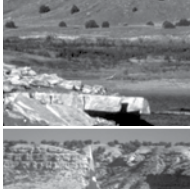




lake pueblo state park FY09-10



who we are

Lake Pueblo is one of the premier recreation destinations in southern Colorado. Known for the size of the reservoir, with 5,399 surface acres of water and approximately 60 miles of shoreline, Lake Pueblo is a highly regarded warm water fishery and boating area. The park boasts 400 camping sites, two full-service marinas, miles of trails, bird watching, a visitor's center and spectacular views of Pikes Peak, the Greenhorn Mountain and the Sangre de Cristo mountain range. While enjoying the park's many offerings, visitors can enjoy beautiful short-grass prairie, piñon-juniper woodland and lush riparian ecosystems that provide homes to a wealth of wildlife including deer, coyote, beaver, fox, song birds, and birds of prey, including the majestic bald eagle in winter months.

Visitors to Lake Pueblo State Park spend about \$67 million annually at local businesses.

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

top attractions

- Fishing
- Boating
- Camping
- Picnicking
- Trails
- Rock Canyon Swim Beach
- Bird watching
- Mild southern Colorado climate

our partners

- U.S. Bureau of Reclamation
- Colorado Division of Wildlife
- Pueblo County
- City of Pueblo
- Pueblo West Metropolitan District
- Pueblo Board of Waterworks
- Pueblo West Horsemen's Association
- Southern Colorado Retriever Club
- Southeastern Colorado Water Conservancy District
- Southern Colorado Trail Builders Club
- Rocky Mountain Back Country Horseman Association
- Trout Unlimited
- Greater Pueblo Chamber of Commerce
- Colorado State Patrol
- Colorado Department of Transportation

challenges we face

- Lake Pueblo is the only State Park that has tested positive for zebra mussels. Each year park staff inspects over 50,000 boats to protect against this aquatic nuisance species. This severely affects park operations and customer satisfaction. State Parks needs financial partnerships to continue to protect recreational waters and water delivery infrastructure.
- Lake Pueblo's popularity (1.8 million annual visitors) along with the increased demands for more quality recreational experiences puts enormous pressures on the park's natural resources, 30+ year old facilities and infrastructure. Colorado State Parks has recently embarked on a master planning process to address these issues and the appropriate development and land management.
- Seek a long-term agreement with the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation, local communities and other partners to assist in the funding of capital rehabilitation projects and operating expenses for Lake Pueblo State Park.

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: **1,804,805**

Estimated expenditures within 50 miles of the park: **\$67,057,171 (2008-2009)**

Full-time staff: **14**

Visitor to full-time staff ratio: **128,915:1**

Temporary employees: **67**

Volunteers: **299**

Volunteer hours contributed: **3,211**

County: **Pueblo**

Congressional District: **3**

State Legislative Districts
Senate: **3**
House: **47 and 60**

expenses/revenue

Total operating expenses: **\$2,232,752**

Total construction expenses: **\$1,181,775**

Total revenue generated: **\$1,309,681**

Self-sufficiency ratio: **59%**
(FY 09-10 revenue/operating expense)

park inventory

Year became a state park: **1975**
Land acres: **8,713**
Water acres: **5,399**
Elevation: **4,880'**

Ownership

State parks: **13%**
Other: **87%**

Miles of Roads

Paved: **23.7**
Unpaved: **0**

Miles of Trails

Hiking: **53**

Boat ramps: **2**

Marinas: **2**

Campsites: **400**

Picnic sites: **212**

Concessions:

Two marinas; four fishing guides

Major buildings/structures:

Visitor center
Camper services buildings
Camper registration buildings
Maintenance complex
Swim beach complex

land acquisitions FY 09-10

There were no new acquisitions in FY 09-10.

volunteer activities

- Volunteers serve in such capacities as camp hosts, visitor service technicians and aquatic nuisance species inspectors.
- Volunteers provide interpretive programs, monitor/maintain trails and monitor raptors at the park.
- Volunteer groups such as Trout Unlimited and the Boy Scouts of America conduct ongoing specialized projects.
- Twice a year volunteers work on a cleanup day to pick up litter and trash at the park.

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