Swimming
Swimming is permitted only at the Rock Canyon Swim Beach Area below the dam. Facilities include a sand beach, grass picnic area, individual picnic tables, grills, restrooms and showers. Rock Canyon is open from Memorial Day to Labor Day. Check online for the specific times and details. For your safety, no glass or pets are allowed inside the area.

Children under the age of 12 must be supervised. No lifeguards are on duty. Swimming is always at the individual’s own risk. Clif diving, rock jumping and swimming in the lake is prohibited.

Boating And Watersport
Water is the main attraction at Lake Pueblo State Park. The warm-water temperature makes Lake Pueblo ideal for water-skiing and fishing. Regular winds provide excellent conditions for sailboating and sailboarding as well. The lake is open to all types of boating. Two, six-lane public boat launching ramps are conveniently located near both marinas. Boaters must observe the Colorado Boating Statutes and Regulations, which are available online or at the park. Remember that swimming, cliff diving and rock jumping are not permitted in Lake Pueblo. Persons wishing to sleep on the water overnight may do so if their boat is at anchor off shore and equipped with the proper lighting. Boaters are not permitted to beach on the shoreline to sleep overnight on/in their boat or to set up camp along the shoreline. All on-board facilities must be self-contained and sealed.

The water level at Pueblo Reservoir can fluctuate. Boaters are warned to be especially alert to floating debris, submerged hazards, and shallow areas that may not be marked. There are standing, underwater trees west of the North Shore Marina.

Two full-service marinas are located at Lake Pueblo. The North Shore Marina is located on the north shore of the lake and the South Shore Marina is located on the south. Both marinas offer on-lake towing service, mechanical service/assistance, boat slips, food and fuel. The South Shore Marina offers pontoon boat rentals. Call the North Shore Marina at 719-547-3880 or the South Shore Marina at 719-564-1043.

Aquatic Nuisance Species
Zebra mussels, a fast spreading, non-native species with harmful effects on the environment, were found at Lake Pueblo in January 2008. In efforts to try to contain the spread of zebra mussels and other Aquatic Nuisance Species (ANS), inspections of boats and trailers is required before launching and after loading every boat at Lake Pueblo.

Boaters at Lake Pueblo may fish or moor 24 hours a day. However, they may only launch and load when the boat ramp inspection stations are open. Please check online for current inspection hours. All trailered and gas motorized boats, including personal watercraft, must launch and load at the boat ramps. Hand carried vessels with electric motors, hand propelled vessels and fishing aids are the only exceptions and may be launched from the shoreline. For additional information on Zebra Mussels, please go online at www.cpw.state.co.us.

Fishing
Lake Pueblo is an excellent fishery and one of the top walleye, wiper and bass fisheries in the state. Fishing is permitted anywhere on the park with a valid fishing license, except from the boat docks, boat ramps, along the face of the dam, and in other areas closed to public access. The most common species caught at Lake Pueblo include channel catfish, sunfish, crappie, walleye, bass, wipers, rainbow trout and brown trout.

Special regulations apply. Please refer to the Colorado Fishing Regulations or visit Colorado Parks and Wildlife online at www.cpw.state.co.us for more information.

Wildlife And Hunting
With diverse ecology and several ecosystems within the park, Lake Pueblo supports an abundance of wildlife. A few of the commonly seen animals include mule and whitetail deer, bobcats, coyotes, prairie dogs, badgers, raccoons, cottontail and jackrabbits, beavers, several species of snakes, lizards, turtles, hawks, songbirds and waterfowl. Commonly seen birds include sea gulls, golden eagles, rootsrunners, turkeys and great blue herons. Winter visitors include bald eagles, rare ducks and Canada geese.

Hunting in the park is controlled and permitted from the Tuesday after Labor Day through the Friday prior to Memorial Day. Only bow and arrows and shotguns loaded with birdshot are allowed. Waterfowl hunters must use steel shot. Hunting is allowed in designated areas only – please check online, with a ranger or at the Visitor Center for further details.