

Stories of Roxborough

“Goin’ For The Gold”



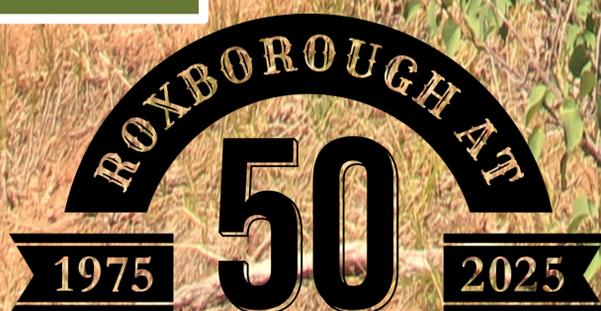
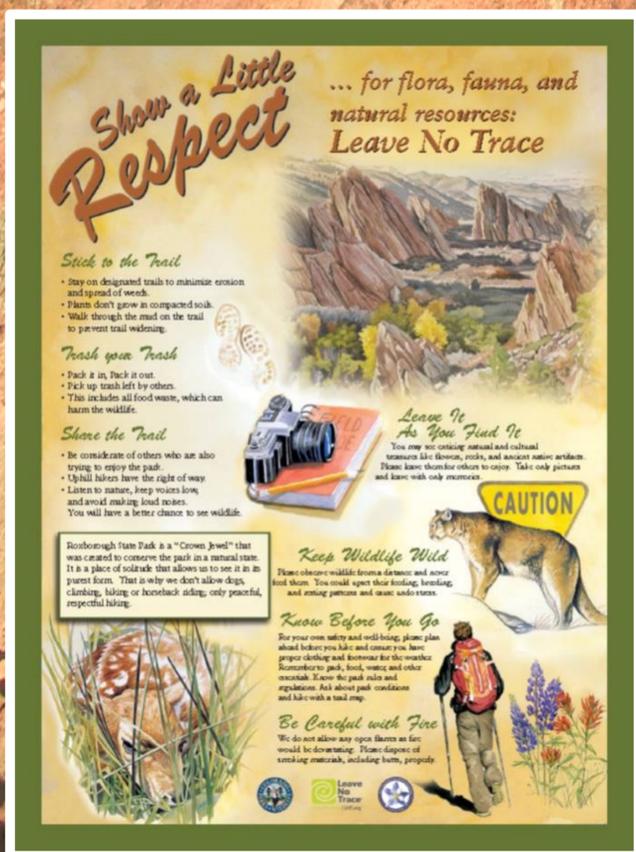
In 2017, being relatively new to the park’s volunteer group, we wanted to contribute in some way, some how! We remember the veteran volunteers voicing concerns about what was happening to the park: more trash, more unauthorized trails, more flowers being picked, and some visitors not respecting the uniqueness of Roxborough.

As a result, we became charter members of a volunteer naturalist team of five to develop and implement a Leave No Trace program to reduce the negative impacts we were all seeing. We were fully supported and encouraged by park staff, fellow volunteers, and the Friends of Roxborough State Park to go for the Gold Standard in Leave No Trace. Partnering with the Leave No Trace Center for Outdoor Ethics helped us integrate the 7 Principles of Leave No Trace into all we do. Today, we are proud that our visitors help us by behaving in the spirit of Leave No Trace to protect these revered spaces and the beauty of Roxborough State Park.

Our team of five has grown to eighteen, with the continued support of nearly 150 volunteers, park staff, CPW, and Friends of Roxborough State Park. We continue to provide educational resources for visitors and host our annual “Bigfoot Goin’ To Rock The Rox” event.

In 2018, Roxborough became the 11th Gold Standard site in the U.S. We are a model site, partnering with Leave No Trace to assist other Colorado State Parks and public lands to utilize minimum-impact education to achieve the Gold Standard and protect our beautiful places.

- Sally Anderson and Mike Thomas, Volunteers and Leave No Trace trainers



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