



Miramonte

Colorado State Natural Area

What to Expect

Overlapping with Dan Noble State Wildlife Area, Miramonte State Natural Area checks three boxes of natural interest – plants, wildlife and geology – all tucked within diverse wetland and sagebrush ecosystems. Exposed shale supports a population of critically imperiled cushion bladderpod, while wetland seeps foster Parish’s alkali grass, a state rare species. Gunnison sage grouse often lek and breed in the area, and it’s known as the best habitat for the species outside of the Gunnison River basin.



The rare cushion bladderpod, spotted at Miramonte.

Know Before You Go

Public access is restricted in some portions of the State Wildlife Area (SWA). Visitors age 16 and over must have a valid SWA pass, or hunting and fishing license. Hunting, fishing, camping and boating are allowed in the SWA with valid permits and passes. Visitors can drive around the perimeter of the reservoir, and restrooms, picnic areas, and camping are available at multiple locations. For up to date information, visit the [Dan Noble SWA webpage](#). Restrictions can be found in the [CPW recreational lands brochure](#).



The view of Lone Cone, across Miramonte Reservoir.

About the State Natural Area

Location: San Miguel County, 18 miles south of Norwood

Landowner: Colorado Parks and Wildlife

Size: 2,529 acres

Address: Norwood, CO 81423. [Google Maps link to Miramonte Reservoir Campground](#).



Views across Miramonte Reservoir.

For more information about the Colorado Natural Areas Program (CNAP) [visit CNAP’s website](#).