

## Parks and Recreation District: New Projects

The purpose of establishing a Red Lodge Area Parks and Recreation District is to maintain and improve the City's parks, trails, and open spaces. Among the potential projects that participants mentioned in the survey conducted for the 2015 Comprehensive Parks Plan were ideas for new developments in the City's parks. The Comprehensive Parks Plan can be viewed at the City website: <http://cityofredlodge.net/departments/parks-board/>.

- The City has received feedback from the public that they would like to have a permanent restroom in Rotary Park. This is a project that may be possible with a Parks and Recreation District.
- In the Comprehensive Parks Plan, linear park (trail) development ranked high among survey participants. A Park and Recreation District that included the high school district would enable expansion of the existing trail system.
- Goals for linear trail development within and close to Red Lodge would enable connections to be made from the City to the nearby National Forest trails and provide more access to Rock Creek.

If established, the Parks and Recreation District would seek public input for an updated Comprehensive Parks Plan to help prioritize projects and expenditures.

