



## who we are

San Luis State Park is in the heart of the world's largest inhabited alpine valley. San Luis is a natural lake nestled near eight of Colorado's famous 14,000-foot mountains and offers stunning scenery. This body of water is the warmest in the San Luis Valley, and is a great location for water sports including fishing, swimming, boating, sailing, water-skiing and personal watercraft use. Waterfowl, shorebirds, songbirds and raptors make this an outstanding watchable wildlife area most of the year. In addition, big game such as deer and elk roam the park and surrounding ranchland. Bison are found at the nearby Rocky Mountain Bison Ranch. San Luis State Park also features a modern campground with showers and electricity, plus great picnicking and photographic opportunities.

Visitors to San Luis State Park spend about \$1 million in local communities each year.

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

## top attractions

- San Luis State Park offers one of the most serene and wonderful scenic opportunities in the region, with the Great Sand Dunes National Park and Preserve and the Sangre de Cristo mountain range to the east.
- San Luis Lake at 7,500 feet in elevation is the warmest body of water in the San Luis Valley and is a popular destination with the local community for water contact sports.
- The park's north border is the Colorado Division of Wildlife's San Luis Lakes Wildlife Area and The Nature Conservancy's Zapata-Medano Ranch, which offers a variety of unique wildlife species including bison, elk and sandhill cranes.
- Incomparable waterfront camping, scenic vistas, uncrowded boating
- One of the best water recreation areas in Colorado!

## our partners

- Great Sand Dunes National Park and Reserve
- Alamosa County Commissioners
- Alamosa School District
- Adams State College
- Colorado Division of Wildlife
- U.S. Bureau of Reclamation
- U.S. Bureau of Land Management
- Rio Grande Water Conservation District
- Audubon Society
- Monte Vista Wildlife Refuge
- Trout Unlimited
- U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
- Alamosa County Sheriff's Department
- Colorado State Land Board
- The Nature Conservancy

## challenges we face

- Partner with Colorado Division of Wildlife to establish a viable, long-term quality fishery to help effectively market the park for anglers.
- Partner with the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation, Colorado Division of Wildlife and the Rio Grande Water Conservation District to maintain water levels and improve water quality throughout the warm months so that the boat ramp remains useable for boating and other flat-water recreation activities.
- Management as a satellite park (85 miles from Lathrop) continues to be a challenge, direct supervision of temporary staff, operation of a complex water treatment facility and developing partnerships with local agencies.

## 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: **20,927**

Estimated expenditures within 50 miles of the park: **\$1,077,757 (2008-2009)**

Full-time staff: **.5**

Visitor to full-time staff ratio: **41,854:1**

Temporary employees: **2**

County: **Alamosa**

Congressional District: **3**

State Legislative Districts

Senate: **5**

House: **62**

## expenses/revenue

Total operating expenses: **\$63,913**

Total construction expenses: **\$0**

Total revenue generated: **\$88,606**

Self-sufficiency ratio: **139%**  
(FY 09-10 revenues/operating expense)

## park inventory

Year became a state park: **1993**  
Land acres: **136**  
Water acres: **450**  
Elevation: **7,525'**

### Ownership

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

### Miles of Roads

Paved: **3.0**  
Unpaved: **3.0**

### Miles of Trails

Hiking/biking: **4.0**

**Boat Ramps:** **1**

**Campsites:** **51**

**Picnic sites:** **27**

**Concessions:** **0**

**Park store** - offers convenience items.

### Major buildings/structures:

Park office /maintenance shop

## land acquisitions FY 09-10

There were no new acquisitions in FY 09-10.

## volunteer activities

- Through various volunteer sources, we recruited a family of volunteers for the summer season who have done everything from campground host to maintenance.

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