



## who we are

The park is currently not open to the public but will open as the 43rd Colorado State Park. A donation by Frances Hornbrook Staunton of 1,680 acres, including her parents' original homestead, established the original land base for Staunton. Additional purchases added the Elk Falls Section and the Davis Ranch Section. Some of the outstanding features at Staunton State Park include rugged rock outcroppings, lush grassy meadows, rolling hillsides forested with conifers and aspens and a dramatic waterfall. Numerous streams (including Elk Creek, Black Mountain Creek, Jones Creek, and Mason Creek) wind through the park. These streams contribute to the natural diversity and natural beauty of the park. With the abundant resources available, it is no wonder that deer, elk, bears, mountain lions, coyotes and bobcats call Staunton State Park home.

## top attractions

- The scenery and setting of Staunton are unique, with some of the most mature ponderosa pine stands along the Front Range.
- Staunton State Park is home to a number of distinct natural and cultural resources.
- Geologic features, such as large rock outcrops and dramatic cliffs, dominate many of the views in the park.

## our partners

- Colorado State Forest
- U.S. Forest Service
- Colorado Division of Wildlife
- Mile High Youth Corps
- International Mountain Biking Association

## challenges we face

- The Staunton State Park master plan, which was approved in January 2010, addressed park access, infrastructure and recreational opportunities and priorities for the park. State Parks is working to secure the funding needed to construct and open the park to the public.
- Continue forest health and fuels mitigation projects to address wildfire and mountain pine beetle concerns. Coordinate efforts of park staff, administrative specialists and partners such as the Colorado State Forest Service.



## 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: *No visitation reported since the park is not open to the public at this time.*

Full-time staff: **1**

Temporary employees: **4**

Volunteers: **38**

Volunteer hours contributed: **149**

County: **Jefferson, Park**

Congressional District: **6**

State Legislative Districts

Senate: **4 and 22**

House: **25 and 60**

## expenses/revenue

Total operating expenses: **\$278,948**

Total construction expenses: **\$112,300**

Total revenue generated: **\$450**

## park inventory

Year became a state park: **1986**

Land acres: **3,828**

Water acres: **6**

Elevation: **8,040-10,120'**

### Ownership

State parks: **83%**

Other: **17%**

### Miles of Roads

Paved: **0**

Unpaved: **3.5**

### Major buildings/structures:

Historic cabins and buildings

## land acquisitions FY 09-10

There were no new acquisitions in FY 09-10.

## volunteer activities

- Staff at Staunton State Park are working with individuals and local groups to build an effective volunteer program for the park. Currently volunteers help with fence repair, weed control, forest health projects, controlled burns and natural resource inventories.

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