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# RUSHMORE LIONS NATURE PARK

## Rapid Creek Wilderness Trail Loop

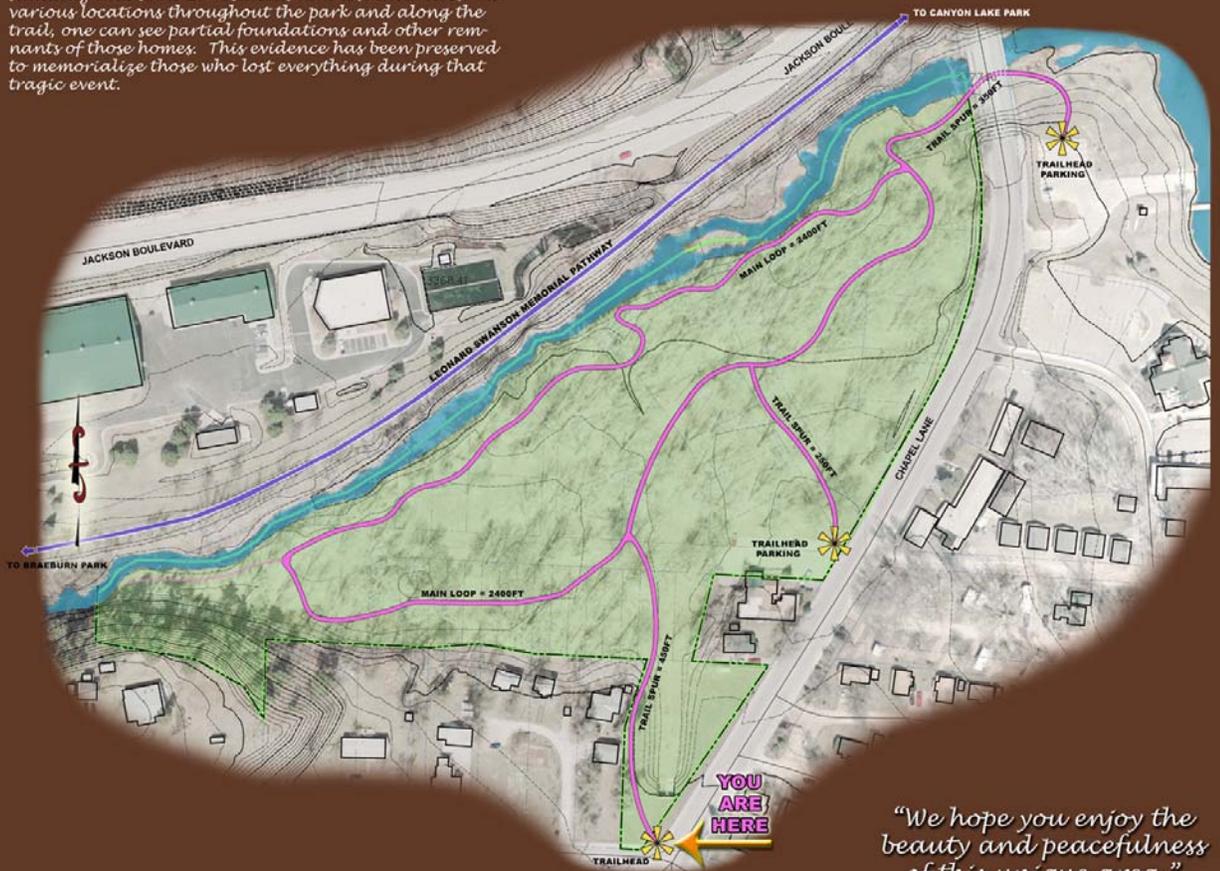
"A Service Club partnership with Rapid City Parks and Recreation"



Before the Rapid City Flood of June 9, 1972, the area which is now Rushmore Lions Nature Park was known as Jackson Park Subdivision. This was a residential area with 40 home sites and approximately 100 residents. The morning after the flood, only two houses were left standing and some 20 residents had lost their lives. At various locations throughout the park and along the trail, one can see partial foundations and other remnants of those homes. This evidence has been preserved to memorialize those who lost everything during that tragic event.



LIONS CLUB MEMBERS WORKED WITH A LOCAL CONTRACTOR TO EXCAVATE THE EXISTING SOIL AND INSTALL THE NEW AGGREGATE TRAIL SURFACE, AS SHOWN IN THE PHOTOS.



In March 2008, the Rushmore Lions Club of Rapid City formally adopted a public service project to develop a nature park west of Canyon Lake, on land owned by Pennington County and the City of Rapid City. Subsequently, a former home site in the area was given to the Club by a private donor for this project. Through the combined efforts of the Rapid City Parks & Recreation Department and the Lions Club, a plan was developed and money was raised to make the Rushmore Lions Nature Park a reality. Formal approval was given by the Rapid City Common Council on February 16, 2010, and the first phase of trail building was completed June 30, 2010 by the Lions Club.

"We hope you enjoy the beauty and peacefulness of this unique area."

Rushmore Lions Club

