

Passes And Permits

A valid Colorado State Park Pass is required for anyone entering the park. Visitors entering the park in a motor vehicle have an option of purchasing an annual pass for their vehicle or a single day pass. Both passes are available at “self-serve” stations as well as staffed park offices. Single day passes are valid until noon the following day and annual passes are valid for one year from the date of purchase.

Visitors entering the park by any other means (e.g. bicycle, foot etc.) are either required to have proof of a valid park pass on their vehicle or must purchase an individual pass. Individual passes are valid until noon the following day and can be obtained from staffed offices or “self-serve” stations located at most park entrances.

All campers are required to purchase a valid vehicle or individual pass or have a valid annual pass. Passes are sold separately and are not included in reservations.

Who was James M. Robb?

James M. Robb was a civic leader, former parks board member and chair, elected representative and champion of state parks. Robb helped create the Colorado Riverfront Foundation, referring to this Grand Junction-area park as a “string of pearls.” Colorado Parks and Wildlife and the communities involved are working together to build a future 35-mile river corridor trail system to connect this “string of pearls.”



James M. Robb Colorado River State Park

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Corn Lake: (970) 434-3388

Island Acres: (970) 464-0548

Fruita: (970) 858-9188

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COLORADO PARKS & WILDLIFE

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Picnicking

Picnicking is a popular activity at every section of the park. Tables and charcoal grills are provided at all sections except Colorado River Wildlife Area. Located along the park lakes, trails and river, sites may vary from open, shaded, covered or fully accessible. The sites are available year-round on a first-come, first-served basis.

Two group picnic sites are available at the Island Acres section and one group picnic site is available at the Fruita section. Perfect locations for weddings, reunions, company picnics and other celebrations, these sites provide private accommodations for large groups such as shade, shelter, potable water, electricity, horseshoe pits and volleyball courts. There is close access to fishing and hiking trails. Reservations for Group



Picnic Areas may be made by calling (970) 464-0548 (Island Acres Section) or (970) 858-9188 (Fruita section). Reservations are accepted each calendar year and we recommend making your reservation as early in the year as possible to secure your date.

Camping

Island Acres and Fruita are the two sections of the park that offer camping.

At Island Acres there are 80 sites available, 40 with full hook-ups (water sewer and electric), 34 with electric and centrally located water and 6 are designated tent sites.

In Fruita, we have 57 sites available, 22 with full hook-ups, 22 with electrical hook-ups and 13 tent sites. Additionally, there are six campsites which comprise our group camping area. These sites can be reserved “as a group” by calling the park at (970) 858-9188. All sites are back-in sites with shade shelters, water and electric hook-ups.

Both sections have flush toilets, showers, RV dump stations (must have a valid camping permit) laundry facilities and playgrounds. All



sites in Fruita and nearly all sites in Island Acres have shade shelters above the picnic tables.

If there is a risk of freezing temperatures, park

staff will need to close buildings with flush toilets. These amenities are typically available from April through October of each year.

In order to protect vegetation, collection of firewood on the park is prohibited and visitors are discouraged from bringing firewood from outside. Firewood is available for purchase from park staff.

All Colorado State Parks require camping reservations however it is easier than ever for campers to reserve a campsite. Campers can make reservations, 24/7 by phone (1-800-244-5613) or online at cpwshop.com, the day they plan to arrive at the park or up to six months in advance.

Local Community

Gas/service stations, grocery stores, restaurants and religious facilities are available in Palisade, Grand Junction, Fruita and the surrounding communities.

First Aid

First aid can be obtained from any park ranger or at the entry station. For emergencies call 911. There are two hospitals in Grand Junction and one hospital in Fruita.

Accessible Facilities

The Island Acres and Fruita sections provide accessible parking areas, restrooms and campsites. Additionally, the Fruita section is incorporated in the Riverfront trail which is an accessible concrete trail linking much of the Grand Valley. Corn Lake and Connected Lakes have accessible parking areas, restrooms, fishing piers and concrete trails.

Park Headquarters

Corn Lake is the park headquarters which is located at 361 32 Rd in Clifton. With the exception of government holidays, the office is open M-F, 8 a.m.– 5:00 p.m. with extended and weekend hours during the summer. Park facilities are day use only and are available from 5 a.m. to 10 p.m. year round. The phone number at Corn Lake is (970) 434-3388.

This park also has two satellite offices. One is located at the Island Acres Section and one is located at the Fruita Section. Both offices are staffed during the summer with reduced hours during the off season. Please call the satellite office directly for current hours. The phone number for the Island Acres section is (970) 464-0548 while the phone number for the Fruita section is (970) 858-9188.



All three offices sell CPW products and there is a retail store located in Fruita. The office in Fruita is generally staffed 8-4, 7 days per week from April through October with extended hours on the weekend. Island Acres is typically staffed Friday through Sunday from April through October but exact hours vary. All sections have self-service stations which sell many of our passes.

Regulations

James M. Robb - Colorado River State Park was built and is maintained for your use and enjoyment. To ensure the safety and enjoyment of all park visitors, please observe the following regulations:

1. Keep all pets under control and on a leash no more than six feet long.
2. Operate motorized vehicles on designated roads and parking lots only.
3. Place all trash and litter in the receptacles provided.
4. Build fires only in the fire rings and grills provided.
5. Glass containers and pets are not allowed on swim beaches.
6. Report any problems to a park ranger.

Trails

James M. Robb-Colorado River State Park plays a vital role in the ongoing effort to support the vision of our namesake and extend the Riverfront trail. The three mile section of trail that runs from 29 Road east past the Wildlife Area and onto Corn Lake is managed by Colorado Parks and Wildlife and is open to all users from 5 a.m. to 10 p.m.

From Corn Lake, the Riverfront trail continues east for another 1.5 miles east to 33 1/2 Road in Clifton. This section of trail is managed by Mesa County. Each of the park sections offers hiking and biking.

Connected Lakes has nearly four miles of trails, some paved and some hard packed. A connecting trail runs between the lakes along the Redlands Canal and the Colorado River. The Fruita section has a concrete trail linking the park with the newest sections of the Riverfront Trail, traveling north to Fruita and west towards Loma. Fruita also has a one-mile gravel trail around Red Rock Lake. The Island Acres section has a .75 mile, self-guided, hard-packed trail following the course of the Colorado River. Hikers view the park while taking a pleasant stroll through the area's geological history.

Water Sports

Hand-propelled crafts and boats with electric trolling motors are allowed on all waters except Swimming Hole at Island Acres, the Wildlife Area and the Beswick Parcel in Pear Park. Boats with gas motors are not permitted on any lake in the park. Trailer launching is not allowed at any of the lake access points.

Swimming is permitted at Island Acres. Swim at your own risk as lifeguards are not provided.

Boat access to the Colorado River is available at Corn Lake, Connected Lakes and Fruita. Rafting, tubing and canoeing are popular river activities to cool you off on a hot day. Several river outfitters located in the area provide guided rafting trips, lessons and equipment rentals. There are river boat launches located at the Corn Lake, Connected Lakes, and Fruita section of the park.

Wildlife

The best time for viewing wildlife is in the early morning and early evening. Waterfowl, shorebirds, birds of prey, including osprey, bald and golden eagles, many different songbirds and other game birds such as dove and quail may be found at any section of the park. The careful observer may see mule deer, skunk, cottontail rabbits and beaver, all of which are common to the park and the surrounding area.

Fishing

James M. Robb - Colorado River State Park offers a variety of fishing opportunities year round. Whether you desire to fish quiet ponds or river waters for warm or cold water species, James M. Robb - Colorado River State Park has it all.

The Colorado River has a variety of species. Most popular are the bullhead catfish that are frequently pulled from its waters. Remember that several endangered fish species inhabit the river and must be immediately released unharmed if caught.

Colorado Parks and Wildlife stocks Old Orchard and Roans Pothole at Island Acres, Corn Lake and Red Rocks Lake in Fruita with catchable size rainbow trout.

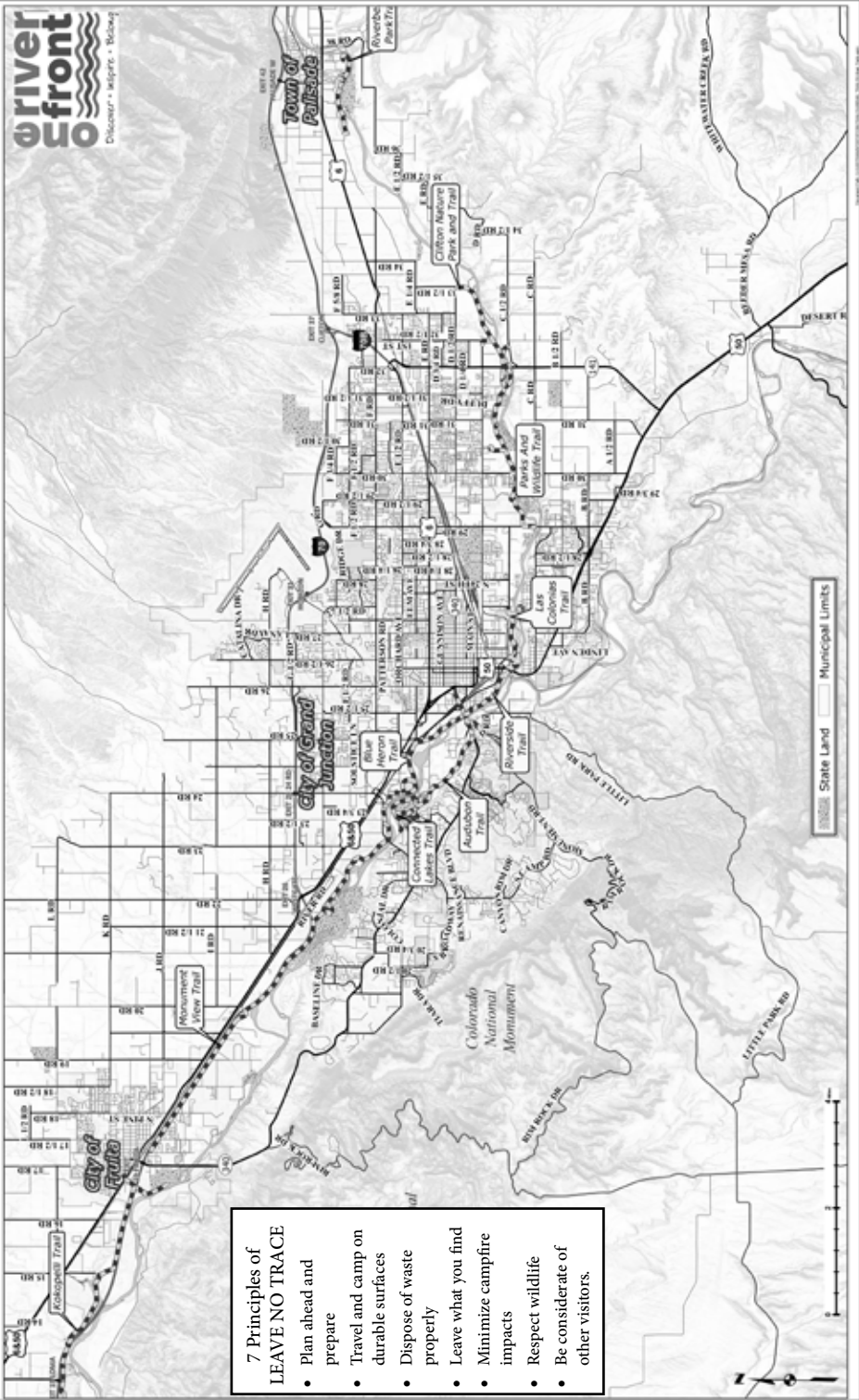
Corn Lake, Colorado River Wildlife Area, Duke Lake and Connected Lakes all have self-sustaining populations of largemouth bass, crappie, bluegill and channel catfish.

Waterfowl Hunting

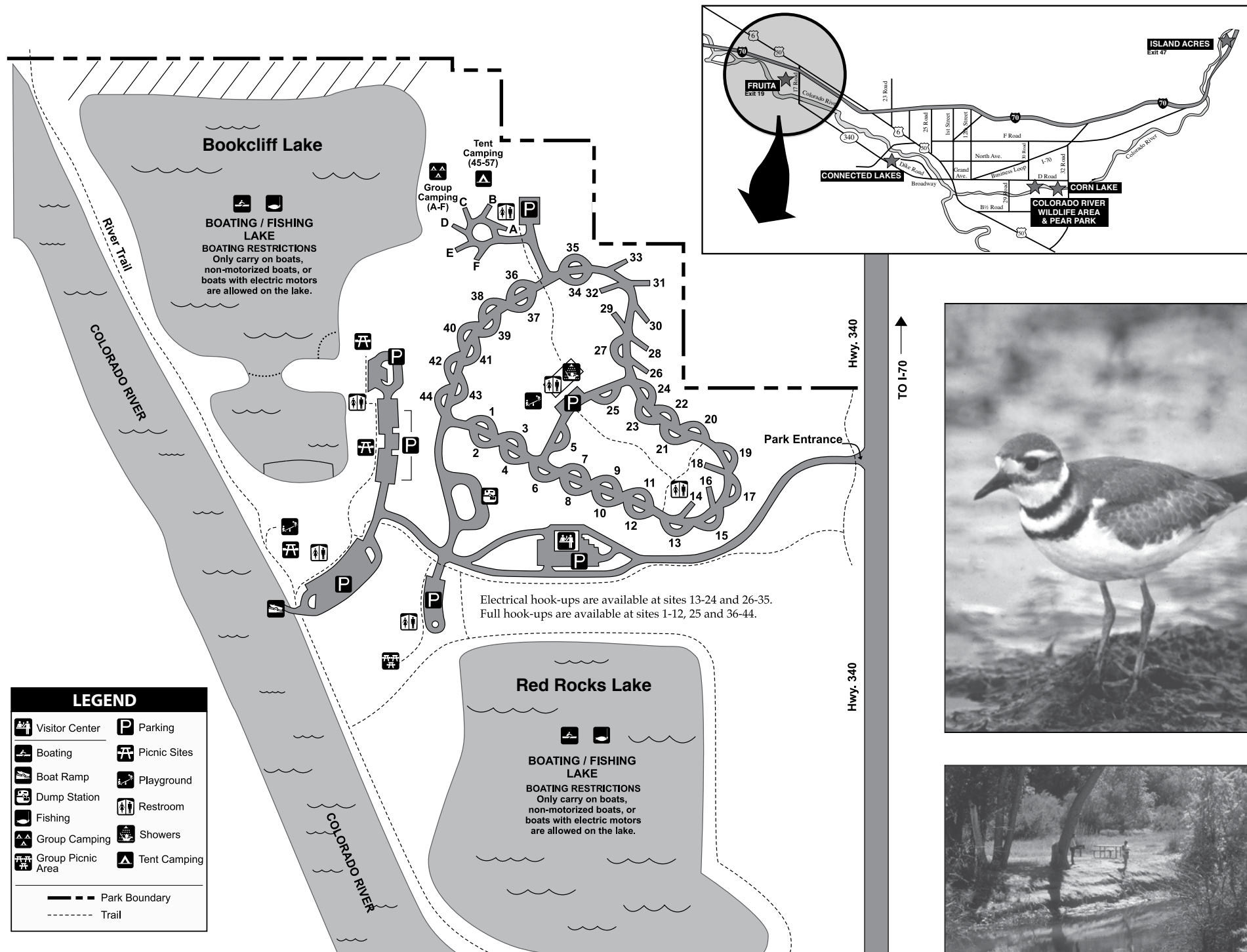
There are several waterfowl hunting blinds available throughout the park during designated hunting seasons. Pear Park, Colorado River Island, Franklin Island, 34 Rd and Island Acres all require a reservation made by calling 1-800-244-5613 or visiting cpw.state.co.us. Please refer to the small game and waterfowl brochure to understand the requirements for each blind.

When Pear Park is frozen or without water, hunters will be assigned the hunting blind to the south of the property adjacent to the Colorado River. 34 Road is only open for waterfowl hunting on weekends during designated seasons.

James M. Robb - Colorado River State Park - ONE RIVER FRONT



James M. Robb - Colorado River State Park - FRUITA SECTION



Fruita

The Fruita section is open year-round for camping and day-use activities. The day-use area closes at 10:00 p.m. The Fruita section is located south of Exit 19 on Interstate 70 on State Highway 340, adjacent to the Colorado River. The Fruita section is enjoyed by Grand Valley residents and is the first section of James M. Robb Colorado River State Park travelers can visit coming from the west into Colorado on Interstate 70. With magnificent views of both the Colorado National Monument and the Book Cliffs area, the Fruita section provides exceptional camping facilities, lake fishing, boating, lovely picnic sites, seasonal birding, a walkway along the Colorado River, and a large Visitor Center. Nearby are renowned mountain biking trails, dinosaur sites, and red rock hiking. The phone number for the Fruita section is (970) 858-9188.



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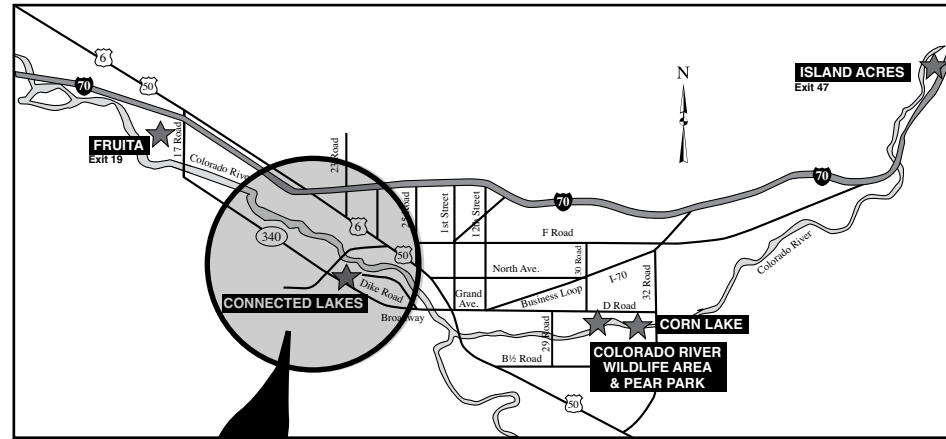
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Reserve online at
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James M. Robb - Colorado River State Park - CONNECTED LAKES SECTION

LEGEND

	Accessible Fishing		Restrooms
	Boat Ramp		Trailhead
	Parking		Paved Trail
	Park Office		Unpaved Trail
	Picnic Area		

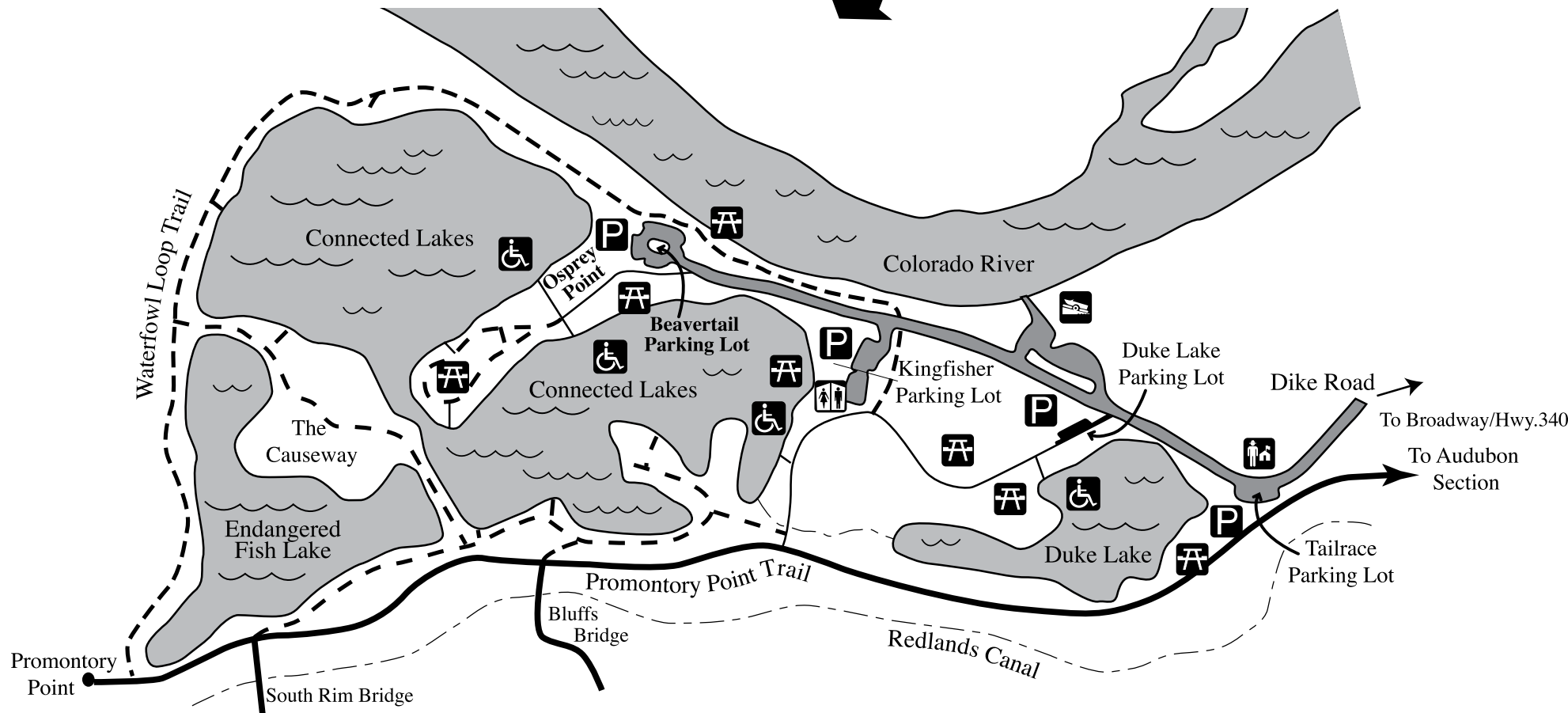


Connected Lakes

The Connected Lakes section is a day-use park open daily 5 a.m. - 10 p.m. To reach the park, take Highway 340 (Broadway) to Power Road and turn north. Then turn right on Dike Rd. which leads to the park. Connected Lakes provides a network of trails that traverse a series of ponds. Visitors find a wide variety of recreational opportunities, including fishing, picnicking, hiking, paddle sports, and bird watching.

Amenities include:

- River launch site for boaters and rafters
- Several disabled fishing piers/structure/ access
- Picnic shelters
- Warm water fishing only (check current Fishing brochure for regulations)
- Boating (electric motors only in ponds) or paddle sports



Connected Lakes Trail Mileage	
From	Mileage
Tailrace lot to Promontory Point (one way)	1.00
Duke Lake lot along Waterfowl Loop Trail to Promontory Point Trail and back	1.75
Duke Lake lot to Kingfisher lot on sidewalk (one way)	.21
Kingfisher lot to Waterfowl Loop Trail, around Endangered Fish Lake on Promontory Point Trail and back	1.46
Kingfisher lot to Waterfowl Loop Trail, across The Causeway to Promontory Point Trail and back	1.06
Beavertail lot to Osprey Point and back	.28

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COLORADO RIVER WILDLIFE AREA & PEAR PARK TRAIL SECTION

Colorado River Pear Park

An area of southeast Grand Junction has been known as Pear Park since the 1880s. Early settlers in the Grand Valley planted and established orchards along the Colorado River near D Road and 27 1/2 Road. In the 1890s land was offered for sale in the vicinity of 30 and D Roads and the lands were specifically marketed for their orchard potential.

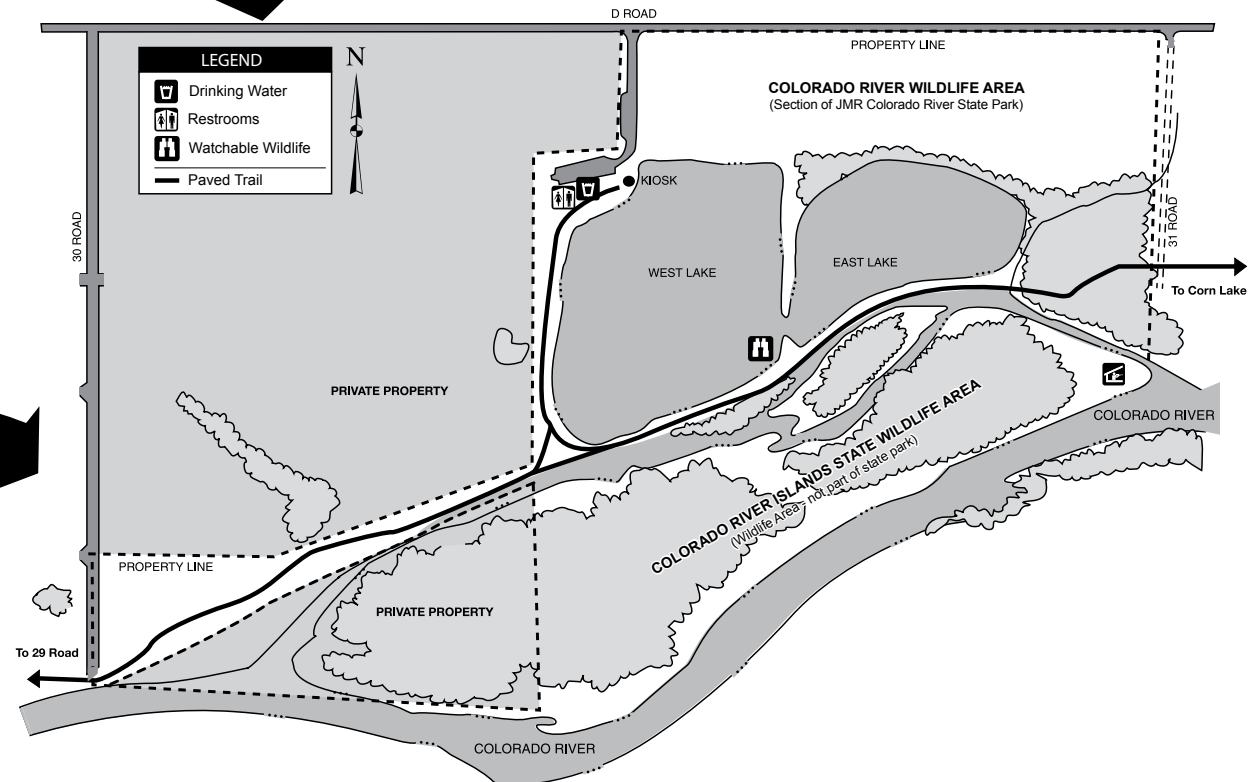
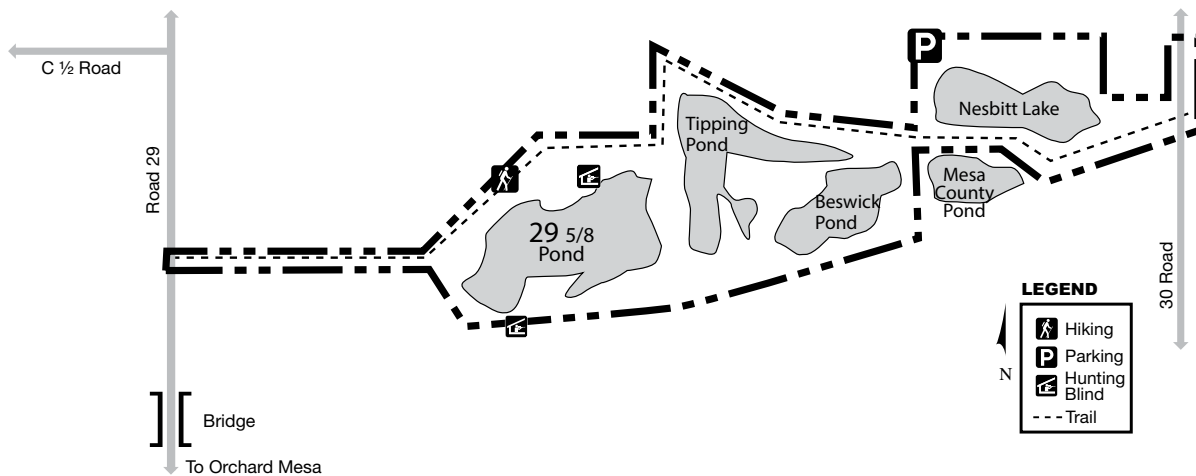
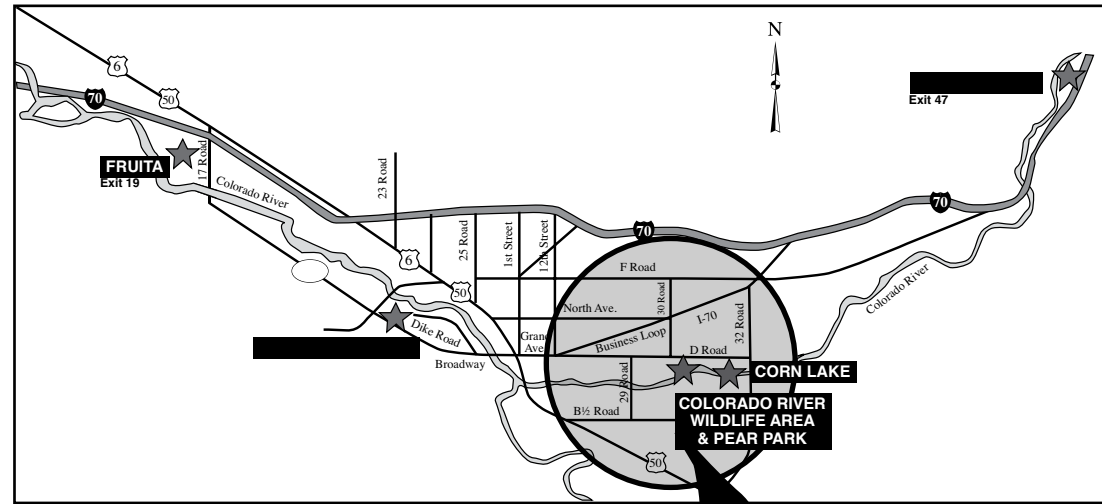
The numerous small lakes in the Pear Park Trail section provide critical habitat for endangered fish. Opportunities for hiking and wildlife observation abound. None of the lakes are stocked with fish, and fishing and boating are prohibited on Beswick Pond.

Pear Park also has waterfowl hunting on the 29 5/8 pond. Habitat improvement in this area was funded with GOCO and sportsmen's dollars. Further information is available in the Waterfowl regulation brochure.

Colorado River Wildlife Area

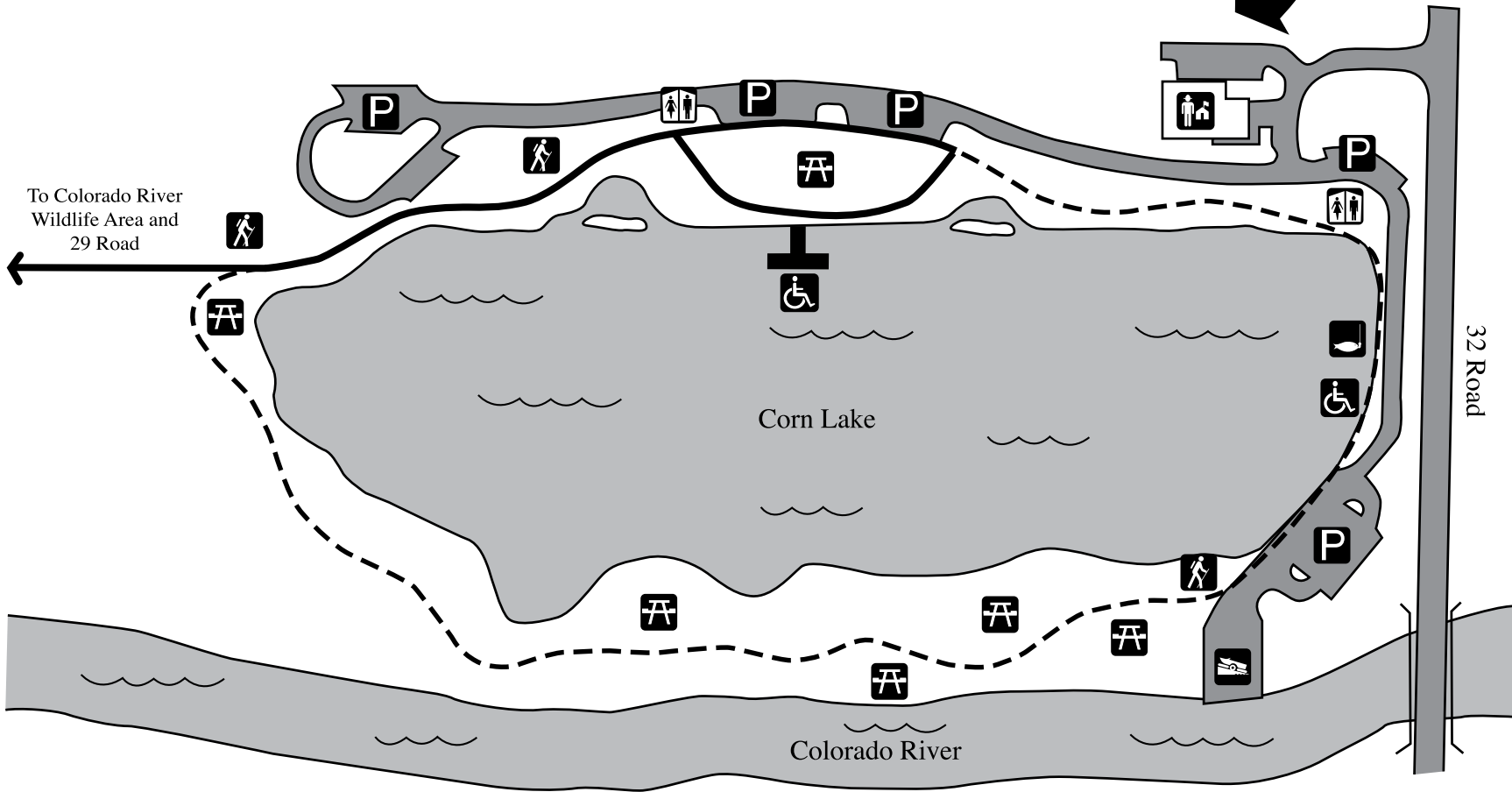
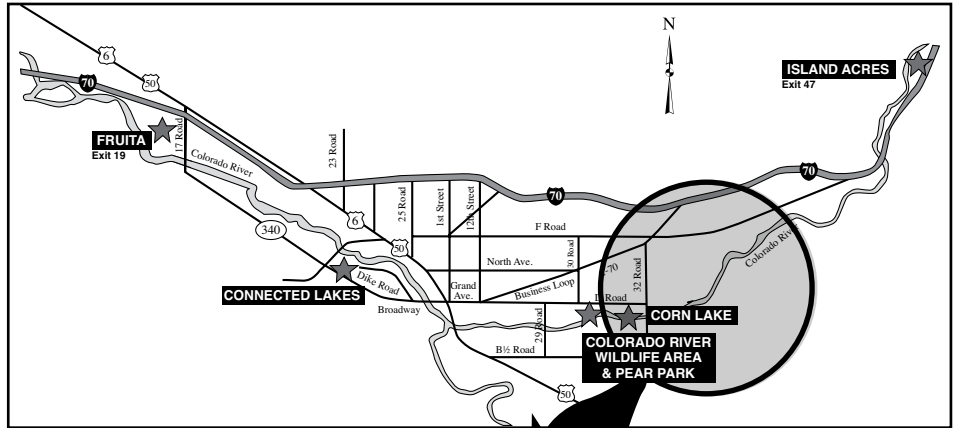
Located one mile west of Corn Lake on D Road, the Colorado River Wildlife Area was jointly purchased by Colorado State Parks and the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation. This area was constructed to replace wetlands lost during the Grand Valley Salinity Control period. Since the primary management emphasis is on protection and enhancement of wildlife and wetlands habitat, recreation facilities have been kept to a minimum. Hiking and wildlife observation are available here.

Boating is not available. Fishing access is on the south and west sides of the lake only.



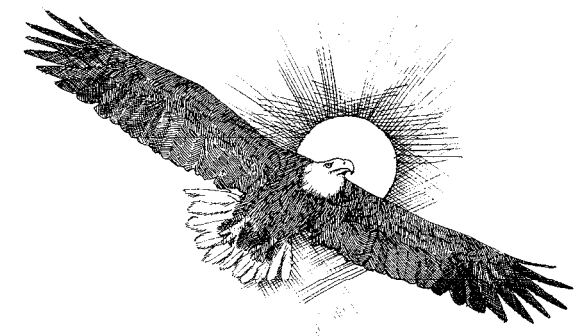
James M. Robb - Colorado River State Park - CORN LAKE SECTION

LEGEND	
	Accessible Fishing
	Boat Ramp
	Parking
	Park Office
	Picnic Area
	Restrooms
	Trailhead
	Paved Trail
	Unpaved Trail



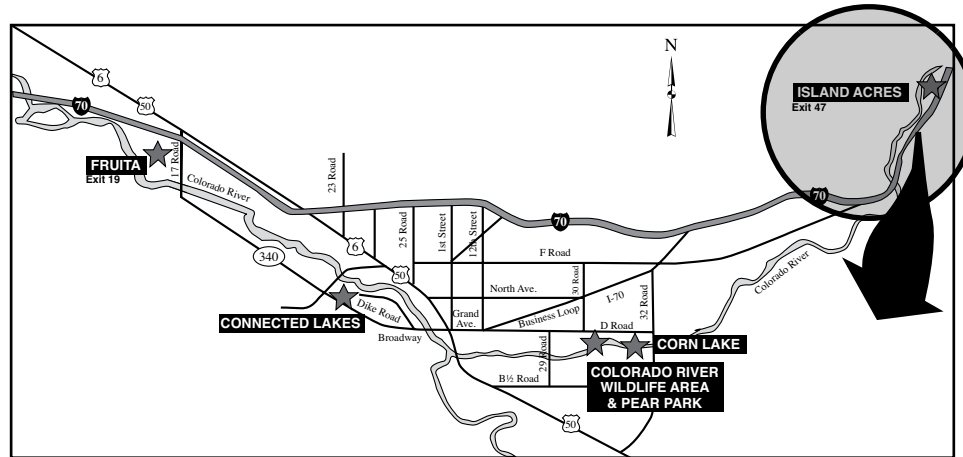
Corn Lake

The Corn Lake section is a day-use only park. Corn Lake, located at 32 Road and the Colorado River, serves as headquarters for the park. Corn Lake was acquired by Colorado Parks & Wildlife as the first in a series of planned acquisitions that will link parks and trails from Island Acres to the Loma boat launch. Corn Lake provides a launching site for boaters and rafters to the Colorado River. A .9-mile hardpacked trail follows the lakeshore. The trail provides access to both the Colorado River and Corn Lake for fishing and is used by hikers and bicyclists. The park also offers picnic sites and restrooms for physically challenged visitors. Park hours are 5 a.m. to 10 p.m. The park office is open M-F, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., except for government holidays. During the summer there are extended office hours. Corn Lake offers both warm and cold water fishing and picnic shelters. The park is stocked with black crappie, bluegill, largemouth bass, and trout each spring and fall. The phone number for the park office is (970) 434-3388.



James M. Robb - Colorado River State Park - ISLAND ACRES SECTION

	Dump Station		Restrooms
	Electric Hookup		Showers
	Full Utility Hookups		Swim Beach
	Group Picnic Area		Tent Camping
	Parking		Tent Pads
	Park Office		Trees
	Picnic Area		Water
	Unpaved Trail		



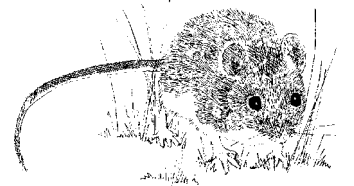
Island Acres

The Island Acres section is open year-round for camping and day-use activities. The day-use area closes at 10:00 p.m. Island Acres is located at Exit 47 on Interstate 70 in the scenic Debeque Canyon. The park is enjoyed by Grand Valley residents and out-of-state visitors as a convenient and attractive place to fish, camp, picnic and/or hike along the Colorado River or near any of the lakes in the park.

As the Colorado River and other erosional forces shaped the canyon, a large island was left in the middle of the river. The history of the canyon and its island reflects the history and constantly changing face of the West. A man-made dike built in the 1950s eliminated the true island characteristics of the area, but not its usefulness as a public recreation site. Colorado Parks and Wildlife has managed the area since 1968.

The office phone number for Island Acres is (970) 464-0548. The office is staffed during the summer; however, staffing levels decrease during the off season.

A LOOP has electrical hook-ups at all sites.
B LOOP is tents only.
C LOOP and **D LOOP** have full service hook-ups at all sites

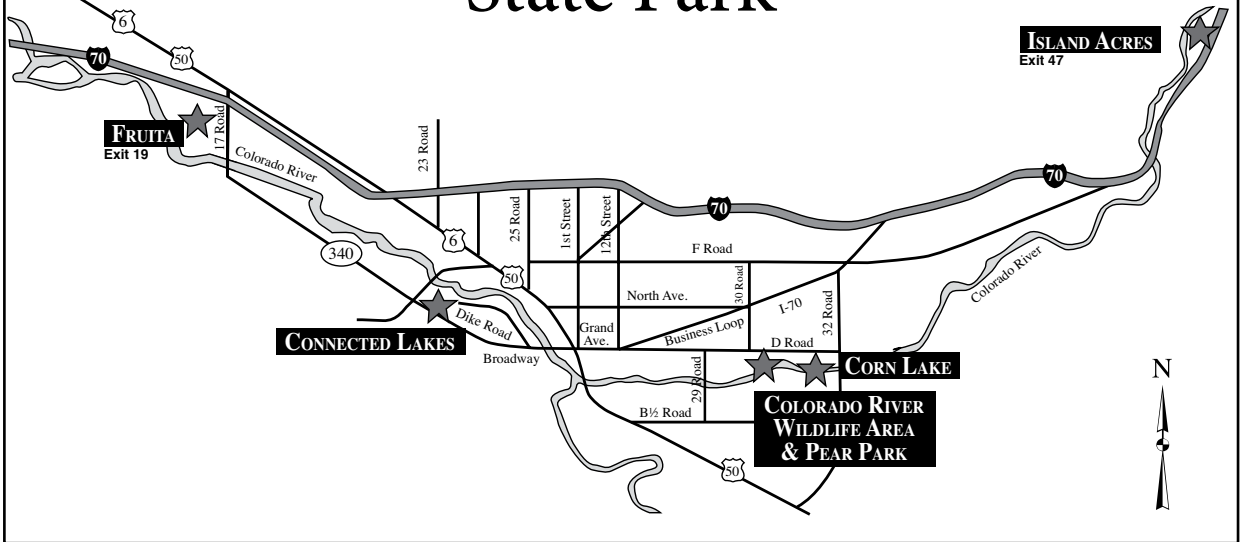


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James M. Robb - Colorado River State Park offers outdoor enthusiasts wonderful access to the Colorado River corridor. Whether you visit the park to rest or play, its diverse wildlife and recreational opportunities will entertain you. The park links together various trails along the river corridor from Island Acres on the east side to the Fruita section to the west. Along this trail system there are numerous picnic sites and fishing opportunities.



The Island Acres section provides a comfortable and lovely setting for swimming, fishing, picnicking, camping and hiking. The Corn Lake section is popular for fishing, hiking, picnicking and as a launch site for boaters and rafters into the Colorado River. The Colorado River Wildlife Area features hiking, fishing, and wildlife observation. This section is accessed off of D Rd. west of Corn Lake. The Connected Lakes section offers fishing, picnicking, bird watching and hiking on the many different trails. This section also offers a boat and raft launch area to the Colorado River. The Fruita section features a Visitor Center, camping, picnicking, fishing, hiking and a launch site for boaters and rafters into the Colorado River.