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### UPPER PARK ROAD AT LOT E CLOSED WEEKDAYS DUE TO CONSTRUCTION

**CHICO, CA** —Upper Park Road in Bidwell Park will be closed to vehicle traffic at parking lot E on weekdays starting Monday, April 13, 2026, to allow for material and equipment delivery for the Iron Canyon Fish Passage Project. The road will be open to vehicles on Saturdays only.

CalTrout, in partnership with the City of Chico, the Mechoopda Indian Tribe, and the Big Chico Creek Ecological Reserve, is leading a fish passage project on Big Chico Creek in Upper Bidwell Park called the Iron Canyon Fish Passage Project. The project will restore 8.5 miles of critical cold-water habitat on Big Chico Creek for threatened spring-run Chinook salmon and steelhead. "Bidwell Park is the heart of our community, and Big Chico Creek is its backbone," said Shane Romain, City of Chico Park and Natural Resources Manager. "Restoring fish passage through Iron Canyon is a beautiful example of community partners coming together for the health of this watershed and to the benefit of present and future generations." More information can be found on the [Iron Canyon Fish Passage Project webpage](#).

The Park Division appreciates the public's cooperation and understanding during construction. Pedestrians, bicyclists and equestrians are asked to please be aware and use alternate trails to avoid Upper Park Road where and when possible.

For more information, please contact Shane Romain, Park & Natural Resources Manager at (530) 896-7800.

*Located in Butte County, California, Chico is the cultural and economic center of the northern Sacramento Valley and the largest city north of Sacramento. Known as a college town, the home of California State University, Chico and for Bidwell Park, one of the largest urban parks in the United States. For more information, visit [www.chicoca.gov](http://www.chicoca.gov).*

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