



# Spokane County

PARKS, RECREATION AND GOLF  
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## County Parks Snow Removal Operational Guidelines

Spokane County Parks, Recreation & Golf maintains several park properties which are popular for winter recreation including some community and regional parks and several Conservation Futures properties such as Antoine Peak, Mica Peak, Dishman Hills, Liberty Lake, and the McKenzie Conservation Area on Newman Lake, among others.

Recreationists are encouraged to be prepared for winter driving conditions when heading out to County Parks trailheads in the winter (4WD vehicles and/or traction tires and chains are recommended). While the County Park system remains “open for access” during the off season, park services such as restrooms and garbage removal are generally limited during the winter months.

County Parks monitors snow conditions and freezing temperature elevations and we will schedule efforts to plow trailhead parking areas as time and resources allow. Park properties identified as Priority 1 in the attached matrix are the most likely to receive significant snow accumulations and the most popular for winter recreation such as snow-shoeing. Priority 2 parks are typically lower in elevation and/or have limited recreational appeal in the winter. Several other parks are NOT scheduled for any snow removal; these are listed below the matrix.

Accumulations of four (4) inches or more at designated sites will generally trigger Park Operations to schedule a visit to the site with snow removal equipment. Snow accumulations which fall over a weekend may not be cleared until the following weekday(s).

The following online weather sites may be useful to winter recreationists in planning an outing to a County Park or Conservation Futures property:

- <https://www.wunderground.com/weather/us/wa/spokane>
- <https://www.weather.gov/otx/>

If you have questions about a certain County Park Property or Spokane County Parks’ snow removal operational guidelines, please contact County Parks Operations at: (509) 926-4616 or visit us online at [www.spokanecounty.org/parks](http://www.spokanecounty.org/parks)

# 2020-2021 County Parks Snow Removal Matrix

*Please note - Beginning in 2018, changes in state legislation allowed for increased funding for the care and maintenance of Conservation Futures properties which has allowed County Parks to increase our snow removal efforts in these locations on behalf of the public.*

*	PRIORITY 1	PRIORITY 2
1	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Northeast</u>            Antoine Peak CA - East            Antoine Peak CA - West            McKenzie CA            Hauser CA</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>North</u>            Holmberg Park            Bidwell Park            Haynes CA            Bear Lake Park</p>
2	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Southeast</u>            Dishman Hills CA – Holman Rd            Dishman Hills CA – Stevens Ck            Dishman Hills CA – Glenrose            Dishman Hills CA – Phillips Ck            Mica Peak CA            Liberty Lake Park</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Central / Southwest</u>            DHNA – Lower Lot            James T. Slavin CA            Maringo Trailhead</p>
3	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Central / Southwest</u>            Plante’s Ferry            Islands Trailhead            Shields Park            Fish Lake</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Southeast</u>            Saltese Uplands CA            Prairie View Park</p>

**Note – Trailhead Elevations:**

**Antoine West: 2,600’; Antoine East: 2,260’; Mica: 2,700’; McKenzie: 2,240’; Hauser: 2,560’; Stevens Creek: 2,900’; Glenrose: 2,700’; Iller Creek: 2,380’; Phillips Creek: 2,120’**

**\* Parks Generally Not Plowed:** Camelot Park; Camp Caro (main lot closed in winter); Feryn CA; Gateway Park; Gleneden Park; Liberty Lake ORV Park; Liberty Lake Equestrian Trailhead; Linwood Park; McLellan CA; Orchard Avenue Park; Pine River Park; Sontag Park