

Rancho San Rafael: Park Programming Inside Nevada Farms & Families Area



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Background

- The NFF (formerly the Great Basin Adventure) is a special area within Rancho San Rafael which highlights Nevada's farming and ranching history
- The area includes; 2 pavilions, 2 playgrounds, an educational area about Basque history, 2 gardens, and several locally donated tractors to climb on!
- We host many programs throughout the year across the entire area for all ages!



Farm Day

- Began in 2014 hosted by Washoe County Park Rangers who partner with local groups and volunteers to make it happen!
 - Truckee Meadows Parks Foundation
 - Keep Truckee Meadows Beautiful
 - Washoe County Library
 - Valley Amigos Ranch
 - NV Department of Agriculture
 - May Arboretum Society
 - Comstock Gold Prospectors
 - WCSC Mounted Patrol
 - UNR Master Gardeners
 - 4-H of Northern Nevada



Community Garden

- 2020 – Pumpkins, sunflowers, and Kids Kottage!
- 2021 - Community Garden start by Washoe County Park Rangers
- IGT – Donation of slot machine crates
- 2022 – Partnered with UNR Master Gardeners Cooperative Extension volunteers
- Each week throughout the growing season donations are made to Reno Sparks Gospel Mission
- **2024 – 755 pounds of produce donated!!!**
- **Coming Summer 2025: Master Gardener Talks**



Discovery Room

- 1989 - The Discovery Room officially opened
 - Dedicated volunteers since opening!
- Children's hands on activities
- Open at different times throughout the year
 - 2025 Spring Break in the Wilbur D. May Museum
 - Upcoming Summer 2025: "Themed Weeks"
 - Pollinators, Rodeo, Spiders, Geology, Pond Life, and Gardening!



Upcoming Events

- North Valleys Community Fair:
 - June 12th alongside Food Truck Thursday at North Valleys Regional Park
- Skate Jams:
 - June 28th at North Valleys Regional Park
 - July 26th at Cold Springs Park
 - August 23rd at Lazy 5 Regional Park
- September:
 - Junior Ranger at North Valleys Regional Park
- November:
 - Meet the Turkeys at Rancho San Rafael Regional Park
- December:
 - Christmas Trees for Special Families at Rancho San Rafael Regional Park



**Programming and
events are not
possible without our
partners and
volunteers.**

**Thank you for all
you do!**

