

Park Information:

With lots of trails, beautiful views of Reno, and the chance to see Wild Horses, Hidden Valley Park is a great place to spend the day! After hiking, biking, or horseback riding on the flat, unpaved trails, you can enjoy the playground, tennis/pickleball court, volleyball court, dog park, horse arena, picnic areas, horseshoes, and barbeque area.



History Highlights:

Hidden Valley Regional Park is a 480-acre park opened in 1969 after Washoe County acquired the land from the Bureau of Land Management. Since the park's opening, there have been many improvements and developments within the park, including picnic areas, trails, trees and landscaping.

In 1978, Washoe County developed ten acres to include tennis courts, jogging paths, and picnic sites. A new playground, landscaping and picnic shelter were added in 2007. In 2007, Link Piazza, a local philanthropist and sporting goods store founder, donated a dog park, which contains separate areas for both small and large dogs.

Local Biodiversity: Northern Catalpa

ID Characteristics: A fast growing, large tree that can reach up to 60 feet. Leaves are heart-shaped, with autumn colors yellow-green to brown. Distinguished for the fragrant white clusters of flowers which bloom in May-July and long, bean-like seedpods.

Fun Facts:

- The flowers are great for insect pollinators.
- Catalpas are tolerant to drought, sun, and heat but are wind sensitive.
- Northern Catalpas are also called Cigar-trees and Hardy Catalpas.

Resources: <https://tmwa.com/plants/catalpa/>

<https://www.mortonarb.org/trees-plants/tree-plant-descriptions/northern-catalpa>



Wild Horses

ID Characteristics: Wild horses vary in color and pattern. Most wild horses are 52-60 inches tall and weigh between 700 and 1000 pounds.

Fun Facts:

- Nevada is home to over half of the wild horses protected by the BLM!
- It is illegal to pet, feed, or disturb the wild horses in Hidden Valley Regional Park, so please admire from afar.

Resources: <https://www.blm.gov/programs/wild-horse-and-burro>



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