



Misty morning fishing



Manacos camping ©Tom Wulf

What a Bargain! My annual pass gets me into all Colorado State Parks for 12 months of outdoor fun! Now I can visit the parks any day or even take a quick break to relax after work.

Reminder:

Reserve campsites and cabins up to six months in advance!

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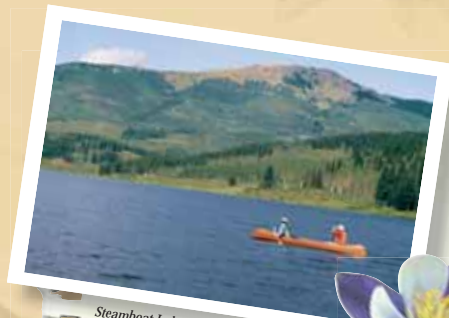
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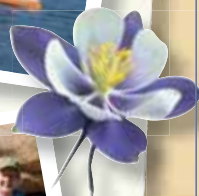
Steamboat Lake



Hiking in Castlewood Canyon



MONARCH BUTTERFLY



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50 & FABULOUS

Welcome to Colorado State Parks! We are proud that our remarkable park system has been providing visitors with memorable outdoor experiences for fifty years. As we celebrate our golden anniversary, we hope you'll discover personal favorites among our diverse landscapes and outstanding recreational venues. There's plenty to discover to keep visitors coming back for another fifty years. Ride the rapids, hit the trails or cast your line – there's no limit to finding the perfect outlet to get back to nature, every season of the year.

ENTRANCE PASSES

Entrance fees are charged at all Colorado State Parks. These fees are necessary to help offset the operating costs and may vary slightly from park to park. Typically entrance fees cover all occupants of a vehicle, though some parks may charge a per person fee (walk in or bicyclists). Cherry Creek State Park is also subject to an additional fee for the Cherry Creek Basin Water Quality Authority.

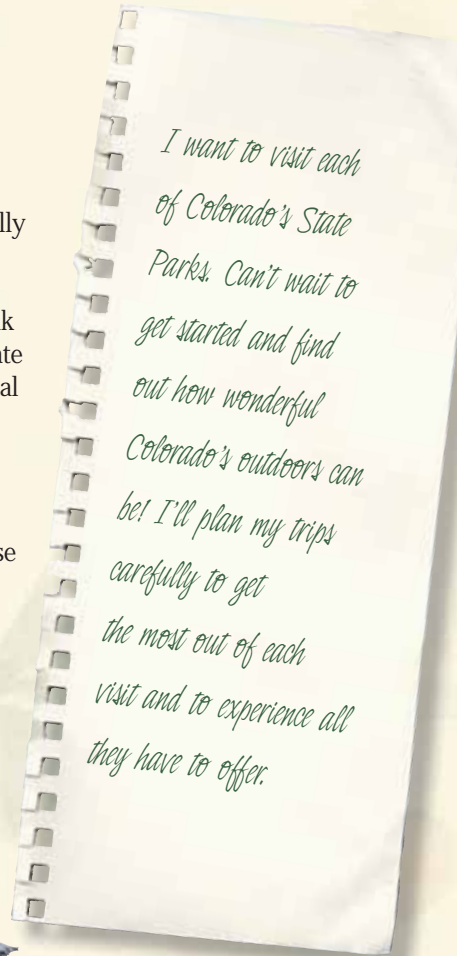
An economical way to enjoy all Colorado State Parks is to purchase an **annual pass** that allows you access to all state parks for 12 months from date of purchase. An annual park pass is used in lieu of a daily entrance pass. Discounted annual passes are available to Colorado residents who are 64 years and older, disabled or income eligible. Annual passes may be purchased at any state park, at www.parks.state.co.us/parks-store, a regional office or by calling 303-866-3437.



Yurt at State Forest



Picnic at Sylvan Lake ©Tom Wulf

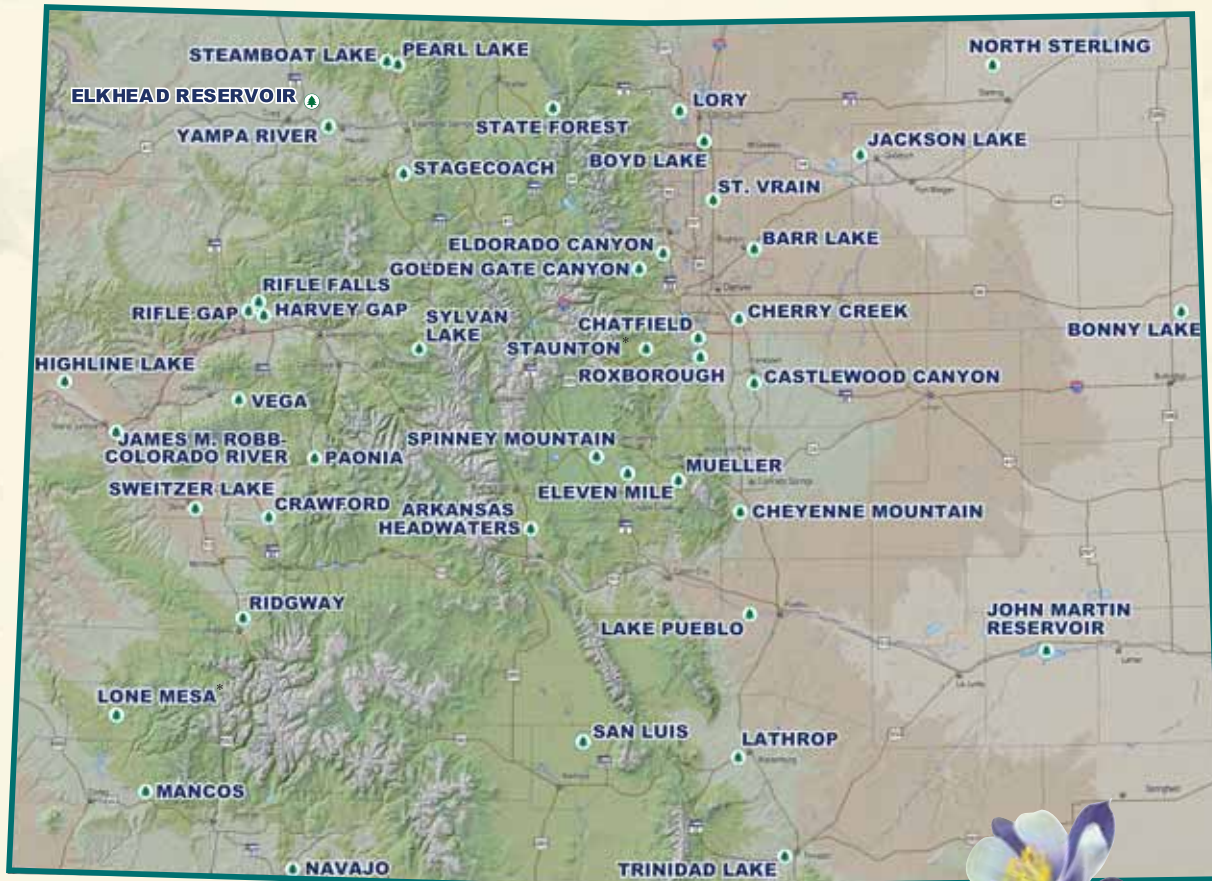


I want to visit each of Colorado's State Parks. Can't wait to get started and find out how wonderful Colorado's outdoors can be! I'll plan my trips carefully to get the most out of each visit and to experience all they have to offer.



BLUE JAY

Colorado State Parks



*Not open to the public

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PARK DIRECTIONS

Arkansas Headwaters 719-539-7289
 AHRA Visitor Center - from the intersection of Highways 285/24, turn left/south on Highway 285, drive 14 miles to Hwy 291, turn left, drive 8 miles to G St, turn left 1 block to Sackett Ave, turn left. AHRA Visitor Center - from the intersection of Hwys 50/291, turn north on Hwy 291 (1st St), go one mile one block past stop light to G St, turn right 1 block to Sackett Ave, turn left.

Barr Lake 303-659-6005
 from Denver, take I-76 east to exit 22, Bromley Lane. Go east approximately 1 mile to Picadilly Rd and drive south approximately 2 miles to the park entrance on right.

Bonny Lake 970-354-7306
 from Burlington, drive north 23 miles on Hwy 385, then east on County Rd 2 or 3. The lake is 1.5 miles east of the highway.

Boyd Lake 970-669-1739
 from I-25, take Hwy 34 west, turn north on Madison Ave. and follow the signs. The park is 1 mile east of Loveland.

Castlewood Canyon 303-688-5242
 from I-25 at Castle Rock, turn east on Hwy 86, go 6 miles to Franktown, turn south on Hwy 83 (S. Parker Rd) and go 5 miles south to the park entrance.

Chatfield 303-791-7275
 from Denver, south on I-25, west on C-470, south on Wadsworth (Hwy 121), 1 mile, turn east into the Deer Creek entrance. Or from C-470 and Santa Fe (Hwy 85), go south on Hwy 85, turn west on Titan Pkwy, turn right on Roxborough Park Rd to Plum Creek entrance.

Cherry Creek 303-690-1166
 from I-225, go 1 mile south on Parker Rd, follow signs to east entrance of the park.

PARK DIRECTIONS (CONT.)

Cheyenne Mountain 719-576-2016
 from I-25 exit South Academy (Exit 135) go west on Academy to Hwy 115. Go south on Hwy 115 to first traffic light at the Main Gate (Gate 1) of Fort Carson. Turn west at the light into the park entrance.

Crawford 970-921-5721
 from Delta, take Hwy 92 east to Hotchkiss. Veer right on Hwy 92. Drive 10 miles to Crawford. The park is 1 mile south on Hwy 92.

Eldorado Canyon 303-494-3943
 from Hwy 36, take the Superior/Louisville exit (McCasin Blvd), go south to CO 170, turn right (west) approximately 9 miles to and through Eldorado Springs. The park entrance is located on the west side of Eldorado Springs. Visitor Center is another mile west of entrance station.

Eleven Mile 719-748-3401
 from Colorado Springs, take Hwy 24 west 38 miles to Lake George. Continue through Lake George 1 mile then turn left on County Rd 90 and follow pavement for 11 miles.

Elkhead Reservoir 970-276-2061
 from Steamboat Springs, take Hwy 40 west approximately 41 miles to Moffat County road 29, go right another 5 miles to Moffat County road 28, turn right to reservoir access.

Golden Gate Canyon 303-582-3707
 from I-25, take I-70 west. Exit Hwy 58, go 5 miles to Hwy 93. Go north 1.5 miles to Golden Gate Canyon Rd, turn left, then 13 miles to the Visitor Center.

Harvey Gap 970-625-1607
 from Silt, travel west on Hwy 6 and 24 until you reach First St. Turn north on First St and travel 1.2 miles to Silt Mesa Rd. Turn west and travel 0.7 miles to Harvey Gap Rd (County Rd 237). Turn north and follow Harvey Gap Rd 3.4 miles to the park.

Highline Lake 970-858-7208
 from the I-70 Loma exit (CO Hwy 139), go north 6 miles to Q Rd, then west 1.2 miles to 11.8 Rd and north 1 mile to the park.

Jackson Lake 970-645-2551
 from US Hwy 34 and I-76 interchange, take CO 39 north 7.25 miles through Goodrich, then go west on Y5 (follow the paved road) for 2.5 miles.

James M. Robb - Colorado River 970-434-3388
 (Connected Lakes, Corn Lake, Fruita, Island Acres and Wildlife Area)

Connected Lakes - southwest portion of Grand Junction, from Hwy 340 (Broadway), travel northwest on Dike Rd 1.5 miles.

Corn Lake - exit 37 off I-70 to 32 Rd, turn south onto Hwy 141 and go 2 miles.

Fruita - 970-858-9188 - exit 19 off I-70, go 4/10 mile south on Hwy 340.

Island Acres - 970-464-0548 - exit 47 off I-70; follow the signs.

Wildlife Area - just west of Corn Lake, on D Rd, between 31 Rd and 30 1/4 Rd.

John Martin Reservoir 719-829-1801
 from Pueblo, go 111 miles east on Hwy 50 to Hasty. Turn south on School St (County Rd 24) and go 3 miles to park entrance.

Lake Pueblo 719-561-9320
 from I-25 at Pueblo, exit #101, go 2.5 miles west on Hwy 50. Turn south on Pueblo Blvd and go 4 miles to Thatcher Ave. Turn west and go 4 miles to park entrance.

Lathrop 719-738-2376
 from Walsenburg, go 3 miles west on Hwy 160.

Lory 970-493-1623
 from Ft. Collins, take Hwy 287 north through LaPorte. At the Bellvue exit (County Rd 52E) turn left, drive 1 mile to County Rd 23N. Turn left and go 1.4 miles to County Rd 25G. Turn right and go 1.6 miles to the park entrance.

Mancos 970-533-7065
 from Durango, take Hwy 160 west 27 miles to the town of Mancos. Go north on Hwy 184 approximately .25 mile and turn east onto County Rd 42 (Forest Service Rd 561). Go 4 miles and take County Rd N to the park entrance.

Mueller 719-687-2366
 from Colorado Springs, go 25 miles west on Hwy 24 to Divide. Go south on Hwy 67, 3.5 miles to the park entrance.

Navajo 970-883-2208
 from Pagosa Springs, take US 160 west for 17 miles. Turn southwest on CO 151, go 18 miles to the town of Arboles. Go 2 miles south on County Rd 982. From Aztec, NM, take US 550 north, cross the state line and travel about 5 miles further north. Turn right on County Rd 310 towards Ignacio, go about 15 miles to the end of the road. Turn left, go 1 mile and right onto Hwy 151. Drive 17 miles to Arboles and south for 2 miles on County Rd 982.

North Sterling 970-522-3657
 from the Sterling exit on I-76, go west on Chestnut St (US Hwy 6). Continue west via Platte St, turn right on N 3rd, go 4 blocks. Turn left on Broadway and go 4 blocks. Turn right on N 7th Ave, go 12 miles to the reservoir.

Paonia 970-921-5721
 from Glenwood Springs, take Hwy 82 south to Carbondale. At Hwy 133, go south 46 miles.

Pearl Lake 970-879-3922
 from Steamboat Springs, go west 2 miles on Hwy 40 to County Rd 129. Turn north and go 23 miles to Pearl Lake Rd. Go east 2 miles to the park entrance.

Ridgway 970-626-5822
 from Montrose, go 20 miles south on Hwy 550.

Rifle Falls 970-625-1607
 from I-70 exit at Rifle, take Hwy 13 north through Rifle 3 miles. Turn right on Hwy 325 and go 9.8 miles.

Rifle Gap 970-625-1607
 from I-70 exit at Rifle, take Hwy 13 north through Rifle 3 miles. Turn right on Hwy 325 and go 6 miles.

Roxborough 303-973-3959
 take C-470 to the Wadsworth exit. Go 4.4 miles south to Waterton Rd, turn left and go 1.6 miles to North Rampart Range Rd. Turn right and proceed 2.3 miles to Roxborough Park Rd, turn left and go 1 block to the park access road. Drive 2.2 miles on the access road to reach the visitor center parking lot.

St. Vrain 303-678-9402
 from I-25, go west on Hwy 119, turn north on County Rd 7. Park is located 7 miles east of Longmont.

San Luis 719-378-2020
 from Walsenburg, take Hwy 160 west 60 miles. Take Hwy 150 north for 13.5 miles. Turn left on Six Mile Ln and go 8 miles, then north 1/8 mile to park entrance.

Spinney Mountain 719-748-3401
 from Colorado Springs, take Hwy 24 west for 55 miles over Wilkerson Pass. Turn left on Park County Rd 23, go 2.8 miles. Turn right on County Rd 59 and go 1.1 miles to the park entrance.

Stagecoach 970-736-2436
 from I-70 at Silverthorne, take Hwy 9 north 38 miles. Go west on Hwy 40 for 6 miles to Hwy 134. On Hwy 134 go west 27 miles to Hwy 131, go north 17 miles to County Rd 14 and follow signs.

State Forest 970-723-8366
 from Ft. Collins, go 75 miles west on Hwy 14, over Cameron Pass.

Steamboat Lake 970-879-3922
 from Steamboat Springs, go west 2 miles on Hwy 40 to County Rd 129 (7-11 Store). Turn north, 25 miles to the Visitor Center.

Sweitzer Lake 970-874-4258
 from Delta, go 1 mile south on Hwy 50. 20 miles north of Montrose on Hwy 50.

Sylvan Lake 970-328-2021
 take I-70 to Eagle (exit 147), turn south, take the first right out of the roundabout onto Hwy 6. At next roundabout, turn right onto Sylvan Lake Road. Follow signs 10 miles to park.

Trinidad Lake 719-846-6951
 from I-25, take exit 13B east into Trinidad. Turn left at the four-way stop onto Nevada and cross the river. At the next four-way stop by the Welcome Center, turn left onto Hwy 12 and go three miles west to reach the park.

Vega 970-487-3407
 from I-70, go south on Hwy 65 then east on Hwy 330 through Collbran. Continue 12 miles to the park entrance.

Yampa River 970-276-2061
 all sites and the reservoir can be accessed from CO 40. From Steamboat or Craig take Hwy 40 to a specific site. The headquarters is located 2 miles west of Hayden. Elkhead Reservoir is located 10 miles east and north of Craig.

LEGEND OF SYMBOLS

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|--|-------------------------|--|------------------------------|
| | Visitor Center | | Marina |
| | Biking Trails | | Off-Highway Vehicle Riding |
| | Birdwatching | | Picnic Sites |
| | Boating (motorized) | | Rockclimbing |
| | Boating (non-motorized) | | Sailboarding |
| | Cabins | | Showers |
| | Campsites | | Snowmobiling |
| | Camp Store | | Snowtubing |
| | Fishing | | Stables/Horse Rental |
| | Geocaching | | Swimming |
| | Group Campground | | Technical Rockclimbing |
| | Group Picnic Area | | Tips |
| | Hiking Trails | | Water-Skiing |
| | Horseback Trails | | Winter Camping |
| | Hunting | | X-Country Skiing/Snowshoeing |
| | Ice Fishing | | Yurts |
| | Ice Skating | | |
| | Laundry | | |

PARK PURSUITS

The legend above indicates just some of the activities you can find at Colorado State Parks. Check the listing for each park or visit www.parks.state.co.us for more detailed information on specific activities. Here are a few tips to enjoy our parks, from peaks to plains, whether visiting for a day or for an extended stay at a campground, cabin or yurt.

ON LAND

Colorado State Parks boasts more than 500 miles of **trails** statewide ranging from easy to strenuous, and paved to natural surface. Most trails are open to non-motorized activities - hiking, biking and horseback riding - but check with each park for trail use or visit www.parks.state.co.us. Some trails may be available for **snowmobile and off-highway vehicle** use or have access nearby.

Getting up close with **nature** is what makes our parks so popular. Most parks offer educational nature programs and many have interpretive displays giving information on the flora, fauna, geology and history of the area.

Remember to observe **wildlife** from a safe distance, and **pets** are allowed in most parks as long as they remain on a leash at all times. Check park listings or the Web site for more information on interpretive programs, wildlife watching and any pet restrictions.

In addition to campsites, cabins and yurts, you can find **backcountry shelters, group picnic shelters** and **group campsites** at a number of parks.

Whether planning a solo escape or a get together with family and friends, chances are good you will find the facilities you need at Colorado State Parks.

ON WATER

Many of our parks are a haven for **swimming and boating**. Keep in mind that every park varies in the type of boating allowed and whether or not swimming is permitted. Depending on the park, some allow motorboats and offer marinas and boat ramps, while others are open only for hand-carried vessels such as rafts, canoes or kayaks. Water lovers will be happy to note that a number of parks have seasonal swim beaches, though lifeguards are not typically present. Refer to each park's listing or our Web site for specific details.

HOURS

Colorado State Parks are open every day of the year, weather permitting. Day-use areas are generally open from 5 a.m. to 10 p.m. Some day-use parks have closed gates at night; contact each park for hours of operation. When they are open, campgrounds are open 24 hours a day.

RESERVATIONS FOR CAMPING, CABINS, YURTS

Make the most of a fun-filled, active day, by staying overnight, getting up early and doing it all over again! Reserve a spot early for campsites, cabins and yurts - summer weekends fill up quickly, and remember, many parks are open year round.

Reservations and cancellations can be made at www.parks.state.co.us. Reservations may also be made by calling 303-470-1144 in the Denver metro area or 1-800-678-CAMP (2267).

Reservations may be made six months to three days in advance of the arrival date. Campsites, cabins and yurts are charged by the number of nights reserved (**similar to hotel room reservations**).

A non-refundable reservation fee applies when booking campsites, cabins or yurts in advance. Any site not reserved is available on a first-come, first-serve basis.

Entrance fees apply at all parks in addition to camping and reservation fees.



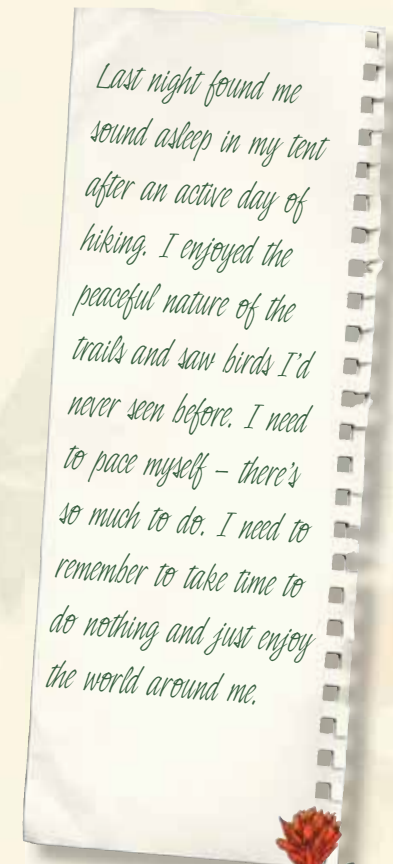
Summer Camping



Yurt at Ridgway ©Tom Wulf



GREAT BLUE HERON



INDIAN PAINTBRUSH

The plains, the mountains, the foothills, the forests... even close to town. There's a state park that's easy to get to no matter where I start. I just need to pack my camera, my journal, plenty of sunscreen, water, appropriate clothes and footwear, and I'm off to explore.



Volunteer Tour Driver

Trail Building at Castlewood Canyon

How Do I BECOME A VOLUNTEER?

Colorado State Parks benefits greatly from the ongoing support of a large number of dedicated volunteers. Many people around the state are already working with us as volunteer naturalists, campground hosts and trail crew members to name a few. Why not join us? Volunteer at the park of your choice by contacting us at 303-866-3437 or online at: www.parks.state.co.us/volunteer



BLACK-CROWNED NIGHT HERON

Fun Fact
Can you name three of the hoofed mammals that live in Colorado's State Parks?
Answer: mule deer, elk and moose



Wildlife Watching

TO LEARN MORE

For general information about Colorado State Parks, call (303) 866-3437 or any state park, regional office, or visit us online at www.parks.state.co.us.

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1313 Sherman St., #618
Denver, CO 80203
(303) 866-3437

High Plains Region
1313 Sherman St., #618
Denver, CO 80203
(303) 866-3437

Rocky Mountain Region
361 32 Rd.
Clifton, CO 81520
(970) 434-6862

Southeast Region
4255 Sinton Rd.
Colorado Springs, CO 80907
(719) 227-5250



Colorado State Parks LET THE ADVENTURE BEGIN...



Arkansas Headwaters ©Martin C. Kleinsong

ARKANSAS HEADWATERS RECREATION AREA

Bring a raft, canoe or kayak to get the most out of your visit to Arkansas Headwaters Recreation Area. The river's spectacular views make the perfect backdrop for a white-water experience that is not to be missed.



Arkansas Headwaters Recreation Area
307 West Sackett Avenue
Salida, CO 81201
ahra@state.co.us
(719) 539-7289

BARR LAKE

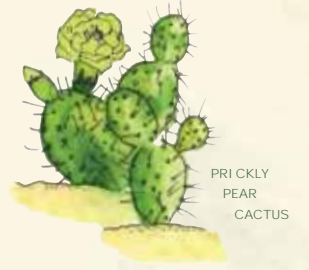
Barr Lake's wetlands give birders a choice spot to view an astonishing variety of species, but there's more to Barr Lake than birds. Hiking trails and boating opportunities for boats with 10 horsepower or smaller motors, hand-propelled and sailing crafts make Barr Lake a great place to get away from the hustle and bustle of nearby Denver.



Barr Lake



Barr Lake
13401 Picadilly Road
Brighton, CO 80603
barr.lake@state.co.us
(303) 659-6005



PRI CKLY PEAR CACTUS



Bonny Lake

BONNY LAKE

Surrounded by prairie, Bonny Lake is Colorado's easternmost state park. It's an oasis for wildlife and people, a hidden treasure just waiting to be discovered by OHV enthusiasts, boaters, anglers, birders and others who want a quiet place to unwind.



Bonny Lake
30010 County Road 3
Idalia, CO 80735
bonny.lake.park@state.co.us
(970) 354-7306



View from the deck of a cabin at Mueller

What amazes me about Colorado State Parks is the variety I find among them. The experiences at each park are so different, but all are enjoyable in their own ways. I rode the rapids at Arkansas Headwaters, hiked a canyon at Castlewood Canyon, then sat quietly and watched birds at Bonny Lake. All unique, all wonderful.



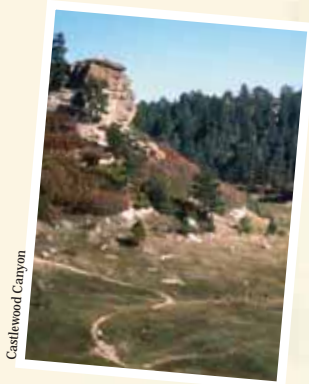
NORTHERN LEOPARD FROG

BOYD LAKE

Within an hour's drive of Denver and Fort Collins, Boyd Lake offers a coffee shop and a reservoir that's large enough to accommodate sailboats, motorboats or personal watercraft and still has room for waterfowl and other wildlife.



Boyd Lake



Castlewood Canyon

CASTLEWOOD CANYON

Castlewood Canyon's enchanting scenery gives hikers a taste of Colorado canyon country, nestled within the Black Forest. Scenic trails, picnic facilities and interpretive programs make Castlewood Canyon the perfect place to spend a day.

CHATFIELD

Chatfield offers the best of both worlds – trails for hikers, bikers and equestrians and a 1,550-acre lake for fishing, boating and swimming. Whether you prefer to explore the land or water, bring binoculars for some of the best birding in the metro area.



Chatfield



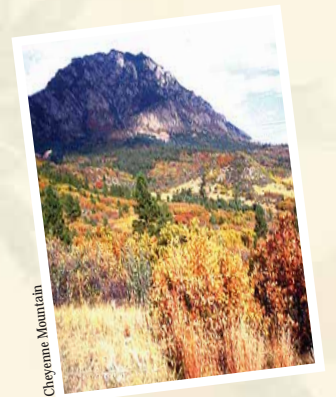
Cherry Creek - Photo by M. Wolfswinkel

CHERRY CREEK

A quiet island in an urban sea, Cherry Creek provides a full range of activities. Camping, boating, fishing, hiking, horseback riding, birding – your outdoor interest can be satisfied here, just a stone's throw from downtown Denver.

CHEYENNE MOUNTAIN

Cheyenne Mountain is one of Colorado's newest state parks. Hiking, biking, interpretive programs, wildlife, and bird watching abound. As a work in progress, some facilities are still under construction. Check out our Web site for the latest updates.



Cheyenne Mountain

Fun Fact

Over 350 species of birds have been spotted at this state park.

Answer: Bonny Lake



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Chatfield
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Cherry Creek
4201 South Parker Road
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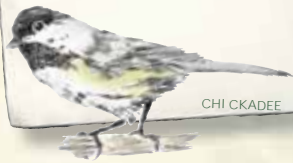


Cheyenne Mountain
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VI CERVOY

I'm on my fourth visit to Lory. It's one of my favorites for a day hike, and now I've discovered their Corral Center Mountain Bike Park - it's an awesome place to build my biking skills. Though I still have more parks to visit for the first time, Lory draws me back again and again. Each time I discover more, looking deeper into details. There are layers to Lory, like most of the parks, that beckon you for repeat visits.



CHI CKADEE



Crawford ©Tom Wolf

CRAWFORD

Crawford exhibits the classic features of the Western Slope - rugged beauty and outstanding views of geologic features like Needle Rock, surrounded by mountain valleys and expansive ranchlands.



Crawford
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ELDORADO CANYON

A climber's paradise, Eldorado Canyon's colorful canyon walls attract rock climbers from all over the world. Visitors can also enjoy hiking scenic trails, observing climbers balancing high above the canyon floor or picnicking next to beautiful South Boulder Creek.



Eldorado Canyon - Photo by Kevin Reardon



MULE DEER



Eldorado Canyon
#9 Kneale Road, PO Box B
Eldorado Springs, CO 80025
eldorado.park@state.co.us
(303) 494-3943



Eleven Mile

ELEVEN MILE

Known for some of the best fishing in the state, Eleven Mile also offers waterfront camping and unobstructed views of sunsets reflected in its waters, making it the perfect place for a quiet getaway.



Eleven Mile
4229 County Road 92
Lake George, CO 80827
eleven.mile.park@state.co.us
(719) 748-3401

Fun Fact

At an elevation of 6,400 feet, a mountain range called the Grand Hogback runs along the backside of this state park.

Reservoir: Harvey Gap



BLACK-EYED SUSAN

ELKHEAD RESERVOIR

This 900-acre reservoir in the high desert of northwest Colorado provides a variety of water sports and wildlife recreation opportunities.



Elkhead Reservoir



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(970) 276-2061



Golden Gate Canyon ©Martin G. Kleinsorge

GOLDEN GATE CANYON

Spectacular views surround Golden Gate Canyon no matter which direction you look. Visit Panorama Point scenic overlook for outstanding photographs, stay in a cabin or yurt or hike the trails to spot abundant wildlife.



Golden Gate Canyon
92 Crawford Gulch Road
Golden, CO 80403
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(303) 582-3707



Harvey Gap

HARVEY GAP

If you're looking for the perfect spot for a one-day outing, Harvey Gap has just what you want. This day-use park offers easy access for water recreation and 30 tables to polish off your picnic when your fun in the sun is done.



LARGEMOUTH BASS



Harvey Gap
c/o Rifle Gap State Park
5775 Highway 325, Rifle, CO 81650
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(970) 625-1607

HIGHLINE LAKE

Use Highline Lake as a home base to explore the area around Grand Junction. When you return to the lake, take your pick from a variety of activities including boating, swimming, fishing and birding before you settle into your campsite.



Highline Lake



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(970) 858-7208



Jackson Lake - Photo by Mike Severin

JACKSON LAKE

Jackson Lake's 2,500-acre lake has plenty of room for boats of all kinds, so hoist the main sail or rev up the engine and take advantage of the wide open spaces in northeastern Colorado.



Jackson Lake
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Colorado River

JAMES M. ROBB - COLORADO RIVER

Enjoy a lazy day along the Colorado River at any of the five riverside sections that make up Colorado River State Park. Each section offers access to the river, trails, interpretive signing and some picnicking.



Colorado River
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JOHN MARTIN RESERVOIR

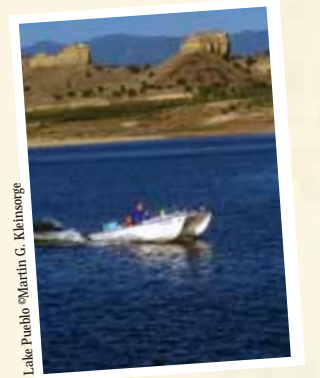
John Martin Reservoir offers year-round camping, great fishing, uncrowded boating waters, and diverse wildlife viewing. This park is located along the Colorado Birding Trail with hundreds of documented bird species. The adjacent state wildlife area provides a variety of hunting opportunities. Located along the Santa Fe Trail in the Lower Arkansas River Valley, John Martin Reservoir is an undiscovered sportsman's paradise in southeast Colorado.



John Martin Reservoir



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Lake Pueblo ©Martin G. Khinsong

LAKE PUEBLO

After tumbling as whitewater, the Arkansas River takes a breather at Lake Pueblo, creating an oasis in southern Colorado where cottonwood groves host a variety of wildlife along the shoreline. Enjoy the swim beach, camping, boating and lots more.



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Lathrop - Photo by Larry Kramer

LATHROP

In the shadow of the Spanish Peaks, Lathrop boasts two lakes, doubling the opportunity for boating, fishing and other water recreation. When the water fun is done, visit the interpretive center to learn more about the fascinating history of the area.



Lathrop
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Walsenburg, CO 81089
lathrop.park@state.co.us
(719) 738-2376

Fun Fact

At which state park do over 100 species of butterflies gather each year?

Answer: Lory



Lory

LORY

With easy access from Fort Collins and trails galore, Lory is the perfect place to explore Front Range ecology on foot, mountain bike or horseback, amid the scenic red rocks and sage of the Front Range.



Lory
708 Lodgepole Drive
Bellvue, CO 80512
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YOUNG JAY

MANCOS

Mancos offers year round recreation, from wakeless boating in summer to cross-country skiing in winter. Its dramatic scenery makes this a special place no matter what the season.



Mancos - Photo by Ken in Tohey



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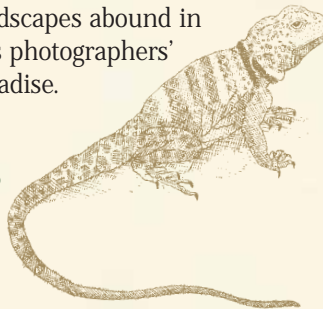


Mueller ©Richard Crow

MUELLER

Located in the shadow of Pikes Peak, Mueller offers year round recreation in a forest and meadow setting. Modern campgrounds, Visitor Center, picnic areas and 50 miles of trail invite visitors to explore over 5,000 acres of backcountry. Watchable wildlife and scenic landscapes abound in this photographers' paradise.

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NAVAJO

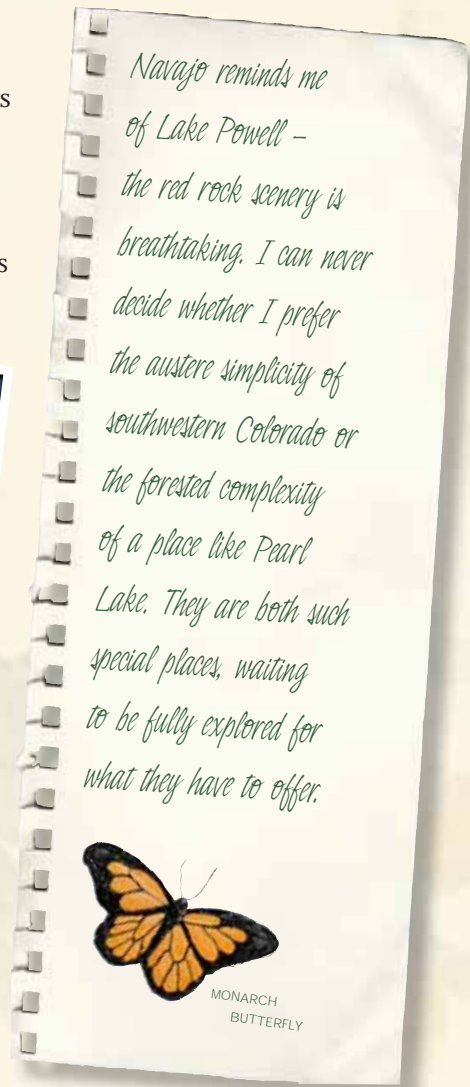
Often compared to Lake Powell for its stunning scenery, Navajo's lake covers over 15,000 acres when full and extends more than 35 miles. Pack your fishing gear, but be sure to bring the camera, too. The sunsets are not to be missed.



Navajo Lake ©Martin G. Kleinsorge



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Navajo reminds me of Lake Powell - the red rock scenery is breathtaking. I can never decide whether I prefer the austere simplicity of southwestern Colorado or the forested complexity of a place like Pearl Lake. They are both such special places, waiting to be fully explored for what they have to offer.



MONARCH BUTTERFLY



North Sterling

NORTH STERLING

Nestled in the eastern grasslands, North Sterling provides a welcome resting spot for migrating waterfowl. Boating of all kinds, fishing, and wildlife watching are among the favorite activities on this large lake.

Fun Fact

Where can you stay in one of two yurts, modeled from shelters used by Mongolian tribes, while visiting Steamboat Springs?

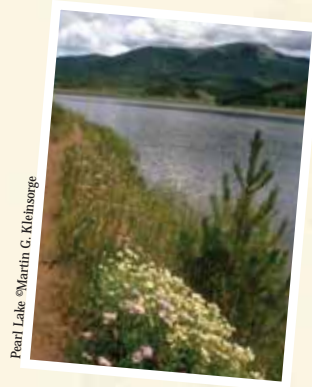
Answer: Pearl Lake

PAONIA

Paonia's streamside campsites and picnic tables provide ringside seats for a symphony of birdsong throughout the day.



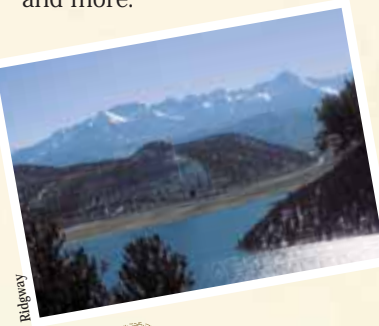
Paonia



Pearl Lake ©Martin G. Kleinsorge

PEARL LAKE

True to its name, Pearl Lake is a gem of a park, quiet and restful. It's the perfect place to watch sandhill cranes from your canoe, with a pristine setting that inspires photographic and artistic excellence, so be sure to bring your camera or watercolors.



Ridgway

RIDGWAY

One of Colorado's favorite destination spots, Ridgway has it all – spectacular scenery, convenient campsites and visitor services, interpretive programs and exhibits, water sports, wildlife watching and more.



Rifle Falls

RIFLE FALLS

Rifle Falls has a surprise in store for those who thought it was just another campground. Here's the chance to explore an 80-foot year-round waterfall, streamside groves of trees filled with songbirds and limestone cliffs honey-combed with caves.



RED-TAILED HAWK



PRAIRIE DOG



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Paonia
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Pearl Lake
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(970) 879-3922

Ridgway
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Ridgway, CO 81432
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Rifle Falls
c/o Rifle Gap State Park
5775 Highway 325, Rifle, CO 81650
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(970) 625-1607

There's a new face on the mountains each day. The weather, the wind, the way the light plays across the peaks – I could watch the mountain ranges from Ridgway on a regular basis and never tire of their changing nature. The same is true of the uplifts at Roxborough. They hold within the stone a story of endless time and change, waiting to be read by those with the patience to understand their significance.



DRAGONFLY

Saw my first moose ever today. What a character it was with legs that didn't seem to fit its bulky body and enormous head! The visitor center at State Forest provided excellent information about these fascinating creatures. I'll make it a habit to stop in every park that has one - it's a great way to get an insider's view of the unique features of the park.



HOLY COW! A MOOSE!

RIFLE GAP

If you've longed to be able to tell a good fish story, Rifle Gap is the place for you. Known for excellent fishing, this park also offers good wildlife watching opportunities that vary throughout the year as waterfowl, elk and other migratory animals pass by.



Rifle Gap



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Roxborough

ROXBOROUGH

There's no better place to investigate the geology of the Front Range than Roxborough State Park. This is where Colorado's seamy underside gets exposed. To get all the dirt, join an interpretive hike or explore the exhibits at the visitor center.

Fun Fact

This state park features cascading waterfalls, hidden caves and limestone rock formations.

Answer: Rifle Falls



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ST. VRAIN

With much to offer, St. Vrain is an ideal destination for those who want a break in the great outdoors. This is a great place for fishermen, campers, photographers, birders and anyone who loves to enjoy nature.



St. Vrain



St. Vrain
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Firestone, CO 80504
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San Luis

SAN LUIS

Just a short distance from Great Sand Dunes National Monument, San Luis offers the opportunity to explore a unique high-desert environment. Add an exceptional fishing lake and camping, and you have a park with something for everyone.



ASPEN LEAF



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SPINNEY MOUNTAIN

Spinney Mountain is noted for big fish and plenty of opportunities to catch them. One of Colorado's best-kept secrets, Spinney stays relatively uncrowded on water and on land, offering day-use facilities only.



Spinney Mountain



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Stagecoach

STAGECOACH

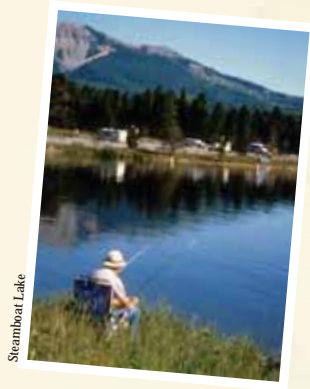
Fish for northern pike and trophy trout by boat in warm weather, or try your hand at ice fishing when the snow falls. For those who enjoy year-round camping and outdoor adventure, Stagecoach is the place to be.

STATE FOREST

State Forest may be the best place to see moose in Colorado. If you miss seeing a live moose, exhibits in the visitor center are the next best thing. Cabins and yurts add to the options for overnight accommodations in this scenic mountain setting.



State Forest



Steamboat Lake

STEAMBOAT LAKE

Steamboat Lake is a Colorado postcard come to life. Mountain peaks reflected in the clear lake are a photographer's dream. Summer or winter, Steamboat Lake offers spectacular views that provide the backdrop for a host of recreation opportunities on water and land.



Sweitzer Lake ©Tom Wolf

SWEITZER LAKE

If you're looking for a place to picnic, swim or spend a little time on the water, Sweitzer Lake's day-use facilities give residents in the area and travelers a chance to cool off during the summer.



Sylvan Lake ©Tom Wolf

SYLVAN LAKE

Tucked away among aspen glades and high-mountain timber, Sylvan Lake's inspiring vistas and setting provide a relaxing mountain retreat. Cabins, yurts and campsites allow you to take full advantage of your time at this secluded forest lake.

BARN OWL



The lure of Sylvan Lake's trails pulled me from my sleeping bag at first light. From the water's edge through aspen glades, walking this beautiful place in the hush of morning is the best way I could imagine to start a day. The night-time animals are headed home and the day-time wildlife is reporting for work. It's a quiet shift change in a peaceful place.



TI GER SALAMANDER

Fun Fact
Great Sand Dunes National Park, Zapata Falls Recreation Area and the Alligator Farm are all within 15 miles of this park.



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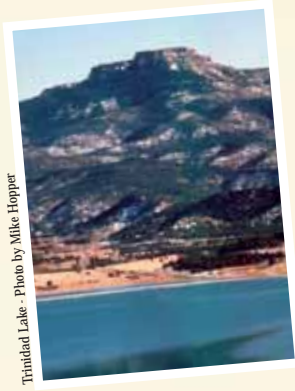
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Delta, CO 81416
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Eagle, CO 81631
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TRINIDAD LAKE

Step into the past at Trinidad Lake as you hike the historic Santa Fe Trail or marvel at the Victorian architecture of nearby Trinidad. With its semi-desert climate and plenty of sunshine, the park is a popular spot to enjoy year-round hiking, fishing and camping as well as seasonal boating.



Trinidad Lake - Photo by Mike Hopper



Vega

VEGA

Vega offers year-round wildlife watching in the high mountains, surrounded by montane shrublands on the north side of Grand Mesa. Summertime water sports and wintertime snow sports complete Vega's picture-perfect setting.

Fun Fact

The historic Santa Fe Trail borders this state park.

Answer: Trinidad Lake

YAMPA RIVER

Yampa River State Park is really several parks, extending along the entire Yampa Valley. Eight sites offer river access. So pack up your raft, canoe or kayak and travel the Yampa River for an unforgettable day.



Yampa River - Photo by S. Bennett



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Yampa River
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Hayden, CO 81639
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(970) 276-2061

ACCESSIBILITY

| | FISH | CAMP | TRAILS | PICNIC | HUNT | SWIM | RESTROOMS | SHOWERS | CENTER |
|-------------------------------------|----------------|------------------|----------------|--------|------|------------------|-----------|---------|--------|
| ARKANSAS HEADWATERS | * | * | * | * | ♦ | ♦ ^B | * | | * |
| BARR LAKE | ♦ | | ♦ | ♦ | ♦ | | ♦ | | ♦ |
| BONNY LAKE | ♦ | **♦ | | **♦ | | ♦ ^B | * | * | * |
| BOYD LAKE | * | * | * | * | ♦ | ♦ ^B | * | ♦ | * |
| CASTLEWOOD CANYON | | | * | * | | | * | | * |
| CHATFIELD | * | * | * | * | | A | * | * | * |
| CHERRY CREEK | * | * | * | * | | ♦ ^B | * | * | |
| CHEYENNE MOUNTAIN | | * | | ♦ | | | * | * | * |
| CRAWFORD | * | * | * | * | | **♦ ^B | * | * | * |
| ELDORADO CANYON | ♦ | | * | * | | | * | | * |
| ELEVEN MILE | ♦ | * | | * | | | * | * | * |
| ELKHEAD RESERVOIR | ♦ | ♦ | ♦ | * | * | B | * | | |
| GOLDEN GATE CANYON | * | * | * | * | | | **♦ | * | * |
| HARVEY GAP | | | | **♦ | | B | **♦ | | |
| HIGHLINE LAKE | ♦ | * | ♦ | * | | ♦ ^B | * | * | * |
| JACKSON LAKE | * | **♦ | | ♦ | ♦ | ♦ ^B | **♦ | **♦ | * |
| JMR - COLO. RIVER (Connected Lakes) | * | | * | * | | | * | | |
| JMR - COLO. RIVER (Corn Lake) | * | | * | * | | | * | | |
| JMR - COLO. RIVER (Island Acres) | ♦ | * | ♦ | ♦ | | ♦ ^B | * | * | |
| JMR - COLO. RIVER (Fruita) | ♦ | * | ♦ | * | | ♦ ^B | * | * | * |
| JMR - COLO. RIVER (Wildlife Area) | ♦ | | * | | | | * | * | * |
| JOHN MARTIN RESERVOIR | * | * | | * | | | * | * | * |
| LAKE PUEBLO | * | * | * | ♦ | ♦ | ♦ ^A | * | * | * |
| LATHROP | * | * | * | * | | B | * | * | * |
| LORY | | | ♦ | * | | | * | | **♦ |
| MANCOS | ♦ | * ⁵ | * | * | | | * | | * |
| MUELLER | | * | ♦ | * | | | * | * | * |
| NAVAJO | * | * | | * | | | * | * | * |
| NORTH STERLING | ♦ | * | | ♦ | ♦ | B | * | * | ♦ |
| PAONIA | | * | | * | | | * | | |
| PEARL LAKE | ♦ | **♦ ³ | | ♦ | | | **♦ | | * |
| RIDGWAY | * | * ⁵ | * | * | ♦ | ♦ ^B | * | * | * |
| RIFLE FALLS | ♦ | **♦ | | **♦ | | | **♦ | | |
| RIFLE GAP | ♦ | ♦ | | ♦ | ♦ | ♦ ^B | * | | * |
| ROXBOROUGH | | | ♦ ² | | | | * | | * |
| ST. VRAIN | * | * | * | ♦ | | | * | | * |
| SAN LUIS | * | * | | **♦ | | | **♦ | * | * |
| SPINNEY MOUNTAIN | ♦ | | | * | | | * | | |
| STAGECOACH | ♦ | * | * | ♦ | | ♦ ^B | * | * | |
| STATE FOREST | ♦ | * | ♦ | ♦ | ♦ | | * | | * |
| STEAMBOAT LAKE | ♦ | **♦ ³ | | ♦ | | ♦ ^B | **♦ | * | * |
| SWEITZER LAKE | ♦ ¹ | | * | **♦ | | ♦ ^B | **♦ | * | * |
| SYLVAN LAKE | ♦ | * ⁴ | ♦ | * | | | **♦ | * | * |
| TRINIDAD LAKE | ♦ | * | * | * | ♦ | | * | * | * |
| VEGA | * | * ⁴ | | * | | | * | * | * |
| YAMPA | ♦ | * | ♦ | * | | | * | * | * |



Chatfield - Photo by Barbara Bromby

With the number of universally accessible features in Colorado State Parks, there's virtually no reason for anyone to stay at home. I've seen wheelchair users, people with canes, and parents with strollers who are all getting around just fine and enjoying the experiences that the parks have to offer.

- ♦ some facilities accessible with assistance
- * some universally-accessible features are available

- A Lifeguards during peak periods.
- B No Lifeguards.
- 1 Fish are not edible.
- 2 Six passenger golf cart type vehicle available by reservation for persons with difficulty walking.
- 3 Cabins available with assistance.
- 4 Fully accessible cabin(s) available.
- 5 Fully accessible yurt(s) available.

Notes



EGRET

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LADYBUG

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RAINBOW TROUT

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BEAVER