

COLORADO PARKS & WILDLIFE

# Mancos State Park

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Scenic Mancos State Park is located only 12 miles from historic Mesa Verde National Park in southwest Colorado. Situated at an elevation of 7,800 feet on the San Juan Skyway Scenic Byway, Mancos State Park is surrounded by the majestic San Juan mountain range. The area has more than 570 land acres and Jackson Gulch Reservoir, lying within the park, provides 216 surface acres of water for recreation.

Jackson Gulch Dam in Mancos State Park was constructed in 1948 by the Bureau of Reclamation. It supplies the drinking and irrigation water for Mesa Verde and the surrounding rural Mancos Valley area.

There is a beautiful campground here, nestled within a mature ponderosa pine forest. Wakeless boating and excellent year-round fishing await the recreationist looking for a relaxing day. Picnickers and hikers will find sites and trails sure to please.

In addition to Mesa Verde, visitors to the area have the opportunity to view prehistoric Ancestral Puebloan ruins at the Canyons of the Ancients Visitor Center and Museum, located in Dolores, approximately 20 miles northwest of Mancos. The Durango-Silverton Narrow Gauge Railroad in nearby Durango offers the visitor a scenic trip through remote wilderness areas of the San Juan National Forest. Durango is 27 miles east of Mancos.

Mancos State Park is managed by Colorado Parks & Wildlife in cooperation with the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation and the Mancos Water Conservancy District.

The pleasant climate and many diversions make Mancos a not-to-be-missed stop on your next trip through southwestern Colorado.



### Boating

Boaters must observe the Colorado boating statutes and regulations, which are available in brochure form at the park entrance. Life jackets must be worn by boaters under the age of 13. Only wakeless boating is permitted at Mancos. No water-skiing or swimming is allowed.



### Picnicking

In addition to a covered group shelter, Mancos State Park has 12 picnic sites with grills.



### Fishing

Rainbow trout have been stocked by Colorado Parks & Wildlife for excellent year-round fishing. Fishing licenses available at the park entrance when open, or purchase online at [cpwshop.com](http://cpwshop.com).



### Camping & Dump Station

Mancos State Park has 33 campsites, most located on the south side of the reservoir in a mature ponderosa pine forest. There are vault toilets and drinking water but no electrical hookups or showers. Along the northwest side of the reservoir, there are nine campsites, primarily for tent campers, with restrooms but no drinking water nearby. Check-out time is noon. A dump station is located at the exit leaving the campground. Firewood may be purchased at the park.

Mancos State Park also has two cabin-like yurts available for rent year-round. A yurt is reminiscent of a nomadic portable tent used by the Mongolian people of Siberia. They are circular tents made of vinyl-impregnated canvas surrounding a wooden lattice wall and ceiling. Yurts are heated for cold nights.



**For camping or yurt information and reservations call toll free 1-800-244-5613 or online at [cpwshop.com](http://cpwshop.com).**



### Hiking & Nature Trails

A five-mile trail system weaves through Mancos State Park, meeting Chicken Creek Trail which connects with a network of trails on U.S. Forest Service land. The trails are for hiking, horseback riding and mountain bikes. Mancos State Park has a trailhead connected to the Durango to Denver Colorado Trail.



### Winter Recreation

Cold weather enthusiasts can cross-country ski, ice fish and go snowshoeing at Mancos State Park. Cozy yurts are available to rent and several campsites are available.



### Wildlife

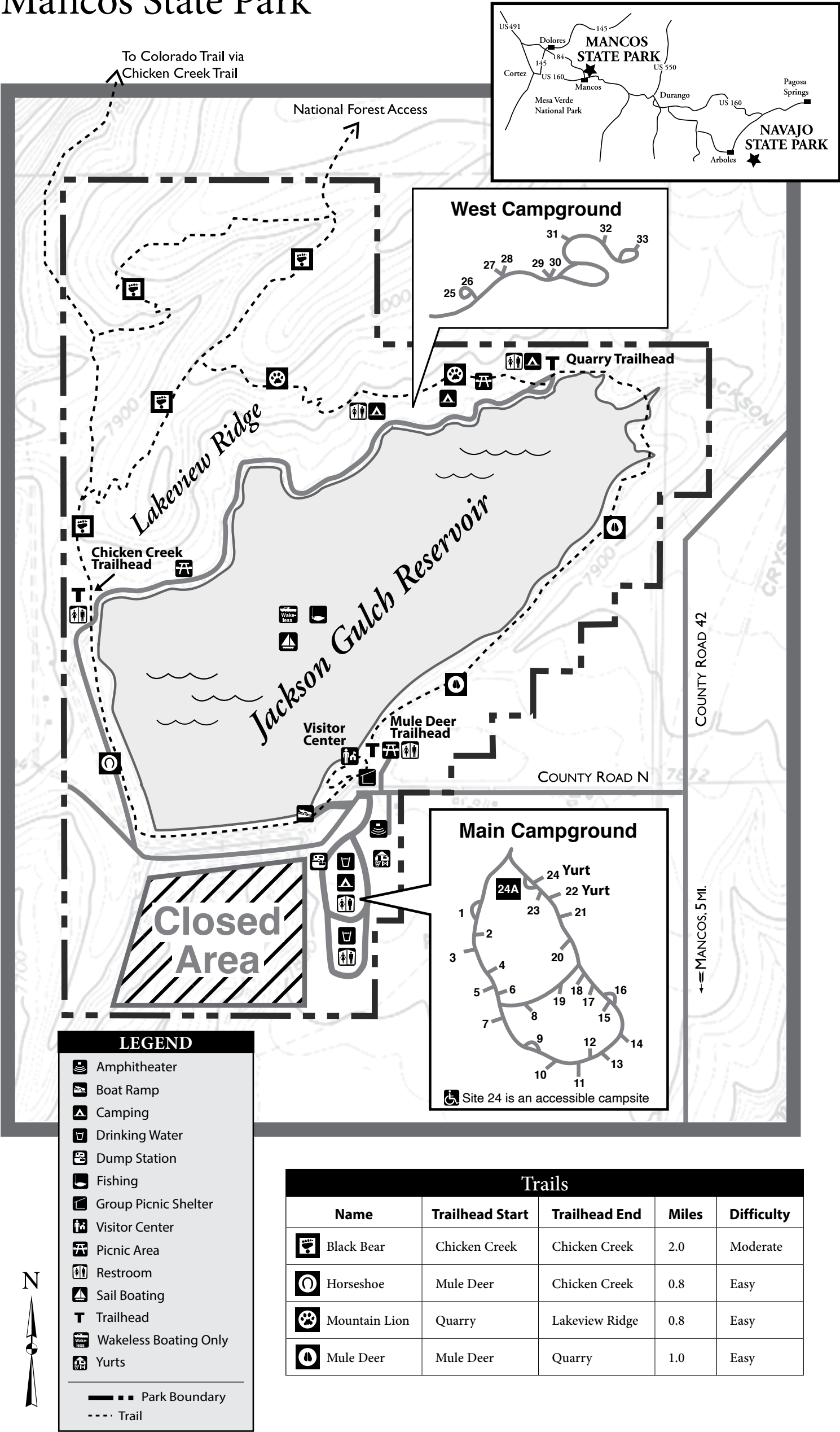
Deer, elk, small game animals, waterfowl, migrating bald eagles, other raptors and hummingbirds are among the many species of wildlife seen at Mancos.



### Community Facilities

Gas and groceries can be obtained in Mancos, five miles from the park.

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## REGULATIONS

Mancos State Park is maintained for your use and enjoyment. In the interest of safety and the preservation of the park, we ask that you:

1. Place trash in receptacles provided.
2. Keep your vehicle on designated roads and parking lots.
3. Keep your pets on a leash no longer than six feet.
4. Build fires only in grills provided.
5. Camp only in designated sites.
6. Report any vandalism or littering to a Colorado Parks and Wildlife ranger.
7. Honor park quiet hours, 10 p.m. to 6 a.m., for the comfort of all campers.
8. Observe the campsite capacity limit of 6 people and 2 vehicles.

## PASSES & PERMITS

All vehicles entering the park, year-around, are required to display a current Colorado State Parks Pass on the auto windshield, unless you have a Keep Colorado Wild Pass (KCW). A daily park pass is valid from the day purchased until noon the following day. An annual park pass is valid at any Colorado state park. For annual pass holders who own another car, a multiple pass is available for an additional fee. Passes are available at main park entrances and self-service dispensers.

Colorado residents 64 and older qualify for a special Aspen Leaf annual park pass, available at a discounted rate. This allows admission to all state parks every day.

Colorado veterans displaying Colorado Disabled Veterans license plate or Purple Heart special license plate are admitted free without a park pass.

In addition to a parks pass, campers are required to purchase and have a valid reservation for their campsite.



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