Check Out Colorado State Parks 2018

Check Out Colorado State Parks (cpw.state.co.us/librarybackpack), the result of a partnership between Colorado Parks and Wildlife and the Colorado State Library, provides 297 Colorado libraries with two park passes and adventure backpacks filled with information and educational activities. Patrons of participating public, military, and academic libraries can check out a backpack for a week at a time to visit state parks for free. In 2018, 712 patrons completed a survey about their experience with the program:

**Patrons recommend visiting a park and are likely to buy a pass**

Based on your experience with Check Out Colorado State Parks, how likely are you to:

- Recommend a visit to a state park: **98% likely**
- Buy a day pass to visit a state park: **76% likely**
- Buy an annual pass to state parks: **56% likely**

We love that we can check out Colorado State Parks passes at our library. Our family really likes to go on hikes and this makes it possible for us to go to new parks around us. Thanks!!

**Patrons learned about nature, state parks, and libraries**

This park experience helped us learn more about nature:

- **84% agree**
  - I’m a beginner kayaker and the lake access is helping me perfect my roll. This will make me a safer boater and give me another way to enjoy my time in the wilderness.

This State Park [Yampa Valley] hit the mark on activities! We did a “first-ever” river float with the park rangers. The flower/tree identification guide, along with the wildlife one, were so fun to find in the library backpack, we used them!

Loved being able to teach my daughter and show her what CO State Parks have to offer. Great program!

The Check Out Colorado State Parks program changed my view about what libraries have to offer:

- **95% agree**
  - It’s a great way for people to have a chance to go to a state park that otherwise might not be able to afford it. Thank you for having this program. It’s also a great way for folks to discover just how much your local library has to offer.

There were approximately 7,630 backpack checkouts in 1 year. That’s 147 checkouts per week!