

# Barr Lake State Park



## Who we are

Barr Lake State Park is a premier bird watching location in the state, with over 371 bird species identified in the park. The park offers opportunities for hiking, flat-water boating (kayaking, canoeing and sailing) and a well-stocked fishery. During the May to October season, park visitors can enjoy the Eagle Express, a motorized, guided tour of the wildlife refuge at the park. Staff and volunteers provide a number of educational and interpretive presentations for school children and other groups.

## Top attractions

- Barr Lake State Park is a premier bird watching location! Great horned owls, Swainson's hawks, great blue herons, double-crested cormorants, snowy egrets and bald eagles are just a few of the species that nest around Barr Lake.
- Channel catfish, smallmouth and largemouth bass, rainbow trout, walleye, bluegill, wiper and tiger muskie are all stocked by CPW.
- A 10-hp limit on boat motors on the lake makes this an ideal spot for canoeing, kayaking and day sailing.
- Staff and volunteers provide education programs for school groups and for the general public, including tours of the wildlife refuge on the Eagle Express from May through October. We also have a new golf cart, "Osprey," that is ADA accessible.
- Equestrians can enjoy almost nine miles of riding trails around the lake shore and our NEW equestrian play area.
- We also have an archery range with a standing range from 10-100 yard targets and a 3-D walking range with 10 stations.



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## Our partners

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| • Adams County                         | • Barr Milton Watershed Association    | • Wild Birds Unlimited             |
| • Bird Conservancy of the Rockies      | • Friends of Barr Lake                 | • Ducks Unlimited                  |
| • Barr Lake State Park Volunteers      | • Greater Brighton Chamber of Commerce | • South Metro Pheasants Forever    |
| • City of Brighton                     | • Rocky Mountain Arsenal               | • West Adams Conservation District |
| • Farmers Reservoir and Irrigation Co. | • Adams County Open Space              | • Cabela's                         |

## Challenges we face

- Historically, the park is home to flocks of waterfowl and other birds due to the presence of the reservoir and adjacent vegetation. Housing and other developments now surround the park, further isolating natural access corridors for wildlife.
- Increased urban development near the park and resulting runoff may degrade water quality in Barr Lake.
- Concerns over the spread of aquatic nuisance species (ANS) require continued inspection efforts to protect the quality of the Barr Lake ecosystem.
- Funding reductions could seriously impact the programs and recreational opportunities offered at Barr Lake.

## Volunteer activities

- Volunteer activities include guided hikes, tours and programs, park maintenance, visitor information, pass sales, trail construction and vegetation management. Eagle Scouts also complete 10-15 projects each year.
- There are four park host positions available year round. Park hosts perform a variety of jobs ranging from working in the nature center to park maintenance.
- Friends of Barr Lake, a nonprofit group that partners with Barr Lake State Park through education, recreation and conservation, contributes \$20,000+ per year and volunteer time.

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## Manager's Message

In 2018, we completed our ADA-accessible fishing pier. Barr Lake strives to provide recreational opportunities for all abilities. We hope to inspire people to enjoy and protect our natural resources.

### Geography

Region: Northeast  
County: Adams  
Year Acquired: 1975  
Elevation: 5,100 ft  
Miles From Denver: 25

### Acreage

Total Acres: 3,098

### Governmental

US Cong Dist: 8<sup>th</sup>  
CO Senate: 21<sup>st</sup>  
CO House: 48<sup>th</sup>

### Employees

Permanent: 3  
Temporary: 8  
Volunteers (FY 22): 219  
Volunteer Hours (FY 22): 11,881

### Annual Visitation

FY 22: ~210,000

### Facilities

60 Picnic Sites  
Archery Range  
Boat Ramp  
Duck Blinds  
Equestrian Playground  
Fishing Pier  
Group Picnic Area  
Nature Center

### Trails

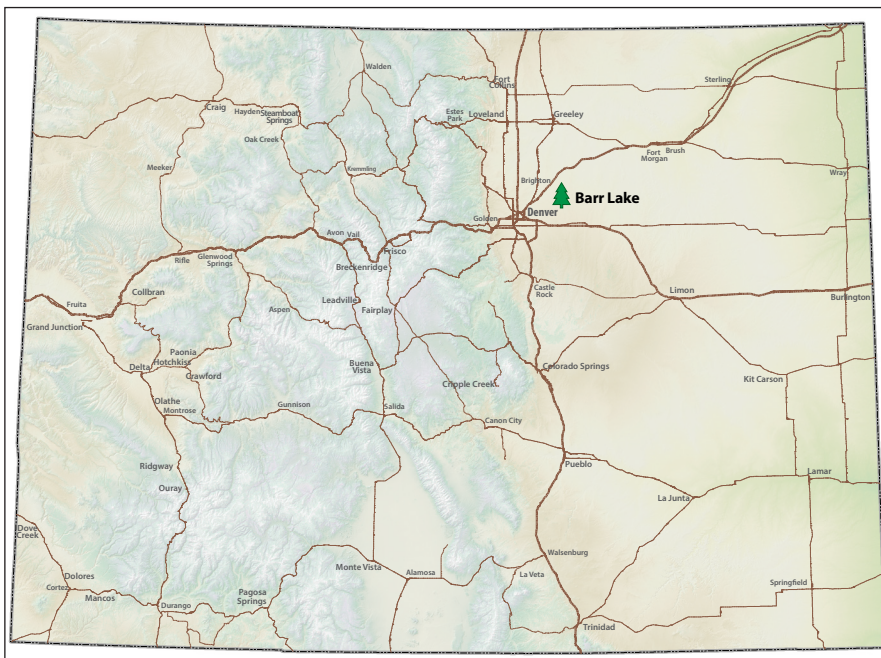
Biking: 21 miles  
Hiking: 21.9 miles  
Horseback: 16.5 miles  
Cross Country Skiing/  
Snowshoeing: 21.5 miles  
Total: 21.9 miles

### Roads

Paved: 2 miles

### Recreation

Boating Allowed  
Fishing  
Geocaching  
Hunting  
Ice Fishing  
Paddle Boarding  
Picnicking  
Ranger/Nature Programs  
Sailboarding  
Wildlife/Bird Viewing



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