



who we are

Highline Lake State Park is the only reservoir in the Grand Valley that offers power boating, water-skiing and jet-skiing opportunities. The park is popular for fishing and swimming as well. Many visitors also use Highline State Park as a camping base for mountain biking or river rafting. Large shade trees and turf grass areas offer a pleasant place to rest after a hard day of playing or to cool off from summer heat. In the winter months, the park allows waterfowl hunting on weekdays. There are also great bird watching opportunities year-round.

Visitors to Highline State Park spend about \$1.6 million in local communities each year.

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

top attractions

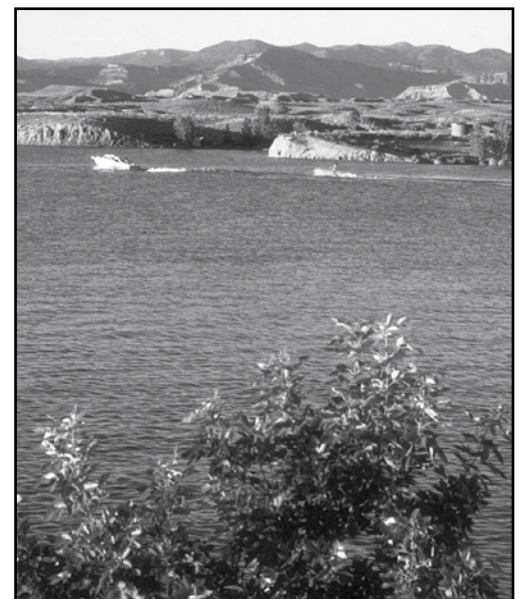
- The park is the center for water sports in the Grand Valley.
- The shady picnic sites and campsites at the park provide a very pleasant experience for visitors.
- The park provides easy access to many renowned mountain biking trails and is widely used by mountain bikers who want to camp.
- The park is a birdwatcher's paradise, with over 200 species of birds identified within the park.

our partners

- Over the Edge Sports
- Colorado Division of Wildlife
- U.S. Bureau of Reclamation
- U.S. Bureau of Land Management
- U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

challenges we face

- The settling of the shop's concrete slab floor caused severe structural problems, including cracks in the walls and the floor. The noticeably sloping floor also created problems in wiring and plumbing. The park budget includes money for a new building and the staff has scheduled the construction as a top priority.
- The area's intense winds and the boating wakes generate wave action on the lake, which increases erosion along the shoreline. Funding for a breakwater is vital to protecting the valuable shoreline recreation sites.
- The Highline Canal dumps a heavy load of silt into Highline Lake, which causes siltation problems in the inlet, the east boat ramp and the outlet structure of the dam. Funding is available for dredging work on the inlet and the east boat ramp to allow boats to use the ramp.



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: **165,066**

Estimated expenditures within 50 miles of the park: **\$1,575,185 (2008-2009)**

Full-time staff: **4**

Visitor to full-time staff ratio: **41,267:1**

Temporary employees: **14**

Volunteers: **28**

Volunteer hours contributed: **4,148**

County: **Mesa**

Congressional District: **3**

State Legislative Districts
Senate: **7**
House: **54**

expenses/revenue

Total operating expenses: **\$ 573,575**

Total construction expenses: **\$1,253,862**

Total revenue generated: **\$ 278,378**

Self-sufficiency ratio: **49%**
(FY 09-10 revenues/operating expenses)

park inventory

Year became a state park: **1967**
Land acres: **389**
Water acres: **173**
Elevation: **4,700'**

Ownership

State parks: **63%**
Other: **37%**

Miles of Roads

Paved: **2.5**
Unpaved: **.3**

Miles of Trails

Hiking/biking: **7.4**
Horse: **3**

Boat ramps: **2**

Campsites: **31**

Picnic sites: **44**

Concessions: **1**

Major buildings/structures:

Visitor center
Camper services building
Accessible pier
Group picnic area
Maintenance shop

land acquisitions FY 09-10

There were no new acquisitions in FY 09-10.

volunteer activities

- The campground host program is critical to the campground operation at the park.
- Volunteers also help at the visitor center and as trail hosts. Their service to the park is very important.

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