



YRBP Gate Construction Shifts to Yampa River Core Trail *Intermittent Core Trail Closures and Detour Expected*

STEAMBOAT SPRINGS, COLORADO-October 3, 2022-The Yampa River Botanic Park (YRBP) is embarking on a project to redesign and install new entrances that blend form, function, art, and architecture as well as significantly enhances accessibility.

Installation is underway for the new park fencing and entry gates and the project will shift from the north Emerald Park side of the park to the west Core Trail side beginning this week.

On Wednesday, October 5, crews will begin gate installation on the west side of the park along the Yampa River Core Trail. During this time, intermittent trail closures and detour will be in place to safely accommodate equipment working in the area.

The detour will go from Fetcher Pond to US40/Lincoln Ave and then along that road reconnecting to the Core Trail via Trafalgar. When equipment is not in use, the Core Trail will remain open – please follow all posted signage. The project is anticipated to be finished by early November.



Soda Mountain Construction and local craftsman Journey McKendrick fabricated the custom steel fence that will run along both the Emerald Park Entrance and the Yampa River Core Trail Entrance. Rosendo Calderon with Rams Masonry is doing the masoned columns and paver patios. Temporary pedestrian gates are in place until the artistic gates are complete and ready for installation.

A walk through the new entrances will be beautiful and makes a statement as well as improves accessibility for strollers, wheelchairs, bicycles, and adaptive equipment.

Once a sprawling horse pasture, the six-acre Yampa River Botanic Park is now home to more than 60 unique gardens, thousands of plant species, animals, and hosts special events of all shapes and sizes. An innovative experiment in private/public partnerships, the Botanic Park is free and open to the public from dawn to dusk, from April through October.

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