

Passes and Permits

All vehicles entering the park are required to display a current Colorado Parks Pass on the windshield. A daily pass is valid from the day purchased until noon the following day. Individuals entering the park without a motor vehicle are each required to purchase an individual pass. An annual pass is valid at any Colorado State Park 12 months from the date of purchase. For annual pass holders who own another car, a multiple pass is available for an additional fee. Daily passes and individual passes are available at self service dispensers. Annual Passes may be purchased at the electronic self service station located at the entrance to the boat ramp.



Annual Passes may be purchased at the Yampa River State Park office near Hayden. Colorado residents 64 or older qualify for a special Aspen Leaf Annual pass, available at a discounted rate.



Colorado disabled veterans displaying Colorado Disabled Veteran (DV) license plates are admitted free without a pass, however camping fees still apply. In addition to a park pass, campers are required to make a camping reservation.



Elkhead Reservoir State Park

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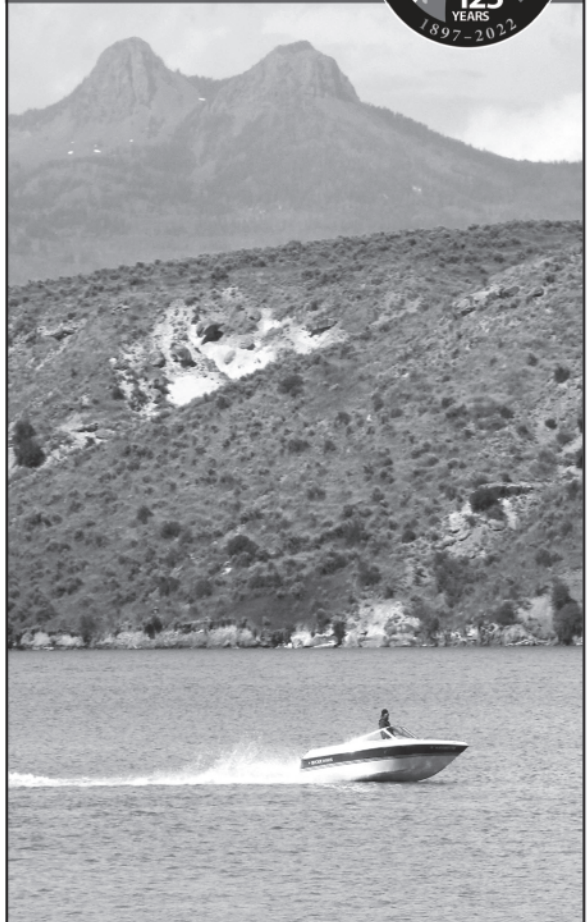
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Elkhead Reservoir is located 10 miles northeast of Craig, on the high plains of northwest Colorado. The surrounding area consists of gently rolling hills of irrigated farmland, dry land wheat and rangeland. Within the park, rolling sagebrush prairie combines with scenic cliff.

Elkhead Reservoir was constructed in 1974, on Elkhead Creek as part of a recreation and wildlife area and to serve as a backup water supply for the City of Craig and the Craig Power generating station.

In 1996, the State Board of the Great Outdoors Colorado Trust Fund approved a Legacy Grant for preserving natural values within the Yampa River System and enhancing recreational use. Colorado State Parks was identified as the agency to provide recreation management in the river corridor, including Elkhead Reservoir. In January 1998, Colorado State Parks began management of recreational use and facilities at Elkhead Reservoir. The Reservoir is owned by the city of Craig.

The Colorado River Water Conservation District finished the expansion on the reservoir in 2009 and phase one of the park redevelopment was complete. Elkhead Reservoir now offers 900 surface acres of water and 2,105 acres of land. Newly developed boat ramps, swim beaches, picnic sites and camping facilities are open for you to experience.

Camping

Elkhead Reservoir's Bear's Ears campground is located on the south end of the reservoir near the east side of the dam. Bear's Ears offers 16 non-electric campsites. Elkhead Reservoir's Pronghorn campground is located on the west side of the dam, just north of the boat ramp. Pronghorn campground offers 31 electric campsites, 15 of which are near the shoreline of Elkhead Reservoir. Each campground offers a hardened gravel pad, picnic table, shade shelter and fire pit at each campsite. **Neither campground has water or sewer available. Campers with a valid camping reservation may use the water and dump facilities at Yampa River State Park Headquarters** Campground reservations can be made by calling 1-800-244-5613 or online at www.cpwshop.com.

Picnicking/Hiking

Numerous picnic sites are located around the park; many have shade shelters, fire grills and picnic tables. There are approximately 10.5 miles of trails at Elkhead Reservoir for hiking and biking. More detailed trail maps are available. Take a picnic with you and hike along the reservoir, or go to the north end of the reservoir for a more remote experience.

Wildlife

Depending on the season, large herds of elk, deer and pronghorn can be seen in and around the park. Hawks, eagles and owls are regularly seen throughout the year. Also found in the area are bears, coyotes, bobcats and mountain lions which are not seen daily, but pass through on a regular basis.

Motorized Recreation

Only snowmobiles and OHVs used for ice fishing are allowed.

Registered OHVs are permitted on roads within Moffat County, but not permitted on Routt County roads or roads within the park.

Winter Recreation

Ice fishing, cross country skiing and snowshoeing are popular during the winter months. This is a great time to view wildlife in the big herds known to northwest Colorado.

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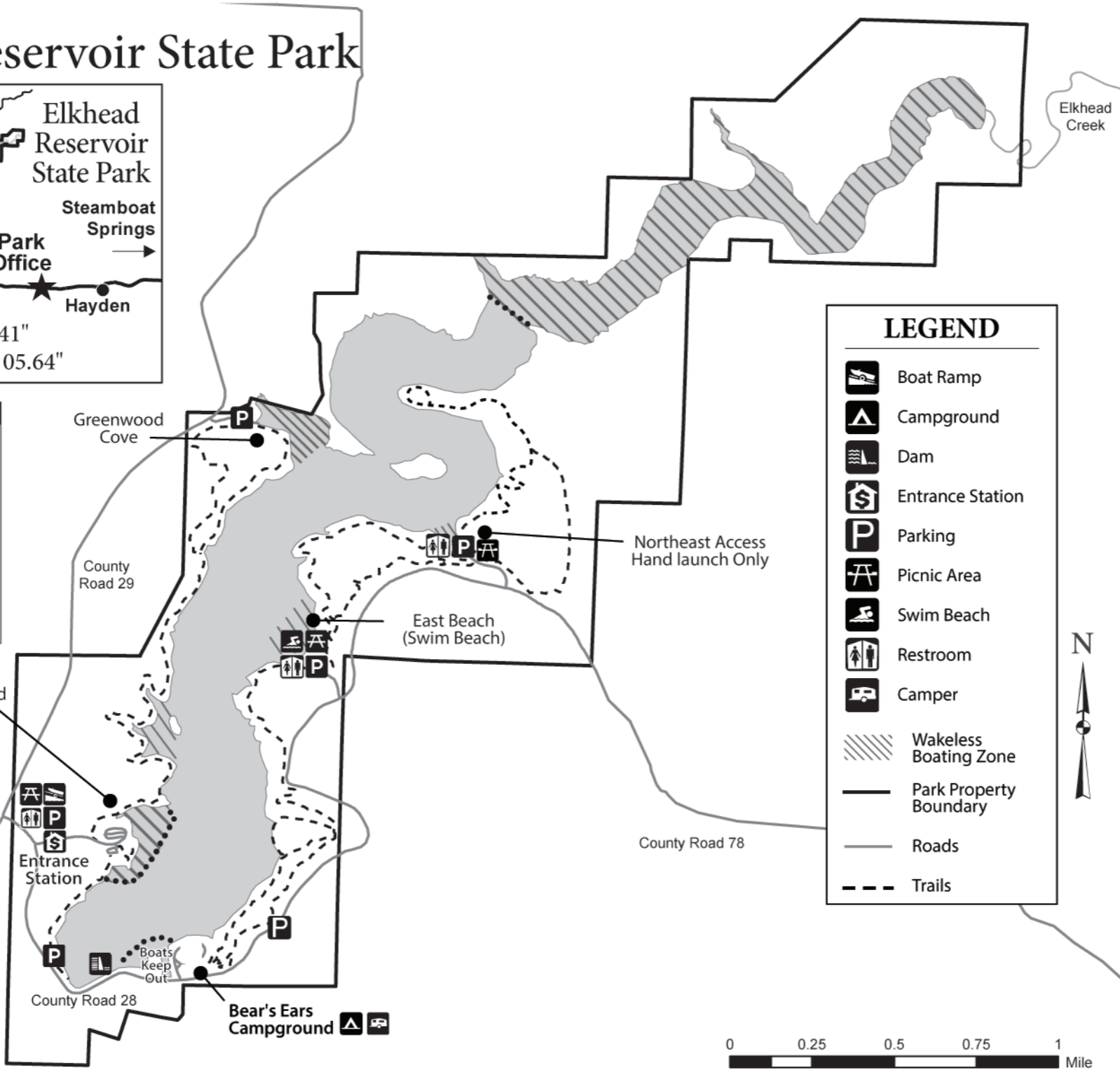
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Leave No Trace

1. Plan ahead and prepare.
2. Travel and camp on durable surfaces.
3. Dispose of waste properly.
4. Leave what you find.
5. Minimize campfire impacts.
6. Respect wildlife.
7. Be considerate of other visitors.

Pronghorn Campground

To Hwy 40



Fishing and Hunting

Elkhead Reservoir is about 4 miles long, surrounded by almost 2,105 acres of land making it one of largest parks in northwest Colorado.

Fishing for warm water species like, northern pike smallmouth bass, largemouth bass and crappie is a big draw.

Hunting in the park is allowed after Labor Day during established seasons. Big game hunting is allowed on the northern portion of the park, north of the Northeast access. Contact the Yampa River State Park office for a description and map of the designated hunting area. Waterfowl hunting is permitted in select areas around the reservoir. All Colorado hunting statues and regulations apply.

Boating/Water Sports

Boating, water-skiing, sailing and jet skiing are popular activities during the summer. Swimming is allowed at the swim-beach and all designated wakeless areas. A Personal Floatation Device must be worn while in the water except in a designated swimming area. **Elkhead is under mandated "aquatic nuisance species" inspections on all motorized crafts and sailboats.**

Friendly Reminders:

Elkhead Reservoir is maintained for your use and enjoyment. In the interest of safety and the preservation of the park, we ask that you:

1. Keep your vehicle on designated roads and parking lots.
2. Be respectful of quiet hours from 10:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m.
3. Keep your pets on a leash and under control at all times.
4. Place litter in the receptacles provided.
5. Use the provided grills or rings and be sure your fire is extinguished before you leave.
6. Please drink responsibly.