponytail Softball makes its home at Shasta Park while soccer teams use the field during their fall and spring seasons. The park is also a favorite spot for flying kites.

**Miner Street Park** Just a few blocks from Historic Downtown Yreka on the corner of West Miner Street and Gold Street, Miner Street Park is a hub of activity throughout the year. The Yreka Chargers Football and Cheerleading can be found during the fall while various softball teams play during the spring. The Summer Concert Series, sponsored by Scott Valley Bank and other local organizations, provides concerts in the park almost every Friday night during the summer. The concerts have taken place for over a dozen years and have featured local bands such as the Lucky Duck Blues Band and Gimme Shelter, as well as showcasing a variety of visiting bands.

The facilities at Miner Street Park include four tennis courts, two play structures, a softball field, picnic areas & benches, water fountains and new restrooms. The most recent addition to Miner Street Park is horseshoe pits on the southeast side. The Yreka Skate Park sits next to the tennis courts and small parking lot. There is also ample street parking available.



**Miner St Softball Field**

## City Park Amenities

For park reservations, please call City Hall at (530) 841-2386.

	Picnic Tables	Restrooms	Play-ground	Barbecue Pits	Horseshoe Pits	Volleyball	Baseball	Fishing & Hiking	Dogs Permitted	Alcohol Permitted
Discovery Park	X	X	X						X	
Downtown Plaza	X	X							X	
Greenhorn-Lower	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X
Greenhorn-Upper	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X
Lewis Park	X		X	X					X	
Miner St Park	X	X	X		X		X			
Newton Sports					X	X			X	
Ringe Park	X		X	X			X			
Shasta Park	X						X			