U.S. Code 18

# 106

a. It shall be unlawful:

WEAPONS, FIREARMS, AND FIREWORKS

1. To possess, carry, or discharge explosives, firearms and/or other weapons on Parks and Outdoor Recreation Lands or Waters in any manner that violates Title 18, C.R.S., or any other applicable law. The lawful carry of concealed handguns by persons in possession of a valid concealed handgun permit, together with valid photo identification, is permitted. The possession or discharge of fireworks is prohibited. The lawful possession and/or discharge of firearms on designated shooting ranges is permitted. Other exceptions pertaining to the possession and/or discharge of firearms on Parks and Outdoor Recreation Lands or Waters are as follows:

HUNTING/DOG TRAINING

(a) Shotguns loaded with birdshot or pistols loaded with blank charges may be used during authorized regattas and field trials or during the training of dogs on designated dog-training areas, except as follows:

(1) Only pistols or other mechanisms incapable of discharging live ammunition may be used at the dog training areas at Chatfield State Park and at Cherry Creek State Park.

(2) The use of live birds during the training of dogs is prohibited unless approved by the Division through a Special-Activities Permit.

BOW FISHING (Archery) and Spearfishing:

(b) Bows and arrows may be used on designated archery ranges or as a method of fishing in accordance with fishing regulations. Underwater spearfishing may be used as a method of fishing in accordance with fishing regulations. Underwater spearfishing is prohibited within 100 feet of any marina, boat ramp, swim beach or dam infrastructure.

HUNT AREAS

(c) The following designated methods of hunting may be used in the following areas during hunting seasons:

(1) During the period beginning the Tuesday after Labor Day and continuing through the Friday prior to Memorial Day, only bows and arrows including crossbow and hand-held bow, unless otherwise restricted, and shotguns loaded with birdshot may be used for hunting during hunting seasons, and only in areas not posted as prohibiting such use, on:
(i) Boyd Lake State Recreation Area

(ii) Jackson State Recreation Area

(iii) Lathrop State Park west from a north-south line corresponding with the existing barbed-wire fence between Horseshoe Lake and Martin Lake.

(iv) Pueblo State Recreation Area

(v) Stagecoach Reservoir State Recreation Area, western half of the reservoir

(vi) Sweitzer State Recreation Area

(vii) Trinidad State Recreation Area

(viii) Harvey Gap State Recreation Area

(ix) Eldorado Canyon State Park, western portion known as crescent meadows from the Tuesday after Labor Day through March 31, using a hand-held bow and shotguns loaded with birdshot.

(x) North Sterling Reservoir State Park

(xi) Vega State Recreation Area

(2) Only shotguns loaded with birdshot may be used for waterfowl hunting during the regular waterfowl hunting seasons, in the areas and at the times posted, at Barr Lake State Park, at Corn Lake, Island Acres, Pear Park and 34 Road parcels at James M. Robb-Colorado River State Park, and at Highline Lake State Park. Shotguns loaded with birdshot may also be used for dove hunting at Barr Lake State Park in the areas and at the times posted. Small game hunting is also allowed at Highline Lake State Park, using an allowable method of take for the species hunted, in the areas and at the times posted.

(i) All hunters must register prior to beginning hunting and check out at the conclusion of hunting, at the hunter registration area.

(3) During deer and elk seasons, any lawful method of hunting may be used for hunting such big game; and, during the period stated in section #106a.1. (c)(1), above any lawful method of hunting may be used during hunting seasons for small game, in areas not posted as prohibiting such use or uses, on:

(i) The portion of Golden Gate Canyon State Park located in Jefferson County, excluding the 160-acre parcel known as the Vigil Ranch and the posted strip of land along Gilpin County Road 2. Provided further that hunters must visit the designated check station to check in prior to hunting and check out after hunting.
(ii) Lory State Park; except that hunting is not permitted on Saturdays and Sundays.

(iii) Steamboat Lake State Park (including Pearl Lake).

(iv) Ridgway State Park, all lands open to the public access east of Highway 550.

(v) Bonny State Recreation Area.

(4) During deer and elk seasons that are in the period described in 106-a.1.(c)(1), any lawful method of hunting deer and elk may be used in areas not posted as prohibiting such use in that portion of Golden Gate Canyon State Park located in Gilpin County, otherwise known as the Green Ranch. Only hunters selected through a special drawing prior to the beginning of big game seasons are permitted to hunt the Green Ranch portion of Golden Gate Canyon State Park.

(5) During any hunting season all year, lawful methods of hunting may be used in areas not prohibiting such use on:

(i) Crawford State Recreation Area

(ii) Eleven Mile State Recreation Area

(iii) Navajo State Recreation Area

(iv) Paonia State Recreation Area

(v) Rifle Gap State Recreation Area

(vi) State Forest State Park

(vii) Spinney Mountain State Recreation Area

(viii) Sylvan Lake State Recreation Area

(ix) Arkansas Headwaters Recreation Area

(x) Mueller State Park

(xii) San Luis State Park

(6) During the period described in 106-a.1.(c)(1)(x), only primitive weapons (hand-held bow and muzzle-loading rifles) may be used to hunt big game animals in the western portion of Eldorado Canyon State Park known as Crescent Meadows.

(7) During the period beginning the Tuesday after Labor Day and continuing through the Friday prior to Memorial Day, any lawful method of controlled hunting may be used, during hunting seasons, in areas not prohibiting such use on Mueller State Park. Hunters may access the posted hunting area only from Trail 5 at the Visitor Center, Trail 11 at the Livery parking lot or Lost Pond Picnic Area and Trail 13 at the group campground. All
weapons must be unloaded when the hunter is outside the posted hunting area boundary.

(8) During any authorized hunting season from October 1 to April 30 of each year, and any approved special season, any lawful method of hunting may be used in the following areas:

(i) All lands at Ridgway State Park open to public access west of Ridgway Reservoir, except that the area bounded by Dallas Creek on the south and the site closure signs on the north shall be closed to all hunting.

(9) During any authorized waterfowl hunting season from October 1 to April 30 of each year, and any approved special season, waterfowl hunting shall be permitted within the Dallas Creek Recreation Site at Ridgway State Park; except that hunting shall be prohibited between the park road and U.S. Highway 550 and in other areas posted as prohibiting such use.

(10) During approved special seasons, any lawful method of hunting may be used in the following areas (or special hunting zones) as defined:

(i) (Zone 1) Elk Ridge Mesa, including the closed Elk Ridge Campground, and

(ii) (Zone 2) That area bounded by a distance of 100 yards south of park headquarters, on the north; Ridgway Reservoir on the west; ¼ mile from Colorado Highway 550 on the south; and ¼ mile from the main park road on the east and,

(iii) That area bounded by Ridgway reservoir’s main cove on the north; ¼ mile from the Elk Ridge road on the west; the intersection of the Elk Ridge and main park roads on the south; and ¼ mile from the main park road on the east at Ridgway State Park and,

(iv) The Pa-Co-Chu-Puk Recreation Site at Ridgway State Park.

(11) During any authorized big game hunting season, any lawful method of hunting deer, elk, and bear may be used in areas not posted as prohibiting such use in Lone Mesa State Park. Only hunters who possess a valid Lone Mesa State Park hunting permit are permitted to hunt.

(12) During the spring turkey hunt at Lory State Park, it shall be permitted to hunt turkey by legal methods on Mondays and Tuesdays only. All other days of the week shall be closed to spring turkey hunting.

(13) During the period described in 106.a.1.(c)(1) only bows and arrows and shotguns loaded with birdshot may be used for hunting in areas not prohibiting such use on North Sterling State Park, except as follows:

(i) Hunting is prohibited from the dam, and

(ii) Hunting is prohibited from the frozen surface of the lake.
(d) Park Managers may post an area on a park or recreation area as being closed to hunting due to public safety considerations or sound park management practices.

1. To discharge explosives, firearms, and/or other weapons within 100 yards of any designated campground, picnic area, boat ramp, swimming or water skiing beach or nature trail and study area, except as may be otherwise posted.

2. To discharge explosives, firearms, and/or other weapons from any location so that projectiles are caused to cross over or fall upon Parks and Outdoor Recreation Lands.

TRAPPING

3. To place or set traps on Parks and Outdoor Recreation Lands and Waters, except as authorized by wildlife regulations and with a valid Special-Activities Permit.

RAPTOR HUNTING

4. To hunt by the use of raptors on Parks and Outdoor Recreation Lands and Waters, except as authorized by wildlife regulations and with a valid Special-Activities Permit.
Basis and Purpose:

Change in Management of San Luis State Park
The property on which San Luis State Park was previously located is owned by the Colorado State Land Board (SLB). Roughly the southern half of the property, including the majority of San Luis Lake itself, was managed as a State Park as a satellite facility associated with Lathrop State Park. The northern half was managed as a State Wildlife Area by the local wildlife office in Monte Vista. These regulations change management of the entire property by converting the State Park portion into a State Wildlife Area. Combining property management will help centralize the wildlife, recreation and water management within one organizational unit and provide consistency and cost efficiency.

Additionally, a new access permit system is being established. As a State Park, visitors to San Luis were required to have a daily access permit (or an annual parks pass) and a daily camping fee (if camping). Now that the area will be managed as a State Wildlife Area, an annual $36 access permit will be required instead to pay for amenities including electric hook-ups. Anyone under 18, over 64, or those individuals who hold a current and valid hunting or fishing license will not be required to have the annual access permit.

The primary statutory authority for these regulations can be found in § 24-4-103, C.R.S., and the state Parks Act, § 33-10-101 to 33-33-113, C.R.S., and specifically including, but not limited to: § 33-10-106, C.R.S.

EFFECTIVE DATE - THESE REGULATIONS SHALL BECOME EFFECTIVE MAY 1, 2017 AND SHALL REMAIN IN FULL FORCE AND EFFECT UNTIL REPEALED, AMENDED OR SUPERSEDED.


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