

OLD CITY PARK POND CARP REMOVAL

City Parks workers have begun drawing down the water level in the Old City Park pond in preparation for removal of invasive carp.

After the carp are removed, the City of Moab will partner with the Utah Division of Wildlife Resources (DWR) to stock the pond with roundtail chub, a native fish found only in the Colorado River system. Roundtail chub are included on the Utah Sensitive Species List. The use of the pond as a propagation pond is part of a broader effort to increase the roundtail chub population.

WHY REMOVE THE CARP?

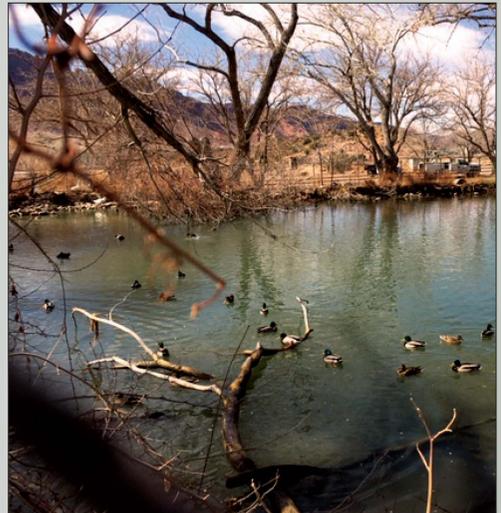
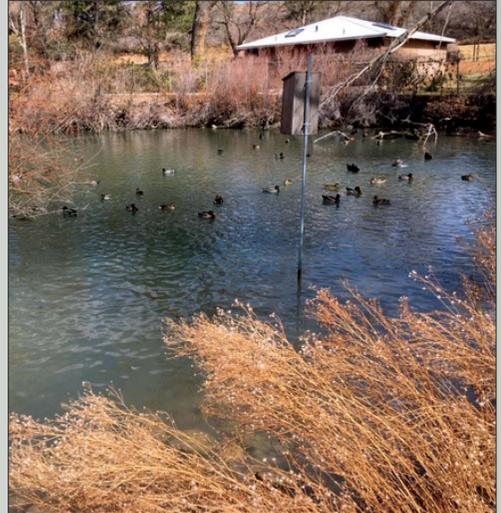
- Carp are non-native fish that can cause problems with our local ecosystem
- Carp compete with our native fish species for food and other resources
- Carp damage the habitat of native fish and aquatic life
- The carp at Old City Park pond often feed on ducklings and other small birds, posing a direct threat to the duck population in the pond

TIMELINE FOR CARP REMOVAL

- **March 15-19** - Water levels will be reduced in the pond
- **March 23** - Utah Division of Wildlife Resources (DWR) will treat the pond with Rotenone
- **March 23-25** - Crews will remove the carp

HOW THE PROCESS WILL WORK

- Water from Old City Park pond will be pumped into the park over several days
- When the level is low enough, DWR aquatic biologists will treat the pond with Rotenone, a naturally occurring substance derived from roots of tropical plants in the bean family. Rotenone is not dangerous to people, pets, birds, or other wildlife
- Over a day or two, crews will remove the carp from the pond
- Measures are in place to ensure no treated pond water is released into Mill Creek or other bodies of water
- The Rotenone will break down naturally into carbon dioxide and water over several days and then the pond will be refilled and stocked with native roundtail chub
- Over time, materials and informational signs will be installed at the pond to educate the public about the propagation pond and the City/DWR partnership



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