



**Parks and
Recreation**
CITY OF
RENO

Art in the Park Participation Guidelines

Pilot Period: Summer 2026

1. Program Overview

Art in the Park invites artists of all ages and skill levels to share their work in the open air of Reno's public parks with no permit or fee requirements. Through our Summer 2026 pilot, artists can reserve a space to display original expressive work on provided outdoor mesh panel displays for the day. The program is intended to activate public spaces while ensuring public safety, accessibility, and lawful use of traditional public forums.

Whether you're a seasoned artist or a first-time exhibitor, Art in the Park is designed to activate our parks as living creative spaces for the whole community.

2. Scope

These guidelines apply to all individuals and groups reserving or using designated outdoor art display fixtures managed by the City of Reno Parks and Recreation Department during the Summer 2026 pilot period in Bicentennial Park (10 Ralston St).

Saturdays, June 13-September 5, 2026.

9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Use may occur through advance reservation or first-come, first-served access where designated.

3. Eligibility & Program Requirements

3.1 Eligible Participants

- Individual artists of all ages and skill levels displaying artwork they personally created and that has no purpose other than expressive speech.
- Nonprofit organizations, schools, or community groups displaying expressive artwork by artists who are present during the display.

3.2 Artistic Expression & Content Guidelines

Standards are applied in a content-neutral manner consistent with First Amendment protections.

- Artwork must be appropriate for all-ages public settings and may not depict frontal nudity, hate speech or imagery, illegal activity, or content posing a safety risk to the public.
- Only original artwork (including prints) displayed by the artist who created it is permitted.
- Artwork must have no purpose other than expressive speech.
- Functional or utilitarian items are not permitted, including jewelry, pottery, clothing, or household merchandise.
- Commercial advertising, resale of manufactured goods, or third-party products is prohibited.

3.3 Costs & Artist Responsibility

- No permit or fee is charged for participation.
- No overnight installations or storage are permitted.
- Artists must install and remove artwork daily.
- Artists assume all costs related to transportation, installation, and removal.
- The City of Reno is not responsible for damage, loss, or theft.

4. Reservation & Daily Use Procedures

- Display periods may be reserved for one day for each of the program days in a given calendar month. Enrollment for each month will open 10 days before the start of the month and remain open for each program day until the Friday before at 5 p.m.
- Reservations will be limited to one 3' (w) x 6' (h) display panel per program day.
- Reserved spaces must be occupied within one hour on the reserved date or the space becomes available as a first-come, first-served display opportunity.

- If an artist leaves early during program hours, the space becomes first-come, first-served available for display.
- Installation of artist self-displayed artwork may begin no earlier than park opening hours. Artwork must be removed prior to park closing hours. All artwork installed on a reserved panel must be removed from the Art in the Park display panel no later than 30 minutes after the reservation time allotment ends. Late removal may result in City removal and cost recovery charged to the artist.
- The original creating artist must be present while artwork is displayed and during installation and removal.

5. Installation Standards

- Artwork must be displayed on designated display panels corresponding with reserved panel number. The City of Reno reserves the right to reassign panel designation based on attendance and need.
- Only S-hooks may be used to attach artwork and should be tightened to prevent dislodging.
- Zip ties may be used temporarily for wind stabilization and must be removed during pack-up.
- Screws, nails, adhesives, drilling, or permanent modifications are prohibited.
- Artworks must be lightweight with a 10lb per artist/panel limit. Contact [Christian Davies](#) for more information.
- Artwork must be suitable for outdoor conditions and contain no loose, sharp, or hazardous components.
- Artwork must not obstruct walkways, accessibility routes, or sightlines.

6. High Wind & Inclement Weather Guidelines

- Displays may be suspended when winds exceed 25 mph, weather advisories are issued, or hazardous conditions exist.
- Artists are responsible for monitoring weather conditions and must remove artwork immediately if conditions become unsafe.
- The City of Reno is not responsible for damage caused by weather, vandalism, or third-party actions.

7. Conduct & Maintenance

- Artwork must remain intact and safe throughout display hours.
- Staff may require removal of unsafe, damaged, or non-compliant artwork.
- No commercial sales, resale, or advertising signage is permitted under this program.

8. Removal & Enforcement

- Artist-displayed artwork must be removed each day prior to park closing.
- Artwork displayed on reserved display panels must be removed within 30 minutes of expiration of reserved time allotment or program conclusion.
- The City of Reno may remove artwork left after closing and may recover removal costs from the artist. Repeated violations may result in loss of participation privileges.

9. Cancellations & Changes

- Artists may cancel reservations at any time. Upon cancellation or early departure, spaces revert to first-come, first-served availability.
- City of Reno staff may cancel reservations due to weather, safety, or operational needs.
- Failure to comply with program guidelines may result in cancellation of future display panel reservations.

10. Contact

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