



Silver State Legacy Park Award

Description:

A Silver State Legacy Park is a park that holds special prominence in the local community and the state of Nevada. These parks have endured the test of time and have become iconic to those who have visited, played and rested on their grounds. Designation as a Silver State Legacy Park is the highest accolade the Nevada Recreation and Park Society can bestow upon a park.



Idlewild Park, Reno, Nevada circa 1930

Parks have played an important role in the development of our communities throughout history. Much like Main Streets helped to provide commerce and identity, local parks helped to promote community, natural respite, and social interaction as communities were founded, developed, and prospered.

Silver State Legacy Parks are not meant to be of a specific size, make up, or location. The designation is to recognize what a park means to a particular community. While New York City is home to Central Park, and Los Angeles has Griffith Park, communities all over our state have parks that have been a source of great pride and

history. Some parks are significant for their natural resources, including their deserts, springs and wetlands. Other parks are noteworthy for annual traditions such as parades, pageants, and festivals. Silver State Legacy Park recognition will honor the significant impact these sites have made on their communities and citizens.

Submitting Applications:

Each entry must be submitted to nrps@nrps.org. In the subject line please title it Silver State Legacy Park Award. **Applications are due by February 16, 2024.** Successful applicants will be announced at the Nevada Recreation and Park Society Annual Conference on April 16, 2024. Agencies may submit one park each year for consideration.

Criteria:

Legacy Parks must be at least 20 years old, designated as a public park and meet at least one of the following:

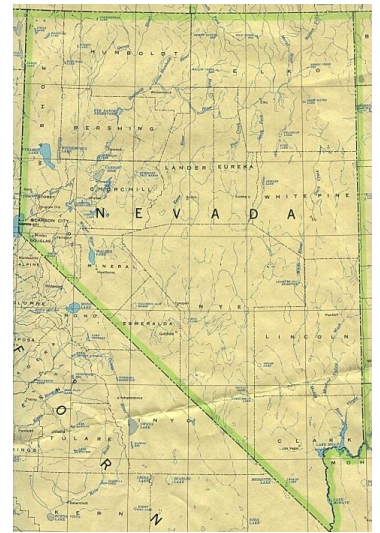
- The park is recognized as a regional, community or neighborhood park.
- The property represents distinctive design and/or construction.
- The park is associated with historic events or sites.
- The park is associated with events specific to the local community/state.
- The park is home to unique natural features.

Judging:

Judging will be done by a panel consisting of:

- ☐ One (1) ASLA Representative
- ☐ Two (2) NRPS Professional Members
- ☐ One (1) NRPS Academic Representative
- ☐ One (1) Planning/Landscape Architect Representative

Panel members will review applications and apply points to each criterion. Points will be tallied and applications with the highest scores will be awarded the designation. The review committee will make final decisions on the number of eligible awards to make in a year.



Marketing of Silver State Legacy Parks:

All parks designated as Legacy Parks will be included in marketing materials including rack cards, website, PSA's and other collateral materials as appropriate. These materials will be used to promote the parks and their communities as a part of Heritage Tourism. Materials will be updated annually to include newly awarded sites.

Application Information to be submitted on the webform:

Name of Park, location, agency director, the year the park was established, Original acreage, Current acreage, and the following information:

Application Narrative (limit to three pages):

1. Please include a narrative describing why this park is deserving of the Silver State Legacy Parks designation. Include information regarding the park's original amenities and design, current amenities, unique features, and natural characteristics.
2. Explain if the park played a significant role in environmental and/or cultural or heritage preservation within the community. Explain how the park and/or individual resources within the park relate to local or state prominence.
3. Describe any historic features or located within the park including any WPA/CCC work and/or any historic designations.
4. Please describe any citizen support systems, initiatives or advocacy programs that support the park.
5. Please list previous awards given to park.
6. Please provide a summary of park usage and average annual attendance.

Attachments:

6-10 digital photos are required with the submission that document park history including unique, natural and historic features of the park. A video representing the same is allowed; however, photos will still be required.

Please include letters of support from at least **two** of the following:

- Resident or Park User
- City or County Manager
- Mayor or Commissioner
- Park Advisory Board Member
- Local Organization with ties to the Park
- Chamber of Commerce

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- Local Historic Commission
- Academic with specialization in landscape architecture, history, natural resources, etc.

Please include letters of verification of historic designation if applicable:

- Nevada State Historic Preservation Office
- Local Historic Commission if locally designated landmark

Please include a copy of park site plan or master plan if available.

Please include a timeline of park history noting major milestones, historic events, renovations & improvements, or natural disasters regarding the park (limit one page).

Please include a narrative summary of 600 words or less for the award banner and website submission.



Kiel Ranch Historic Park, City of North Las Vegas

If you have any questions about this award, please contact nrps@nrps.org

All agencies/individuals submitting entries will be notified prior to the State Conference as to whether or not they have won an award.



Tahoe Blue Event Center, Lake Tahoe (Stateline) NV
Nevada Recreation & Park Society Annual Conference
April 15th – 17th 2024