

GAME TRAIL CONTINUES TO GROW

Game Trail has over 400 parcels of land, of which there are currently over 300 houses and many more planned to be built in the near future. In present day, Game Trail continues as a unique self-managed homeowners association (HOA), Game Trail Association, Inc, a non-profit corporation consisting of all property owners of Game Trail, with an elected Board of Directors that are responsible for the administration of the community. There are currently ten committees within the HOA that are a collection of volunteers from the Game Trail membership and are what keep this community running as smoothly as possible. A complete list can be found on the Game Trail website: <https://gametrailassn.org/Committees>

Many of the original homeowners still live in Game Trail and with their diligence of providing social events, welcoming new homeowners, and preserving the high quality of the community, they have helped to build the magical place that exists today. The population of Game Trail consists of full time and part time residents. Some homes are now used as short term rentals as well as long term rentals. With the addition of many young families, the face of Game Trail has turned out to be a community of diversity which provides various points of view and talents. The retirees that have chosen this community for their retirement years supply their knowledge and expertise to help with issues that may arise in certain committees.

Wildlife has always been abundant in Game Trail and protected by the wildlife conservation easement, Elk Corridor, which was established in 2002 for preserving approximately 400 acres for the Elk, Deer, Pronghorn, and other forms of wildlife. Such a grand sight to behold when the large Elk herds make their way to the high country in the spring months. The homeowners in the meadow are fortunate to have so many of these beautiful animals graze within their property lines and perhaps join in for a morning cup of coffee or a sunset wine toast. The moose population has grown over the past several years

and it is not uncommon to have “Bullwinkle” find a patch of leftover snow to lay in and cool off under a tree. Predators are certainly a part of Game Trail, especially in the higher elevations which include coyotes, Mountain Lion, and Bobcat, hawks, eagles, and an occasional Osprey that may fly over from Clear Creek Reservoir or Twin Lakes. The migration of birds of many species, including hummingbirds, Dark Eyed Junco, Western Tanager, Owls, Woodpeckers, and Blue Jays is abundant in this area. Game Trail has its own flock of Wild Turkeys that are assisted by Chip and Judy Wait.

Wildfire is always a possibility in Game Trail and with the help of the Forestry Committee, Game Trail has been recognized as a NFPA Firewise USA community. Each homeowner in Game Trail is responsible for maintaining their trees on their property for the health and diminish the risk of wildfire.

Game Trail has grown into a community of diverse backgrounds that find a common ground in the sense of maintaining high standards of fire safety, enforcing a Dark Sky neighborhood, setting standards of quality housing, respecting the wildlife and their place amidst the homes, and creating a sense of togetherness to rely on each other for entertainment and assistance in time of need. Neighbors participate in the many groups that have formed such as book clubs, wine tasting, music groups, stained glass, Bunco, hiking, along with social gatherings for holiday and special events. The thing that makes Game Trail so special is the sense of community that cultivates respect and camaraderie.