



steamboat state park

FY09-10



who we are

Steamboat Lake State Park is one of the most beautiful mountain parks in Colorado, with a nationwide reputation as one of the best places to camp, fish, and hike anywhere in the Rocky Mountains. Nestled between three mountain peaks and surrounded by the Routt National Forest, the park offers a wide array of year-round outdoor opportunities. The park visitor center contains numerous educational displays offering first-time visitors a chance to get oriented and learn about the surrounding environment. The park also features convenient access to the Mount Zirkel Wilderness Area, numerous trails, and great food and lodging in Steamboat Springs.

Visitors to Steamboat Lake State Park spend about \$38 million at businesses in nearby communities.

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

top attractions

- Steamboat Lake offers beautiful scenery, great fishing and water recreation opportunities.
- The mountain environment campgrounds with great views of the lake and surrounding mountains provide many conveniences.
- The park's beautiful 6,500 square foot visitor center with interpretive displays, gift shop and information and sales desk.
- The summer trails provide recreation, nature study and access to many areas on and off the park.
- The Nordic Touring Center with groomed ski trails and snowmobile trails that provide access to the National Forest Trails; Proximity to the National Forest allows access to additional hiking, biking, horseback riding, motorized sports and hunting opportunities.
- The view of Hahn's Peak just east of the park is a local landmark.

our partners

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| • Rocky Mountain Nature Association | • North Routt Fire Protection District | • Friends of Steamboat Lake State Park |
| • Steamboat Lake Snow Club | • Colorado State Forest Service | • Hahn's Peak Historical Society |
| • Rocky Mountain Youth Corps | • U.S. Forest Service | • Steamboat Lake Outfitters |
| • Steamboat Springs Chamber Resort Association | • Colorado Division of Wildlife | • Dutch Creek Guest Ranch |
| | | • Hahn's Peak Cafe |

challenges we face

- Ensuring healthy forest succession, prevention of noxious weeds and promotion of aesthetically pleasing native plant communities is a high priority. Effectively communicating these efforts to park visitors to provide environmental education opportunities and improve visitor satisfaction is another priority.
- Maintaining community involvement by participation with local businesses and organizations, as well as providing good communication about current issues with other agencies.
- Managing a year round operation including campgrounds, roads, trails, boat ramps, fishing access, picnic sites, buildings, water and wastewater facilities.
- Maintaining a detailed preventative maintenance schedule and monitoring facilities for repair and replacement.

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: **348,683**

Estimated expenditures within 50 miles of the park: **\$38,031,876 (2008-2009)**

Full-time staff: **5**

Visitor to full-time staff ratio: **69,737:1**

Temporary employees: **17**

Volunteers: **120**

Volunteer hours contributed: **2,005**

County: **Routt**

Congressional District: **3**

State Legislative Districts

Senate: **8**

House: **57**

expenses/revenue

Total operating expenses: **\$605,242**

Total construction expenses: **\$0**

Total revenue generated: **\$460,013**

Self-sufficiency ratio: **76%**
(FY 09-10 revenue/operating expenses)

park inventory

Year became a state park: **1967**
Land acres: **1,809**
Water acres: **1,011**
Elevation: **8,100'**

Ownership

State parks: **37%**
Other: **63%**

Miles of Roads

Paved: **3.6**
Unpaved: **3.5**

Miles of Trails

Hiking: **5.5**
Biking: **4.4**
Horse: **6.0**

Boat Ramps: **3**

Marinas: **1**

Picnic sites: **25**

Campsites: **188**

Cabins/yrurts: **10**

Concessions: **2**

Steamboat Lake Marina
Steamboat Lake Outfitters

Major buildings/structures:

Visitor center
Seasonal housing unit
Maintenance shop buildings
Marina
Camper services building
Water and wastewater plants

land acquisitions FY 09-10

There were no new acquisitions in FY 09-10.

volunteer activities

- Steamboat Lake State Park relies on volunteers for interpretative presentations, winter trail grooming and maintenance projects.
- Volunteers also handle campground host duties at the park.
- These volunteers provide a valuable service and complete many projects that would not otherwise be possible.

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