

## Celebrating 2024

Thanks to our dedicated volunteer community, the City of Boise continues to have one of the best park systems in the country.

In Fiscal Year 2024 volunteers spent 49,586 hours caring for Boise Parks and Open Spaces which is equivalent to 24 additional full time staff members!

Our volunteers bring a vast array of expertise and passion to our department. We greatly appreciate you the time and care that you pour into these spaces.



## New Year Involvement Opportunities!



### Become an Idaho Master Naturalist

The City of Trees chapter is now accepting applications for its 2025 Master naturalist class. Participants complete 40 hours of experiential training on Idaho's ecology, plants, animals and natural systems, as well as 40 hours of volunteer service to become a certified Idaho Master Naturalist.

Coordinated by staff from Boise Parks and Recreation, the Boise WaterShed, Open Space, and Zoo Boise, the City of Trees chapter of is one of ten Idaho Master Naturalist chapters that work toward engaging residents in the stewardship of Idaho's natural world.

From March- October, classes will be mainly held on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month, 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. The program fee is \$100. Contact Jerry Pugh at 208-608-7617 or [jpugh@cityofboise.org](mailto:jpugh@cityofboise.org) to sign up.

### Join the Tree Wrapping Team

Black cottonwoods and willows are critical components of the Boise River's habitat. They are a favorite food and construction resource for the American beaver, and as such require protection if we want to maintain a healthy tree canopy along the Boise River.

November through March, we will wrap trees with wire along the river corridor on Tuesday mornings. Wire, tools, and training will be provided. If interested in lending a hand, sign up online or contact us below.





Scan here for event details.

# Participate the 2025 Ada County City Nature Challenge

The City Nature Challenge is a free, crowd-sourced event aimed at documenting global biodiversity while fostering a greater appreciation for nature. From Friday, April 25th to Monday, April 28th, 2025, use iNaturalist to make observations of local, wild organisms alongside a global network of community scientists. It's as easy as walking outside, snapping a photo of something wild, and clicking "upload"!



Photo credit Kim Chmura

Keep an eye out for the Summer Parks & Recreation Activity Guide for more Community Science in 2025!

## Become a Tree Steward

Love trees? Be a Tree Steward!

The Tree Steward Program provides opportunity to learn about and care for our community's trees with training and hands on experience. It includes an orientation led by a trained and certified tree care professional and time in the field working with staff and current Tree Stewards to help maintain trees in Boise parks.

Work parties take place on Thursday mornings, 9:00 - 11:00 a.m. from March through November where the real learning takes place through action! Participants that complete 30 hours of service during the year, will become a certified Tree Steward.



## Tending to the Gardens

### Julia Davis Park Rose Garden

Weekly volunteer work parties take place at the beloved Julia Davis Rose Garden on Friday mornings 8 - 11 a.m. and will begin on April 2, 2025. Participants help with the heavy prune in the spring and weed and deadhead through the growing season.

### Pollinator Posse

Weekly volunteer garden parties take place on Tuesday mornings starting March 25, 2025. Participants will help plant new pollinator plants as needed, add mulch to planting beds, remove weeds and monitor for pollinators.



Visit our Volunteer Sign up website here <http://bit.ly/49I9cSh> or...

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Happy New Year!

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