

# Lake Pueblo State Park



## Who we are

The mild climate of Lake Pueblo State Park makes it a premier year-round recreation destination, as well as one of the most visited state parks in Colorado. The park features a highly-regarded warm water fishery and boating area on its 5,399 surface-acre reservoir with approximately 60 miles of shoreline. The park boasts 400 camping sites, two full-service marinas, miles of trails, a visitor's center, and spectacular views of Pikes Peak, the Greenhorn Mountain, and the Sangre de Cristo Range. As part of the park's many offerings, visitors can enjoy beautiful short-grass prairie, piñon-juniper woodland and lush riparian ecosystems that provide homes to a wealth of wildlife including deer, coyote, beaver, fox, bobcat, songbirds and birds of prey.

## Top attractions

- Fishing
- Trails
- Boating
- Rock Canyon
- Paddle sports
- Two full-service marinas
- Bird watching
- Camping
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- Mild year round climate
- Picnicking



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## Our partners

- U.S. Bureau of Reclamation
- Southern Colorado Trail Builders Club
- Pueblo County
- Rocky Mountain Back Country Horseman Association
- City of Pueblo
- Trout Unlimited
- Pueblo West Metropolitan District
- Greater Pueblo Chamber of Commerce
- Pueblo Board of Waterworks
- Destination Pueblo
- Goodnight Barn Restoration Stakeholders
- Southeastern Colorado Water Conservancy District

## Challenges we face

- Balancing increasing visitation and demand for expanded recreational opportunities with the park's natural resources and 30+ year old facilities and infrastructure (We are in a master planning process to address these issues and to determine the appropriate approach to development and land management.)
- Seeking a long-term agreement with the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation, local communities and other partners to assist in the funding of capital rehabilitation projects and operating expenses for Lake Pueblo State Park

## Volunteer Activities

- Volunteers serve in such capacities as camp hosts, visitor service technicians and aquatic nuisance species inspectors.
- Volunteers provide interpretive programs, maintain our natural gardens and landscaping, monitor and maintain trails and monitor raptors within the park.
- Volunteer groups such as Trout Unlimited and the Boy Scouts of America conduct ongoing specialized projects.
- Twice a year, volunteers take part in a cleanup day to pick up litter at the park.

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## Geography

Region: Southeast  
County: Pueblo  
Year Acquired: 1975  
Elevation: 4,880 ft  
Miles From Denver: 101

## Acreage

Total Acres: 15,377

## Governmental

US Cong Dist: 3<sup>rd</sup>  
CO Senate: 3<sup>rd</sup>  
CO House: 46<sup>th</sup>

## Employees

Permanent: 15  
Temporary: 64  
Volunteers (FY 22): 84  
Volunteer Hours (FY 22): 2,522

## Annual Visitation

FY 22: ~4.71 million

## Facilities

2 Boat Ramps  
Boat Rental  
Dump Stations  
Visitor Center  
3 Group Picnic Areas  
2 Marinas (year-round)  
150 Picnic Sites  
Shower Facilities

## Roads

Paved: 23.7 miles

## Trails

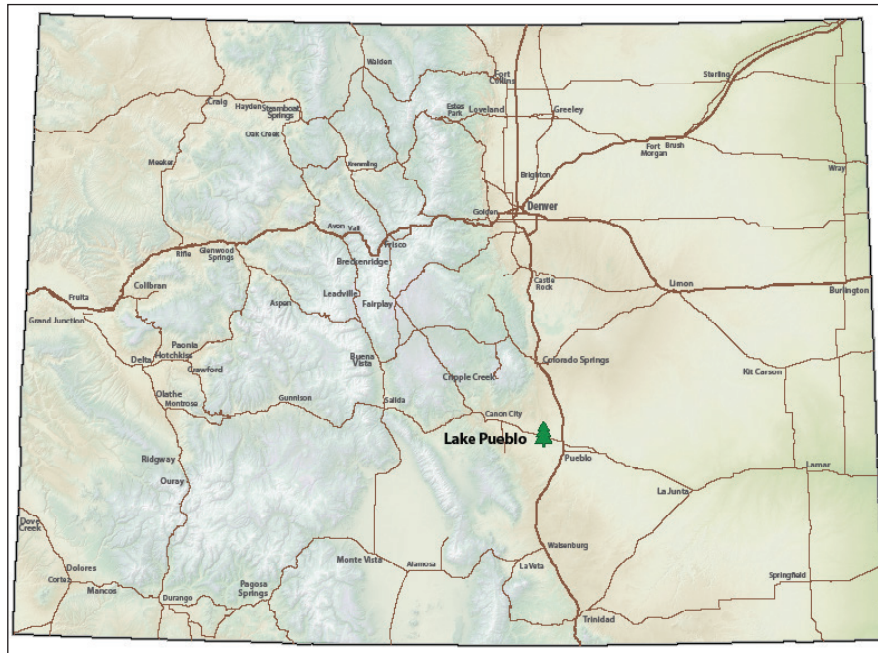
Biking: 15.4 miles  
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Horseback: 5.2 miles  
Total: 15.4 miles

## Recreation

Boating  
Fishing  
Hunting  
Jet Skiing  
Mountain Biking  
Picnicking  
Ranger/Nature Programs  
Sailboarding  
Swimming  
Water Skiing  
Wildlife/Bird Viewing  
Winter Camping

## Camping

Campsites (basic, seasonal): 94  
Campsites (basic, year-round): 25  
Campsites (electrical, seasonal): 235  
Campsites (electrical, year-round): 46



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