



castlewood canyon state park EY09-10



who we are

Castlewood Canyon State Park offers a beautiful natural setting with hiking, picnicking, rock climbing, sightseeing, and nature study. Visitors enjoy spectacular panoramic views that stretch more than 100 miles along the Colorado Front Range. Designated as a Colorado Natural Area, the park preserves 2,303 acres of the ecologically unique Black Forest Region, including a number of rare and endangered plant species. Trails lead to historical landmarks such as the Castlewood Dam and the Lucas Homestead.

Visitors to Castlewood Canyon State Park spend about \$400,000 annually at local businesses.

Source: Corona Research, Colorado State Parks Marketing Assessment, "Visitor Spending Analysis 2008-2009."

top attractions

- Castlewood Canyon State Park contains several popular bouldering and rock climbing areas.
- The Bridge Canyon Overlook and Pike's Peak Amphitheater are popular destinations for weddings and other special events.
- Castlewood Canyon State Park offers a wide array of volunteer lead public programs.
- Castlewood Canyon State Park is one of Colorado's summer roosting sites of the turkey vulture. Birders often report sightings of rare or unexpected bird species at the park.

our partners

- The Friends of Castlewood Canyon
- Castlewood Canyon State Park Volunteers
- Douglas County Parks and Open Space
- Douglas County Search and Rescue
- Mile High Youth Corp

challenges we face

- Community outreach is important for park success. The park will continue strong relationships with park visitors, park volunteers and the Friends of Castlewood Canyon.
- Ensuring natural resource health including fuel mitigation, noxious weed resource management and white nose fungus projects are funded and completed annually through coordinated efforts between park staff, Denver office staff, Colorado State Forest Service staff and volunteers.
- With over 90% of park visitation using our trails, the park continues to work with volunteers, staff and youth corps groups to keep 17 miles of trails safe and enjoyable.



our enduring vision

Colorado State Parks offer exceptional settings for renewal of the human spirit. Residents and visitors enjoy healthy, fun-filled interaction with the natural world, creating rich traditions with family and friends that promote stewardship of our natural resources. Park employees and their partners work together to provide ongoing and outstanding customer service through recreational programs, amenities and services.

statistics and ratios

Visitation FY 09-10: **111,882**

Estimated expenditures within 50 miles of the park: **\$397,861 (2008-2009)**

Full-time staff: **3**

Visitor to full-time staff ratio: **37,294:1**

Temporary employees: **8**

Volunteers: **252**

Volunteer hours contributed: **7,695**

County: **Douglas**

Congressional District: **6**

State Legislative Districts
Senate: **4**
House: **45**

expenses/revenue

Total operating expenses: **\$355,547**

Total construction expenses: **\$0**

Total revenue generated: **\$306,609**

Self-sufficiency ratio: **86%**
(FY 09-10 revenues/operating expenses)

park inventory

Year became a state park: **1964**
Land acres: **2,621**
Water acres: **0**
Elevation: **6,300'**

Ownership

State parks: **69%**
Other: **31%**

Miles of Roads

Paved: **2**
Unpaved: **0**

Miles of Trails

Hiking: **14.0**
Biking/horse: **1.2**

Picnic sites: 55

Concessions: 0

Major buildings/structures:

Visitor center
Group picnic areas with three separate pavilions
Bridge Canyon Overlook
Pikes Peak Amphitheater

land acquisitions FY 09-10

There were no new acquisitions in FY 09-10.

volunteer activities

- Over 1,500 visitors attended public programs.
- Three dozen volunteers received their "48 hour pass" (10 of the volunteers donated over 100 hours and 2 of them donated over 300 hours).
- The park welcomed REI staff and volunteers for the annual Adopt a Crag event. Crews re-routed a trail severely damaged by erosion.
- Most trail maintenance projects at the park could not be completed without the help of volunteers and community groups.

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