



AGENDA  
**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2026 @ 6:00 PM**  
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS – 103 15<sup>TH</sup> AVE SE

The Park Board is provided with background information for agenda items in advance by staff. Many decisions regarding agenda items are based upon this information, as well as: city policy and practices, input from constituents and a Park Board Members personal judgment. If you would like to address the Park Board on an item not on the agenda, you will be given two minutes to address the Board under agenda item No. 7 “Presentation of Citizen Petitions and Comments.” Please state your name and address for the record. All comments are appreciated.

**1. Call to Order**

**2. Pledge of Allegiance**

**3. Roll Call**

**4. Approval of Agenda**

**5. Approval of Minutes**

Consider Approval of the Minutes from the January 12, 2026 Regular Meeting

**6. Public Hearings**

a. None

**7. Presentation of Citizen Petitions and Comments**

**8. Approval of the Consent Agenda**

a. None

**9. Old Business**

a. Update: Bixby Development (Prairie View)

**10. New Business**

a. Discuss and Review 2026 Park Events

**11. Other Business**

- a. Implementation of the 2026 Mosquito Spraying, Chemical-Free Pilot Park, and Future Amenities Survey - February 9, 2026 Water Bills: Hinz-Ibarra
- b. Public Works Updates: Dornfeld

Upcoming Meeting:

- i. Monday, March 9, 2026, at 6:00 pm

**Adjournment**

**MINUTES  
CITY OF LONSDALE  
PARK AND RECREATION ADVISORY COMMISSION  
JANUARY 12, 2026**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Miller called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm in the City Council Chambers, 103 15<sup>th</sup> Ave SE.

**2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Everyone stood and recited the pledge of allegiance.

**3. ROLL CALL**

Members Present: Jeanette Utecht, Kari Miller, Dana Nickell, and Charlie Peterfeso

Members Absent: Micki Ziskovsky

City Staff Present: City Administrator Joel Erickson, Public Works Director Joe Dornfeld, and Community Development Planner Cory Hinz-Ibarra

**4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Miller asked if there were any additions, deletions, or corrections to the agenda. A motion was made by Utecht and seconded by Peterfeso to approve the agenda addition and order. Vote for: Utecht, Miller, Nickell, and Peterfeso. Against: None. Vote 4-0. Motion carried.

**5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Miller asked if there were any additions, deletions, or corrections to the December 8, 2025 meeting minutes. A motion was made by Peterfeso and seconded by Nickell to approve the minutes from the December 8, 2025 meeting. Vote for: Utecht, Miller, Nickell, and Peterfeso. Against: None. Vote 4-0. Motion carried.

**6. PUBLIC HEARINGS**

None

**7. PRESENTATION OF CITIZEN PETITIONS AND COMMENTS**

None

**8. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA**

None

## 9. OLD BUSINESS

None

## 10. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Nominate and Elect Parks & Recreation Commission Offers for 2026  
Hinz-Ibarra said the Board needed to elect a chairperson and vice chair for 2026. Hinz-Ibarra noted the 2025 roster had Councilmember Miller as Chairperson and Jeanette Utecht as Vice Chair, with himself serving as Secretary. Councilmember Miller asked if anyone wanted to take the Chairperson position and indicated her willingness to continue if no one volunteered. For Vice Chair, Utecht offered to step down to allow someone else the opportunity and Peterfeso volunteered to serve. Hinz-Ibarra confirmed he would continue on as Secretary. A motion was made by Utecht and seconded by Nickell to elect Kari Miller as the 2026 Chairperson. Vote for: Utecht, Miller, Nickell, and Peterfeso. Against: None. Vote 4-0. Motion carried. A motion was made by Utecht and seconded by Miller to elect Charlie Peterfeso as the 2026 Vice Chair. Vote for: Utecht, Miller, Nickell, and Peterfeso. Against: None. Vote 4-0. Motion carried.
- b. Discuss and Review City Code §30.01 Park and Recreation Advisory  
Hinz-Ibarra requested the Board to review City Code §30.01 Park and Recreation Advisory. Hinz-Ibarra asked if the meeting time and day (second Monday of the month at 6:00 pm) were suitable. Utecht recommended keeping the same meeting night and time with no changes. Nickell and Peterfeso concurred.
- c. Consider Approval of Mosquito Spraying, Chemical-Free Pilot Park, and Future Amenities Survey and Rollout Options  
Hinz-Ibarra presented the survey composed from feedback at the December meeting. Hinz-Ibarra said the survey covers mosquito spraying, chemical-free park location, and input on future park amenities. Hinz-Ibarra detailed three rollout options with associated costs. Hinz-Ibarra shared feedback he had received from City Councilmembers and Zizkovsky: Wermerskirchen asked about budget, review process, and whether a stakeholder group could be formed, Vosejka favored the water bill option as the most cost-effective, Ziskovsky (absent) had concerns about seniors' technological limitations and ensuring only residents complete the survey. The Commission recommended option C - QR code on water bills, two months of SurveyMonkey subscription, provide hard copies at City Hall, the Library, and the Liquor Store, add the cost of current mosquito spraying to the survey, request address, update the wording of question 8 (should we consider). Hinz-Ibarra outlined the survey timeline and informed the Board the updated changes will be presented at the January 29, 2026 City Council. No formal action was required.

**11. OTHER BUSINESS**

- a. Hinz-Ibarra reported the Council approved the reappointment of Dana Nickell to the Park Board through December 31, 2029.
- b. Dornfeld said the ice was in rough shape at the rinks due to the weather and received exceptional feedback this season. Dornfeld confirmed the electrician was installing the new Jaycee Rink fixtures tomorrow to enable nighttime use.

**12. ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Peterfeso and seconded by Nickell to adjourn the meeting at 6:30 pm. Vote for: Utecht, Miller, Nickell, and Peterfeso. Against: None. Vote 4-0. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted:

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Cory Hinz-Ibarra, Community Development Planner



PARK & RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD STAFF REPORT

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TO: PARK & RECREATION COMMISSION  
FROM: CORY HINZ, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PLANNER  
DATE: FEBRUARY 9, 2026  
SUBJECT: UPDATE: BIXBY DEVELOPMENT (PRAIRIE VIEW)

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**Guiding Principle:** *Introduce future projects planned for the Parks Department.*

**Requested Action:** *Staff to provide Bixby Development (Prairie View) update.*

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**Introduction:**

Staff previously reviewed the Bixby Development at the March 17, 2025 meeting and discussed the park land dedication option. Staff have received an updated Concept Plan from a new developer (SML Holdings, LLC / Scott Loomis). The new Prairie View Concept Plan consist of 100 residential lots ranging in width from 42' to 62' on the 30.8 acre parcel. Currently the parcel is zoned R-1 Single-Family Detached Residential (large lots) with the City of Lonsdale Future Parks and Trails Plan not identifying a future park within the parcel. The Future Parks Trails Map does include a trail at the location. Staff will be recommending the developer to incorporate a public trail within the Developer's Agreement along the south side of County Road 96 for future connection to the upcoming MNDOT roundabout at Fig St NW and Central St W and eventually connect to 10<sup>th</sup> Ave NW. Staff is also recommending cash in lieu of park dedication which will total \$175,000 (\$1,750 park dedication fee x 100 lots) going back into the Park Fund.

**Fiscal Impact:**

1. The Park Fund potentially receiving \$175,000 cash in lieu of park dedication.

**Alternatives:**

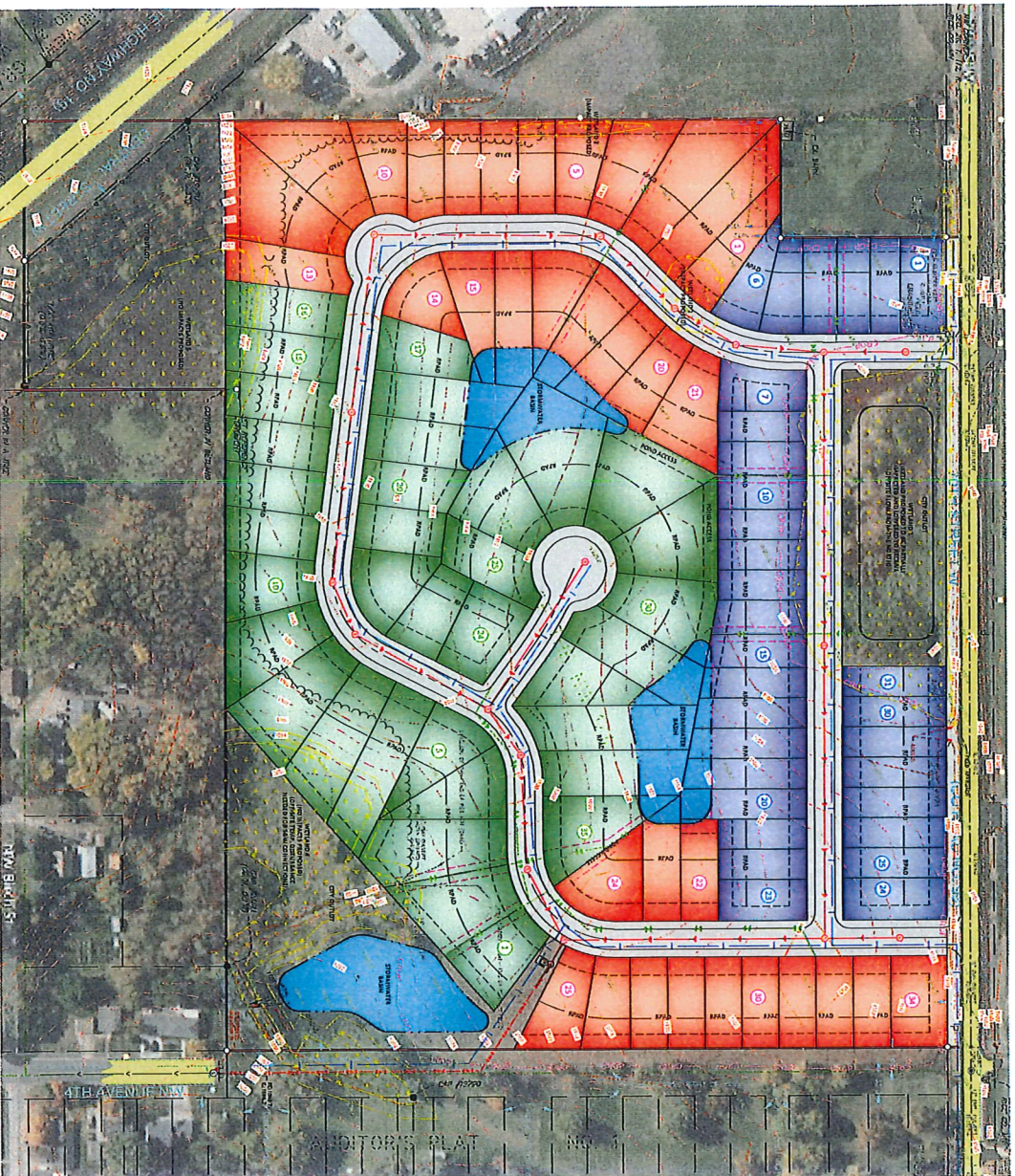
1. None, the City is moving forward with the Prairie View Development.




**Attachments:**

1. Prairie View (Lonsdale) – Concept 04
2. City of Lonsdale Map 7-5 Future Parks and Trails

# PRAIRIE VIEW (LONSDALE)- CONCEPT 04

## SML HOLDINGS LLC.



-  (31) 42' WIDE LOTS
-  (34) 52' WIDE LOTS
-  (35) 62' WIDE LOTS

100 TOTAL LOTS      6' LENGTH: 3,600 LF

**ZONING NOTES:**

PROPERTY ID: 1926200002

EXISTING ZONING: R-1 SINGLE FAMILY DETACHED- LARGE LOTS

PROPOSED ZONING: PUD

PROPOSED LOT COUNT: 100 SINGLE-FAMILY LOTS

DENSITY CALCS (BEFORE WETLAND IMPACTS):  
 GROSS PARCEL AREA: 432.3 ACRES (100%)  
 COUNTY ROAD 96 ROW: 40.9 ACRES  
 COUNTY ROAD 19 ROW: 44.2 ACRES  
 WETLANDS: 44.5 ACRES  
 WETLAND BUFFER: 25.2 ACRES  
 NET AREA: 255.2 ACRES

PROPOSED GROSS DENSITY: 100/322.3 = 3.1 UNITS/AC  
 PROPOSED NET DENSITY: 100/265.6 = 3.8 UNITS/AC

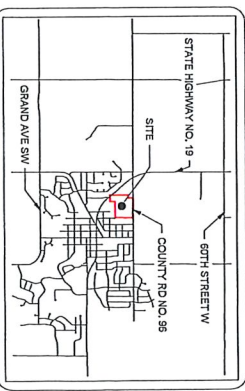
**PROPOSED LOT REQUIREMENTS & BLDG. SETBACKS:**

PUD  
 MIN. LOT SIZE: 4,800 SF  
 MIN. LOT WIDTH: 40 FT FRONT SETBACK  
 FRONT SETBACK: 25'  
 SIDE YARD SETBACK (ROW): 20'  
 SIDE YARD SETBACK (INT.): 10' (COMBINED TOTAL (5 MIN.) (42' LOTS ONLY)  
 SIDE YARD SETBACK (INT.): 12' (COMBINED TOTAL (5 MIN.) (52' & 62' LOTS)  
 REAR SETBACK: 20'  
 SETBACK FROM CR 96: 25'  
 BUILDING PAD DEPTH: 60'  
 WETLAND BUFFER: 20'  
 WETLAND BUFFER WIDTH: 20'  
 STREET WIDTH: 28' 9"-8'  
 RIGHT OF WAY CUL-DE-SAC: 60' RADIUS  
 CUL-DE-SAC: 45' RADIUS



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LAND SERVICES



# City of Lonsdale Map 7-5 Future Parks and Trails

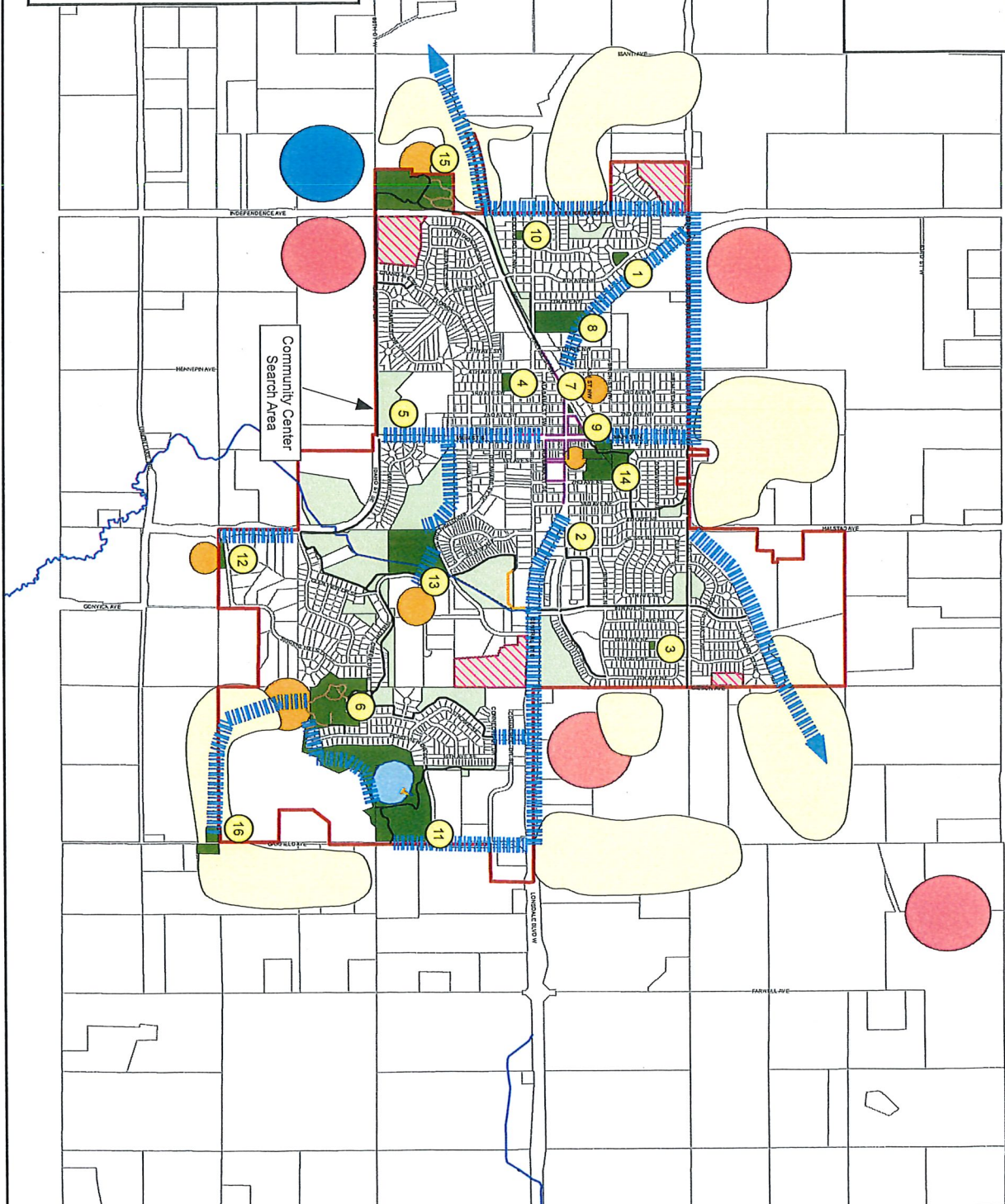
- Open Space  
Park and Recreation Areas**
1. 8th Avenue Park Area, 123 8th Avenue NW
  2. Baldwin Street Open Space, 395 Baldwin Street NE
  3. Barry Park, 514 10th Avenue NE, 3rd Avenue South
  4. Idaho Street Open Space, 1001 Main Street S
  5. Kollina Park, 689 Pendview Drive SE
  6. Lons Park, 200 Central Street W
  7. Jaycee Park, 600 Arizona St NW
  8. a) Main Street Plaza, 727 Main Street N  
b) Main Street Plaza, 727 Main Street NW
  9. Rezac Nature Preserve, 7640 Garfield Ave
  10. Waldens Park, 800 Colorado Street NW
  11. Singing Hills Park, 405 Singing Hills Drive SE
  12. Sticha Park, 515 Industrial Drive SE
  13. Trench Memorial Park (ONS Park), 250 Main Street North
  14. Trench Memorial School & Church, 8501 Garfield Avenue
  15. Hester (Old) Trenchigan Church, 8501 Garfield Avenue

	Privately Owned Open Space		Future Open Space
	City Owned Open Space		Future Park Expansion
	City Park		Future Sports Complex
	City Limits		Park Search Area
	Streams		Future Trail Routes
	Lakes/Ponds		
	Trail		
	Side Walk		
	Boardwalk		
	Grass Trail		

Future Park and Open Spaces are in general areas and not specific parcels. Future trails are in general locations to be determined with final design in the future.

Map Date: October 30, 2016

0 625 1,250 2,500 3,750 5,000 Feet





PARK & RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD STAFF REPORT

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TO: PARK & RECREATION COMMISSION  
FROM: CORY HINZ, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PLANNER  
DATE: FEBRUARY 9, 2026  
SUBJECT: DISCUSS AND REVIEW 2026 PARK EVENTS

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**Guiding Principle:** *Enhance existing programs and plan future events.*

**Requested Action:** *Discuss and review 2026 Park Events.*

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**Introduction:**

At the January 12, 2026 Park Board Meeting, Councilmember Miller recommended the Board to discuss and review 2026 Park Events. Currently the Arbor Day Tree Planting Event is scheduled for Friday, April 24, 2026 with logistic to be determined. Staff is requesting the Board to discuss and plan for the Arbor Day Event and other proposed events throughout 2026.

**Fiscal Impact:**

1. Depending upon the recommendation of the Park Board. Expenses would not include Staff time.

**Alternatives:**

1. Do not discuss 2026 Park Events.

**Attachments:**

1. 150 Ways to Celebrate Trees on Arbor Day

# 150 Ways to Celebrate Trees on Arbor Day

## DIY

- Make evergreen tree Rice Krispie treats.
- Bake cookies with different tree designs on them.
- Decorate cupcakes with leaf-shaped icing.
- Make your favorite drink but green (bubble tea, milkshakes, iced coffee).
- Create tree-themed latte foam art.
- Make homemade syrup from a tree.
- Create confetti out of fallen leaves.
- Make your own potpourri out of natural materials.
- Create a tree patterned green tie-dyed shirt.
- Craft jewelry out of leaves, twigs, or nuts.
- Make clay impressions with different leaves.
- Find ways to repurpose fallen trees.
- Build something out of recycled wood.

## Arts & Crafts

- Do a paint by number for a treescape.
- Paint or draw your favorite tree.
- Make a fingerprint tree.
- Do an art project of planting fallen tree branches.
- Create some nature art by painting pinecones or painting leaves.
- Sidewalk chalk - drawing a forest through your neighborhood/city/driveway.
- Sponsor a craft show featuring exhibitors who engage in crafts with natural materials.
- Make holiday tree ornaments.
- Do a photo-shoot in a forest or with your favorite tree.
- Create a tree pop-up card.
- Craft an apple tree out of pipe cleaners and red cotton balls.
- Make a bird feeder out of fallen pinecones.
- Create a scrapbook out of different tree leaves.
- Make a 'shades of nature' collage with parts of trees.
- Create trees out of yarn stamps.
- Make tree ring stamps.
- Spend an afternoon doing bark rubbings with your local trees.
- Make a forest diorama from only things you find outside.

## **Kid-Themed Activities**

- Create an animal out of twigs and leaves.
- Make a tree sculpture out of a paper bag.
- Organize a nature art show for kids.
- Enjoy tree games and activities on our [Tree Education Hub](#).
- Volunteer at a local school to teach a short tree lesson to students.
- Introduce a young person to tree-related education at [ArborDay.org/kids](http://ArborDay.org/kids).
- Inspire a local school to apply for [Tree Campus K-12 recognition](#).

## **Interact with a Tree**

- Plant a tree.
- Hug a tree.
- Climb a tree.
- Adopt a tree in need.
- Sponsor a tree.
- Participate in a 'tree care' day by mulching, pruning, and watering your trees.
- Bury a treecapsule (time capsule full of trees seeds).
- Meditate under the shade of a tree.
- Put up a hammock between trees.

## **Group Activities**

- Visiting your local park or forest.
- Volunteer to clean up a local forest or park.
- Host a tree distribution where you can give away trees to people in your community.
- Organize a tree fair.
- Have a parade of trees.
- Host tree-themed block party.
- Organize a search for the biggest tree in the community.
- Have a family picnic under a tree.
- Organize a nature or tree scavenger hunt.
- Hold an outdoor concert surrounded by trees.
- Hold an Arbor Day ceremony and honor the good tree stewards in your community.

## Competitions

- Hold a bird house building competition.
- Create a tree poster competition.
- Do the jellybean game but with park trees (guess how many trees are in a park).
- Create a tree poetry contest.
- Hold a treevia night where you play tree fact-based trivia.

## Education

- Explore how water travels through trees.
- Study the veins of leaves under magnifying lenses.
- Gather a bag of leaves and try to identify the species of trees.
- Learn why leaves change colors.
- Lead or partake in a tree tour (Tree ID).
- Attend or lead a tree planting seminar.
- Learn about trees at a local tree nursery.
- Volunteer with a local tree planting organization.
- Create a tree themed crossword puzzle.
- Learn more about the trees in your yard.
- Help your city with their tree canopy assessment.
- Volunteer to take care of your current trees.
- Learn about the different types of forests: temperate, tropical, and boreal.
- Explore how trees keep our waterways clean.
- Get to know your community trees a bit better with the Tree ID with Pete series.
- Learn about all the ways community trees benefit our health.
- Organize a tree identification hike.

## Social Media

- Arbor Day Makeup Challenge - create a makeup look inspired by nature or trees.
- Organize a small social media hashtag campaign about trees with your local community.
- Create a TikTok dance about trees.
- Use the Arbor Day Facebook profile frame.
- Follow and engage with tree organizations on social media.
- Start a Facebook fundraiser for a local tree planting organization.
- Make a Spotify playlist with songs about trees.
- Like and share posts about Arbor Day.
- Create a tree meme.
- Take your partner on a tree-themed date.
- Post a picture of your favorite tree.

- Tell tree-related jokes - ([here's a list to get you started](#)).
- Follow a tree-related Instagram account.

### **Local Community**

- Lead a guided tree walk.
- Hide geocaches under and around trees in your community.
- Donate to your local tree planting organization.
- Send seedlings to school as a gift.
- Create a tree passport for all the trees in your community.
- Volunteer with a local tree-planting organization.
- Visit your local orchard.
- Write a thank you card for your local arborist.
- Thank your local urban forester.
- Urge your community leaders to take on a new urban forestry initiative.

### **Games**

- Play a tree related board game. [Here is a list of a few.](#)
- Make or do a tree themed bingo.
- Create and do a tree themed word search.
- Make a sensory maze on a posterboard with leaves.
- Complete a tree puzzle.

### **Reading and Writing**

- Write a song about trees.
- Read a book about trees.
- Write a short story about trees.
- Read a book under a tree.
- Write a haiku about a tree.
- Write a story, produce a play, or present a skit about trees.
- Create an alphabet book for trees.
- Find a favorite quote about trees.
- Make a list of fantasy forests (Fangorn, Forbidden Forest, Mirkwood).
- Write a letter to a tree.

## Miscellaneous

- Take a "[what kind of tree](#)" are you quiz.
- Have a tree planted in honor or celebration of someone.
- Sport your [Arbor Day swag](#).
- Nominate somebody for the [Arbor Day awards](#).
- Purchase from a brand that gives back to reforestation efforts.
- Dress up like a tree.
- Camp in a national forest or state park.
- Go hiking.
- Make a tree-based sustainable swap.
- Practice [Shinrin Yoku](#).
- Practice tree themed yoga poses.
- Record your own version of John Denver's "[Plant a Tree](#)" song.
- Give names to the trees on your property.
- Tell someone you love them under a tree.
- Make tree shadow puppets.
- Go bird watching in your favorite park or forest.
- Build a charcuterie (treecuterie) board using tree fruits and tree nuts.
- Go on a sound walk to observe the sounds of a local forest or park.
- Look up your neighborhood's [Tree Equity Score](#).
- Look up your neighborhood's [Nature Score](#).
- [Find out if you live in a Tree City USA community](#).
- Find out if your alma mater is a [Tree Campus Higher Education](#) college or university.
- Admire the trees in a national park on a [Google Earth virtual tour](#).
- Visit an enchanted forest on a [Google Earth virtual tour](#).
- Immerse yourself in a forest somewhere in the world through audio with the [Sounds of the Forest](#) project.
- Listen to a podcast about nature.
- Catch a Sudowoodo or other tree-themed Pokémon in Pokémon Go.
- Measure how tall you are in leaves.
- Gift someone a tree.
- Fill out a "3 Ways I Can Help Trees" list.
- Fill out a [gratitude tree](#).
- Visit an arboretum.