

The Denver Mountain Parks Foundation is committed to creating opportunities for Education, Conservation and Preservation in the Denver Mountain Parks.

Denver Zoo Conservation Internship

In 2023 we began a two year collaboration with the Denver Zoo to provide a college level funded internship for work on Zoo science projects at Summit Lake and Daniels Park. Over the course of the 2 years, the Foundation will provide \$30,000 to cover the salary of an intern from Community College of Denver to work with scientists from the Denver Zoo, working in the Denver Mountain Parks:

- Studying the effects of mountain lion urine on big horn sheep and mountain goat presence in public areas at Summit Lake on Mt Evans.
- Documenting how herbicide and bio-controls mitigate invasive plants in Daniels Park as well as plant response to protection from the bison and small animals area.

You can read about the projects and the internship experience [HERE](#) (Attached write up)

In 2021 and 2022 we collaborated with the Denver Botanic Gardens to undertake a complete floristic inventory of the Axton Ranch Mountain Park. Over the course of the two years, interns from the Denver Public Schools and Denver Botanic Gardens scientists cataloged hundreds of species of flowers, grasses, trees and more.

Their findings provided:

- Critical data to formulate a master use plan for the Park.
- Base knowledge for conservation.
- Digital Arc-GIS mapping of the Park for visitor education.

We are looking forward to continuing our partnership with the Denver Botanic Gardens in 2024 for a second 2 year funded internship.

For more information about sponsorship opportunities for funded internships, click [HERE](#)???