

Cherry Creek State Park



Who we are

Welcome to Denver's natural and spacious backyard playground. There's so much to see and enjoy. Whenever the weather is nice you know Cherry Creek State Park will be bustling with visitors and wildlife alike. In the summer months, the Park takes outdoor recreation to another level. The campground, reservoir and 107-acre dog off-leash area are popular venues for numerous visitors enjoying their Park. The Park's reservoir is 850 surface acres surrounded by natural rolling prairie that supports a variety of activities.

Top attractions

- A diverse collection of recreation opportunities in close proximity to the Denver Metro Area, including opportunities for all types of water recreation, and an extensive trail system for different types of trail enthusiasts
- Great summer camping opportunities for beginners and RV enthusiasts alike, in addition to group camping and picnic areas for getting together with family and friends
- A 107-acre dog off-leash area

Our partners

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Arapahoe County • South Metro Fire & Rescue • Denver RC Eagles • Cities of Greenwood Village and Denver • Cherry Creek Basin Water Quality Authority • Cities of Aurora and Centennial • Cherry Creek School District • Volunteers for Outdoor Colorado • U.S. Army Corps of Engineers | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mile High Youth Corps • Colorado Department of Transportation • Denver Field Ornithologists • Cherry Creek Stewardship Partners • Colorado Parks Foundation • Friends of Colorado State Parks • Great Outdoors Colorado • Land and Water Conservation |
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Challenges we face

- Ongoing deferred maintenance of critical infrastructure including roads, trails, and buildings, continues to be challenging. Colorado Parks and Wildlife needs an ongoing funding strategy for park maintenance and renovations after the partnership with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Cost Share program ends.
- Maintaining the highest level of natural resource stewardship will always be a challenge at an urban park. There is a continuing need for new, innovative ideas and partnerships to maintain and enhance the natural resources of Cherry Creek.
- Meeting the demands of and handling new issues with an increasing population within the Denver Metro Area while providing sustainable outdoor recreational opportunities for our visitors is a challenge. With budget appropriations less than inflation increases and the cost of operating the park increasing, management will have future challenges providing historical services and amenities.

Volunteer activities

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Aquatic Nuisance Species (ANS) boat inspection technician • Reptile/amphibian monitoring • Alternative service worker • Raptor monitoring • Eagle Scout projects | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Weed warriors • Lake Appreciation Day • Special projects • Naturalist • Resident volunteer • Park ambassador |
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Manager's message

Cherry Creek State Park is an oasis in the Denver Metro Area where residents can easily escape an urban environment. The Park enables people to connect with nature and their favorite outdoor recreational activities. This Park has something for everyone to enjoy the outdoors. We are here for the residents of the State and visitors from near and far. Come out with friends, family and your neighbors to connect with Colorado's Outdoors.

Geography

Region: Northeast
County: Arapahoe
Year Acquired: 1959
Elevation (ft): 5,550
Miles From Denver: 13

Acreage

Total Acres: 4,227

Governmental

US Cong Dist: 6th
CO Senate: 26th and 27th
CO House: 37th and 40th

Employees

Permanent: 17
Temporary: 56
Volunteers (FY 22): 516
Volunteer Hours (FY 22): 29,364

Annual Visitation

FY 22: ~2.43 million

Facilities

2 Boat Ramps
Dump Station
Full Service Bathhouse
5 Group Picnic Areas
Marina (year-round)
Mooring/Docking
106 Picnic Sites
Stables (year-round)
Swim Beach
Vessel Rental

Trails

Biking: 26 miles
Hiking: 35 miles
Horseback: 25.6 miles
Cross Country Skiing/
Snowshoeing: 35 miles
Total: 35 miles

Roads

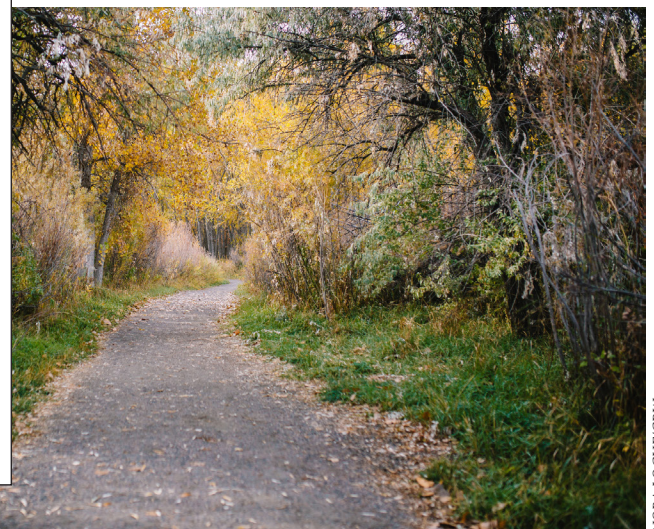
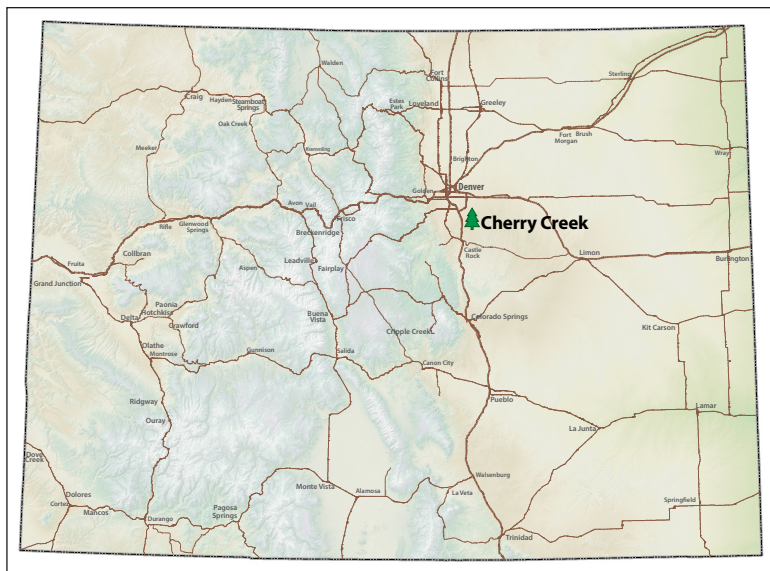
Paved: 33.5 miles
Unpaved: 2.25 miles

Recreation

Biking
Boating
Dog Exercise
Fishing
Hiking
Ice Fishing
Ice Skating
Ranger/Nature Programs
Shooting/Archery Range
Horseback Riding
Picnicking
R/C Airfield
Swimming
Water-skiing
Winter Camping (limited)
2 Wildlife Viewing areas

Camping

Campsites: Basic: 30
Campsites: Full-Hookup: 103
Group Facilities: Seasonal: 3



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