



An old space is **REIMAGINED** in Caras Park

As envisioned in the North Riverside Parks and Trails Plan, there is a unique opportunity to better utilize the space underneath the Beartracks Bridge in Downtown Missoula. Currently, the space is unwelcoming and creates a void between East Caras Park and Caras Park. Through a collaborative process with Missoula Parks & Recreation, a design has been created that incorporates infrastructure to support recreational activities, installing art, adding unique lighting, and enhancing pedestrian circulation to create a welcoming space with activity to reduce crime and bring a new experience to those who use Caras Park. The improvements under the bridge will create a year-round park destination that is accessible and engaging for people of all ages.

The initial stages of activation and implementation of the project seek to transform the space in a short timeframe so that event promoters, youth programs, and everyday park users can begin to use the space in the summer of 2023. These improvements include.

- Ground surface painting
- Table Tennis
- Half-court Basket Ball
- Picnic Tables
- Flexible use space with skate boarding features
- Enclosure of dumpsters
- Bicycle parking

Future implementation plans include more complex features including swings, dynamic lighting, and a climbing feature designed for a wide age range of users.

You can support this project through a gift to the Missoula Downtown Foundation.



BIG IDEAS: MAKING THE SPACE ONE OF A KIND

Immediate activation of the underbridge space in Summer 2023 will set the stage for future plans and improvements that will create a one of a kind experience for visitors to Caras Park. Future improvements consist of 3 key elements described right.

- **A climbing feature** for ages 5+ with required fall protection. (\$45,000)
- **Dynamic and interactive lighting** that activates the space during non-daylight hours in an artistic and engaging way. (\$40,000)
- **Paint on the pillars** and bridge supports to add vibrancy to the space. (cost on design)

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