IDLEWILD PARK

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Trail Information:

Length of Trail: 1 mile

Trail Type: Paved, asphalt

ADA Accessible: Yes, trail and parking ADA

accesible

Restroom/Drinking Fountain: Restrooms, open

seasonally

Other: Dogs are allowed on trail but must be kept on leash. Good area for picnicking, bird watching, river fishing, biking, and photography.





History Highlights:

- Idlewild Park was once a part of James Newlands estate. In 1921 the City of Reno purchased the 49 acre estate and it was later named Idlewild after citizens voted in a newspaper contest.
- The California building was construced to house displays from CA departments and counties for the transcontinental highway expo of 1927. There were originally two bear statues in front of the building that have since disappeared. In 1938 the American Legion gave the building to the City of Reno and it is now available as a rental location for events.
- The one acre rose garden began in the 1950s and is the only rose garden in Nevada to be certified by the American Rose Society. The garden has approximately 200 rose varieties and around 1,750 total roses. Come see them bloom from June to September!

Local Biodiversity:

Horse Chestnut

Identification: This tree has broad flat leaves of 5-7 that spread out from a central stem. The light pink flowers appear in May and later develop into spiky fruit.

Fun Facts:

- The fruit is called a "conker" and the seed is toxic. Conkers can be used to repel moths.
- The flowers are not self-pollinating and rely on insects and other pollinators.
- During both World Wars, conkers were utilized due to it source of acetone, which is used to make cordite for military armaments.

Resources: "Horse Chestnut.", Woodland Trust. https://www.woodlandtrust.org. uk/trees-woods-and-wildlife/british-trees/a-z-of-british-trees/horse-chestnut/



Ginkgo Tree

Identification: This tree has fan shapped leaves that are 2-3" in length and width. The green leaves turn bright yellow in the fall. **Fun Facts:**

- The Ginkgo tree is the oldest living tree species and can live up to 3,000 years.
- The oldest leaf fossil is dated back to 250 million years ago.
- The Ginkgo tree is a nonflowering plant and can't self-pollinate. **Resources:** "Ginkgo,." Arbor Day Foundation. https://www.

Canada Goose

ID Characteristics: Canada Geese have long black necks with a white chinstrap mark. They have a tan chest and a brown back. Fun Facts:

- Canada Geese are typically smaller in northern locations and get darker as you travel west. There are at least 11 subspecies.
- The oldest known Canada Goose was at least 33 years old. Resources: "Canada Goose", All About Birds. https://www.allaboutbirds.org/quide/Canada_Goose/overview



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