



roxborough state park

FY09-10



who we are

Roxborough State Park is a designated National Natural Landmark, a State Natural Area and a National Archeological District. The park’s geology displays more than 1.2 billion years of geologic time in the stunning red-rock formations. Ecologically, the park is highly diverse due to its location in a transition zone between the plains and the mountains. The area’s geological structure encourages microclimates that include seven distinct plant communities in a unique mixture of prairie and mountain species. As a result, Roxborough is home to abundant wildlife, including black bear, mountain lion and deer. Spectacular sightseeing, tranquil surroundings, and fascinating trails offer hiking, snowshoeing and excellent educational programs on Colorado history, geology and wildlife watching.

Visitors to Roxborough State Park spend about \$425,000 at local businesses each year.

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

top attractions

- Red-rock outcrops and formations.
- Visitor center with interpretive exhibits and presentations.
- 18 miles of scenic hiking trails.
- Roxborough Ride (touring assistance for visitors).
- Persse Place historic structure.
- Great watchable wildlife and photography opportunities.

our partners

- Friends of Roxborough State Park
- Douglas County School District
- Jefferson County School District
- Littleton Public Schools
- Chatfield Basin Conservation Network
- Colorado Division of Wildlife
- Colorado Historical Society
- Douglas County Open Space

challenges we face

- Continued housing construction in Douglas County is placing increased visitor demands on park resources through increased visitation.
- Managing the park to preserve its natural, scenic, and historic values while trying to maximize revenues with limited recreational opportunities.
- Addressing public requests for broader recreational activities such as horseback and mountain bike riding.



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: **108,628**

Estimated expenditures within 50 miles of the park: **\$425,378 (2008-2009)**

Full-time staff: **3**

Visitor to full-time staff ratio: **36,209:1**

Temporary employees: **6**

Volunteers: **317**

Volunteer hours contributed: **8,792**

County: **Douglas**

Congressional District: **6**

State Legislative Districts

Senate: **4 and 30**

House: **44 and 45**

expenses/revenue

Total operating expenses: **\$328,263**

Total construction expenses: **\$498,245**

Total revenue generated: **\$139,039**

Self-sufficiency ratio: **42%**
(FY 09-10 revenue/operating expenses)

park inventory

Year became a state park **1975**
Land acres: **3,318**
Water acres: **1**
Elevation: **6,500'**

Ownership

State parks: **86%**
Other: **14%**

Miles of Roads

Paved: **1.0**
Unpaved: **2.0**

Miles of Trails

Hiking: **18.0**

Park store - souvenirs,
books and other items

Major buildings/structures:

George T. O'Malley, Jr.
Visitor Center

land acquisitions FY 09-10

There were no new acquisitions in FY 09-10.

volunteer activities

- Volunteers provide an immense amount of benefit to the park. Roxborough continues to receive very strong customer satisfaction reports from visitors in large part to the efforts of volunteers.

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