

Regulations

Trinidad Lake State Park was built and is maintained for your enjoyment. In the interest of safety and for the preservation of your park, we must insist that you:

1. Keep all vehicles on designated roads and pull-offs. Off-road driving can damage the resources and wildlife habitats.
2. Keep pets on a leash no longer than six feet to avoid confrontations with people, other pets or wildlife.
3. Build fires only in grills and barbecues, not on the ground.
4. Camp only in designated campgrounds.
5. Fireworks are prohibited.
6. Report any vandalism or littering to a Park Ranger.

First Aid/Emergencies

Park rangers are trained to give first aid. In case of emergency, go to or call the Visitor Center, (719) 846-6951; the Las Animas County Sheriff, (719) 846-2211; State Patrol, (719) 544-2424; or call 911.



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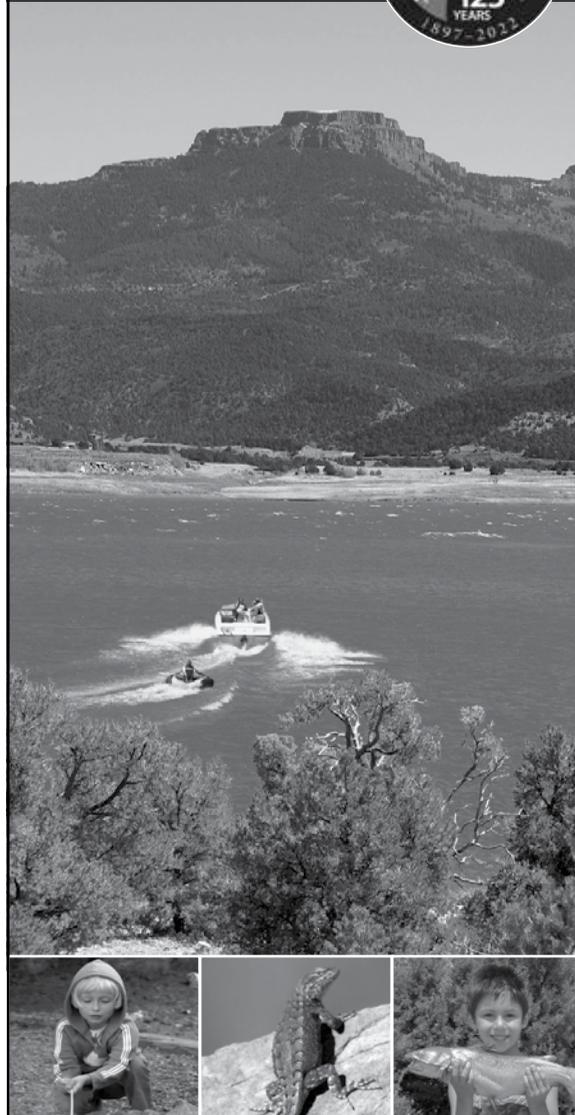
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Trinidad Lake State Park, nestled in the Southern Colorado foothills of the Culebra Range of the Sangre de Cristo Mountains, is a 2,700-acre park filled with wildlife and natural beauty. At an average elevation of 6,300 feet, the lake, forest, hills and wetlands of the park offer a wide variety of recreational activities.

Ten miles of trails wander through the pinon and juniper forests at the park, which is part of the Purgatoire River Valley. The park's 800-acre lake provides ample opportunities for boating and fishing while individual and group picnic facilities make getting together with family and friends a memorable experience.

The Carpios Ridge Campground provides modern facilities for overnight stops and longer stays for those exploring nearby Fishers Peak State Park, Southern Colorado and Northern New Mexico. The park is bordered by the Scenic Highway of Legends and the Santa Fe National Historic Trail. Four of Southern Colorado's finest museum complexes are located in Trinidad just three miles east. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers built the dam that created Trinidad Lake as an irrigation and flood-control project in 1978. The park has been managed by Colorado State Parks since 1980.

Passes & Permits

Visitors to Trinidad Lake State Park are required to display a current Colorado State Parks Pass on their vehicle. A daily pass is valid from the day purchased until noon the following day. A park pass is good at any Colorado State Park. Annual pass holders with additional vehicles may purchase multiple passes at a reduced fee. Visitors without a vehicle are required to purchase a walk-in park pass. Passes are sold at the Visitor Center, park entrances and self-service dispensers.

Colorado disabled veterans displaying Colorado DV plates do not need a pass. Colorado seniors, 64 years of age or older, qualify for the Aspen Leaf annual pass at a discounted rate. In addition to a parks pass, campers are required to reserve a campsite by calling 1-800-244-5613 or going online to www.cpwshop.com.

Fishing

Fishing is permitted anywhere on the lake except in the boat launching and docking area. Species caught at Trinidad Lake include rainbow and brown trout, largemouth and smallmouth bass, channel catfish, walleye, saugeye, crappie, bluegill, perch and wipers.

Camping

The 63-site Carpios Ridge Campground accommodates RVs, trailers or tents and includes shared water taps, electrical hook-up, laundry, showers and flush toilets. Full hook-up and 10 basic sites are available seasonally. It is illegal to dump waste and sewage, including dishwater, anywhere except into the dump station so please use the facility conveniently located near the Carpios Ridge Campground entrance.

Campsites must be reserved in advance by calling 1-800-244-5613 or online at www.cpwshop.com prior to occupying site.

Please, camp only in designated sites. Checkout time is noon. The campgrounds are patrolled for your safety and to assure quiet hours after 10 p.m.

The 10-site South Shore Campground has non-electric sites within walking distance of the lake with great views of the lake and the Sangre de Cristo mountain range. Facilities include vault toilets and a community water hydrant.

Picnicking & Group Facilities

Picnicking is permitted throughout the park with individual picnic shelters offered on a first-come, first-served basis. Group picnic and camping facilities are available for a fee and must be reserved. You may call the Visitor Center at (719) 846-6951 for information, to request a free brochure or to make a group area reservation.

Boating & Water Sports

A variety of water sports are possible at Trinidad Lake including boat fishing, water-skiing, sailing and jet skiing. Boaters are required to follow the Colorado boating statutes and regulations which are available in pamphlet form at the Visitor Center and park entrances or online at www.cpw.state.co.us.

All boats must observe wakeless speeds around the boat launch area, within 150 feet of shore fishermen and as buoyed. Boats are not allowed within 300 feet of the outlet structure or as buoyed.

The water level at Trinidad Lake can fluctuate. Boaters are warned to be especially alert to submerged hazards. Because of the changing water level, there is no designated swim area and swimming is prohibited.

