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Horticulturist Tim Johnson surveys the site of the new frisbee golf course that will soon be located in Mountain View Park.

Disc golf course coming to Mountain View Park

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CLEMSON — The game of disc golf, in which players throw a flying disc into a basket or at a target, is coming to Mountain View Park.

Clemson Parks and Recreation Director Steve Figueroa said recently that the half-acre course would be located just past the entranceway to the park.

"We're looking forward to setting it up as an activity for teens, young adults or anyone that desires to participate," Figueroa said.

Disc golf is played in the United States and 20 other countries around the world and Clemson joins Seneca, the Foothills Area Family YMCA and Easley among its locations locally. Figueroa said that no fee would be charged to participants.

Discs used today are much smaller and heavier than traditional flying discs, as they are typically around 8 or 9 inches in diameter and between 150-180 grams. Although there are a wide variety of discs, they are divided into three basic categories — putters, all-purpose mid-range discs and drivers.

Figueroa said the impetus came from Nathan Devol, of Troop 235, as part of his Eagle Scout project. Troop members plan to visit the site as early as Feb. 27 to begin work, which the parks and rec director estimates will take another month.

"They'll be putting the posts in the ground and the baskets will slide into the posts," Figueroa said. "You have to let the posts slide into the concrete first and then they will return March 13 or 20 to install the baskets."

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Figueroa said the total cost is $4,000 — $3,000 of which will encompass nine removable chain baskets, set up on concrete and surrounded by rebar and padlocks. Treated wood for tee boxes, concrete and tee signage, with a map on each hole describing the yardage and par, are also included among the remaining $1,000.

"We're doing this with as minimal an impact on the area as possible," he said.

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