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Park and Shade Tree Commission Bird Box Subcommittee Report for May 28, 2025

The BB Subcommittee met over Zoom on May 13.

Voting members present: Lucy Cairns, Quindi Franco, Margaret Cosbey

Advisory members present: Jean Seelig

Current active monitors: Quindi Franco, Margaret Cosbey, Jean Seelig, Diana Wert, Helen Davis. Chris Hennessy has withdrawn from volunteering due to other commitments.

New volunteers: Diana Wert has undergone training and has joined the monitoring team. Carol Nye and Lauren Minnich have requested training and Lucy will arrange to do this.

The focus of this meeting was a the clarification of how to use the Google sheet created by Helen Davis for the documentation of field data. Aids for identifying eggs were reviewed – specifically, excellent color photos are provided in the NABS Fact Sheet ‘Monitoring Bluebird Nest Boxes’ were recommended.

Data on egg-laying activity so far this season:

Bluebird eggs have been found in 4 boxes

House Sparrows evicted bluebirds in 2 of these boxes before eggs could hatch.

In 1 box, hatchlings appear to have been lost to predation

Tree Swallow eggs have been found in 5 boxes

Eggs were lost from 1 box, probably due to predation

Chickadee eggs have been found in 7 boxes

All eggs in 3 boxes have been lost, most likely due to predation

House Sparrow eggs have been pierced or removed from 3 boxes

House Wrens have not started building nests in our boxes yet this year, but they are expected to appear soon.

Actions to consider, based on these early-season results:

- Install Noel guards on the boxes where predation has been documented. Since altering the box risks spooking the birds, this should not be attempted on boxes containing eggs or young.
- Before the 2026 season, replace more of the older boxes with new boxes on posts more difficult for ground-based predators to climb (than the wooden posts) and consider predator baffles and Noel guards on the new boxes.
- Before the 2026 season, install a few nest boxes designed specifically for chickadees and/or place entrance hole reducers on a few of our current boxes that will exclude all but wrens and chickadees.
- Continue to develop plans to discourage or eliminate House Sparrows in our boxes

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Brush Creek Dog Park

As you and your
furry friends
enjoy the park,
please
respect
the
wildlife
who call
this home!



Brush Creek Open Space is
home to many wild animals
who may visit the dog park and
surrounding area. Use the "rule
of thumb" to determine if you
are getting too close to wildlife.
Dogs must never approach or
harass wildlife.

Winter is especially hard for large
animals that need a lot of calories
to live. Elk and deer must
minimize activity to avoid starvation.
Disturbances can cost them precious
energy and impact whether they
survive the lean, harsh winter.

Safeguard their Energy! Give elk
and deer lots of space and don't make
them move, whenever possible.



If you can completely cover the
animal with your thumbs, then
you're far enough away.

Si puedes cubrir completamente
al animal con los pulgares estás
suficientemente lejos.

Brush Creek Open Space es el hogar de
muchos animales salvajes que pueden
visitar el parque de perros y sus
alrededores. Utilice la "regla general"
para determinar si se está acercando
demasiado a la vida silvestre. Perros
nunca deben acercarse ni acosar la
vida silvestre.

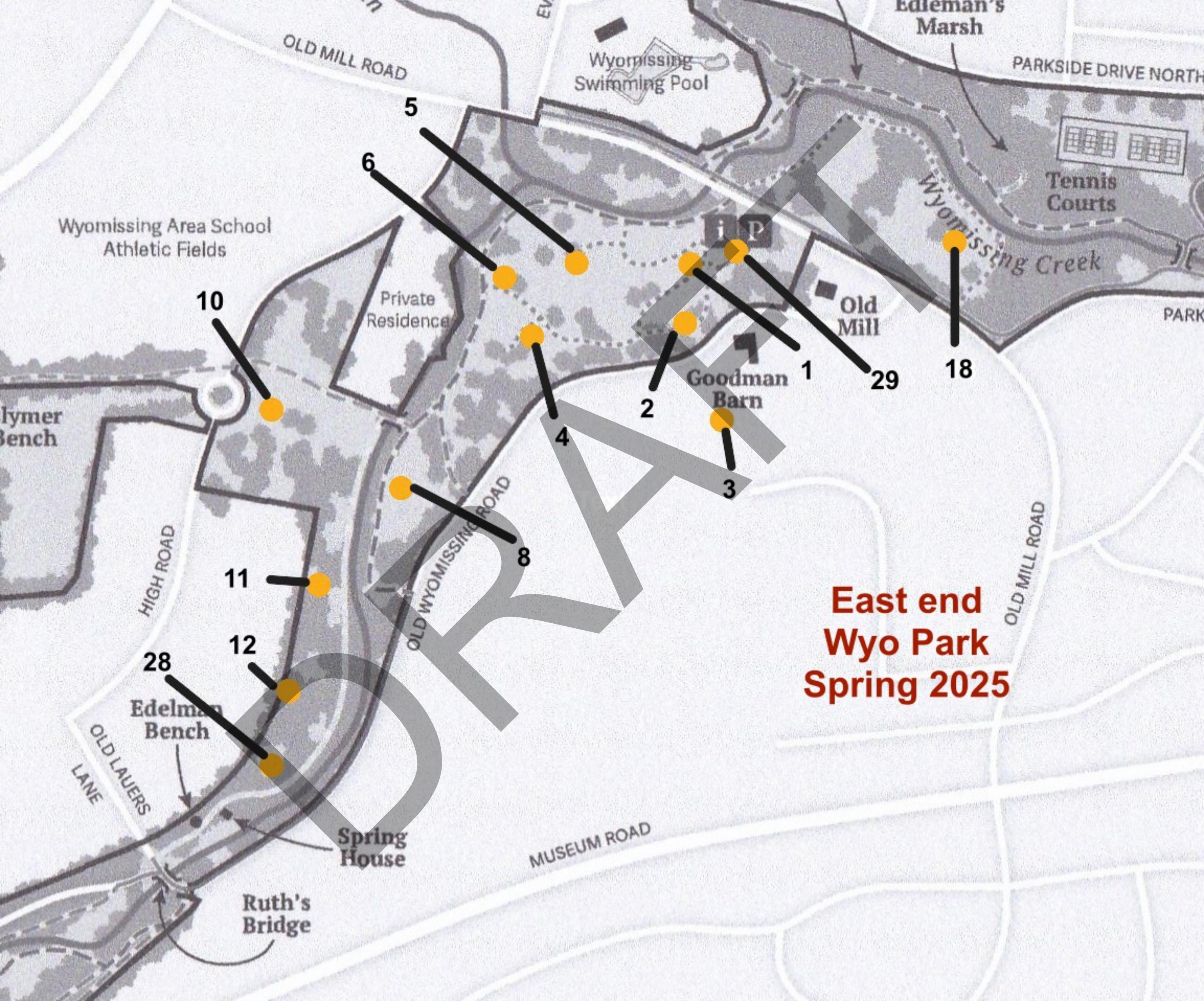
El invierno es especialmente difícil
para animales grandes que necesitan
mucho espacio para sobrevivir. El
osos y los ciervos minimizan su
actividad para evitar el hambre. Las
perturbaciones pueden costarles
energía preciosa y afectar si sobreviven
el invierno severo.

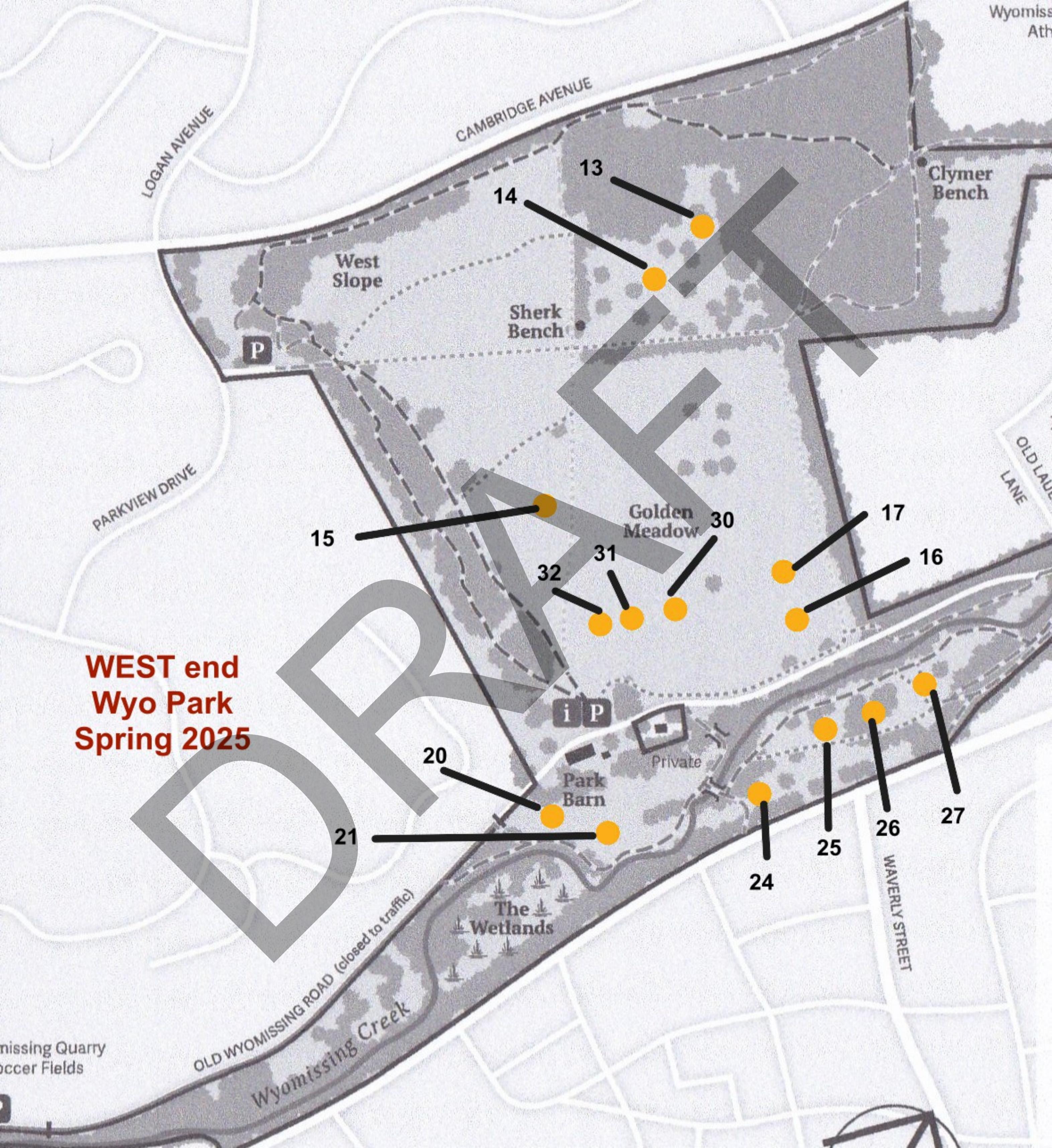
¡Salvaguarda su energía! Dale
mucho espacio al oso y los ciervos y
no hacerlos mover cuidado sea posible.

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