

## GENERAL PARK RULES

- All motor vehicles must display a valid park pass.
- Motor vehicles are permitted on authorized roads only.
- Camping and parking are permitted only in designated areas.
- Fires are permitted in designated grills and fire pits only.
- Use proper receptacles for trash, wastewater and sewage.
- Pets must be kept on a six-foot leash and controlled at all times.
- Damaging live or dead standing trees is prohibited.
- Other laws and regulations apply. If you have any questions, please ask park staff or pick up a complete list of park rules at the Visitor Center.

## Remember

You are sharing the park with other visitors. Please be careful and courteous.

It is unlawful to enter privately owned property without the permission of the landowner for any purpose.



## PARK RIDING RULES

- Horses are permitted in backcountry and dispersed campsites.
- Horses are not allowed in designated campgrounds (Bockman, Craggs, North Michigan and Ranger Lakes).
- Horses are not allowed at Lake Agnes.
- Bring only weed free hay or a complete feed.
- Bring only the minimum of pack animals necessary.
- Horses should be in camp as little as possible to reduce the impact on the campsite. Hobble horses to restrain them. Use highlines with nylon straps or several layers of rope to prevent girdling of trees. Select hard, dry rocky areas to prevent ground damage.
- Keep horses well fed and watered to reduce restless behavior that damages grazing areas.
- Stay on trails and don't shortcut switchbacks. Water your horse at a rocky spot to prevent trampling and stream erosion.

## GENERAL HORSEBACK RIDING SAFETY TIPS

- Before riding, inspect all horseback riding equipment for wear and stretching and be sure it is all securely fastened.
- Wear footwear that has a distinct heel and make sure the boot covers the ankle. Make sure your footwear has a smooth sole, so it can slide out of the stirrups easily.
- Always approach the shoulder of a horse, and announce your arrival by speaking to the horse.
- At all times keep your center of gravity as close as possible to that of the horse.
- Always hang on to your reins.
- When riding don't relax too much, always be ready for the unexpected (i.e. your horse's reaction to biting/stinging insects, snakes, and other foreign activities that could startle a horse).
- Helmets save lives! The park encourages the use of safety helmets for children.

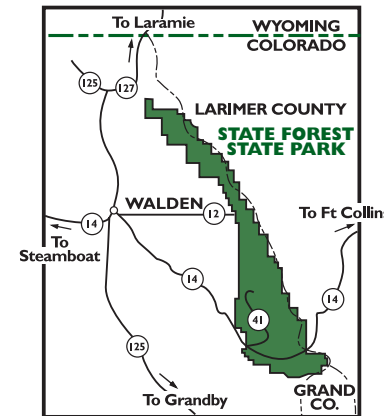
## FOR MORE INFORMATION



**Colorado State Parks**  
**State Forest State Park**  
56750 Highway 14  
Walden, CO 80480  
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Phone: 970.723.8366  
E-mail: state.forest@state.co.us

**FOR RESERVATIONS**  
Call 1.800.678.2267 or  
303.470.1144 in the Denver area or  
at www.parks.state.co.us

### LOCATION MAP



**Colorado Division of Wildlife**  
6060 Broadway      285 Grant Street  
Denver, CO 80216      Walden, CO 80480  
Phone: 303.297.1192      Phone: 970.723.4625

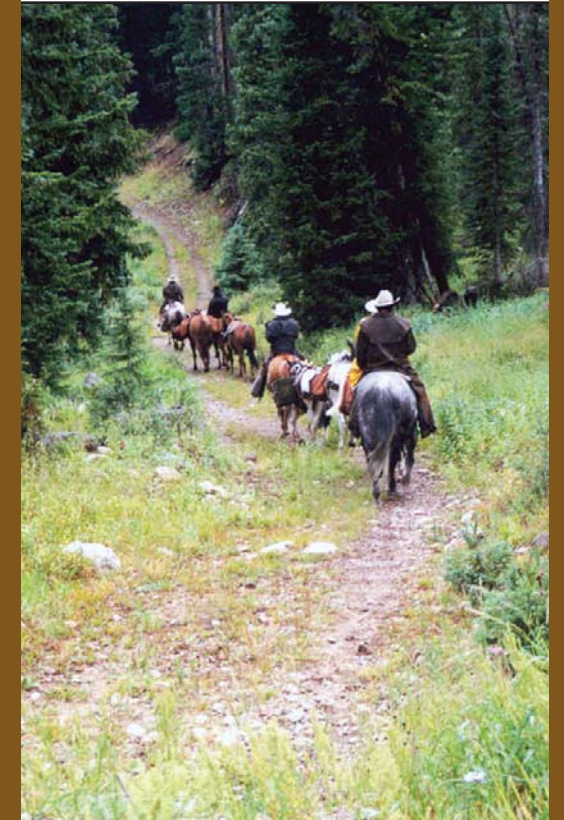
**OTHER CONTACTS**  
**Jackson County Sheriff**  
Phone: 970.723.4242

**North Park Medical Clinic**  
Phone: 970.723.4255

**In Case of Emergency Call 911**

# Colorado State Parks

## STATE FOREST HORSEBACK RIDING GUIDE



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at [www.parks.state.co.us](http://www.parks.state.co.us)

## RECOMMENDED RIDES\*

### Montgomery Pass

**Length:** 7 miles

**Level of difficulty:** easy

**Access:** Park on Bockman Road just past the south fork of the Michigan River.

This rocky trail takes you to the top of Montgomery Pass, where you will have stunning views. There are also many side roads you can explore.

### American Lakes/Thunder Pass

**Length:** 5 miles to American Lakes

**Level of difficulty:** easy-moderate

**Access:** Park at the American Lakes Trailhead

This trail follows an old road along the upper Michigan River then joins Michigan Ditch. The road becomes a single track trail, climbing to timberline at 10,800 feet.

### Kelly Lake Trail

**Length:** 6.5 miles one way

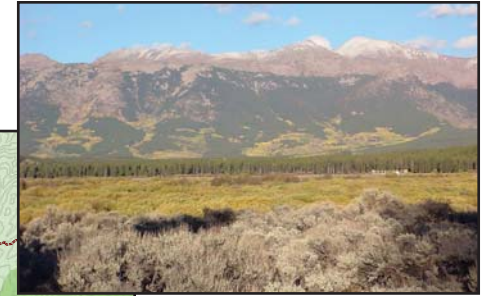
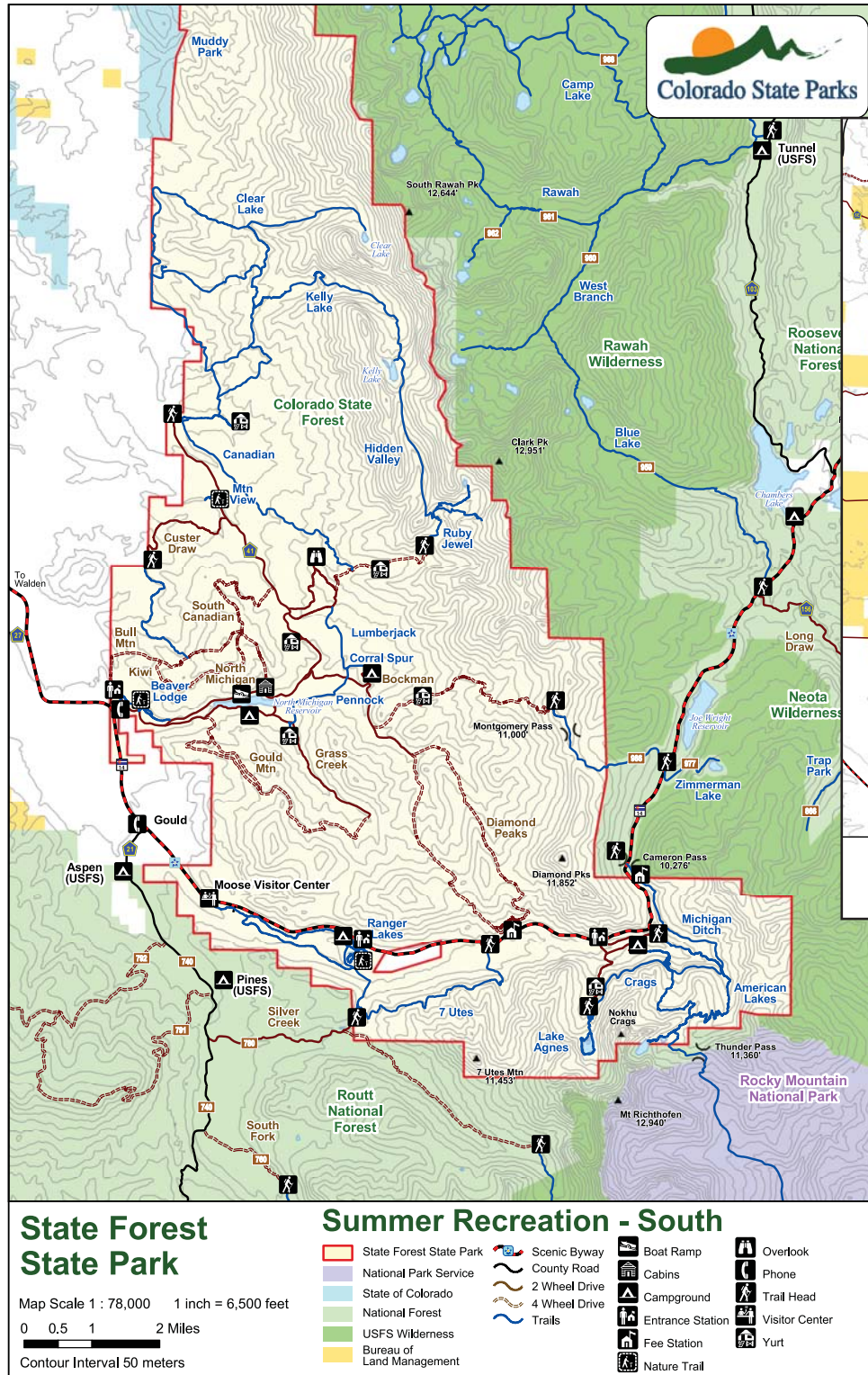
**Level of difficulty:** moderate-difficult

**Access:** Park at the end of County Road 41

This is a beautiful ride to a high-alpine lake. Most of the trail follows old 4WD roads through aspen and lodgepole pine forests. About two miles from the lake, you'll start a climb to timberline where you'll have excellent views of peaks to the west.



Kelly Lake



The Medicine Bow Trail enters the Rawah Wilderness to the south.

### Mendenhall Road/Medicine Bow

**Length:** 20+ miles one way

(6 miles to the top, depending on where you park)

**Level of difficulty:** easy-moderate

**Access:** Take County Road 8 north of Walden.

This turns into 8A, which intersects Mendenhall Road/Medicine Bow Trail near the ridgeline. Park anywhere along the road, or drive to the top. Large stock trailers may want to unload early.

### Clear Lake Trail

**Length:** 8 miles one way

**Level of difficulty:** difficult

**Access:** Park at the end of County Road 41.

This trail climbs to a stunning alpine lake. It starts off on the same 4WD road that leads to Kelly Lake, then branches off. The trail becomes very rocky as it make the final ascent.

### Bockman Horse Corral

**Size:** 30' x 56' – divided into four sections – each stall can accommodate up to three horses

**Access:** Between site #309 and #311 on the east side of Bockman Campground

**Trails:** The .5 mile trail connection leads north from the campground and connects with the Canadian, Clear Lake, Kelly Lake, Hidden Valley and Ruby Jewel Trail systems

*\*These are just a few of the trails available for horseback riding.*