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We are now in coyote breeding season! While we have not had any reported sightings in our Dumont Hill section this year, there were a few sightings within the park last year. We definitely understand the concern and fear associated with coyotes in close proximity and want to pass along some information to the public. Coyotes are predators. Depending on animal size, your animals may be viewed as a potential meal or a threat to the coyote. During the breeding season, coyotes may be more willing to get closer to you and your large dog to try to fend off their competition for a mate!

Year-round, the park and City Ordinance 713-04 requires all dogs be leashed whether on the trail or in open spaces. This is increasingly important during the coyote breeding season due to the possible ease of predation or territorial fighting. If you encounter a coyote in the park, clap, yell, stomp, wave your arms to frighten them away. Feel free to contact us after a sighting, so we have a record of the sighting and can seek assessment by wildlife professionals of the coyotes behaviors.

Grasslands Trail RTP



Our Grasslands Trail has been making progress as a project for over two years. It will expand our trail system by just over one mile and create a bit of variety in the scenery our trails offer. The City of Scottsville partnered with the park for submission for Recreational Trails Program funding and it is now at the Federal level for approval. The trail will be an eight foot wide gravel trail that winds around roughly fifty acres. It will tie into the existing Nature Trail on Dumont Hill and enter the Grasslands section of the park at our upcoming Oxbow Campground. This will take users by our wet weather cascades and along the edge of Potts Branch. There will be at least three trail stops to provide

opportunities to rest and appreciate the views. A group of seven donors have funded these rests and will be recognized at their point of interest along the trail.

A unique feature we hope to include will be several original sculptures. The campground will be a primitive campground with six family/small group spaces and two large group spaces available for reservation. The spaces will be around a large fire circle that our park board of directors have funded through their personal donations!

Make Your Mark



You can make your mark on Dugas Community Park by volunteering, sponsoring an event, or donating to a project! We always welcome volunteers for clean up, event help or special projects. We have several movie nights and other special events coming up this year and accept sponsorships for those events to offset our costs.

The rendering at right is a sketch of the tree trunk of our Donor Recognition Sculpture that Randall Erskine of Erskine Concepts is currently crafting for us! The sculpture is comprised of a steel trunk and individual steel leaves and will be accompanied with a recognition plaque of those who donated towards the project. The donation cost is a minimum of \$200 dollars

which is split between the sculpture cost and future development at the park.

We also have a two Oxbow Partner opportunities available to donate with the Grasslands Trail Project. For \$500, the Oxbow Partner donation level supports the project as a whole and includes naming of one of the campsites.

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