

# Arkansas Headwaters Recreation Area

Welcome to the Upper Arkansas River Valley, famous for its 14ers, whitewater, wilderness and wildlife. The Arkansas Headwaters Recreation Area offers many fun and exciting activities.

Please:

- know your skill level
- be aware of risks involved in an activity
- be familiar with safety practices
- equip yourself properly

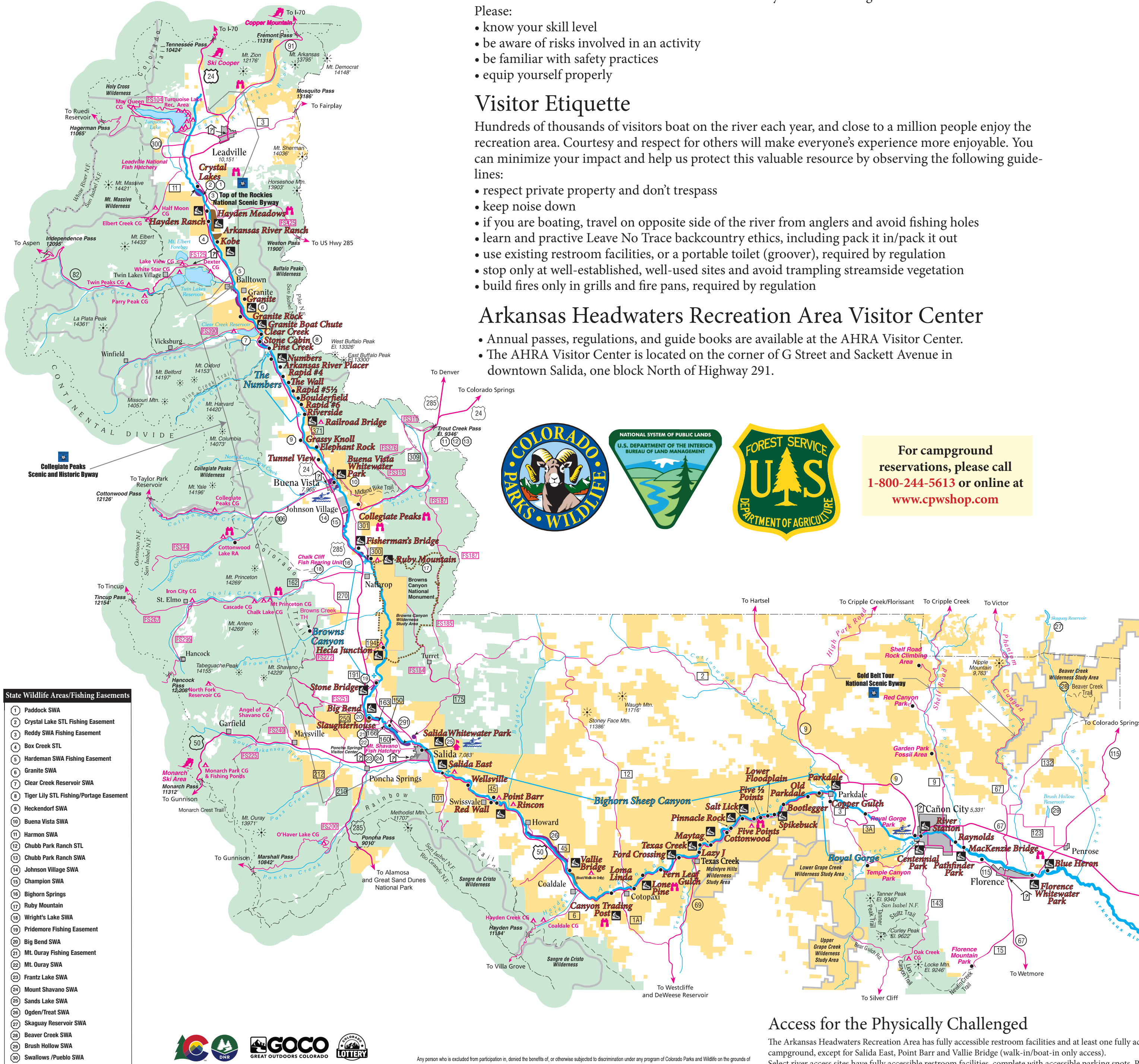
## Visitor Etiquette

Hundreds of thousands of visitors boat on the river each year, and close to a million people enjoy the recreation area. Courtesy and respect for others will make everyone's experience more enjoyable. You can minimize your impact and help us protect this valuable resource by observing the following guidelines:

- respect private property and don't trespass
- keep noise down
- if you are boating, travel on opposite side of the river from anglers and avoid fishing holes
- learn and practice Leave No Trace backcountry ethics, including pack it in/pack it out
- use existing restroom facilities, or a portable toilet (groover), required by regulation
- stop only at well-established, well-used sites and avoid trampling streamside vegetation
- build fires only in grills and fire pans, required by regulation

## Arkansas Headwaters Recreation Area Visitor Center

- Annual passes, regulations, and guide books are available at the AHRA Visitor Center.
- The AHRA Visitor Center is located on the corner of G Street and Sackett Avenue in downtown Salida, one block North of Highway 291.



**State Wildlife Areas/Fishing Easements**

- 1 Paddock SWA
- 2 Crystal Lake STL Fishing Easement
- 3 Reddy SWA Fishing Easement
- 4 Box Creek STL
- 5 Hardeman SWA Fishing Easement
- 6 Granite SWA
- 7 Clear Creek Reservoir SWA
- 8 Tiger Lily STL Fishing/Portage Easement
- 9 Heckendorf SWA
- 10 Buena Vista SWA
- 11 Harmon SWA
- 12 Chubb Park Ranch STL
- 13 Chubb Park Ranch SWA
- 14 Johnson Village SWA
- 15 Champion SWA
- 16 Bighorn Springs
- 17 Ruby Mountain
- 18 Wright's Lake SWA
- 19 Pridemore Fishing Easement
- 20 Big Bend SWA
- 21 Mt. Ouray Fishing Easement
- 22 Mt. Ouray SWA
- 23 Frantz Lake SWA
- 24 Mount Shavano SWA
- 25 Sands Lake SWA
- 26 Ogden/Treat SWA
- 27 Skaguay Reservoir SWA
- 28 Beaver Creek SWA
- 29 Brush Hollow SWA
- 30 Swallows/Pueblo SWA



For campground reservations, please call 1-800-244-5613 or online at [www.cpwshop.com](http://www.cpwshop.com)

Recreation Site Facilities	AHRA Managed	Boat Ramp/Slide	Camping	Overnight Restrooms	Overnight/Daylong Restrooms	Hiking	Mountain Biking	Canyoning	Swimming	Wildlife Viewing	Public Campground	Recreation Site	Visitor Information	Wildlife Viewing Information
Arkansas River Placer														
Arkansas River Ranch														
Big Bend														
Blue Heron														
Bootlegger														
Boulderfield														
Buena Vista Whitewater Park														
Canyon Trading Post														
Cañon City Whitewater Park														
Centennial Park														
Clear Creek														
Collegiate Peaks														
Copper Gulch														
Cottonwood														
Crystal Lakes														
Elephant Rock														
Fern Leaf Gulch														
Fisherman's Bridge														
Five Points														
Five 1/2 Points														
Florence Whitewater Park														
Ford Crossing														
Granite														
Granite Boat Chute														
Granite Rock														
Grassy Knoll														
Hayden Meadows														
Hayden Ranch														
Hecla Junction														
Kobe														
Lazy J														
Loma Linda														
Lone Pine														
Lower Floodplain														
Maytag														
MacKenzie Bridge														
Numbers														
Old Parkdale														
Parkdale														
Pathfinder Park														
Pine Creek														
Pinnacle Rock														
Point Barr														
Railroad Bridge														
Rapid #4														
Rapid #5 1/2														
Rapid #6														
Raynolds														
Red Wall														
Rincon														
River Station														
Riverside														
Ruby Mountain														
Salida Whitewater Park														
Salida East														
Salt Lick														
Slaughterhouse														
Spikebuck														
Stone Bridge														
Stone Cabin														
Swallows														
Texas Creek														
The Wall														
Tunnel View														
Valle Bridge														
Wellsville														

### LEGEND

- Arkansas River (Jointly managed by Colorado Parks and Wildlife, the Bureau of Land Management, and the U.S. Forest Service)
- AHRA Visitor Center
- AHRA Recreation Site (See chart for activities available at each site.)
- Boat Ramp/Slide Site (See chart for activities available at each site.)
- Fishing easements crossing private lands. Look for signs marking easements
- Whitewater Park
- Public Campground
- Recreation Site
- Visitor Information
- Wildlife Viewing Information
- Private/State Lands (no public access)
- Colorado Parks and Wildlife Lands
- Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Public Land
- BLM Wilderness Study Area
- US Forest Service Land
- US Forest Service Wilderness Area
- Communities
- US Highway and Interstate
- Paved Road
- Dirt Road
- Continental Divide
- Trail
- National Monument Border

## Access for the Physically Challenged

The Arkansas Headwaters Recreation Area has fully accessible restroom facilities and at least one fully accessible campsite at each developed campground, except for Salida East, Point Barr and Valle Bridge (walk-in/boat-in only access). Select river access sites have fully accessible restroom facilities, complete with accessible parking spots. Please call 719-539-7289 or visit [www.cpw.state.co.us](http://www.cpw.state.co.us) for more information.



Any person who is excluded from participation in, denied the benefits of, or otherwise subjected to discrimination under any program of Colorado Parks and Wildlife on the grounds of race, creed, color, sex, age, handicap, or national origin, should contact the park manager, the nearest local regional office, the Division headquarters in Denver, Colorado - telephone (303) 866-3437 - or the National Park Service, P.O. Box 37127, Washington, D.C. 20013-7127.