

Partnership

The Comanche Nature Park was created in 2004 when the Town of New Harmony entered into a partnership (lease/patent) with the Bureau of Land Management under the Recreation and Public Purposes Act. The partnership agreement stated that if the Town made certain improvement to the area, within a designated amount of time, that the BLM would give the town the 40 acres as a designated recreational area. The improvements included:

- A parking area and information kiosk.
- A hiking and mountain biking trail network.
- A pavilion and pit toilet.
- A fence surrounding the property on the north side and directional fencing throughout the trail network.
- Interpretive panels.

From 2004-2019, under the direction of the Mayor Joel Webster, the Town worked to make the required improvements. The Dixie National Forest, who shares the trailhead with the nature park provided the information kiosk and pit toilet. Many community volunteers have donated time and equipment to meet the requirements in the lease. A special thanks to DJ Morisette, Mark Imlay, Casey O'Hara, Curtis and Holly Hadley, and Jane Zimmerrman for their hard work.

The community of New Harmony is growing and there is a need for additional entertainment and leisure activities. Just as water, sewer, and public safety are considered essential public services, parks are vitally important to establishing and maintaining the quality of life in a community, ensuring the health of families and youth, and contributing to the economic and environmental well-being of a community and a region. It is anticipated that this area will become a favorite recreational area for members of the community and their posterity to enjoy for years to come.

Special thanks to the Utah Outdoor Recreation Grant for helping to finish the interpretive panels.

