Fishers Peak State Park

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In April 2020, Fishers Peak State Park became Colorado's 42nd state park. The 19,200-acre property is characterized by rugged topography, diverse and healthy ecosystems, abundant wildlife, and the park's namesake, Fishers Peak, prominently presiding at 9,633 feet. The forests and meadows that cloak the park's hillsides and ravines are complemented by the striking geological features that have given this particular landscape the iconic status it has held through many generations of residents and travelers.

Fishers Peak State Park connects grasslands to the east with foothills and mountains to the west, serving as an important corridor for wildlife movement. Providing habitat for large native species like elk, mule deer, white-tailed deer, mountain lion and black bear, the property helps maintain important connections between these species' populations in the mountains and those in the prairies. Successful raptor nests, the endangered New Mexico meadow jumping mouse, and many other rare, unexpected, and unique species have already been located in the park, and we still have much more exploring to do.

During this time of data gathering, design and construction, only a small portion of Fishers Peak State Park is open to the public. This area is called Fishers Peak Trailhead, and it models a new and exciting way for the public to get their hiking boots on the ground at their newest state park. Fishers Peak Trailhead allows for limited day use at Fishers Peak State Park, while scientific inventories, planning and development occur elsewhere in the park. For those who want more outdoor recreation, Trinidad Lake State Park is just a few miles away, offering hiking, camping, fishing, boating and more!

Fishers Peak State Park Legend Scenic Overlook Parking 100 ft. Elevation Contour Trail - Multi Use (Foot/Bicycle) Pay Station Trailhead Trail - Foot Only Wildlife Viewing Picnic Area Fishers Peak State Park Trail - Bicycle Only E-mail: fishers.peak@state.co.us Restroom State Park Boundary Road cpw.state.co.us Trail Key (mileage is one way) Frontage Road Discovery Loop - 250 feet to I-25 Fishers Peak - 7 miles Exit 11 & (summit closed March 15 - July 31) Trinidad Goldenrod - 4.6 miles Lower Lone Cub - 1.7 miles Osita Point - 0.3 miles Fishers Peak Trail Poison Canyon Downhill Challenge Hill (bikes only) - 1.6 miles Upper Lone Cub - 1.1 miles Fishers Peak Trail 25 Shady Forest Closed March 15 - July 31 Fishers Peak Trail Point Stone Guard NO HIKING Bikes: Fishers Peak Trail downhill Osita Ridge only **Fishers** Stone Guard, Peak Approach & Summit Loop Trails Fishers Peak Seasonal Peregrine Nesting Closure March 15 - July 31 Trail 9,632f Peak Approach Fishers Peak Trai Summit Loop



Picnicking Facilities

Picnicking is permitted at the Fishers Peak Trailhead and at the Discovery Trail Loop on a first-come, first-served basis.



Hiking and Nature Trails

At this time, just a small piece of the 19,200-acre park is open to the public. This area is called Fishers Peak Trailhead and it is the gateway to over 16 miles of trails open for hiking and biking. Open for day use, this trailhead offers vehicle parking, public restrooms, scenic picnic areas, interpretive signage and kiosks available for the purchase of required park passes with cash, check or credit/debit card. For this initial, limited opening of Colorado's newest state park, no dogs are permitted in the park.



Passes and Permits

Visitors to Fishers Peak State Park are required to display a current Colorado state parks pass on their vehicle windshield except for Colorado residents who purchased a Keep Colorado Wild Pass (KCW) with their annual vehicle registration, whose passes will be verified using their license plates. A daily pass is valid from the day purchased until noon the following day. Visitors without a vehicle are required to purchase a walk-in park pass. Required passes are sold at the Fishers Peak Trailhead through self-service dispensers, and are also valid at nearby Trinidad Lake State Park, or any other state park in Colorado.

An annual pass is good at any Colorado State Park. Annual pass holders with additional vehicles may purchase multiple passes at a reduced fee. 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.



Wildlife

Fishers Peak State Park supports a diverse community of wildlife with elk, bears, raptors and the endangered New Mexico meadow jumping mouse to name just a few.



Hunting

Hunting at this time is only permitted through a special draw and access permit, granted by the park manager. Current hunting opportunities are posted on the park's webpage: cpw.state.co.us/fisherspeak.



First Aid/Emergencies

Park rangers are trained to give first aid. In case of emergency, call 911.

REGULATIONS

In the interest of safety and for the preservation of your park, we must insist that you follow these regulations, and other regulations pertaining to Colorado's state parks:

- Day use only.
- 2. Pets or other domestic animals are prohibited.
- 3. Visitors shall remain on the designated trails.
- A Colorado Parks and Wildlife Vehicle Pass (Annual or Daily) or a Keep Colorado Wild Pass is required for all vehicles entering the park. An Individual Daily Pass is required for any person who walks onto this park.
- 5. It is unlawful to remove, destroy, modify or deface any sign or marker, tree, shrub or other plant or vegetation, including dead timber and forest litter, or any object of archaeological, geological, historical, zoological or natural/environmental value or interest on this park.
- 6. Camping is not permitted.
- Fires are allowed in metal containers only. 7.
- 8. Snowmobile and off-highway vehicle use is prohibited.
- Parking is permitted only in designated areas. 9.
- Visitors must observe raptor nest buffers and closures.
- 11. Hunting is permitted only through a special application and drawing process.

> DIRECTIONS TO FISHERS PEAK TRAILHEAD

From I-25, take exit 11 east to County Road 69-3 (Santa Fe Trail). Travel south until you see the entrance gate and signage on the left.





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