



# LAKE PUEBLO STATE PARK

# WELCOME

We honor and respect that this area was a vibrant meeting place, trading hub, and homeland to its original peoples, the indigenous tribes who have lived in Colorado for time in memorium.



# JOSEPH STADTERMAN

- At Lake Pueblo since April 1, 2009
- Held positions of Ranger, Senior Ranger, Operations Manager and Park Manager
- Grew up using Colorado's State Park system
- 2012 CPW Boating Officer of the Year Recipient
- 2022 CPW Ranger of the Year Recipient



# BRIEF HISTORY

- In 1962, President John F. Kennedy authorized the Fry-Ark Project to improve water management in the Arkansas Valley.
- Construction of the dam began in 1970 and was completed in 1975.
- After the completion of the dam, the area opened for recreational use under the management of the Division of Parks and Outdoor Recreation.



# BY THE NUMBERS

- 2.9 Million Visitors in 2024
- 12,885 Total Acres
- 4,611 Surface Acres of Water
- 10,500 feet- Length of the Dam
- 61 Miles of Shoreline
- 11 Miles- Length of the Reservoir
- 393 Campsites
- About 40 miles of trails



# SUCCESSES

- Land Acquisition
  - Increasing access to the Arkansas River for recreation and fishing.
- Water Safety Education
  - “You Got Caught” Campaign
  - Life Jacket Loaner Stations
- Community Partnerships & Outreach
  - Partnership with the Boys and Girls Club of Pueblo County to increase access for youth and provide educational programs.
  - Collaborating with local businesses to promote a community-wide culture of water safety and life jacket use in Pueblo.



# CHALLENGES

- High Visitation and Year-Round Use
  - Constant visitor traffic puts pressure on the park's natural environment and infrastructure.
- Rising Demand for Commercial use
  - Increased interest in commercial use permits requires thoughtful evaluation to avoid over-commercialization.
- Environmental Impacts
  - The park is at risk of being “loved to death” due overuse and lack of recovery periods for natural resources.



# LOOKING AHEAD

- Expanding public access to the Arkansas River and Chain of Lakes via land acquisitions and an upcoming partnership with the Arkansas Groundwater and Reservoir Association (AGRA).
- Working to ease trespassing concerns through improved access points and clear boundaries.
- Expand educational opportunities

