

PASSES, PERMITS

A Colorado State Parks pass is required year round on all motor vehicles entering the park. Campers are required to have a valid camping permit in addition to a valid park pass. Users of the dog off-leash area are required to have a valid dog off-leash area pass in addition to a valid park pass. Park passes are available at the park entrances, the park office, and seasonally at the campground registration office.

CAMPING

The campground offers a total of 197 individual campsites. All sites have an electrical RV hook-up (20-30-50 amp) service, picnic table, fire ring and grill. In addition 121 sites are considered full hook-up and offer water and sewer connections. Shower and flush comfort stations are located throughout the campground complex. A camping permit is required in addition to a park pass for persons using the campground.

Campers may stay a maximum of 14 days in any 45-day period, and immediate occupancy of sites is required. Quiet hours are observed from 10 p.m. to 6 a.m., and generators may not be operated during these hours. A sewage dump station is located near the campground for the use of registered campers. A fee is charged for non-registered campers to use this facility. It is illegal to dump wastewater or sewage, including dishwater, anywhere else.

Individual sites can be reserved from early April through mid October, up to six months in advance. Reservations can be made online at www.parks.state.co.us or by calling 303-470-1144 or 1-800-678-CAMP (2267), outside the Denver metro area. Limited off season, electric only sites are available through the winter on a first come basis. Group sites are by reservation only and can be reserved by calling the park office at 303-791-7275.

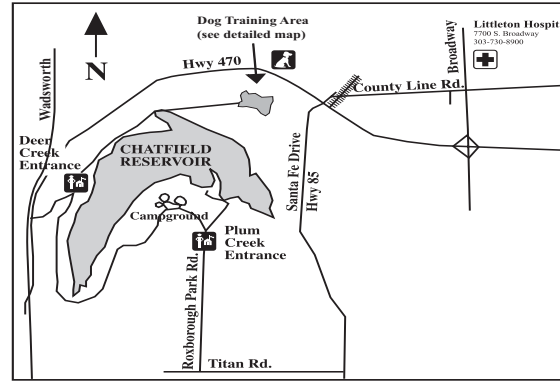
DOG OFF-LEASH AREA

Dog enthusiasts with a Dog Off-Leash Area pass can take up to three dogs into the fenced Dog Off-Leash Area at the north end of the park for socializing and exercise in a controlled 69 acre environment which includes numerous walking trails and two small ponds. The Dog Off-Leash Area pass is required in addition to the park pass required on all vehicles entering the park. An Annual Dog Off-Leash Area pass is \$20 and a Daily Dog Off-Leash Area pass is \$2. Dogs are welcome in all other areas of the park without a Dog Off-Leash Area pass, except the swim beach, as long as they remain on a 6 foot leash under direct control of the visitor.

FISHING

In addition to a healthy population of trout and bass, Chatfield has walleye, channel catfish, yellow perch, crappie, bluegill, sunfish, and carp. The lake is periodically stocked with rainbow trout and other fish. Springtime presents superb walleye and trout opportunities while bass, perch, crappie, and catfish are most frequently caught during the summer. Cool fall temperatures encourage excellent trout fishing which continues until the lake freezes, usually in early December. Ice fishermen do well for trout, perch, and crappie, but check ice conditions before heading out as the ice changes rapidly.

LOCATION



PARK RANGERS

The staff at Chatfield is committed to providing visitors with a positive recreation experience while protecting the area's delicate natural resources. Park rangers are highly skilled specialists dedicated to visitor protection and resource management. As fully trained law enforcement officers, park rangers work closely with local sheriffs and deputies to keep the park resources and park visitors safe. Chatfield's rangers provide the public with a multitude of services such as information, special programs, rescue and first aid.



FIRST AID

Park rangers are trained to give basic first aid. Littleton Hospital, (303) 730-8900, is located approximately ten miles east of the Deer Creek entrance at Broadway and Mineral Avenue.

IN EMERGENCIES, an ambulance can be called by dialing 911. A public telephone is located at the campground registration office.

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HISTORY

The first settlers came to the Chatfield area in search of gold in 1858. Prospectors discovered gold in the vicinity of nearby Cherry Creek and the South Platte River. When these pioneers began building the settlement that is now Denver, Indians warned them that it was “bad medicine” to settle in the area.

In 1870, Issac W. Chatfield a Union lieutenant in the Civil War, bought 720 acres of land at the confluence of the South Platte River and Plum Creek. Chatfield farmed the land until he moved in 1879. The area and a nearby road still bear his name.

The area continued to grow as an agricultural community, and small activity centers and subdivisions were built. But the warning of “bad medicine” proved true as floods rumbled through Denver in 1933, 1935 and 1942.

On June 16, 1965, the rain-swollen South Platte River jumped from its banks and swept away homes and businesses. The result was 13 deaths and over \$300 million in damages. Following that flood, citizens banded together with state and federal officials to get Chatfield Dam built as a flood control measure.

In August 1967, two years after the flood, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers began construction of the \$85 million project. Work began on the dam and 5,600-acre recreation area in 1973, and in 1974, Colorado State Parks entered a long-term lease to manage the recreation at the site. The dam was completed in 1976, resulting in a 1,450 surface-acre lake.

TRAILS

A series of trails winds through the Chatfield area and provides park visitors with an abundance of opportunities. You can take a morning jog, walk through natural areas around the reservoir, leisurely pedal your bicycle through the park, or ride a horse into the sunset. Trail maps may be obtained at the park’s main entrances and offices.

PICNICKING

Numerous picnic sites with tables and grills are located throughout the park. Individual sites are available on a first-come first-served basis, and group picnic sites are available by reservation through the park office at 303-791-7275.

WINTER RECREATION

Ice fishing, ski touring and snow shoeing are among the many activities available to the winter recreation enthusiast, as conditions permit. Call (303) 791-7275 for current ice and snow conditions. Snowmobiling is prohibited.

MODEL-PLANES/BALLOONS

A special area for hot air balloonist to fly “up, up, and away” is Montgolfier Balloon Port located near the Deer Creek entrance. A balloon permit is required in addition to the parks pass for persons using the launch site.

For model airplane pilots, Chatfield provides paved runways, frequency posts and field regulations for radio controlled aircraft in an area south of the campgrounds.

All other radio controlled devices are prohibited.

AQUATIC NUISANCE SPECIES

Zebra and Quagga Mussels are a relatively new threat facing Western waterways.

- These invaders reproduce quickly and once established, they cannot be eliminated.
- They can damage boat motors, steering components and cooling intakes.
- They can cause millions of dollars in damage to fisheries, recreation and water systems.
- They can spread by attaching to boat hulls or being transported as larvae in water (through bilge, ballast or live wells).

Please help to prevent the spread of these invasive organisms. Before moving your boat to another body of water, CLEAN, DRAIN, and DRY it thoroughly.

Inspections are MANDATORY prior to launch, and can be performed by park staff at Inspection Stations in place at both Boat Ramps during posted hours of operation. To launch outside of such hours, a State Boat Inspection Seal and Receipt must be deposited in the drop box located at the boat ramps.

For further information, please visit : <http://parks.state.co.us/NaturalResources/ParksResourceStewardship/AquaticNuisanceSpecies>



BOATING/WATER SPORTS

Boating, water-skiing and swimming are among the most popular activities for cooling off on a hot summer day. Areas are set aside for different activities to ensure a safe experience for park visitors. Boaters must observe navigation buoys and zoning on the lake. All vessels with a motor or sail must be registered. Copies of the Colorado Boating Statutes and Regulations are available at the park entrances and boat ramps. Chatfield is open to boating from March 1st through November 30th. Swimming is only permitted within the designated swimming area from Memorial Day through Labor Day.

WILDLIFE

Chatfield’s hundreds of acres of prairie grasses, water and ground cover support a multitude of wildlife species. Over 340 species of birds have been sighted at Chatfield, most notably great blue herons. A watchable wildlife kiosk is located on top of the dam to provide visitors with information on key places within the park to see wildlife. Beaver and muskrats are often seen in the park’s wetlands, and whitetail and mule deer, coyotes, rabbits and foxes also live or feed in the area. Natural areas are located on the south side of the park along Plum Creek and along the South Platte River. Check the park office for scheduling of interpretive walks and evening programs. Check the park website at www.parks.state.co.us/parks/chatfield for scheduled interpretive walks and evening programs.

ACCESSIBILITY

Chatfield State Park has many fully accessible facilities. Twenty-six miles of paved trails are wide enough and level enough to accommodate wheelchairs. An accessible fishing pier is located near the marina on the east side of the lake, and an access trail is located at the South Platte River.

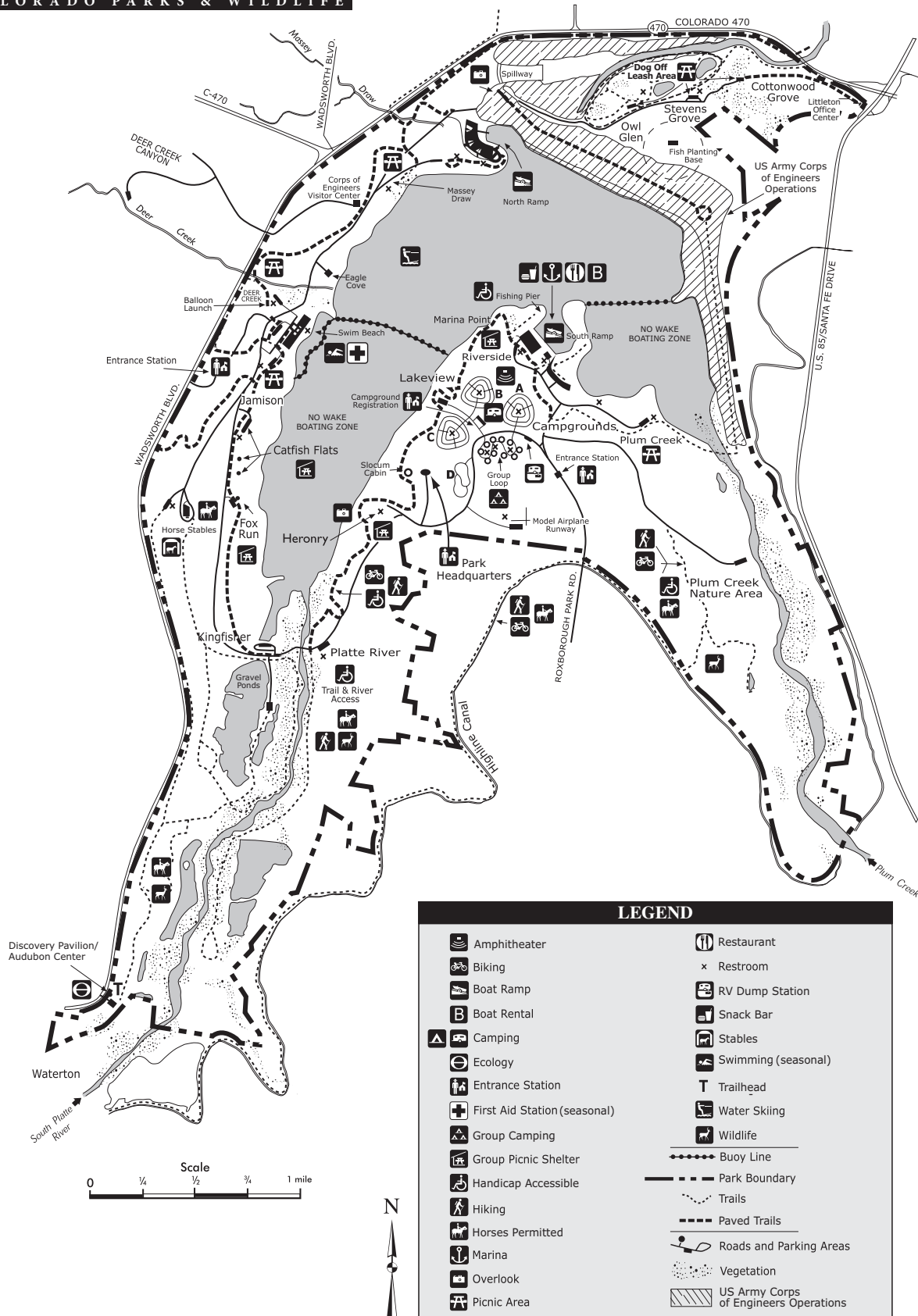
HORSEBACK RIDING

Horse trailer parking, corrals, unloading ramps and the trailhead are on the park’s west side, most easily reached from the Deer Creek entrance. Horses may be rented at the Chatfield Livery, west of the swim beach, and trail maps are available at the park’s main entrances.

Visitors may leave their horses in the corrals overnight if they are camping in the campground, two miles from the corrals. Visitors must furnish their own feed and water containers, as grazing is not allowed and only water faucets are available at the corrals. Riders must stay on designated trails – **horses are prohibited at picnic sites, campsites, the swim beach, and along the lake shore.**

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REGULATIONS

1. Vehicles must remain on designated roads or in parking areas.
2. Fires are permitted only in the fire rings and grills provided.
Fires are not permitted on the swimbeach.
3. Pets must be on a leash at all times.
4. Hunting and firearms are prohibited throughout the park.
5. Keep your park clean! Place litter in the receptacles provided.
6. Camping is permitted in designated campsites only.
7. Swimming permitted only in designated swim beach area.

CONCESSIONS

Chatfield Marina - boating supplies, groceries, boat/sailboat rentals and lessons, fuel docks, patio restaurant, slip rentals, boat rentals.
Open April - October.
Information and Reservations: (303) 791-5555
www.chatfieldmarina.com

Chatfield Stables - stable horses for lease, breakfast rides, steak rides, hayrack rides.
Open May - September, 9-5 p.m.
Information: (303) 933-3636 www.painhorsestables.net