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2019 Campground/Resident and Wildlife/Hatchery Host Opportunities

Campground hosting is a meaningful way to experience the great outdoors while being a State Park ambassador. In return for your stewardship, you will receive a free campsite, a free State Parks pass (after 48 hours of service), training opportunities, uniforms, and the ability to meet new people and make friends from across the nation.

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Cherry Creek State Park – Arapahoe County

**Resident Host Positions Available for Summer 2019**

Located within 15 minutes of downtown Denver, Cherry Creek offers a unique park experience in the city. Resident hosts are still needed to clean bathrooms and work as entrance gate workers, camper services and main office assistants, swim beach hosts, and maintenance hosts. Both campground host and residents host sites are full hookup and require a minimum of 24-36 hours a week per person. This is a very busy job. Volunteers must be able to work weekends and Holidays (Days off are mid-week). Wifi is available.

**Contacts:** Colin Peterson at (303) 766-6576 --Resident Hosts

Please register for the Resident Host volunteer opportunity online by using the following link.

**Dates needed:** March - October 31, November - April, Mid May - End of October

**Total hosts needed:** Resident Hosts only

**Families with Children:** Not Preferred

**Minimum stay requirements:** 2-month commitment

**Hosts expected to clean restrooms?** Yes

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Golden Gate Canyon State Park – Gilpin County

**1 Camp Host Position Available for Summer 2019**

Golden Gate Canyon State Park is located only 30 miles west of Denver. It is the second biggest state park with 36 miles of trail, offering many recreational opportunities such as hiking, fishing, camping, and so much more. Campground hosts are needed from Memorial Day through the first week of October. The campground is busy year round and often completely booked in the summer. The visitor center host greets visitors in Golden Gate’s visitor center and helps orient them to the park, its natural and cultural features, rules and regulations, and available programs. They distribute park maps and brochures, in addition to answering phones and performing other clerical tasks (cleaning and light maintenance duties as assigned). Hosts sell parks passes, permits, firewood, and gift store items, and they assist with campground reservations, special events, and other park programs. Attention to detail and customer service experience is desirable. This is a 20 hour per week position from mid-May through early-mid October. Full hookups are available at host campsite. Please note: this is a mountain park; altitude ranges from 8200 to 9200 feet, and these host positions are physically demanding due to workload, terrain, and altitude. Cell phone and internet reception in the area is unreliable. Satellite reception is dependent upon set-up/provider.

**Contact:** Alyssa Gillmore at alyssa.gillmore@state.co.us or (303) 582-3707 ext 8 --Camp Hosts

Please register for the Resident Host volunteer opportunity online by using the following link.

Shauna Cresswell at shauna.cresswell@state.co.us --Resident Hosts

Please register for the Resident Host volunteer opportunity online by using the following link.

**Total hosts needed:** 1

**Minimum stay requirements:** Summer Season (start end of June)

**Trailer size limitation:** Site can accommodate up to a 50 ft. trailer/camper/motorhome

**Hosts expected to clean restrooms?** Yes

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Jackson Lake State Park – Morgan County

**2 Positions Available for Summer 2019**

Jackson Lake State Park covers 3,467 acres, which includes a 2700-acre reservoir. The park is located 78 miles northeast of Denver on the plains of Colorado. It has 260 campsites and offers a wonderful assortment of recreational opportunities, including boating. There are three host sites that have full hookups and are close to a camper services building. There is access to wifi, but not at the host sites. Applications will be accepted anytime, but park staff will not
make a final decision until after the first of the year. Duties include assisting staff with fee collection, registering campers, public information, and light maintenance. Camp hosts are asked to work 24 hours/person per week for a couple and 40 for a single.

**Contact:** Mike Evans at michael.evans@state.co.us or (970) 645-2551
Please register for the opportunity online by using the following link.

**Dates needed:** April – September
**Total hosts needed:** 2 (Couples preferred)
**Minimum stay requirements:** 6-8 months
**Trailer size limitations:** 40 ft.
**Hosts expected to clean restrooms?** Yes

**Ridgway State Park – Ouray County**

**2 Positions Available for Summer 2019**

Located at the base of the spectacular San Juan Mountains in Western Colorado, Ridgway State Park is seeking Park Hosts for the summer season. Located near Telluride, Ouray, and Ridgway, Colorado, Ridgway State Park is the gateway to a wide range of outdoor natural recreation opportunities including fishing, boating, golfing, hiking, alpine 4x4 roads, nature photography and much more. Ridgway State Park has 280 campsites, a 1000-acre reservoir, 15 miles of trails, a swim beach, a marina, picnicking areas, and a fly-fishing stream. Our hosts assist campers, maintain the campsites, sell firewood and ice, and help with reservations. Hosts may also help in other sections of the park depending on their skills and interests. Hosts are required to work a minimum of 28 hours per week and are required to work on weekends and holidays. Each host couple will receive two consecutive days off per week. In return, all host couples will receive a full hookup campsite and will have access to a workstation at the Visitor Center, which is equipped with a telephone, computer and internet access.

**Photos:** Lake, Fishing, Camper, Boating

**Contact:** Nolan Tappenden at nolan.tappenden@state.co.us or (970) 626-5822
Please register for the opportunity online by using the following link.

**Dates Needed:** early to mid-May – early to mid-September (some positions last until the end of Oct)
**Total Hosts Needed:** 1 Revenue/Gate Host Couple; 1 Maintenance Host Couple
**Families with Children:** Not Preferred
**Minimum Stay Requirements:** Prefer the entire summer season, but offer some flexibility
**Trailer Size Limitations:** None
**Hosts expected to clean restrooms?** No, but they are expected to help maintain clean facilities and notify staff when necessary.

**Day Use Hosts**
The Day Use Camp Host position is located in the Dallas Creek Day Use section of Ridgway State Park. This position was developed with a couple in mind: one member of the couple would perform maintenance duties such as maintaining facilities, mowing/string trimming, picking up trash, and other general maintenance duties as assigned. The second member would work in the Dallas Creek Entrance Station collecting fees, selling passes, and providing information to visitors. Both members would assist visitors as needed and asked. Hosts may also help in other sections of the park depending on their skills and interests. Hosts are required to work a minimum of 32 hours per week and are required to work on weekends and holidays. Each host couple will receive two consecutive days off per week. In return, all host couples will receive a full hookup campsite and will have access to a workstation at the Visitor Center, which is equipped with a telephone, computer, and internet access.

**Contact:** Nolan Tappenden at nolan.tappenden@state.co.us or (970) 626-5822
**Dates Needed:** June – early to mid-September
Total Hosts Needed: 1 couple over the summer  
Minimum Stay Requirements: Prefer the entire summer season, but offer some flexibility  
Trailer Size Limitations: None  
Hosts expected to clean restrooms? No, but they are expected to help maintain clean facilities and notify staff when necessary.

Visitor Center/Office/Entrance Station Support Volunteer  
The visitor center volunteer assists Ridgway State Park with a variety of clerical and general office support duties, along with fee collection. Duties include but are not limited to: answering phones; greeting/assisting park visitors with park and local area information as well as campsite reservations; selling parks passes, registrations, and Colorado Parks and Wildlife licenses; monitoring radio communications; staffing the Visitor Center information desk, park entrance stations, and the sales outlet store; selling store merchandise, firewood, and ice; assisting with restocking and inventorying retail store merchandise; Word processing and data entry on computers; filing and other clerical tasks as needed; design and prepare bulletin boards; marketing and advertising park programs; assisting with writing and editing newsletters, brochures, fact sheets, and manuals; producing artwork or graphic designs for publications, signs, flyers, or exhibits; assisting with special events as needed.

Successful applicants who require accommodation are provided with a full hookup campsite in exchange for 32 hours of volunteer time a week. Volunteers are expected to work weekends and holidays that fall during the commitment period.

Contact: Kirstin Copeland (kirstin.copeland@state.co.us)

Steamboat Lake State Park – Routt County

1 Position Available for June 2019  
Situated in an aspen/pine forest, Steamboat Lake is one of Colorado’s most popular attractions. It features 188 campsites, camper cabins, fishing, swimming, boating, a full-service marina, and hiking trails. Campground Hosts act as ambassadors for the park staff, assisting with campground reservations and maintenance and providing information to visitors. The work schedule is flexible enough to allow volunteers ample opportunity to enjoy this beautiful area. The host site in Dutch Hill Campground has electrical and water hookups. In Sunrise Vista Campground, the Larkspur and Arnica host sites have full hookups. Wifi is available at 3 locations within 10 miles. NOTE: Reservation procedures may cause a change in some duties for this season.

Contact: Kelly Cook at kellya.cook@state.co.us or (970) 879-3922  
Please register for the opportunity online by using the following link.

Dates needed: June 2019  
Total hosts needed: 1  
Minimum stay requirements: A few weeks (June)  
Trailer size limitations: 35 ft  
Hosts expected to clean restrooms? Yes. Hosts are asked to help with daily upkeep. They also put out reservation cards, clean fire pits, maintain camping pads, and conduct light grounds keeping.

Trinidad Lake State Park – Las Animas County

1 Position Available for Summer 2019  
This 2800-acre park nestled in the foothills of the Sangre de Cristo Mountains of southern Colorado, offers spectacular scenery, year-round camping, and a variety of recreational opportunities including picnicking, boating, and excellent fishing for trout, walleye, wipers, and catfish. An abundance of wildlife can be observed along the ten miles of hiking trails. Host sites can accommodate RVs and have full hookups (water, sewer, and electric). There is no wifi, but cell coverage works well for most carriers. Bath/shower house facilities are available nearby. Duties include helping ANS staff inspect boats, greeting visitors, public information, and light maintenance. The campground serves as a scenic base location from which to explore the nearby mountains, Highway of Legends, Santa Fe Trail, and historic Trinidad.

Updated August 2019
**Contact:** James Wilson at jamesm.wilson@state.co.us or (719) 846-6951
Please email or call James if you are interested in this opportunity.

**Dates needed:** Summer Season (May - September)
**Total hosts needed:** 1 (couple)
**Families with Children:** Not Preferred
**Minimum stay requirements:** 3-4 months
**Trailer size limitations:** Varies
**Hosts expected to clean restrooms?** Yes

**WILDLIFE/HATCHERY POSITIONS**

**Clear Creek State Wildlife Area**

*1 Position Available for Summer 2019*

Clear Creek SWA is stationed on the Clear Creek Reservoir. This site does not have full hookups or wifi. The schedule is flexible with 3-6 day tours or shifts. Needed for major holidays: Memorial Day, Father’s Day, 4th of July, and Labor Day.

**Contact:** Kail Glenn at kail.glenn@state.co.us
**Dates needed:** Summer Season (May - September)
**Total hosts needed:** 1
**Minimum stay requirements:** weekends
**Trailer size limitations:**
**Hosts expected to clean restrooms?** Yes

**Dan Noble SWA**

*1 Position Available for Summer 2019*

Dan Noble SWA lies in the middle of a flat basin in southwestern Colorado, 17.5 miles south of Norwood and within San Miguel County. The site is situated at 7,700 feet, north of Lone Cone Mountain and with the Uncompahgre National Forest to the east. The primary feature on this 2200-acre property is its 465-acre lake -- Miramonte Reservoir -- stocked annually with rainbow, brown and cutthroat trout. Wildflowers abound in this high elevation sagebrush habitat as does a diverse wildlife resource. The area supports large mule deer and elk populations. Forty-seven species of water birds can be seen and approximately 50 pairs of Canada geese arrive annually in the spring to nest on the lake’s two islands. In winter, the lake provides anglers with excellent ice fishing. With over 23 camping sites for public use, Dan Noble SWA is a very popular weekend destination for residents and nonresidents alike. Dan Noble SWA does not have utility hookups, WiFi or potable water within its campgrounds.

**Contact:** Melody Miller at (970) 252-6004 (office) or melody.miller@state.co.us
**Photos:** Bunkhouse, Miramonte Reservoir, Wood Lake

**Job Description**

Duties for the wildlife hosts include: provide grounds maintenance at Dan Noble SWA (i.e., clean outhouses and restock toilet paper; remove trash from trash barrels and restock empty trash bags, make periodic trips to the local landfill); provide maintenance (e.g., cleaning, painting and basic repairs) to buildings, outhouses, picnic tables, trash cans and signs; maintain a daily log of camping use by visitors; provide information to visiting public and people wanting to fish; clean and maintain outhouse at Woods Lake SWA, about 85 miles to the east, once a week.

**Total Hosts Needed:**

1 position (Couples preferred)
Hookups and Services | Electrical hookup and sewage only available at this time. Dan Noble SWA is remote. Minor medical services are located in Norwood and major medical services are two-hour drive away.
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Maximum RV Size | 37 feet
Dates Needed | Mid-May through Early September
Length of Service | 2-3 months (longer stays are available if requested)
Days Per Week | 4 – 5; must able to work Fri. – Sun
Min. Hours per Week | 30
Special Qualifications | Able to live in a remote area and enjoy meeting/interact with various people. Must be able to perform basic maintenance on the campground and facilities on the SWA. Must be able to lift at least 60-70 pounds – pull heavy and sometimes smelly trash bags from trash barrels and place in dump trailer.
Pets | Yes; be on leash at all times.

**Tarryall Reservoir State Wildlife Area**  
*1 Position Available for Summer 2019*

Pike National Forest in Park County is the home of Tarryall Reservoir SWA. The site is 15 miles southeast of Jefferson on the northern boundary of Colorado’s South Park. The 175-acre reservoir, lying in a valley environment at an altitude of 8,860 feet, holds rainbow, brown trout, and northern pike. A two-mile long stretch of Tarryall Creek above the reservoir is open to public fishing for rainbow, brown and brook trout.

**Contact:** Ty Anderson at ty.anderson@state.co.us

| Job Description | The duties of the host consist of informing visitors regarding camping and fishing regulations, and trash pickup. Job duties also include cleaning 5 vault toilets that surround the reservoir. Medical facilities are available in Fairplay, 25 miles to the northwest. |
| Hookups | The camp host at this SWA must provide a self-contained shelter. Fresh water available at the house we have there but if trailer is in one of the campgrounds, there is no electricity. |
| Maximum RV Size | None |
| Service Dates | Summer Season (May - September) |
| Length of Service | 3-month commitment |
| Days Per Week | 4 – 5, including weekends |
| Min. Hours Per Week | 15 |
| Special Qualifications | None |
| Number of Sites | 1 |
| Families with Children | Not Preferred |
| Pets | Yes, on leash. |
| Hosts expected to clean restrooms? | Yes |