

**Outdoor Adventure and Alternative Sports Master Plan**  
**Questions & Answers**  
**From First Public Meeting**  
**9/30/21**

1. Do you think there will be a skate park?

Skateboarding is one of the listed alternative sports Denver Parks and Recreation (DPR) is considering as part of the *Outdoor Adventure and Alternative Sports Masterplan*. Through the planned community surveys, meetings and focus groups we hope to learn more about what sports will motivate Denverites to get outside and be active! It is entirely possible that this plan will advocate for more skate parks based on the results of our city-wide outreach efforts.

2. Why are we not allowed to swim in most reservoirs?

Many of the bodies of water within the Denver Parks and Recreation system have poor water quality due to stormwater runoff from streets, parking lots, and yards as well as discharge from industry and wastewater treatment. If you are swimming you could swallow water, which might have elevated levels of bacteria and subsequently could make you sick. Swimmers are encouraged to use the Denver Parks and Recreation swimming facilities throughout the city. Hand launched craft such as kayaks, paddleboards, etc. are allowed in select lakes, but users should use caution to avoid accidentally ingesting surface water. Pets should also be kept out of the City's streams and waterways as they too could become sick from drinking the water, and pet waste in or near our water bodies also contributes to water quality concerns.

For more information, please visit: <https://www.denvergov.org/Government/Agencies-Departments-Offices/Public-Health-Environment/Environmental-Quality/Water-Quality>

3. Given that pickleball is the fastest growing sport in the country what is the plan to develop more pickleball courts?

This plan is not focused on pickleball. However, Denver Parks and Recreation is working hard to build additional pickleball courts throughout the system and will continue to do so. If you have specific recommendations, reach out to 311 or [ParksPlanningInquiries@denvergov.org](mailto:ParksPlanningInquiries@denvergov.org)

4. What's the rule on cross-country skiing on golf courses?

Cross-country skiing is allowed in golf courses and DPR parks, except in areas where such activity would be dangerous or hazardous to the participant or other members of the public, including roads, playgrounds, athletic fields, parking lots, flower beds, ponds, lakes, or any area of a Park Facility which is closed to Sledding Devices by the DPR Executive Director.

5. Would DPR look beyond DPR land to offer outdoor rec opportunities?

A large part of this master planning effort is evaluating current and potential partnerships to better leverage recreation opportunities in the urban and mountain context. This may include

working with other municipalities and private partners, and may include opportunities that are not on DPR sites or that result in acquisition of new land by DPR.

6. Does this plan also include the expansion of Recreation Centers that incorporate these activities?

The plan is focused on outdoor recreation and not programs being offered inside recreation centers. However, because Denver Parks and Recreation wants to create progressive opportunities (i.e. beginner, intermediate and advanced) there will likely be recommendations on expanding some programming within recreation centers, but this is not the primary focus of the plan.

7. How do we help move activities forward?

In order to provide your feedback, please fill out [our survey](#) and continue to be involved in the process, by [signing up for updates](#).

8. Will there be a discussion or input sought on where these programs will be offered in the city?

We are currently working on a needs assessment and gap analysis of where current programs and alternative sports opportunities are being offered. Denver Parks and Recreation will place an emphasis on providing opportunities in low equity neighborhoods and filling in gaps across the city.

9. What's the best way to stay informed on progress and outdoor rec options?

[Sign up for news & updates!](#) Check out current outdoor recreation opportunities at [denvergov.org/outdoorrec](http://denvergov.org/outdoorrec)

10. What does the Master Planning process look like in terms of development, approval/funding and execution? Is there a certain timeframe you'd expect for some of these opportunities to come to fruition?

The timeline of the master planning process is detailed below and is subject to change to ensure Denver Parks and Recreation hears from a diverse group of stakeholders:

2021

Now-October: Inventory and Needs Assessment

October- December: Partnership Evaluations

2022

January: Public Meeting #2

February: Draft Plan Recommendations

March: Public Meeting #3

April: Final Plan Development

The master plan is intended to be a long-term, 20-year plan, and will likely lead to some items that can be implemented within the next 2-5 years.