



cheyenne mountain state park FY09-10



who we are

Visitors are welcomed to the newest Colorado State Park at the beautiful visitor center that offers a gift shop, educational displays and a group meeting facility. Hiking and biking trails meander throughout the picturesque landscape and give visitors a chance to have a real “plains to peaks” outdoor experience. While enjoying the amazing views, visitors often see some of the park’s many wild inhabitants, including mule deer, wild turkey, black bear, bobcat, red fox and birds of prey. Come relax and enjoy barbeques at one of the many picnic sites or host the whole group at the Prairie Skipper Event Pavilion. Campers may enjoy a unique walk-in tent site, or the comforts of their RV at a full-hook-up sites in the park.

Visitors to Cheyenne Mountain State Park spend about \$6.2 million annually in local communities. *Source: Corona Research, Colorado State Parks Marketing Assessment, “Visitor Spending Analysis 2008-2009.”*

top attractions

- The park offers an extensive system of hiking and biking trails covering a wide variety of topography and scenic areas.
- The campground offers 51 full hook-up and 10 walk-in tent sites, designed to appeal to various types of recreation.
- The park visitor center provides meeting rooms, gift shops, and displays that will appeal to park visitors of all ages.
- The Prairie Skipper Event Pavilion and Prairie Falcon Amphitheater are available to the public.
- Individual picnic sites.

our partners

- Great Outdoors Colorado
- City of Colorado Springs
- Friends of Cheyenne Mountain State Park
- El Paso County
- El Pomar Foundation
- Experience Colorado Springs
- Mountain Post Historical Society
- Medicine Wheel Mountain Bike Club

challenges we face

- Work with State Parks Stewardship staff to continue implementation of forest management and fuel mitigation plans to improve forest health, wildlife habitat and recreation opportunities.
- Master Planning for Top of the Mountain continues. State Parks will work with City of Colorado Springs, U.S. Forest Service and other partners to: design/construct a sustainable trail system; protect critical habitat for raptor species and provide legal access to this property.
- Cheyenne Mountain State Park will cooperate with local military commands in the Colorado Springs area to market outdoor recreation, volunteer and education opportunities to military members and their families.

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: **146,947**

Estimated expenditures within 50 miles of the park: **\$6,218,207 (2009-2010 estimate)**

Full-time staff: **5**

Visitor to full-time staff: **29,389:1**

Temporary employees: **16**

Volunteers: **357**

Volunteer hours contributed: **7,521**

County: **El Paso**

Congressional District: **5**

State Legislative Districts
Senate: **12**
House: **17, 21**

expenses/revenue

Total operating expenses: **\$657,903**

Total construction expenses: **\$0**

Total revenue generated: **\$582,736**

Self-sufficiency ratio: **89%**
(FY 09-10 revenues/operating expenses)

park inventory

Year became a state park: **2006**
Land acres: **2,717**
Water acres: **0**
Elevation: **6,050'**

Ownership

State parks: **46%**
Other: **54%**

Miles of Roads

Paved: **3.5**
Unpaved: **0**

Miles of Trails

Hiking/biking: **20.0**

Campsites: **61**

Picnic sites: **41**

Concessions: **0**

Major buildings/structures:

Visitor center
Camper services building
Prairie Skipper Event Pavilion
Maintenance shop

land acquisitions FY 09-10

There were no new acquisitions in FY 09-10.
Acquired "Top of Cheyenne Mountain" in FY 08-09.

volunteer activities

- Cheyenne Mountain's enthusiastic volunteers play a vital role in the day-to-day operation of the park. Volunteers help provide visitors with exceptional service by fulfilling the roles of park naturalists, visitor center attendants, trail maintenance, weed warriors and camp hosts, just to name a few. Volunteers also monitor the park's raptor population and assist with other important resource stewardship duties.
- The Friends of Cheyenne Mountain State Park is another growing group of dedicated individuals committed to helping the park achieve its established goals. The Friends are important financial supporters of the park's volunteer and educational programs.

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