Cheyenne Mountain State Park is the result of strong partnerships and years of thoughtful planning. Acquired in June of 2000 through a partnership between the City of Colorado Springs, Colorado Parks & Wildlife, Great Outdoors Colorado (GOCO), Colorado Lottery, El Paso County and other local private organizations, the park represents the protection of one of the last significant open spaces along the southern section of the Colorado Front Range. Formerly the JL Ranch, the 2701 acre park is nestled beneath the eastern flank of Cheyenne Mountain just south of Colorado Springs. The park offers a stunning transition from Colorado’s plains to its peaks. The land is in remarkable natural condition and diverse wildlife viewing opportunities abound due to the property’s relatively undisturbed and unfragmented nature.

Opened in October 2006, Cheyenne Mountain State Park offers superior facilities and recreational opportunities. The highlight of any visit is the park’s trail system, offering over 23 miles of trails. These pathways allow visitors ample opportunities to explore the park’s natural beauty. Along with great trails, the park offers picnicking, wildlife viewing, camping, an archery range and a Visitor Center with gift shop and interpretive displays.

Regulations
Cheyenne Mountain State Park is managed and maintained for your enjoyment and for the protection of the park’s natural resources. Please observe the following rules for the safety and enjoyment of all park visitors.

- Camping allowed in designated areas only.
- All open fires must be contained within grills or the metal fire rings provided.
- Smoking is not allowed on the trails, archery ranges or in the backcountry.
- Pets are allowed in the developed areas (i.e. parking lots and picnic sites) and on designated trails. All pets must be kept on a 6’ or shorter hand held leash and waste must be picked up immediately.
- Equestrian use is allowed on designated trails only.
- No climbing or rappelling on rock formations.
- Vehicles must remain on designated roads and parking areas.
- Tree cutting or wood gathering is not permitted.
- Place trash and litter in proper receptacles, recycling receptacles are available throughout the park.
- No hunting is allowed in the park.
- Park is open from 5am to 10pm unless camping in a purchased designated campsite.
Passes

All visitors entering the park are required to display a current Colorado State Parks Pass on their vehicle. A daily vehicle pass is valid from the day purchased until noon the following day. An annual vehicle pass is good at any Colorado State Park. Annual vehicle pass holders with additional vehicles may purchase multiple passes at a reduced fee.

Daily vehicle passes are sold at the Visitor Center, and park entrance. A Self-service pass dispenser is available at the archery range parking lot, Camper Services building and the main park entrance when the visitor center or entrance station are closed. Colorado disabled veterans displaying Colorado Disabled Veteran (DV) license plates are admitted free without a pass. Colorado residents aged 64 years or older qualify for the Aspen Leaf annual and multiple passes available at a discounted rate.

Wildlife

Wildlife abounds in Cheyenne Mountain State Park. Deer, black bear, mountain lion, bobcat, as well as coyote, fox, and prairie dogs are just some of the animals that call the park home. A wide variety of birds can also be found, including red-tail hawks, golden eagles and wild turkey. Find out more about Colorado’s wildlife from the Colorado Parks & Wildlife website at www.cpw.state.co.us.

Education

The park is an excellent outdoor classroom. Programs and nature hikes are available weekly during the spring and summer months and periodically in the fall and winter. Park naturalists enjoy presenting programs or leading groups along the trails, exploring and sharing the wonders of nature. Program announcements are located at the Visitor Center and entrance station as well as posted on the park’s event calendar at www.cpw.state.co.us.

Area Attractions

Colorado Springs has a rich natural and cultural history, and Cheyenne Mountain State Park is the perfect place to kick off your Pikes Peak region adventure. Area Attractions from the Garden of the Gods, to a ride up “America’s Peak” on the cog are just a few must-see activities in the area. Find out more at www.visitscos.com.

Group Facilities

The park offers multiple options for private parties or functions.

Prairie Skipper

This Group Picnic Pavilion is the perfect choice for a group event and can accommodate up to 200 people with parking for 85 vehicles. Some protection from sun and rain is provided under the pavilion area. Horseshoe pits and charcoal grills are on-site, with horseshoes available for rental. Electricity is available. The rental season runs from May 1 through October 31 with facility hours from 9am to 9pm May through September; 9am to 6pm in October.
Friend’s Group

“We get by with a little help from our friends...”

The Friends of Cheyenne Mountain State Park is a non-profit group that serves to protect, enhance, and preserve the natural state and spectacular beauty of the park. Their dedication to helping staff promote and improve the park, and its recreational and educational opportunities means a better park experience for every visitor.

If you would like to join or donate to the Friends and play an important part in Cheyenne Mountain State Park, pick up an application at the Visitor Center or visit the Friends at www.friendsofcmsp.org.

Picnicking

Distributed along a meandering trail, the park’s 41 day-use picnic sites offer great views for family and friends enjoying a day at the park. Several sites are ADA accessible and can be easily accessed from day use parking lots. A table and grill are provided at each site and they are available year-round on a first-come, first-serve basis.

First Aid/Emergencies

Park rangers are trained and equipped to provide minor first aid. In an emergency, go to the Visitor Center, entrance station, or dial 911 from any phone.

Fort Carson

Due to the close proximity of the park to nearby military bases, visitors are likely to hear morning Reveille and other military customs. If you hear a siren, it is the weather alert system used to notify soldiers in the field of inclement weather in the area. You are advised to take appropriate precautions.
Please visit the park’s website at http://www.cpw.state.co.us and choose Cheyenne Mountain under “find a park” to print out detailed campground maps and to make campsite reservations. Camping reservations may also be made by phone at 1-800-244-5613.

Please call the park directly for group camping reservations.

All RV sites are full hook-ups with electric, water and sewer connections.

To Park Entrance, Trailhead, Visitor Center, Picnic Areas, etc.
Archery Range

Archery Range facilities consist of a static range featuring 8 targets from 10-80 yards, a 35lb or less limited draw range with targets up to 20 yards, and an NFAA Field Range with 28 stations, some with 3D targets. All vehicles are required to have a valid vehicle parks pass; use of the static target range and the limited draw range are included with the parks pass fee. Use of the Field/3D ranges require an additional individual permit that can be purchased either at the self service station in the Archery Range Parking lot or at the Visitor Center during normal operating hours.

The range is open daily from sunrise to sunset but may be closed to the public during tournaments. Please check the website at cpw.state.co.us for any tournament information and other special regulations or call 719-576-2016.
Rail Information

The park has 18 diverse trails that total over 23 miles. They are rated easy to moderate in difficulty and take hikers and bikers on a nature adventure throughout the 2701-acre park. Visitors can wander through grasslands filled with prairie dogs or explore the pines and try to catch a glimpse of mule deer. For your safety, take notice of the markers along every trail. GPS coordinates are on all trail signage and will help park staff locate hikers and bikers in case of emergencies on the trail. Smoking is strictly prohibited on the trail system and in the backcountry.

Designated Dog Trails

Leashed dogs are welcomed on approximately 2 miles of designated trails; Acorn Alley, Bobcat Way, Raccoon Ridge and a portion of Soaring Kestrel. Multiple waste bag dispensers and trash receptacles are provided to maintain the cleanliness of our park. Dogs must be kept on a 6' or shorter hand held leash. Dogs are not allowed on any other trails or in the backcountry.

Designated Equestrian Trails

Equestrians are welcomed on a designated portion of our trail system with an out and back trip totaling 8 miles. Trailer parking and trail access is located at the east end of the Limekiln Trailhead parking lot. From there, users may access the eastern portion of Sundance trail, linking to the upper portion of Talon trail, along with all of North and South Talon trails. The trails gain elevation and the terrain is steep and narrow on the North and South Talon trail sections. Horses and trailers are not allowed in the campgrounds or other parking areas.