



who we are

St. Vrain is a perfect place for anglers, campers, birders, photographers, and just about anyone who loves nature! Anglers find many opportunities to seek out their next big catch – the ponds in this popular park boast some of northern Colorado’s best fishing. The park is a great place for campers and RVers traveling through Colorado. Park visitors enjoy breathtaking views of Longs Peak with lots of opportunities to spot a variety of wildlife. Home to the state’s largest heron rookery. Bird life at the park also includes great blue herons and great white egrets. Winter wildlife at St. Vrain includes many waterfowl, deer, and bald eagles.

Visitors to St. Vrain State Park spend about \$4.9 million in local businesses and communities each year. *Source: Corona Research, Colorado State Parks Marketing Assessment, “Visitor Spending Analysis 2008-2009.”*

top attractions

- Great fishing in the 10 ponds stocked with rainbow trout, large mouth bass, crappie, channel catfish, bluegill, pumpkinseed and perch.
- Camping conveniently located close to I-25 with 42 electric and 45 full hook-up (water, sewer and electric) campsites, many close to the park’s ponds.
- Excellent wildlife viewing and bird watching opportunities.
- Universally accessible fishing piers and trail system.

our partners

- Weld County
- City of Longmont
- Colorado Division of Wildlife
- Volunteers for Outdoor Colorado
- Wildlands Restoration Volunteers
- Town of Firestone
- Fredrick Firestone Fire Protection District
- Great Outdoors Colorado
- Colorado State Land Board

challenges we face

- With many new facilities and infrastructure opening to the public in the next 12-24 months, the park’s challenge will be to manage the additional operation and maintenance costs associated with increased visitor use during tight state budgetary conditions.
- St. Vrain State Park is researching the feasibility of oil and gas leasing within park boundaries. Any such leasing would need to be consistent with State Parks’ responsibility for the integrity of all the natural resources under its stewardship, the quality of the recreation and overall public health and safety.
- Ecological restoration continues to be a focus of the park’s maintenance program. The challenge here lies in sufficient multi-year funding to implement an effective integrated noxious weed management plan.

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: **136,771**

Estimated expenditures within 50 miles of the park: **\$4,931,696 (2008-2009)**

Full-time staff: **5**

Visitor to full-time staff ratio: **27,354:1**

Temporary employees: **8**

Volunteers: **59**

Volunteer hours contributed: **11,533**

County: **Weld**

Congressional District: **4**

State Legislative Districts
Senate: **23**
House: **48**

expenses/revenue

Total operating expenses: **\$ 698,041**

Total construction expenses: **\$1,528,758**

Total revenue generated: **\$ 383,038**

Self-sufficiency ratio: **55%**
(FY 09-10 revenue/operating expenses)

park inventory

Year became a state park: **1965**
Land acres: **452**
Water acres: **236**
Elevation: **4,900'**

Ownership

State parks: **82%**
Other: **18%**

Miles of Roads

Paved: **1.4**
Unpaved: **4.0**

Miles of Trails

Hiking: **4.3**

Campsites: 87

Picnic sites: 7

Concessions: 0

Major buildings/structures:

Park headquarters
Rademacher Homestead
Camper services building
Maintenance shop complex
Bacon Homestead

land acquisitions FY 09-10

There were no new acquisitions in FY 09-10.

volunteer activities

- Weld County Court-Ordered Volunteer (COV) program continues to grow and provide vital labor to assist with park maintenance projects.
- The park campground host program continues to grow and strive providing full maintenance service and friendly customer service to the 87 busy campsites and its campers. These dedicated volunteers allow park resource tech staff to concentrate on the many other maintenance activities in this maturing front range park.

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