Passes and Permits
All visitors entering the park are required to display a current Colorado State Parks Pass, issued by vehicle, on their auto windshield. A daily pass is valid from the day purchased until noon the following day. An annual pass is valid at any Colorado State Park. For annual pass holders who own more than one vehicle, multiple passes are available for a reduced fee. Daily passes are available at self-service dispensers.

Colorado disabled veterans displaying Colorado Disabled Veteran (DV) license plates are admitted free with a pass.

In addition to a parks pass, campers are required to have a reservation to occupy a campsite. Colorado residents 64 years of age or older qualify for a special discounted Aspen Leaf annual pass. This pass allows admission to all state parks every day and discounted camping on weekdays. Full camping fee is charged on weekends and holidays. Where available, an electrical fee is charged.

Regulations
To help maintain the natural beauty and enjoyment of Golden Gate Canyon State Park, please respect the following:
1. Motorized vehicles must be kept on authorized roads.
2. Parking and camping are allowed only in designated areas.
3. Fires must be contained within the facilities provided and must be completely extinguished when not attended. No fires are allowed in the backcountry.
4. Proper receptacles for trash, waste water and sewage must be used.
5. Pets must be kept under control and on a leash no more than six feet long at all times.
6. Dead and downed trees can be collected for firewood use in campgrounds only.
7. Maximum camping stay in the park is 14 days within any 28-day period.
8. Do not discharge firearms or any weapon unless lawfully hunting. Contact the Visitors Center for more information.
9. RV’s, camping and rooftop tents must occupy an electrical site in Reverends Ridge and are not allowed in test sites.

Welcome!
Green mountain meadows, lush aspen groves and pine-covered hills greet you at Golden Gate Canyon State Park, 16 miles northwest of Golden. With more than 12,000 acres of beauty ranging in elevation from 7,600 to 10,400 feet, Golden Gate offers a variety of outdoor recreation opportunities within one hour drive of the Denver area.

Visitors Center
The Visitors Center, which is open year-round, is located just inside the southeast entrance of the park on Golden Gate Canyon Road. Featured at the Visitors Center is the WilliBen and Neltie Larkin Natural Life Trail. This trail was designed to be accessible to the physically challenged and winds around the park’s trout stream. Inside the center are displays and exhibits describing the wildlife and plants of the area. A topographical scale model of the park is displayed in the center for the backcountry for hikers and bikers.

Rock Climbing
Multiple climbing opportunities can be found throughout the park and, in most cases, requires hiking into the backcountry. The park does not maintain climbing areas for rock climbers, including fixed hardware, and makes no representation or warranties regarding the safety, reliability or suitability for use of any fixed anchors or other hardware currently existing or installed in the future. It is unlawful to place fixed or permanent climbing hardware without a permit obtained from the Park Manager.

Fishing and Hunting
Fishing is permitted in any stream or pond in the park except the Visitors Center show pond. All ponds are stocked regularly during the summer. A Colorado fishing license (available at the Visitors Center and online) is required.

Emergencies/Information
Park rangers are trained and equipped to give first aid. Assistance may also be obtained at the Visitors Center. Cell phone and internet coverage in the park area is very limited and unreliable. Payphones are located at the Visitor Center and Reverends Ridge Campground office.

Event Facilities
The Red Beans Group Picnic Area can accommodate up to 150 people. This rustic setting is perfect for company picnics, weddings, or family reunions. This area is equipped with sheltered picnic tables, large grills, vault toilet and electricity, playground, volleyball court and horseshoe pit. Reservations can be made at cpwd.org.

Panorama Point can be scheduled for weddings, special events or group events of 40 people or less. The scenic overlook includes a large wood deck that offers a breathtaking view of the Continental Divide.

For additional event facility information, please call 303-582-3707.

Hiking, Biking, Horseback Riding
Nearly 35 miles of hiking trails in the park offer opportunities and challenges for everyone. Some trails are for hikers only, while other trails are for multiple use—for hiking, horseback riding and mountain biking. Trails beside with parking areas are easily accessible from the main roads in the park. Refer to the trail map for more information. Please be courteous of all trail users! Cyclists must yield to all users, hikers yield to bikes.

Overnight Accommodations
Several overnight options are available to park visitors including developed RV and tent camping, backpack tent camping, group camping, one room cabins and yurts and a guest house. During summer months, camping information can be obtained at 303-622-3856 (call 303-582-3707 at other times of the year). All camping, cabins/yurts and guest houses are available by reservation only by calling 800-244-5613 or at cpwd.org.

Group Camping
A group of up to 75 people interested in tent camping can reserve the Rib Mountains Group Camping Area. Nestled among a stand of Lodge pole pines, the amenities provided in this area are water, vault toilet, fire pits, grills, yard house, picnic tables and large tent pads.

The Works Ranch is a secluded, 6-person cabin and group tent camping area. Up to 30 people can stay at the site. The cabin and 24 tents. Amenities include bunk beds, electricity, table and chairs, and fire place in the cabin, picnic tables, grills, vault toilet, water, and 2 large tent pads for campers. Two night minimum is required to rent the Works Ranch. Group camping reservations can be made at cpwd.org or by calling 1-800-244-5613.

Pets are welcome with an additional fee at Works Ranch, Reverend's Ridge Campground
This campground provides both electric and tent campers with a picnic table and the grill and is available by reservation only. Campground facilities include flush toilets, showers and laundry. During the summer, camper programs are presented in an outdoor amphitheater. There is a holding tank dump station at Reverend's Ridge Campground. Limited sites and facilities are available during winter months. Please contact the park office or visit our web site for up to date conditions and available facilities.

Aspen Meadow Campground
This campground provides 35 tent sites only. Facilities include water pumps, vault toilets and fire rings. Sites 15 and 16 at Rimrock Loop are designed for horseback riders. This campground provides 35 tent only campsites (no RV’s or campers) and is available by reservation only.

Cabin and Yurts
Cabin and Yurts, located at Reverends Ridge Campground, are available year-round with sleeping for up to six people. Facilities include a water pump, vault toilet, fire rings and picnic tables. Flush toilets are available nearby (showers open warmer weather permitted). Each unit has heat and electricity. Pets are welcome for an additional fee in yurt 1 and cabins 1, 3, 4 and 5. Two night minimum is required to rent cabins and yurts.

Harmen Ranch Guest House
For groups of 8 or less, consider a stay at this quaint and historic 6 bedroom house set in a mountain meadow. Amenities include private bedrooms including a master suite, 2 bedrooms, full kitchen, large deck with outdoor cooking area, and barn and corral area. For additional (less larger groups could utilize two RV/tower trailer type parking sites with electrical hookups located near the barn. Visitors staying at Harmen Ranch have easy access to multiple trails and other park amenities. No pets are allowed at Harmen Ranch. Two night minimum is required to rent the Harmen Ranch Guest House.

Backcountry Campsites
For those who want a more primitive and somewhat unique camping experience, there are four backcountry shelters available at Golden Gate. Three of the shelters are in structures with a roof and wooden floor, are built in the Appalachian trail-tradition and can sleep up to 10 people with no need for a tent. In addition, there are 30 backpacking tent sites. Backcountry camping permits are available only through cpwd.org or by calling 1-800-244-5613. No fires are allowed in the backcountry.

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