



rifle gap state park

FY 07-08 PARK FACTS

about the park

Rifle Gap State Park is located in Garfield County, approximately seven miles north of Rifle. The park features a 360 surface-acre reservoir which provides year-round recreational opportunities including fishing, boating, swimming and camping. The park is located at approximately 6,000-foot elevation and is surrounded by piñon and cedar covered mountains.

total visitation, FY 07-08

(July 1, 2007 to June 30, 2008)

207,322

county

Garfield

congressional district

3

state legislative districts

Senate 8

House 57

year became a state park

1966

ownership

0% State Parks

100% other

land acres

981 acres

water acres

360 acres

elevation

6,000'

park inventory

miles of road

paved 0.5

unpaved 5.0

trails usage

biking allowed

number of boat ramps

1

number of campsites

89

number of cabins/yurts

0

number of picnic sites

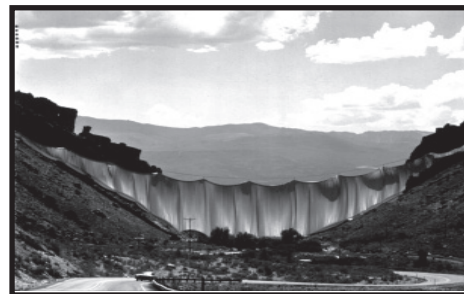
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concessions at the park

none

major buildings/structures

visitor center



land acquisitions

FY 07-08

none

top attractions

- The primary draw to the park is the 360 surface-acre reservoir, which contains extremely clean water which attracts boaters, water-skiers and anglers. The reservoir also supports a wide variety of fish species, including perch, walleye, trout, crappie, bass and pike.
- Famed artists Christo and Jeanne-Claude erected Christo's curtain downstream from the reservoir in 1972.

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challenges

- Park management continues to seek ways to provide an enjoyable recreational experience to park visitors despite an ongoing drought which is having a negative impact on water-based recreation statewide.
- Park management continues to seek ways to meet the recreational needs of a large and diverse array of users while at the same time maintaining the park for future generations.
- Park management continues to seek ways to allow new facility development at Rifle Gap without negatively impacting the experience of park visitors.

budget and operations

number of full-time employees*

3.5

* The three-park complex of Rifle Falls, Rifle Gap, and Harvey Gap share 3.5 full-time employees.

number of temporary employees*

12.0

*temporary employees are hired for periods up to six months in length

number of volunteers*

14

total volunteer hours contributed*

2,042

*Volunteer and volunteer hours figures are from calendar year 2007. These figures represent a combined total for Rifle Falls, Rifle Gap and Harvey Gap.

total operating expenses*

\$612,959

* These figures represent a combined total for Rifle Falls and Rifle Gap.

capital construction expenses

\$90,217

* These figures represent a combined total for Rifle Falls and Rifle Gap.

total revenue generated

\$449,749

* These figures represent a combined total for Rifle Falls and Rifle Gap.

partners

- The local boy scout troop performs a spring, summer and fall clean up at the park complex.
- Rifle Correctional Center provides inmate labor crews that assist with park maintenance on a daily basis throughout the year.

volunteer activity

- We actively recruited camp hosts throughout the summer and placed an emphasis on trying to retain quality camp hosts for next season.
- We have verbal commitment from the local boy scout troop to continue to perform a "park clean-up" in spring, summer and fall.
- We have developed an excellent relationship with Western Colorado Astronomy Club and they presented astronomy programs using their equipment during July 4th and Labor Day Weekend. They have committed to continue providing this service in the future.



ratios

full-time staff to annual visitors

1:59,235



vision statement for Colorado State Parks

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.