



SALT LAKE CITY
PARKS & PUBLIC LANDS

Welcome to Parleys Historic Nature Park

Established in 1986, this park is one of our city's most ecologically diverse natural areas. Salt Lake City protects the critical natural resources, wildlife, and historical remnants within. Parley's Creek, native trout, and the aqueduct—these are just a few of the treasures of Parley's Historic Nature Park.

Natural stream habitat within the City is rare and precious. As you explore this 88-acre park, look and listen for the wild residents that call this urban oasis home.

Did You Know?

More than 100 species of birds have been spotted here in Parleys Historic Nature Park. Many, like the sharp-shinned hawk and northern flicker, live here year-round.

Salt Lake City's Open Space Network

Parleys Historic Nature Park is a designated nature preserve. Our city's natural lands conserve biodiversity and beauty, support healthy air and water quality, and safeguard critical parts of our cultural and natural heritage. They are part of a network of open space areas stretching from the foothills to the Great Salt Lake. This network includes more than 2,200 acres of natural lands, developed parks, and the city cemetery, all managed by the Salt Lake City Parks and Public Lands Program.



Jessica Weinberg, Golden Gate National Parks Conservancy



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Clockwise from top: California quail adult and chicks; western screech-owl; Woods' rose; boxelder.

Walk on the Wild Side

Dogs are not allowed in this section of Parleys Historic Nature Park. That gives wild animals a little more breathing room—especially those that nest and forage on the ground.

This nature park is a magnet for wildlife, particularly along Parleys Creek. The creek nurtures many species of water-loving native plants—from grasses and willows to towering cottonwoods. These plants give rise to the berries, nuts, seeds, and insects that feed bats, rabbits, squirrels, songbirds, and other small animals.

Small animals, in turn, become food for predators like red fox, longtail weasel, great-horned owl, and Cooper's hawk. Look and listen closely as you explore this nature park, and you'll likely spot some of the many animals that live here.



Take Part! Backyards for Wildlife

Parleys Historic Nature Park is a jewel of wildlife habitat in our city. You can create more habitat for wild animals by planting native plants like Lewis blue flax (left) in your yard. Learn more at slcparks.com, (801) 972-7800.