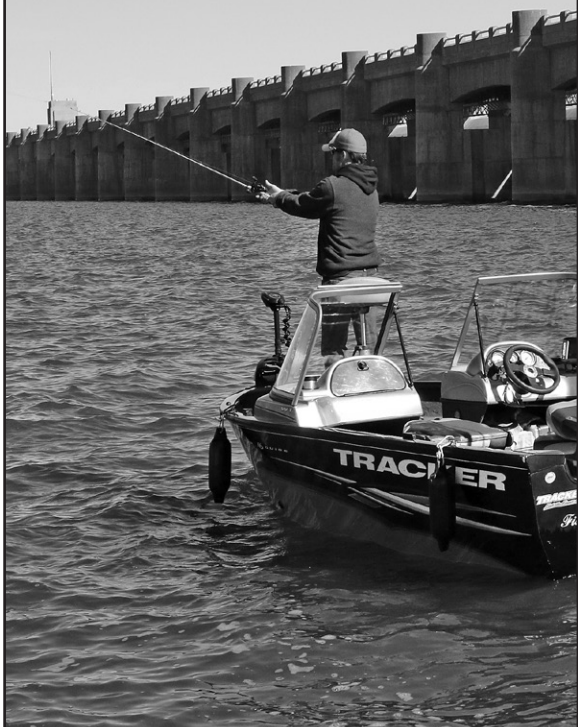


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John Martin Reservoir State Park

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Welcome to John Martin Reservoir State Park, an oasis on the plains of southeastern Colorado. Located in the Lower Arkansas River Valley, present day visitors come to John Martin to take advantage of modern campgrounds, great fishing, uncrowded boating waters, diverse wildlife viewing opportunities and to see historical signs of the past. With 415 documented species of birds in Bent County, John Martin Reservoir is a premier birding area.

Past visitors came to the Lower Arkansas River Valley to find shelter in trees along the river, food in the form of wild game and edible plants, and water. Petroglyphs in the area suggest Native Americans camped here. Lt. Zebulon Pike, Kit Carson and many other explorers followed along the Arkansas River. Years later, traders and settlers traveled through the area while on the mountain branch of the Santa Fe Trail. Remnants of this historic trail remain on the North Shore of the park.

The dam which created John Martin Reservoir was built between 1939 and 1948 as an irrigation and flood-control project by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. Colorado Parks and Wildlife has managed the Lake Hasty area below the dam, the surface of John Martin Reservoir and a portion of the north shore since October 2001 through a lease agreement with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.



Passes And Permits

All vehicles entering the park are required to display a current Colorado State Parks Pass. A Daily Parks Pass is valid from the day purchased until noon the following day. An Annual Parks Pass is valid at any Colorado State Park.

There are multiple annual passes available. For a full list of park pass options, please visit cpw.state.co.us and choose 'Buy and Apply'.

In addition to a parks pass, campers are required to make a reservation prior to occupying campsite.

Passes are available at the visitor center and self-service stations. Reservations may be made at the office, online at cpwshop.com or by calling 1 (800) 244-5613.



Picnicking

Picnic sites, located throughout the park, are available on a first-come first-serve basis. Picnic tables and grills located in both the Point and Lake Hasty campgrounds are reserved for registered campers.



Group Facilities

Group picnic and camping facilities are available. Reservations are required. Please call the visitor center at (719) 829-1801 for more information or to make reservations.



Camping

John Martin Reservoir State Park has a total of 213 campsites, which can accommodate recreational vehicles, trailers and tents. Each campsite has a picnic table and fire ring.

The Lake Hasty Campground, located below the dam provides plentiful shade with large trees. All campsites have electrical hook-ups and modern facilities including centrally located water hydrants, coin operated showers and laundry facilities, and flush toilets. Some campsites are available year-round.

The Point Campground, located on the north shore, sits on a ridge over looking the reservoir. It is a basic campground, there is no electricity, water or shade. Each site contains a picnic table and fire ring and has stunning views of the reservoir and surrounding landscape. The Point Campground is open for year round camping.

Campgrounds are patrolled for your safety and assistance. Please camp only in designated campsites. A valid park pass is required on every vehicle, for every day you are in the park. Check out time is noon.



For campsite reservations, call 1 (800) 244-5613 or visit us online at cpwshop.com



Dump Station

A dump station is located across from the Lake Hasty entrance and open year round. It is illegal and a health hazard to dump any waste or sewage (including dishwater) anywhere except into the dump station.

Accessibility

The Lake Hasty area has parking spaces and campsites that are accessible for people with disabilities. An accessible fishing pier and picnic site is available on the west shoreline of Lake Hasty. Restrooms, showers, picnic tables, and grills are also accessible.

Activities

4.5 Mile Red Shin Hiking Trail: Below the dam to the Santa Fe Trail marker along the north shore of the reservoir.

- ▶ Activity pack
- ▶ Geocaching
- ▶ Horse shoe pits
- ▶ Disc golf course
- ▶ Paddle sport rentals

Fishing

Fishing is permitted anywhere on the park with a valid fishing license, except from the boat docks and areas closed to public access. The most common species caught at John Martin include walleye, saugeye, large and small mouth bass, perch, wiper, crappie, bluegill and catfish. The same species of fish can be caught in Lake Hasty with the addition of trout. A fish cleaning station is located near the Lake Hasty Campground. Please be courteous to other visitors and do not clean fish in the laundry room or restrooms.



Swimming

You may swim on the state-park from sunrise to sunset. Swimming is not allowed within or 150 feet from any boat ramp, buoy-designated hazard or keep-out, any dam inlet or outlet structure, and where prohibited as posted at the point outlook and train trestle. For any child under the age of 13 unless accompanied by an adult. Cliff diving and rock jumping are prohibited.

No swimming, wading, or use of a floating device is permitted on the waters in the stilling basin or in the river below the dam to the Arkansas River bridge.

Boating

Hand-propelled craft, sailboats and boats with electric motors are permitted on Lake Hasty. John Martin Reservoir is open to all types of boating.

In efforts to try to contain the spread of Aquatic Nuisance Species (ANS), inspection of boats and trailers is required before launching every boat at John Martin.

During waterfowl season, John Martin Reservoir is closed to boating from the waterfowl closure line east to the dam from November 1 through March 15 of each year or as posted except to retrieve downed waterfowl.

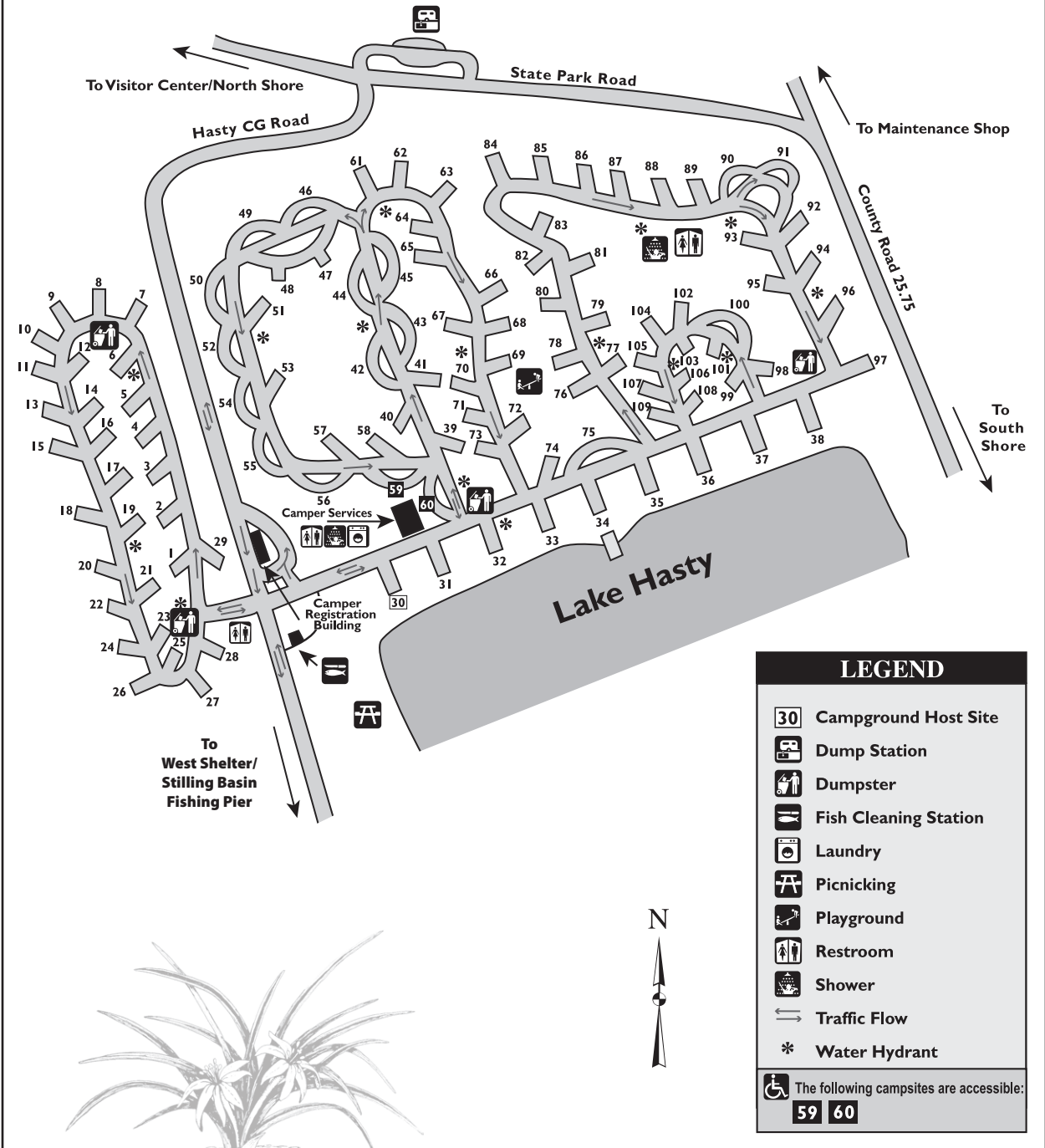
Boaters must observe Colorado boating statutes and regulations, which are available in brochure form at the park.

Be on the lookout for areas that are temporarily closed to all public access to protect threatened and endangered bird nesting and brooding areas.

The water level at John Martin Reservoir can fluctuate. Boaters are warned to be especially alert to floating debris, submerged hazards and shallow areas that may not be marked.



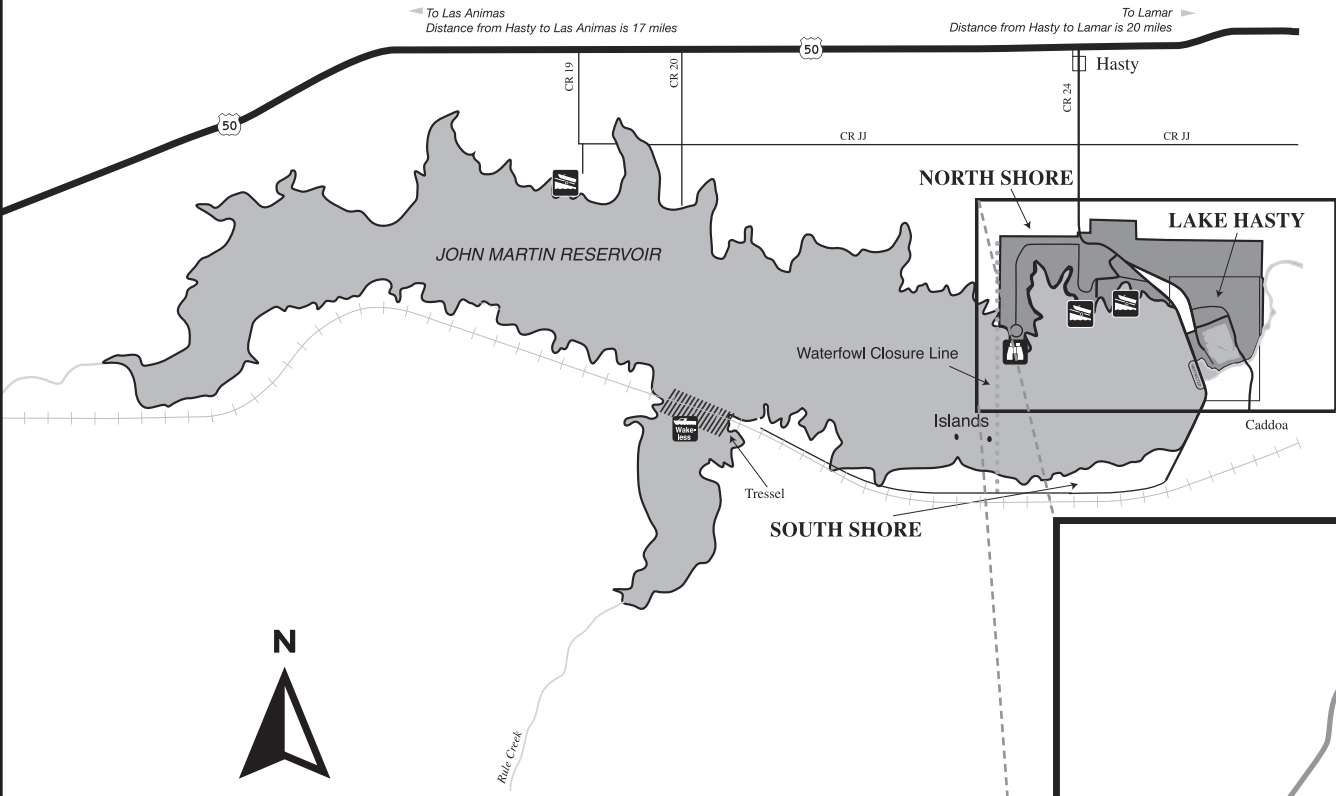
Lake Hasty Campground



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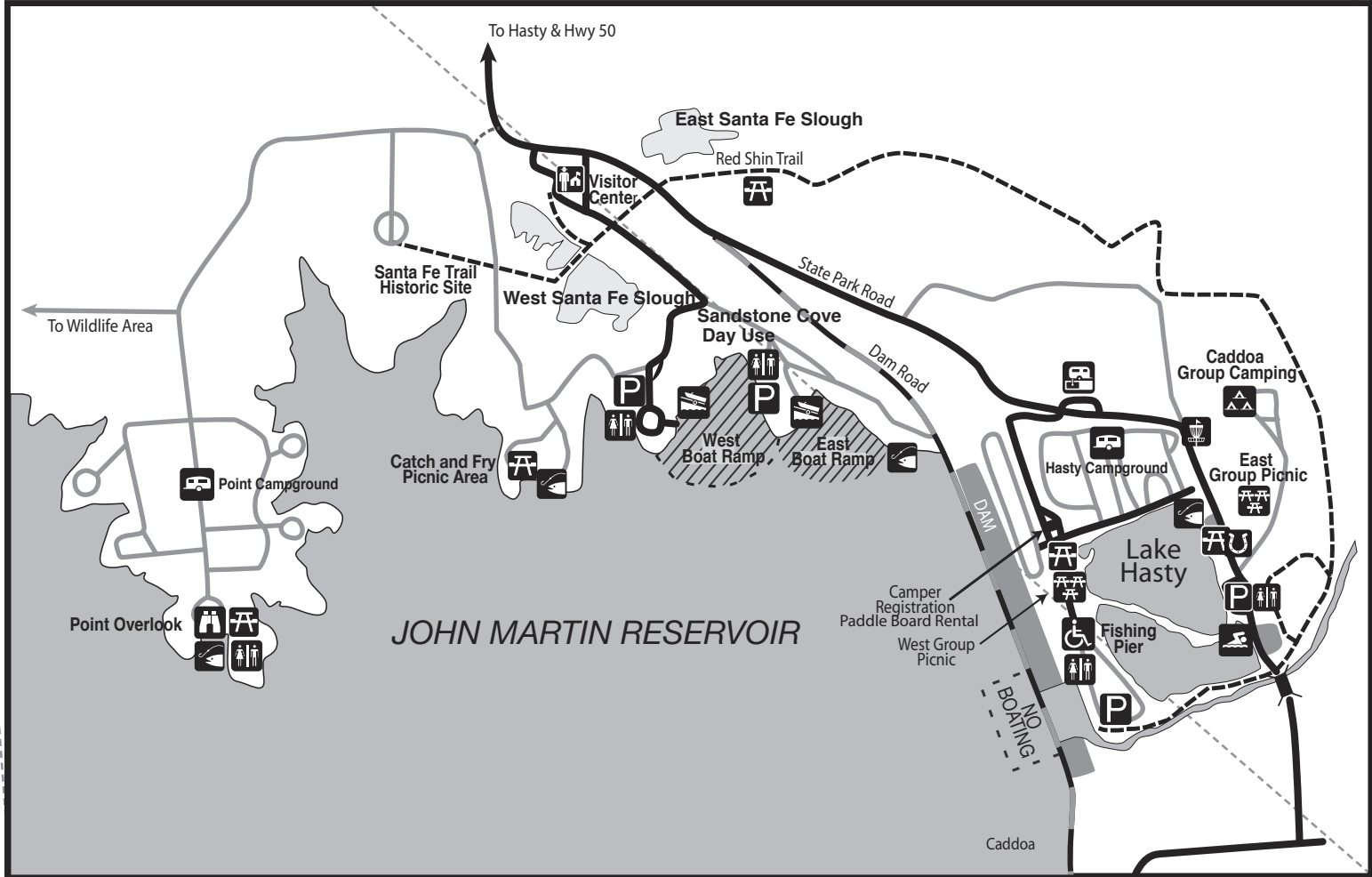
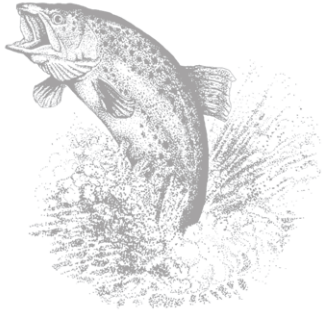
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 Endangered Bird Nesting	 Slow Wake	 Closed Area	 Danger
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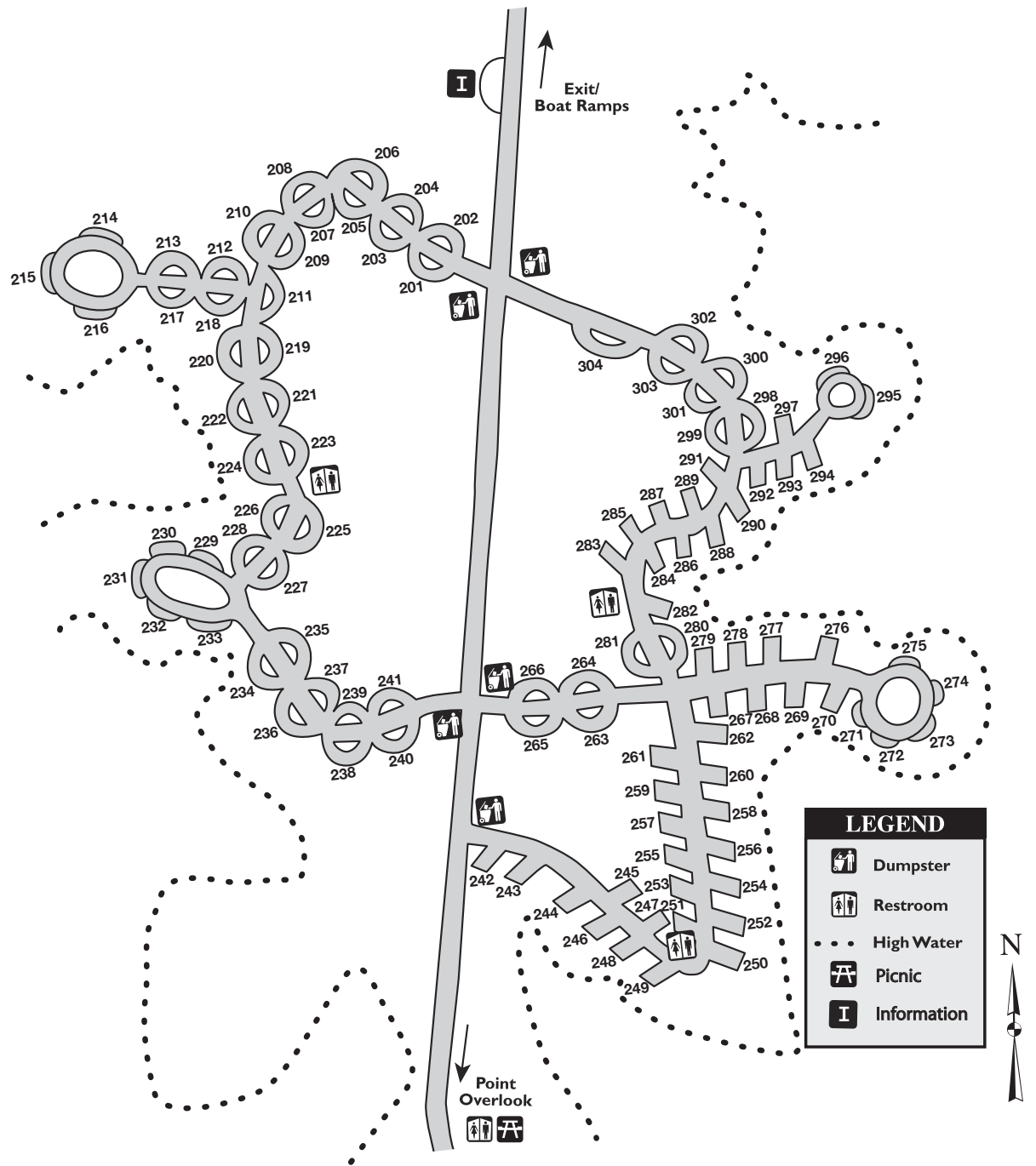
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- Visitor Center
- Accessible Fishing Pier
- Arkansas River Bridge
- Boat Ramp
- Camping
- Dump Station
- Fishing
- Group Camping
- Group Picnic Area
- Overlook
- Parking
- Picnic Area
- Disc Golf Course
- Horse Shoe Pits
- Restroom
- Beach
- Wakeless Area
- Wakeless Boating
- Wetland Habitats
- Dam Road
- Gravel Road
- Paved Road
- Railroad Tracks
- Trails



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Point Campground



Wildlife

John Martin supports a diverse community of wildlife. A few of the commonly seen animals include deer, coyote, rabbits, raccoons, squirrels, and prairie dogs. Resident and migratory birds abound at John Martin making the park a bird-watcher's paradise.

Hunting is not permitted within the park boundary, but is permitted on the John Martin Wildlife Area adjoining the State Park.

Threatened & Endangered Wildlife

The sand and gravel shores of John Martin are among the few remaining nesting areas in Colorado for the threatened Piping Plover and the endangered Interior Least Tern. In an effort to conserve these species, portions of the shoreline and the reservoir surface are temporarily closed to all public access during the nesting and brooding season.

In addition, bald eagles winter at John Martin. Eagles particularly like the large trees of the Lake Hasty Campground. In order to protect these roost sites, some campsites are closed in the treed area of the campground from November 1 to March 15th of each year.

Any trespass into a closed area is a violation of State and Federal law. The best action to take upon observing a closure is to avoid it completely.



REGULATIONS

John Martin Reservoir State Park is managed and maintained for your enjoyment and for the protection of the park's natural resources. For your enjoyment and in the interest of public safety, we must insist that you observe the following regulations:

1. Keep vehicles on maintained roads and parking areas.
2. All open fires must be contained within rings or grills provided or in metal containers. Never build a fire on the ground.
3. Keep pets on a six foot or shorter leash at all times. Please pick up after pets.
4. Use proper receptacles for trash, wastewater and sewage.
5. Camp only in designated campgrounds.
6. Observe campground quiet hours from 10 p.m. to 6 a.m.
7. Tree cutting or wood gathering is strictly prohibited.
8. Fireworks are not permitted.
9. No hunting is permitted.

+ FIRST AID/EMERGENCIES

Park Rangers are trained and equipped to give first aid. In an emergency, dial 911 on any phone or go to the visitor center. The nearest hospital is in Lamar, 26 miles east of the park.





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► LOCATION

From the East: Take U.S. Highway 50 west from Lamar approximately 20 miles to Hasty. Turn south on CR 24 (School Street) and proceed approximately 2 miles. The Visitor Center is on the right just past the curve.

From the West: Take U.S. Highway 50 east from Las Animas to Hasty, approximately 16 miles. Turn south on CR 24 (School Street) and proceed approximately 2 miles. The Visitor Center is on the right just past the curve.



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