



who we are

Nestled in the foothills of the Sangre de Cristo Mountains of southern Colorado, Trinidad Lake State Park offers a variety of recreational opportunities and spectacular views of the surrounding mesas and mountains. The park is home to an abundance of wildlife including fish, birds of prey, coyotes, roadrunners, elk and deer. The lake itself provides for numerous water recreation experiences such as sailing, water-skiing and excellent fishing. The park also features ten miles of hiking and biking trails, picnic areas, seasonal hunting opportunities and unusual geologic formations. The Carpios Ridge Campground, open year round, serves as a scenic base-location from which to explore the nearby mountains, Highway of Legends, Santa Fe Trail and historic Trinidad.

Visitors to Trinidad Lake State Park spend about \$5.4 million annually in local communities.

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

top attractions

- Mild temperatures, great scenery, plenty of outdoor recreation and access to historic locations, such as the old Santa Fe Trail.
- Interesting geologic formations around the park and in the near-by areas.
- Part of the Scenic Highway of Legends in Southern Colorado.

our partners

- Local Boy Scout Troop 269
- Reilly Canyon County 4H
- Trinidad/Las Animas County Chamber of Commerce
- City of Trinidad
- Colorado State Historical Society
- Colorado State Land Board
- Trinidad Kiwanis Key Club Model Ditch Company
- U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

challenges we face

- Partner with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to implement a Fuels Reduction Plan to improve forest health, wildlife habitat and watchable wildlife opportunities and to repair roads to complete much needed road repairs.
- Increase campground occupancy rates and recreation visits by developing a regional marketing plan that entices potential visitors off I-25, the Front Range of Colorado and from northern New Mexico.
- Continue development of a sustainable volunteer program by providing volunteer training, opportunities and amenities while developing park stewardship principles.

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: **120,903**

Estimated expenditures within 50 miles of the park: **\$5,438,909 (2008-2009)**

Full-time staff: **5**

Visitor to full-time staff ratio: **24,181:1**

Temporary employees: **15**

Volunteers: **40**

Volunteer hours contributed: **578**

County: **Las Animas**

Congressional District: **3**

State Legislative Districts

Senate: **2**

House: **64**

expenses/revenue

Total operating expenses: **\$601,897**

Total construction expenses: **\$204,215**

Total revenue generated: **\$202,213**

Self-sufficiency ratio: **34%**
(FY 09-10 revenues/operating expenses)

park inventory

Year became a state park: **1980**
Land acres: **2,060**
Water acres: **800**
Elevation: **6,300'**

Ownership

State parks: **8%**
Other: **92%**

Miles of Roads

Paved: **1.2**
Unpaved: **5.0**

Miles of Trails

Hiking/biking: **10.0**
Horse: **4**
Boat Ramps: **1**
Campsites: **73**
Picnic sites: **46**
Concessions: **0**

Major buildings/structures:

Visitor center
Shop/maintenance building
Seasonal housing
Bath/shower house/laundry facility
Group picnic shelters
Amphitheater

land acquisitions FY 09-10

There were no new acquisitions in FY 09-10.

volunteer activities

- Three separate volunteer groups have adopted more than five miles of the park's ten-mile trail system.
- The National Trails Day activities included recognition of the efforts of these and other volunteers at the park.

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