



# Tamarack Ranch

## Colorado State Natural Area

### What to Expect

Composed of two separate parcels within a larger State Wildlife Area, Tamarack Ranch offers prime examples of plains cottonwood riparian woodlands and sandhill prairie ecosystems. In the western parcel, the South Platte River provides important habitat for migrating waterfowl and other riparian-dependent wildlife. Meanwhile, the sandhill prairie uplands in the eastern parcel are home to greater prairie chicken and other grassland birds. Biodiversity flourishes in this patchwork of prairie grassland and riparian habitats.



*A viceroy butterfly, spotted at Tamarack Ranch.*

### Know Before You Go

The State Wildlife Area is available 4 am to 9 pm, with limited spots for overnight camping. Visitors age 16 and over must have a valid SWA pass, or hunting and fishing license. Drinking water and restrooms are available on the east side of the property. Check the [CPW Recreational Lands brochure](#) for hunting access info. Few trails exist, but a dirt road through the SWA includes many points to pull off and look around. For up to date rules and regulations, please visit the [Tamarack Ranch SWA webpage](#).



*The South Platte River traverses Tamarack Ranch.*

### About the State Natural Area

**Location:** Logan County, 27 miles northeast of Sterling

**Landowner:** Colorado Parks and Wildlife

**Size:** 473 acres

**Address:** CO Road 385, Crook, CO 80726. [Google maps link to Tamarack Ranch State Wildlife Area.](#)



*Sandhill prairie habitat at Tamarack Ranch.*

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