

Life *in the* Valley

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Silverton Reservoir is one place to cool off on a warm Silverton afternoon.

Snapshots of a carefree Silverton summer afternoon

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A sunny summer Friday afternoon in Silverton lured people to the usual warm-weather attractions around town: ice cream stops, shady spots, water and playgrounds of activity.

Sometimes there is a mix.

The skate park lured Brandon Little, 22, of Salem and Matt Mesa, 26, of Portland who rolled recreationally through the challenging dips of its course.

“We like coming here to this park,” Brandon said, giving Silverton’s relatively new facility a thumbs up.

Scarcely 200 feet away, Rick Palm found the shade trees at the dog park more to his liking. Rick enjoyed that shade with a crew of canines — ratterrier-corgi mix Jamie, full-corgi Kerra, a mischievous blue-eyed hound mix Loki, an indifferent toy-poodlesque mix Russell and another camera-shy dog sitter.

Rick teased the latter that he must be delinquent from work on a “sick” day.

The canines seemed to prefer the shade as well, save Loki, who found a pouncing dive into the water dish equally appealing.

A few others tested the waters out at the reservoir, while a number swimmers took to either the pool or Silver Creek, rounding out a community’s carefree afternoon.



Brandon Little, 22, of Salem takes on Silverton’s skate park on a sunny Friday afternoon.



Paddle-boating is popular at Silverton Reservoir.



Rick Palm of Silverton and his four-legged pals enjoy the shade trees at the Silverton Senior Center on a sunny Friday afternoon.