

Shooting Sports



OVERVIEW OF CPW PROGRAMS

Economic Significance of Shooting Sports



In the United States, the economic impact of the sporting arms and ammunition industry totals more than \$42 billion and creates more than 263,000 jobs. The Wildlife and Sport Fish Restoration Program, managed by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, is funded by excise taxes consumers pay on all shooting and fishing related products. This program is a major source of wildlife conservation funding for all state wildlife agencies, including Colorado.

Recreational target shooting is a fun, affordable and safe outdoor recreation activity. Recreational shooting is a lifelong pursuit that families can enjoy together. As an educational tool, it teaches the fundamental marksmanship skills required for hunting and provides multiple avenues for families to get involved in hunting, shooting sports and other outdoor recreation activities. Colorado Parks and Wildlife (CPW) has a long-standing history of supporting and promoting shooting sports and the establishment of shooting ranges.

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Quick Facts	2015	2016	2017
Colorado Archery in the Schools Program schools	119	189	295
Grant funds awarded to schools for archery equipment	\$35,000	\$27,000	\$43,000
Grant funds awarded to improve shooting ranges	\$440,000	\$636,000	\$685,000

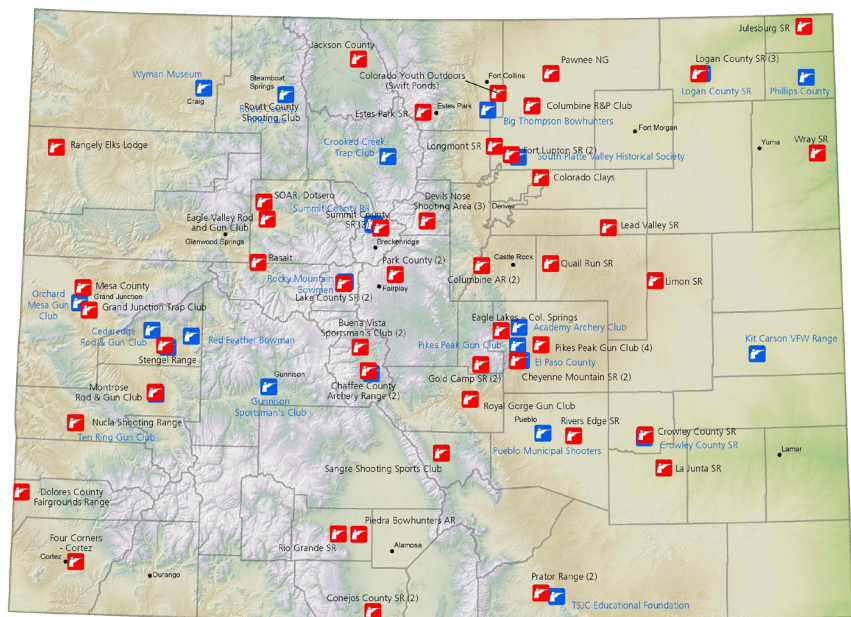
Shooting Ranges

CPW, Colorado's public lands, and local businesses offer convenient and diverse public shooting ranges that are open all year. CPW's website is a good resource for shooting ranges in local communities and lists 35 archery ranges, 72 shooting ranges and three combined shooting/archery ranges. cpw.state.co.us/thingstodo/Pages/ShootingRanges.aspx

Grants

The CPW shooting range grant program is the largest of its kind in the nation. CPW has awarded more than 115 projects in 35 of Colorado's counties over the past six years. In 2017, CPW awarded \$685,000 to 12 shooting range projects across the state. The grants help develop new ranges, upgrade existing ones, greatly expand recreational shooting opportunities and open up new facilities for youth education and shooting competitions.

Among the 2017 awardees are projects that include: construction of a new range on U.S. Forest Service land near Idaho Springs, expansion of a shooting range in Las Animas County, infrastructure improvements on a range in Routt County.



2011 - 2017 Shooting Range Development Grants

Shooting Range Large Grant
 Shooting Range Small Grant



Partnerships

CPW works cooperatively with counties, municipalities, federal agencies and private organizations in Colorado to enhance and develop shooting ranges across the state. CPW expands shooting range access through offerings on state parks, grant programs and educational partnerships with schools.

The Northern Front Range Recreational Sport Shooting Management Partnership was formed in 2014. Its purpose is to develop a landscape-level, multi jurisdictional strategy to provide safe, responsible and accessible recreational sport shooting opportunities while addressing conflicts near residential areas and with other recreational users across the Colorado Front Range. The partnership includes the U.S. Forest Service (Arapahoe and Roosevelt National Forests and Pawnee National Grassland), CPW, Boulder County, Clear Creek County, Gilpin County and Larimer County.



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National Archery in the Schools Program (NASP®)

The number of schools involved in the NASP® program grew from 119 schools in 2015 to almost 300 schools with equipment by the end of 2017. We now estimate that there are almost 74,000 students participating in archery during the the school year. During 2017, CPW staff hosted 8 Basic Archery Instructor courses and trained 138 new instructors across the state. The third annual virtual state tournament hosted 287 archers and a small contingent of Colorado students participated in the national tournament in Kentucky. To help support our Colorado schools, the National Archery in the Schools Program contributed \$12,000 towards the \$43,000 in grants we were able to offer in 2017.



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