



who we are

Sylvan Lake State Park is located approximately 10 miles southeast of Eagle, Colorado. The park is open year-round. The beautiful 42-acre mountain lake is stocked with trout and is very popular with anglers. The park features tent and RV camping, one large cabin, eight camper cabins and three yurts. Hiking, picnic areas, and hand propelled or electric motor boating are all popular activities. While staying at the park you might spot a variety of wildlife including deer, elk, beaver, raccoons, mink, bear, coyotes, fox, bats, osprey and eagles. Popular winter activities include snowshoeing, cross-country skiing, snowmobiling and ice fishing. Sylvan Lake offers environmental interpretive programs for all ages during the summer, and upon request the rest of the year.

Visitors to Sylvan Lake State Park spend about \$7.8 million annually in local communities.

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

top attractions

- Nestled against a mountain backdrop, the campground at Sylvan Lake State Park is one of the most scenic spots in Colorado.
- The park offers access to trails on the White River National Forest, historic sites and opportunities for wildlife viewing.
- Yurts and cabins attract visitors who are looking to enjoy nature in a beautiful setting.

our partners

- U.S. Forest Service
- Colorado Division of Wildlife
- Eagle County
- Rocky Mountain Nature Association
- Retired Senior Volunteer Program
- Western Eagle County Metropolitan Recreation District
- Walking Mountains Science School
- Rocky Mountain Youth Corps

challenges we face

- During 2011 and 2012, Colorado State Parks will develop a comprehensive management plan for Sylvan Lake. The plan will identify goals, provide a framework for planning decisions and outline enhancement opportunities and implementation priorities.
- Strengthen environmental education outreach to local schools and organizations using volunteers and temporary positions.
- Monitor forest health and continue management practices to address noxious weeds and ongoing threats to lodgepole pine and aspen. Continue to coordinate vegetation management with Stewardship Staff and neighboring U.S. Forest Service resource managers.
- Continue to identify funding opportunities for construction of the West Brush Creek Trail (linking Sylvan Lake Campground to Meadows Day Use Area).
- Wages offered for temporary employees are not competitive with local market. Continue to promote opportunities for internships and availability of temporary staff housing to offset lower wages.

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: **103,783**

Estimated expenditures within 50 miles of the park: **\$7,789,254 (2008-2009)**

Full-time staff: **4**

Visitor to full-time staff ratio: **25,946:1**

Temporary employees: **9**

Volunteers: **44**

Volunteer hours contributed: **1,661**

County: **Eagle**

Congressional District: **2**

State Legislative Districts
Senate: **8** House: **56**

expenses/revenue

Total operating expenses: **\$452,589**

Total construction expenses: **\$0**

Total revenue generated: **\$328,528**

Self-sufficiency ratio: **73%**
(FY 09-10 revenues/operating expenses)

park inventory

Year became a state park: **1987**
Land acres: **1,532**
Water acres: **42**
Elevation: **8,500'**

Ownership

State parks: **75%**
Other: **25%**

Miles of Roads

Paved: **.1**
Unpaved: **11.8**

Miles of Trails

Hiking/biking: **2.5**

Boat Ramps: **1**
Campsites: **44**
Cabins/yurts: **9/3**
Picnic sites: **30**
Concessions: **0**

Major buildings/structures:

Visitor center
Camper services building
Nine cabins and three yurts
Seasonal employee housing
Maintenance shop

land acquisitions FY 09-10

There were no new acquisitions in FY 09-10.

volunteer activities

- Sylvan Lake State Park relies on volunteers as campground hosts and to support activities at the park visitor center.
- Volunteers also provide interpretive and educational programs at the park.
- School groups, youth groups and other volunteers work on trail maintenance, litter pick-up and noxious weed control projects.

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