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Fall is here and the Foothills are alive with volunteer activities, fall colors, and trail updates.

Fall Hikes for Leaf Viewing





Fall colors are appearing on the Gambel oak, bigtooth maple, serviceberry, mountain maple, and other trees in the Foothills!

We expect the best fall colors to make their appearance in early October.

For the best leaf-peeping in the Foothills, check out our team's trail recommendations:

- Avenues Ridge
- BST Parley's Point
- BST Dry Creek
- BST West City Creek

Note: Check [SLCTRAILS.com](https://slctrails.com) for trail access updates in the Foothills before heading out!

Rocky Mountain Power Wildfire Mitigation Project

Rocky Mountain Power (RMP) started Phase 3 of their [Wildfire Mitigation Project](#) in the Foothills Natural Area this month. RMP will conduct its construction work within their utility easements.

This will cause trail closures and detours in the Upper Avenues between East City Creek and Perry's Hollow. Impacted trails will include: the **Bonneville Shoreline Trail (BST)**, **Meadow Trail**, **19th Ave bike trail**, **Avenues Ridge hiking trail**, **Terrace Hills access trails**, **Kay Rees trail**, **I Street Bike Park**, and **18th Avenue Trailhead**.



- **Estimated project timeline for Phase 3:** September 16 - December 10.
- **Schedule:** Active work will occur Mon-Fri 7am-6pm. Some areas will be closed after work hours for user safety as these areas are active construction sites.
- **Notifications:** Significant signage outlining project information and trail alerts have been installed at trailheads and on trails.
- **Trail Updates:** Visit SLCFOOTHILLS.com for regular trail updates.

Fall Stewardship Series



Join us at an upcoming volunteer event in the Foothills! We are looking for community members who love the Foothills and want to lend a hand in caring for them.

This fall we are focusing our efforts on cleaning up around our most popular trailheads. Volunteers will help pick up trash, dog waste, and/or remove invasive weeds from trailheads and surrounding trails. All tools will be provided.

Click the date/time below to sign up!

- **18th Avenue Trailhead**
 - [Monday, October 14: 9am - 1am](#)
 - [Thursday, October 17: 5pm - 7pm](#)
- **Popperton Trailhead**
 - [Monday, October 21: 9am - 11am](#)
 - [Thursday, October 24: 5pm - 7pm](#)
- **Bonneville Boulevard Trailhead**

- Monday, November 4: 9am - 11am
- Thursday, November 7: 3pm - 5pm

What's Blooming in the Foothills? Late Summer Wildflowers



Wildflowers aren't just for spring and summer! You can still find colorful blooms throughout the Foothills.

In our [latest blog post](#) you can learn more about wildflowers like the Rubber Rabbitbrush, pictured above. Did you know the resin of this plant was once tested for use in making rubber?

All featured flowers are Utah natives and serve to beautify our landscape while attracting pollinators and enhancing the ecosystem, among other interesting uses!



Velvety Goldenrod
Solidago mollis
Utah Native Wildflower



Redroot Wild Buckwheat
Eriogonum racemosum
Utah Native Wildflower



Hoary Aster
Dieteria canescens
Utah Native Wildflower

Where am I? Improving Trail Signage



The Foothills are home to hundreds of signs. These important markers provide information about trail usage to keep visitors safe and informed.

Trail usage: biking, hiking, or both

Trail direction: uphill, downhill, or both

Trail name and emergency locator number

Destinations: distances to the next junction and popular destinations

This season we are updating wayfinding stickers like the ones pictured above and are adding welcome stations to many trail access points. Trailhead welcome stations will also have maps, dog waste bag dispensers, waste bins, and Salt Lake City ordinance info so you can [Be W.I.L.D.](#) while recreating in the Foothills!

We hope these signs help you seamlessly navigate your chosen route or lead you to new, interesting trail options!

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