

Bartley Ranch Regional Park

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Park Information:

Bartley Ranch has 3 trail systems: Flume Trail,

Ranch Loop, Quail Run Trail

Trail Type: natural, dirt path

ADA Accessible: Yes

Amenities: Restrooms, paved parking lot, historic center, horse arena

Other: Dogs are allowed on leash. Amphitheater, picnic tables, reservable buildings



History Highlights:



- Originally known as the Wheeler Estate and owned by "Uncle" Dan Wheeler who was a cattleman and prominent community member.
- A majority of the land was purchased in 1923 by Demetrio Buscaglia, an Italian immigrant who worked for Wheeler. Demitrio's son, Gustavo Buscaglia, became heavily involved in the rodeo circuit, changed his name to "Gus Bartley", and helped turn his father's land into a horse boarding and training ranch after World War II. The land belonged to the Bartley family until 1985 when it was sold to Washoe County.
- Huffaker school, built in 1867 and owned by Granville Huffaker, was decommissioned in 1950. It was then moved to the Bartley property in 1992.
- Truckee Meadows Remembered purchased 5 old ranch outbuildings, originally part of the Joe Ferreto Ranch from the 1860s-1910s, and owned by Boomtown Casino in the 1990s. The organization restored and relocated these buildings to the Bartley Ranch where they currently reside.
- The Coughlin fire of 2011 brought about great damage to the vegetation. The area has since been restored.

Local Biodiversity:

Smoketree

The smoketree is a native of Eurasia and has long been a favorite shrub or small tree for garden plantings. It was introduced into America as early as 1656 and was commonly available in nurseries by 1790. It can grow to a height of 10'-15'

- Known by many names: smokebush, European smoketree, cloud tree, wig tree, mist tree and Jupiter's beard.

-Produces flowers from June to September that are pink to yellow-pink and has hairs, which turn several shades of smoke-pink (particularly in late summer).

Features showy, blue-green leaves that range from 1¼-4" long, alternate on the branches and smell like orange peel when crushed.

Provides great fall color, with leaves turning yellow, red and purple in the fall.

<https://www.arborday.org/trees/treeguide/TreeDetail.cfm?ItemID=920>



Marmot (rodent)

A species of giant ground squirrels that are found in North America and Eurasia.

-Generally range from 6.5-15.5 lbs and 12-24 inches in length.

-They have long, coarse hair that is brownish yellow, short, stocky legs and long claws.

-They typically live in open country, mountains, and meadows. They live in burrows that they excavate.

-When scared, they make a sharp, piercing whistle.

<https://www.britannica.com/animal/marmot>



Visit these websites to learn more about this park:

https://www.washoecounty.us/parks/parks_and_trails/park_directory/truckee_river_district/bartley_ranch_regional_park.php

https://www.washoecounty.us/parks/specialty_facilities/hawkins_amphitheater.php

<https://www.newtoreno.com/bartley-ranch-regional-park-reno.htm>

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