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## Manitou Springs City Council Approves MOU Regarding a Free Incline Reservation System

MANITOU SPRINGS CO – Whether you’ve made the climb once or one thousand times, the City of Manitou Springs wants to make sure your next experience at the Manitou Incline is your best experience. We understand how important the Manitou Incline area is to our residents and visitors. We have an inherent duty to make sure that the reopening of the Incline is done in the safest, most responsible manner for visitors and residents alike. Traffic congestion and social distancing issues are at the forefront of our concerns. We appreciate your support in allowing us the time and energy to make the appropriate decisions about how and when to reopen the area.

On Tuesday, August 4, 2020, the Manitou Springs City Council approved a memorandum of understanding (MOU) between Colorado Springs and Manitou Springs to reopen the Incline, which was closed under the City of Manitou Springs’ emergency declaration. Within this MOU is protocol for a free online reservation system that will manage the number of users. This system will be established by and operated by the City of Colorado Springs.

For the first two weeks, the system allows for 35 people every 30 minutes to hike the Incline. After the initial two weeks, the capacity will be increased to 45 people every 30 minutes. The hours of operation are from 6am-6pm.

Each online reservation will be accompanied by a welcome email containing directions for parking, rules, regulations, and a link that showcases the City of Manitou Springs’ events and local businesses.

In order to hike the Incline, no matter whether you have parked in the designated lots, rode a bike, or hiked, you must make a reservation. Everyone who has made a reservation will be given a wristband from an Incline attendant. The individual who placed the reservation will need to provide proof that they parked at Hiawatha Gardens or Iron Springs Chateau, unless they walked or rode a bike to the Incline.



The Incline is scheduled to reopen later this week. The website address to place a reservation will be: <https://coloradosprings.gov/incline> . Please note this website is not operational now, but it should be in the near future.

The free shuttle that runs up Ruxton, operated by Mountain Metro, will resume on August 24<sup>th</sup>. Until the shuttle is operational, individuals with reservations will either need to walk from the Hiawatha parking lot, or park at the Iron Springs Chateau.

The full MOU can be found [here](#) (Page 206)

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