



who we are

Located in the Yampa Valley west of Steamboat Springs, Yampa River State Park offers visitors a wonderful mix of scenery, nature, outdoor recreation and adventure. The Yampa River State Park is the most biologically intact cotton wood riparian system in the western United States. The park offers access to 134 miles of the Yampa River where fishing and boating opportunities abound. Access to national forest lands and BLM recreation areas are a short drive away. Camping opportunities in a variety of beautiful setting range from basic sites to those with full amenities such as electric and water hookups.

Visitors to Yampa River State Park spend about \$6.5 million annually in local communities.

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

top attractions

- River access to the Yampa River at 13 public access sites.
- Camping experiences from basic to full amenities in a variety of settings.
- Access to large areas of public land for hunting, fishing, OHV trails, horse back riding.
- Centrally located between Rocky Mountain National Park and Dinosaur National Monument.

our partners

- City of Craig
- Routt County
- Moffat County
- Colorado Division of Wildlife
- The Nature Conservancy
- U.S. Bureau of Land Management
- Yampa Valley Land Trust
- National Park Service

challenges we face

- Our challenge lies in the education and over site of a new and ever growing user base in regards to river recreation. We need to work closely with river users, private land owners and community officials to address and manage issues in a proactive manner.
- We face a challenge in trying to increase visitation and compete with private sector operations that appeal to the public. To address this challenge we need the additional amenities such as internet access, full hook-ups or cabin rental opportunity so as not to loose visitors to other operations in the area.
- We need to ensure sustainable partnerships with Craig Chamber of Commerce, Town of Hayden, City of Craig, Moffat and Routt counties, BLM, NPS, and our Legacy partners in order to maintain support for our future endeavors.

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: **78,780**

Estimated expenditures within 50 miles of the park: **\$6,539,781 (2008-2009)**

Full-time staff: **4**

Visitor to full-time staff ratio: **19,695:1**

Temporary employees: **7**

Volunteers: **34**

Total volunteer hours contributed: **736**

County: **Routt and Moffat**

Congressional District: **3**

State Legislative Districts
Senate: **8** House: **57**

expenses/revenue

Total operating expenses: **\$524,681**

Total construction expenses: **\$0**

Total revenue generated: **\$143,572**

Self-sufficiency ratio: **27%**
(FY 09-10 revenue/operating expense)

land acquisitions FY 09-10

There were no new acquisitions in FY 09-10.

volunteer activities

- Our volunteer program has a strong focus on vegetation management. We have focused on invasive plants and especially in riparian areas along the river.
- Girl Scout Gold Award project: Scouts worked to achieve the highest level of Girl Scouting by working to construct and install information kiosks along the Yampa River State Park and at Elk Head Reservoir State Park. The kiosks will host environmental information as well as park regulations.
- Additionally our volunteers completed trail construction and maintenance.

park inventory

Year became a state park: **1998**

Land acres: **140**

Water: **134**
miles of river

Elevation: **6,337'**
at park office

Ownership

State parks: **51%**

Other: **49%**

Miles of Roads

Paved: **.1**

Unpaved: **1.2**

Miles of Trails

Hiking: **1.25**

Biking: **12.0**

Horse: **10.0**

Boat ramps:

8

Campsites:

50

Tipi:

1

Picnic sites:

47

Concessions:

Fishing and rafting guides

Major buildings/structures:

Visitor center with conference room

Camper services building with laundry and showers

Maintenance shop

Group picnic shelter

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