



## who we are

Lory State Park offers visitors a variety of rugged terrain and stunning vistas from the northern Colorado Front Range. The park covers almost 2,600 acres and features 26 miles of trails that lead through forest, meadows and rock-outcroppings, offering visitors great terrain for mountain biking, hiking, rock climbing, bouldering, and horseback riding. Visitors can experience Lory State Park’s wildlife and colorful wildflowers along any trail. Horseback riding enthusiasts enjoy the valley trails and cross-country jumping course. Mountain bikers may also enjoy the Corral Center Mountain Bike Park, the first mountain bike park of its kind in a Colorado State Park. Beautiful Lory State Park is open to explore and enjoy all year long.

Visitors to Lory State Park spend about \$875,000 annually at local businesses.

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

## top attractions

- Lory State Park is a premier location for mountain biking along Colorado’s northern Front Range. The Spring Mountain Bike Kickoff was created to highlight the park’s variety of mountain biking trails as well as to feature the Corral Center Mountain Bike Park, which also serves as a great pump track for jumping.
- An expanded trail system offers additional access to the park’s backcountry for bikers, horseback riders, and hikers. The addition of the Howard Trail created a connection into the already popular Timber Trail and the West Ridge Trail, providing a large back country loop with great views along the route, creating a challenging upper mountain loop, while the Kimmons Trail provides an enjoyable moderate level loop trail.
- The park’s group picnic areas are a choice location for weddings. Each of the three areas offers an equally spectacular backdrop ideal for couples wanting to stay close to the Front Range.
- The visitor center is a big attraction with its beautiful architecture, plentiful interpretive displays, intimate conference room, and bookstore.

## our partners

- Larimer County Department of Natural Resources
- Colorado State Forest Service
- Colorado Division of Wildlife
- Overland Mountain Bike Club
- Northern Colorado Mounted Patrol
- International Mountain Biking Association (IMBA)
- Boy Scouts of America
- Colorado State University
- Larimer County Search and Rescue
- Larimer County Sheriff’s Office

## challenges we face

- Mountain pine beetles were discovered in several different areas throughout the park in the summer of 2008. Dwarf mistletoe and other invasive weeds are also challenging. Since 2005, Lory State Park has worked in conjunction with the Front Range Fuels Treatment Partnership in an ongoing partnership with the Colorado State Forest Service. The goal is to reduce the hazard of devastating wildfires while improving overall forest health and wildlife habitat.
- Due to economic challenges, the park implemented reduced operations including limited visitor center hours and reduced Park ranger patrols. The challenge is to maintain a high level of customer service that our visitors expect and to maintain public safety.
- Noxious weeds in the park grow exponentially making it difficult to successfully reduce invasive plants that will eventually choke out native vegetation. The challenge is to maintain sufficient multi-year funding and a reliable labor force to make significant strides in reducing the amount of noxious weeds.

## 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: **74,244**

Estimated expenditures within 50 miles of the park: **\$874,619 (2008-2009)**

Full-time staff: **3**

Visitor to full-time staff ratio: **24,748:1**

Temporary employees: **7**

Volunteers: **316**

Volunteer hours contributed: **4,487**

County: **Larimer**

Congressional District: **4**

State Legislative Districts  
Senate: **15** House: **49**

## expenses/revenue

Total operating expenses: **\$367,923**

Total construction expenses: **\$395,161**

Total revenue generated: **\$159,122**

Self-sufficiency ratio: **43%**  
(FY 09-10 revenues/operating expenses)

## park inventory

Year became a state park: **1975**

Land acres: **2,591**

Water acres: **0**

Elevation: **7,015'**

### Ownership

State parks: **100%**

Other: **0%**

### Miles of Roads

Paved: **.1**

Unpaved: **2.5**

### Miles of Trails

Hiking: **26**

Biking/horse: **16.5**

Campsites (back country): **6**

Picnic sites: **20**

Concessions: **0**

### Major buildings/structures:

Visitor center  
Maintenance shop building  
Group picnic areas  
Corral Mountain Bike Center/  
Jump Course

## land acquisitions FY 09-10

Added the 100 acre McClure property in FY 09-10.

## volunteer activities

- The Friends of Lory Trails Day celebrated its twelfth year with great success. Over 60 volunteers, including partner groups Diamond Peaks Mountain Bike Patrol and Larimer County Horseman's Association, donated time to help complete the new, shared use Kimmons Trail.
- The Colorado State University Equine Science Department assists park staff with the maintenance of the equestrian cross country jump course. Horse enthusiasts' have provided the park with expertise in the renovation of the course to increase safety for both horses and riders.
- The park continues to partner with Boy Scouts of America to provide scouts with an opportunity to complete their Eagle Scout Project. The rehabilitation of the Soldier Canyon Group Picnic area was selected for this year's project. Scouts reseeded the area with native grass seed, planted new tree saplings, and painted picnic benches.
- The Larimer County Sheriff's Office Court-Ordered Volunteer program assists with labor intensive resource management projects such as trail maintenance and noxious weed removal.

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