



Community Sledding Hill Open & Ready For Weekend Fun *Outdoor Ice Rinks Delayed Due to Impacts from Moisture Ladened & Warm Storm*

STEAMBOAT SPRINGS, COLORADO-January 7, 2022-Howlesen Hill's grooming team put the finishing touches on the free community sledding hill at the Howlesen Rodeo Grounds last evening. The hill is open and ready for plenty of weekend fun!

The sledding hill, a roughly 20-foot-high slope whose base is comprised of snowmaking, offer a place for the community to enjoy sledding in the heart of downtown. The free community sledding hill will be open daily and will be groomed periodically. All users sled at their own risk.

The Parks & Recreation's Howlesen Hill team turned its snowmaking guns on the area laying the foundation for what would grow into the sledding slope. Additional resources were harnessed and soon the west portion of the Rodeo Grounds corralled enough snow for the new sledding hill to take shape despite the difficult snowmaking conditions seen this season.



With many activities taking place at Howlesen Park this winter, the Community Sledding Hill should be accessed via the 5th Street entrance to the Rodeo Arena and features ample public parking. Please leave parking by the outdoor ice rinks and stables Nordic area for people enjoying those activities and the main parking lot for the ski area.

The recent storm wasn't so nice to the Outdoor Ice Rinks with lots of snow coving the ice and then warm temperatures throughout much of the day. Rink crews will retrace some installation steps to finalize the sheets for public use. The city will announce when the Outdoor Ice Rinks are ready and asks the public to continue to stay off the ice.

For more than a century, Howlesen Hill has been the epicenter for winter fun in the Yampa Valley. The sledding hill and outdoor ice rinks expanded options for the community that already included skiing, snowboarding, cross-country, snowshoeing, fat-tire biking, uphill alpine touring, ski jumping and a full restaurant at the historic ski area.

-WeServeTheCity-

Contact

Angela Cosby, Parks & Recreation Director, 970.879.4300 or [email](#)
Brad Setter, Howlesen Hill Ski & Rodeo Manager, 970.879.4300 or [email](#)
Emily Hines, Marketing, Communications & Events Coordinator, 970.871.7031 or [email](#)