



who we are

Mancos State Park is located in the heart of Mesa Verde Country and provides a great base camp for exploring southwest Colorado. The park is convenient to the Four Corners, Mesa Verde National Park, the San Juan Scenic Byway, Durango, the Durango/Silverton Narrow Gauge Railroad. Mancos State Park's scenic campground, nestled within a mature ponderosa pine forest at an elevation of 7,800 feet, offers cool solace during the hot summer months. For those desiring a less rustic experience, two yurts are available. Excellent fishing and wake-less boating await the visitor ready for a relaxing day on Jackson Gulch Reservoir. A five-mile trail system weaves through the park, providing great nature watching for the hiker, equestrian, mountain biker, or cross-country skier.

Visitors to Mancos State Park spend about \$2.3 million annually at local businesses.

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

top attractions

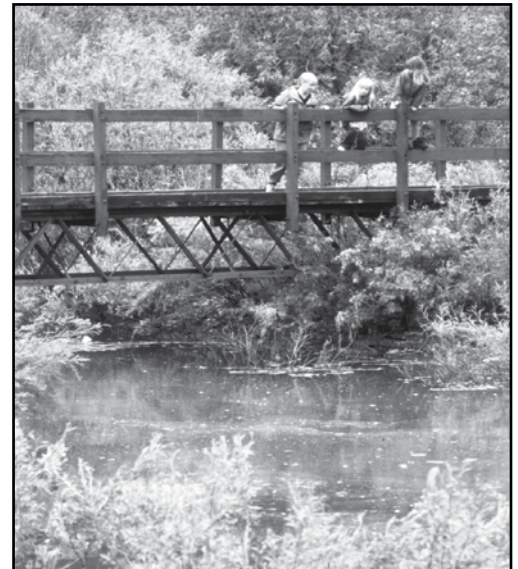
- Excellent fishing.
- Cool, tree sheltered camping within short distance (30 minutes) of Mesa Verde National Park.
- Hiking trails connected to the extensive U.S. Forest Service trail network in the area.
- Winter recreation, including cross country skiing, ice fishing, and nearby snowmobiling.

our partners

- Businesses of the Mancos Valley, Durango, and Cortez
- Mancos Water Conservancy District
- Southwest Conservation Corps
- Lake Mancos Ranch
- Mancos Valley Water Stakeholders
- Colorado State Forest Service
- U.S. Forest Service

challenges we face

- Resource protection related to aquatic nuisance species (ANS); maintenance of high quality ANS inspection program with limited on-site facilities, relatively low boater volume and a seasonal temporary staff.
- Utilities costs are largely related to the dump station and increased year-round visitation. Park and regional staff are evaluating transition to a "wet" dump station and connection to a municipal sewer.
- Managing a \$200,000 dollar-a-year, 55,000 visitation, State Park complex, stretched across sixty miles with a staff of one half of a full-time employee, temporary workers and volunteers. Without quality temporary workers and great volunteers it could not work.



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: **46,894**

Estimated expenditures within 50 miles of the park: **\$2,285,259 (2008-2009)**

Full-time staff: **.5** (employees and some volunteers also work at Lone Mesa State Park)

Visitor to full-time staff ratio: **93,788:1**

Temporary employees: **4**

Volunteers: **19** (*shared with Lone Mesa State Park*)

Volunteer hours contributed: **4,181** (*shared with Lone Mesa State Park*)

County: **Montezuma**

Congressional District: **3**

State Legislative Districts
Senate: **6** House: **59**

expenses/revenue

Total operating expenses: **\$93,307**

Total construction expenses: **\$0**

Total revenue generated: **\$89,902**

Self-sufficiency ratio: **96%**
(FY 09-10 revenue/operating expense)

park inventory

Year became a state park: **1988**
Land acres: **336**
Water acres: **217**
Elevation: **7,800'**

Ownership

State parks: **0%**
Other: **100%**

Miles of Roads

Paved: **0**
Unpaved: **2.5**

Miles of Trails

Hiking/biking/horse: **5.0**

Boat ramps: **1**

Campsites: **32**

Cabins/Yurts: **2**

Picnic sites: **12**

Concessions: **0**

Major buildings/structures:

Shop building
Two yurts
Open-air amphitheater

land acquisitions FY 09-10

There were no new acquisitions in FY 09-10.

volunteer activities

- Volunteers at Mancos State Park provide very valuable assistance with park operations.
- Volunteer involvement in interpretation, park maintenance, entrance station staffing and campground hosting.

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