

# CITY PARK – 1500 W Mulberry Street

Acres: 85.18

Audubon Certified

City Park is our oldest Community Park. It is located along Mulberry Street between Shields Street and Taft Hill Road.

## Features Include:

City Park Lake (Sheldon Lake)

Tennis Courts - lighted

Seven Shelters

- Shelter #7 is a reservable shelter  
call 970-221-6660 for more info.

Playground

Ball Fields – lighted

Sports Fields

Basketball Courts

Horseshoe pit

Fitness Course

Replica of the Statue of Liberty

Arboretum – self-guided tree tour available.

## In City Park, but operated by Recreation

City Park Outdoor Pool / Paddle Boats

Club Tico

Pottery Studio



## HISTORY

- **1874** - John Sheldon purchased a large tract of land, west of the year-old town of Fort Collins, for a sheep ranch. Laborers excavate a large artificial lake (the pile of dug out material is now Fire Cracker Hill).
- **1904** - "The Gentlemen's Riding and Driving Club" purchased land a mile west of town and developed it into a harness racetrack and rodeo ground called "Prospect Park".
- **June 1, 1907** - 62 acres purchased from the Sheldon Sheep Farm for a park west of town.
- **1910-1911** - Professor B. O. Longyear lays out new park roads and landscaping.
- **January 3, 1912** - Professor L.D. Crain submits name for new park, at a park commission meeting, unanimously called "City Park". Summer---Woven wire fencing put up around the park and trees set out according to Longyear's plan.
- **April 1913** - Park commission purchased team of horses, wagon, harness, and other implements for upkeep as needed by the caretaker of City Park.
- **December 27, 1913** - 44 acre "Prospect Park" purchased for City Park addition (today it is part of City Park and part of the City Park Nine Golf Course).
- **1919-1923** - City Park Center first constructed as bathing and dancing pavilion. The old nursery turned into a free Municipal Campground for 26 sites averaging 30x60 feet running parallel to Oak Street (where pottery studio, shelters, and tennis courts are today).
- FireCracker Hill was once known as Knobb Hill.
- City Park Lake is also known as Sheldon Lake.
- Other parks that were "competitors" and are no longer in existence: Vecelius's Grove and Lindenmeier Lake Resort Park.