

COLORADO PARKS & WILDLIFE

# Jackson Lake State Park



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Once known primarily for the hunting around its banks, Jackson Lake State Park has become one of Colorado's finest outdoor recreation and water sports sites. The area is known for its shoreline camping and its large, warm-water reservoir with sandy bottom and beaches. For fun in the sun and unlimited recreational opportunities, Jackson Lake is the place.

Besides providing a wide variety of outdoor recreation opportunities, the 2,500 surface-acre reservoir holds water used to irrigate thousands of acres of Colorado farmland to the south and east. The reservoir was built in 1901-1902 and incorporates an existing lake. The surrounding park land covers an area of 5,295 acres. Established in 1965, Jackson Lake State Park is administered by Colorado Parks and Wildlife.



**Jackson Lake State Park is the first Colorado State Park to be certified with the International Dark-Sky Association. To learn more about dark-skies visit [darksky.org](http://darksky.org)**



### Passes, Permits, Fees

Visitors to Jackson Lake State Park are required to display a current Colorado State Parks Pass on their vehicle.

A daily vehicle pass is valid from the day purchased until noon the following day. Annual vehicle passes are valid for 12 months from the date of purchase. For annual pass holders who own another car, a multiple pass is available at a discounted rate. Passes are available at the park entrances and at the visitor center. Colorado residents 64 years of age or older qualify for a special Aspen Leaf Annual Pass, available at a discounted rate. Keep Colorado Wild passes are accepted when purchased with your Colorado vehicle registration. In addition to a vehicle pass, campers are required to have a valid reservation.



### Swimming

Jackson Lake's sandy beaches and gradually sloping lake bottom make it ideal for swimming.

Swimming is permitted from sunrise to sunset.

Swimming is not permitted within 150 feet of any dock, boat ramp, inlet or outlet structures.



### Water Sports

All areas of Jackson Lake are open to water-skiing. Boats traveling above a wakeless speed must stay at least 150 feet from moored vessels and shoreline fishermen. Both an observer and an operator must be in any boat that is towing a skier. Children 12 and younger are required to wear a PFD whenever their vessel is on the water.



### Boating & Paddle Sports

A boat ramp is located on the west shore of the lake. All boats, paddle craft and SUPs must comply with current Colorado boating statutes and regulations available in brochure form at the marina, visitor center and entrance stations.

Please note that Standup Paddle Boards (SUPs) and paddle craft are considered vessels under state law and must be equipped accordingly. Children under 13 years of age are required to wear a life jacket. Please observe all buoyed "Wakeless" and "Keep Out" areas. An observer and operator must be present in any boat that is towing a skier. Operation is counter clockwise on the reservoir.

Boats must be inspected for Aquatic Nuisance Species (ANS) prior to every launch. The lake is closed to boating on November 1st and until all ice is off of the reservoir. ANS exempt vessels are permitted on Jackson Lake after the November 1st closure.



### Camping

Jackson Lake State Park has six campgrounds with 230 individual campsites available for your enjoyment. Most accommodate campers or trailers and tents. Facilities include showers, toilets, electric hookups and drinking water. Hammock camping is permitted in tent sites #49-52 in Lakeside Campground and #79-82 in Pelican Campground. Three hammock posts are available at each site.

Quiet hours are observed from 10 p.m. to 6 a.m.

Camping permits expire at noon.



**All campsites are available by reservation. Please call 1-800-244-5613 or visit [cpwshop.com](http://cpwshop.com).**

Camping is available year-round. Reservations can be made a maximum of 6 months in advance. Dunes Group Campground is also available by reservation.



### Dump Station

A dump station is located on the west side of Jackson Lake State Park and is available to any guest with a valid camping permit/reservation. It is illegal and a health hazard to dump wastewater and sewage, including dishwasher, anywhere else.



### Visitor Center

For information or assistance, please stop in the visitor center – or call (970) 645-2551.

### Fishing

Jackson Lake is home to trout, walleye, saugeye, catfish, crappie, wipers, perch and bluegill. The reservoir is a popular spot for anglers. Fishing is prohibited from the dam between 10 pm and 6 am.

### Hunting

Hunters come to Jackson Lake State Park for waterfowl, dove, pheasant and rabbits. Hunting in the park is controlled and permitted from the Tuesday after Labor Day through the Friday prior to Memorial Day. Method of take is limited to archery or shotgun loaded with birdshot only. Hunting is allowed in designated areas only. Please check with park staff for further details.

### Wildlife

Located in the central flyway an abundance of wildlife can be observed and photographed in the park. The list includes pelicans, eagles, hawks, heron, deer, coyote, waterfowl and numerous shorebirds.

### Winter Recreation

During the winter months, Jackson Lake State Park offers many activities such as camping, wildlife observation, photography and ice fishing. Please check the park website for weather and ice conditions.

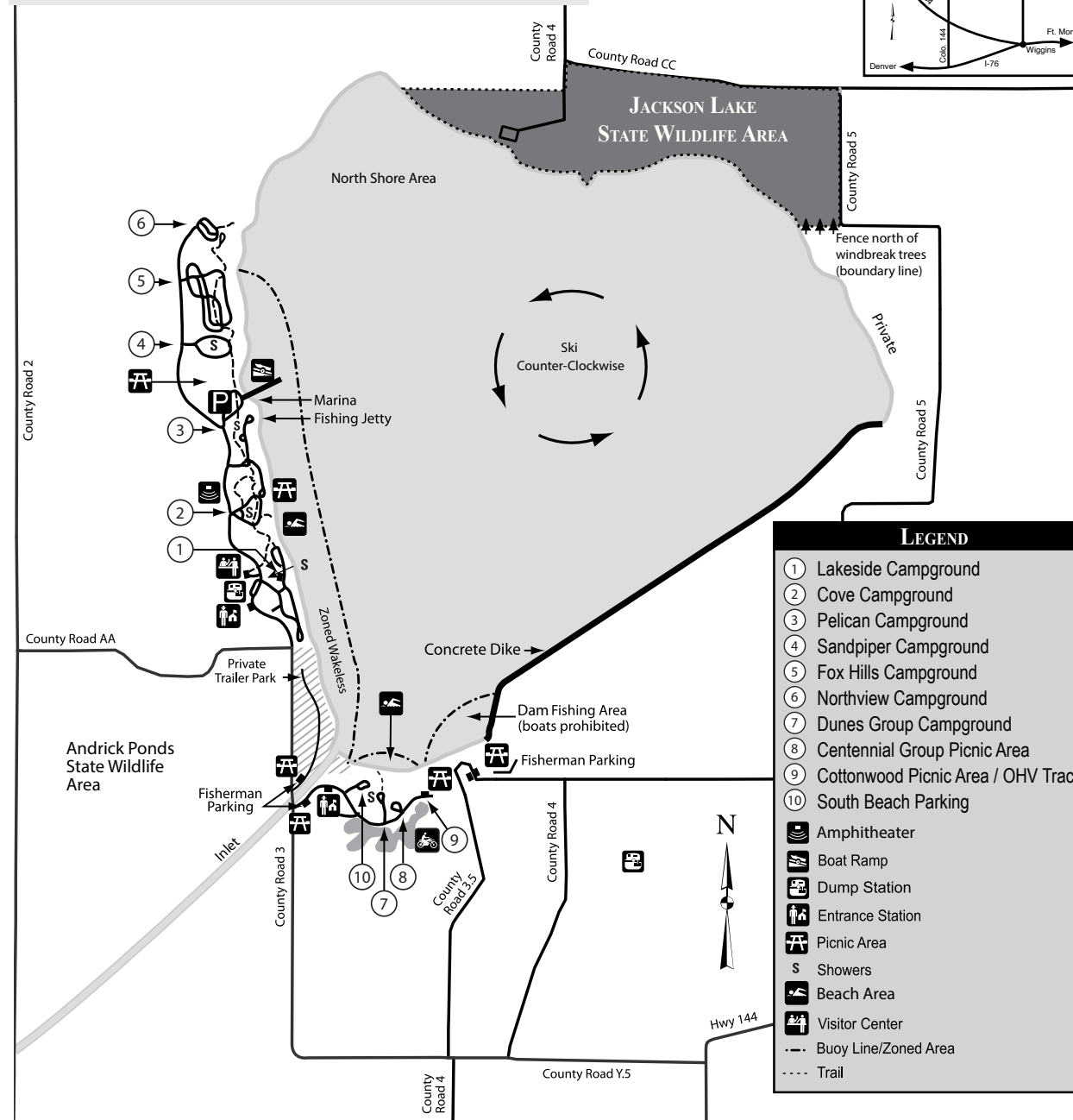
### Picnicking

Jackson Lake offers 18 picnic sites scattered throughout the park. These sites are available on a “first come, first serve” basis. The Centennial Group Picnic Area is available by reservation. Please call 1-800-244-5613 or visit cpwshop.com.

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Thanks to a partnership with Northern Colorado Communications (NCC) Wifi is available in many locations throughout the park. Please look for “WIFI powered by NCC” on your smart device.



### Trails

Jackson Lake has a 1.75 mile trail that begins at the visitor center and runs north to Northview Campground. Part of the trail is a self guided nature trail. No motorized vehicles are allowed on the trail. Horses are not permitted in the park.

### OHV Track

The OHV track is located on the south side of the park. It is a 1.5 mile track designed with the novice rider in mind. Only registered OHVs not exceeding 50 inches in width and dirt bikes are allowed. Larger vehicles such as dune buggies are not allowed. Every OHV must have current registration and every vehicle must have a vehicle pass. The OHV must be hauled to the staging area. OHVs are not permitted in campgrounds or on any roads. Track rules are posted at the staging area. The track is open every day 8:00 a.m. to sunset.

### Environmental Education

Cove Campground houses an amphitheater which offers weekend interpretive programs during the summer, a self-guided nature trail and a watchable wildlife kiosk.

## REGULATIONS

In the interests of safety and the preservation of your park, please observe the following regulations:

1. Keep your vehicle on designated roads or parking spaces.
2. Keep pets on a leash no longer than six feet.
3. Camp only in designated camping sites.
4. Visitors are allowed two tents per campsite or one hardside unit plus one tent per campsite. A maximum of six people and two vehicles are allowed per campsite.
5. Fires are allowed only in provided fire grills. Gathering firewood of any kind is prohibited. Fires are not permitted on beaches.
6. The park closes from 10 p.m. until 5 a.m. to all but registered campers, within the designated camp areas.



**STATE LAW: Marijuana use is prohibited within the park and in public. Any violation is subject to prosecution and confiscation. Please respect your neighbors. Please report any problems to a park ranger.**

## + EMERGENCY

If an emergency assistance is required, call 911. For all non-emergent law enforcement and medical needs please call dispatch at (970) 867-2461.

## ► LOCATION

**General:** From the U.S. 34/I-76 interchange, take Colorado Highway 39 north for 7.25 miles through Goodrich, then go west on Y.5 (follow the paved road) for 2.5 miles.



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