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A common resident of the park is the
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the latter having three black blotches on each wing.

The American White Pelican is a large white bird that can be seen
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Coyotes can be seen and heard on the prairie slope north east of Oberon Lake.
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The Cattail is a wetland plant that spreads by rhizomes, creating thick, inpenetrable
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Common Widths:

Pruning and hedge cuts
Playground and athletic courts
Pond and bog areas
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Astronomy Pad – A concrete pad with amber lighting and electricity. Can accommodate up to 6 telescopes, perfect for viewing the night sky.

Outdoor Classroom – A flagstone patio, shade trees, and grassy lawn anchor our outdoor classroom, accommodating large school groups and public programs.

Prairie Trail (0.1 miles) – A paved trail with benches. Enjoy views of the front range to the west and grazing horses to the east.

Cattail Trail (0.3 miles) – A gravel trail sloping through short grass prairie. Check out the wetland grasses and wildlife at the bridge.

Interpretive Trail (0.35 miles) and Oberon Lake Path (0.1 miles) – A paved trail with views of Oberon Lake and signs to teach about the local ecosystem. Don’t miss the spur gravel trail near the Nature Center, leading to a deck overlooking the lake.

Playground & Recreation Area – Tennis courts, a basketball court, a creative playground, picnic tables, and lots of shady grassy areas to enjoy the view.

Urban Agriculture Site – Pioneer Farmsteaders cultivate this area to provide a location for hands-on learning while also growing fresh produce and flowers for sale and donation. Get more information at pioneerfarmsteaders.com.

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