

COLORADO PARKS & WILDLIFE

Lory State Park

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A Place for Everyone

Lory has facilities to accommodate almost all visitors. Restrooms and some picnic areas are accessible by the physically challenged.

Respect all park users during your visit and observe the Rules of the Trail: bikers yield to hikers and horseback riders; hikers yield to horseback riders.



Park Passes

Vehicles entering the park must possess a current Keep Colorado Wild Pass on the vehicle registration, or display a current Colorado State Parks annual or daily pass on the vehicle's windshield. Individuals entering by foot, bike, or horseback must purchase an individual pass or show a current copy of their Keep Colorado Wild pass.

A daily pass, whether for a vehicle or an individual, is valid from the day purchased until noon the following day. An annual pass is valid at all Colorado State Parks from the date purchased through the end of the same month the following year. Annual pass holders who own a second vehicle can purchase a multiple pass for an additional fee.

Colorado residents 64 years of age or older qualify for a discounted Aspen Leaf annual pass, valid in all Colorado State Parks. Colorado disabled veterans who display Colorado Disabled Veteran (DV) license plates are admitted free to all Colorado State Parks without a pass.



In the Wild

Lory is an island for wildlife in the midst of a rapidly developing area. As visitors, we must respect their homes. Most animals such as mountain lions, black bears, rattlesnakes and nesting birds are reclusive and prefer to avoid contact with people. For guidance about chance encounters with wildlife, ask for information at the visitor center.

HELP PROTECT OUR NATURAL RESOURCES

For your safety and the preservation of your park, please comply with the following regulations:

1. Place all trash and recyclables in appropriately marked, provided receptacles. Litter is dangerous to people and wildlife.
2. All vehicles must keep to designated roads and parking areas. Off-road driving damages wildlife habitat, park resources and scars the land for years.
3. Keep all pets on a maximum six-foot leash at all times to avoid accidents with wildlife, vehicles and other visitors. Pet waste bags are available at major trailheads. While in the park, help keep the environment clean and safe for wildlife and other park visitors by properly disposing of your pet's waste in appropriate receptacles.
4. The park speed limit is 25mph. Be alert for wildlife, horses, mountain bikers and hikers on the roadway.
5. Fires are NEVER allowed except for those contained in a grill or an approved metal fire ring. Backpackers must use camp stoves. This is to prevent the outbreak of wildfires, especially during the dry season



Open fires are never allowed in the backcountry!

Hidden in the foothills twenty minutes west of Fort Collins, Lory State Park is an outdoor recreation enthusiast's dream. Its 2,596 acres with a varied landscape that includes unique rock outcroppings, sandstone hogbacks, grassy open meadows, shrubby hillsides and ponderosa pine forests. Overlooking the Fort Collins area from a breathtaking elevation of 6,780 feet is Arthur's Rock, a jutting granite formation named for an early local settler.

Formerly ranchland, Lory State Park was purchased from the original owners in 1967. It was named and dedicated in honor of Dr. Charles A. Lory (1872-1969), president of Colorado State University from 1909 until 1940. For more information about the park, please call (970) 493-1623 or visit our webpage.



Visitor Center

Located just inside the park entrance, the visitor center serves as an entrance station for purchasing permits as well as an environmental education center where visitors can learn about the park's wildlife and other natural resources through interactive, interpretive displays. Visitors can browse through many books, maps, park apparel and other souvenirs available for purchase. A meeting room is also available for rent to small groups. Call (970) 493-1623 for rates.



Trails

Lory's 27 miles of trails wind through sweeping valleys, steep hillsides and deep gulches. Stunning, long-distance views can be enjoyed from several high points. The variety of trails range from easy to difficult and are suitable for long or short hikes, mountain biking, running and horseback riding. In winter, several trails offer opportunities for snowshoeing and cross-country skiing. Snowmobiles are not allowed. Vault toilets, trash cans and recycle bins are available at the major trailheads, but drinking water is not, so visitors should carry an adequate supply.



Horseback Riding

Equestrians with their own horses are welcome at Lory, where 21.5 miles of trail are open to riders of all skill levels. For safety, Timber and Howard trails are for expert riders only.

In addition to the trail system, Lory is one of the few public lands to offer a cross-country jump course, located at the south end of the park. Riders using the course should wear helmets and jump with at least one partner.



The Corral Mountain Bike Park

This unique area, designed and constructed by mountain bike enthusiasts, offers 69,600 sq. ft. of biking excitement for riders of all skill levels. Dirt jumps, launching platforms and flow trails for various technical levels provide a controlled, safe environment to learn and build skills or to warm up for the trails. Open year-round, except for wet or hazardous conditions, there is no additional fee to use this area.



Wildlife

Lory's diverse topography offers excellent habitat for a variety of wildlife including mule deer, wild turkey, black bear, mountain lion, coyote, fox, bobcat, Abert's squirrel, cottontail rabbit, a variety of raptors, songbirds and many reptile and insect species. The park is also located in a major migratory corridor for many birds, bats and butterflies.



Nature Observation

Lory has unlimited possibilities for nature observing with an abundance of shrubs, wildflowers, animal and insect species. Checklists of Lory plants and birds are available at the visitor center.



Backcountry Camping

Lory State Park allows primitive backcountry camping by permit only. No other camping is allowed in the park. Sites are about a two-mile hike from the trailhead. No fires are allowed, but camp stoves are permitted. Campers must bring their own drinking water. **Bear bags or bear canisters are highly recommended.**



Rock Climbing

Lory State Park offers excellent bouldering and traditional climbing opportunities. The majority of bouldering is 30- 45 minutes up Arthur's Rock Trail. Signage directs you to the Bouldering Access Trail. Arthur's Rock Main Buttress offers great traditional climbing. Safety is the responsibility of the individual. **Know your abilities and understand all risks involved.**



Hunting

Hunting in the park is controlled. Information regarding seasons, regulations and special closures is available at the visitor center. Hunting is prohibited in Horsetooth Mountain Open Space, adjacent to Lory to the south, so be aware of boundary lines. Additional hunting information is available at the visitor center. **Target shooting in the park is prohibited at all times.**



Picnicking

Lory has five picnic areas offering a variety of settings. The Timber Event Facility accommodates up to 100 people and has a horseshoe pit, volleyball court, covered tables, grills, a fire ring, water spigot and restrooms. Soldier Canyon Event Facility Area accommodates 250 people and has an open air stage perfect for outdoor weddings or other special events. South Eltuck Event Facility, which offers panoramic views of the sandstone hogbacks and coves, holds intimate groups of 50 or fewer.

These event facilities are available by reservation only. Please call (970) 493-1623 or visit our web page for more information. Other sites are available on a first come, first served basis.

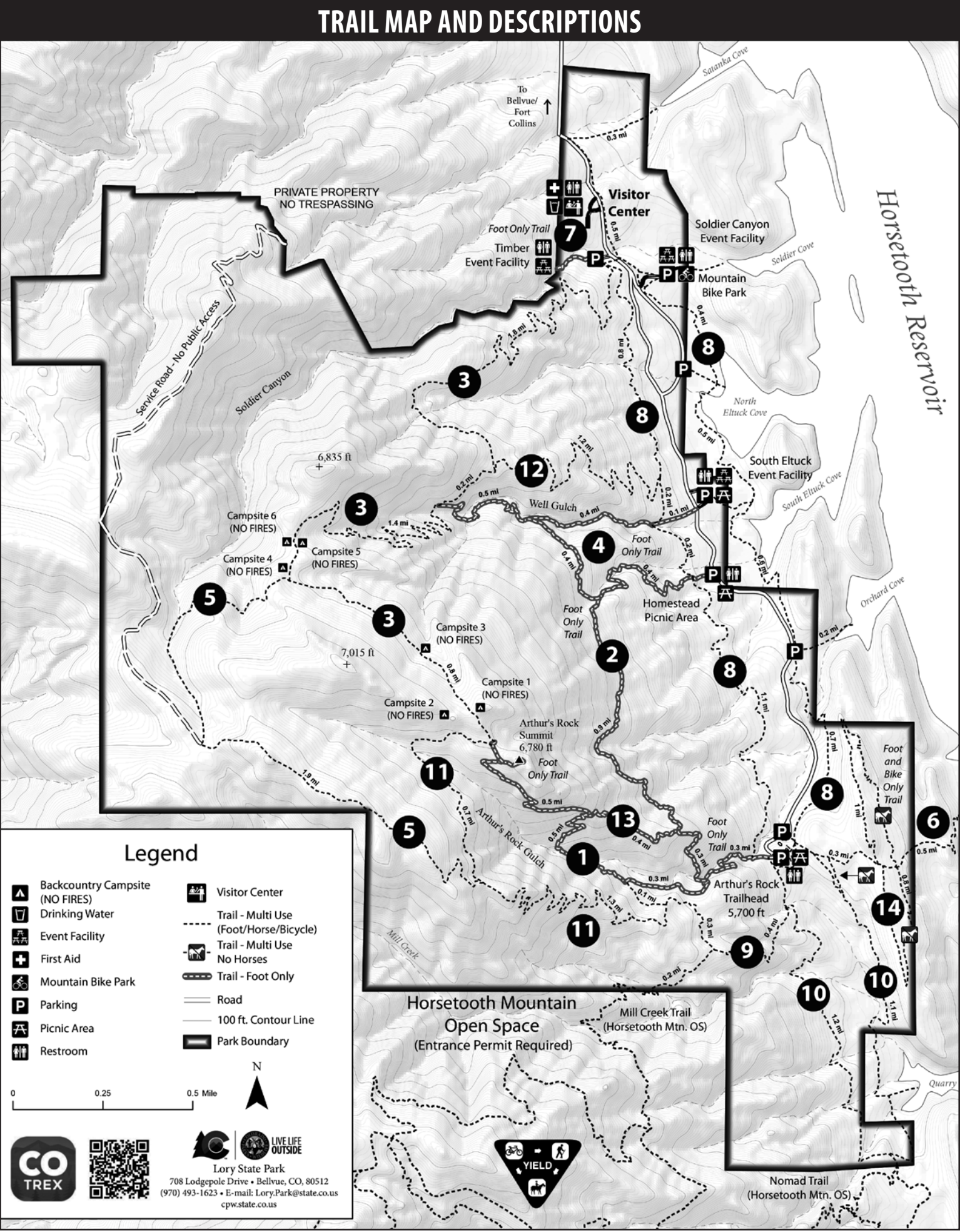


Nearby Facilities

Facilities such as gas, groceries, telephones and lodging are in LaPorte, five miles northeast of Lory. The nearest hospital is in Fort Collins.



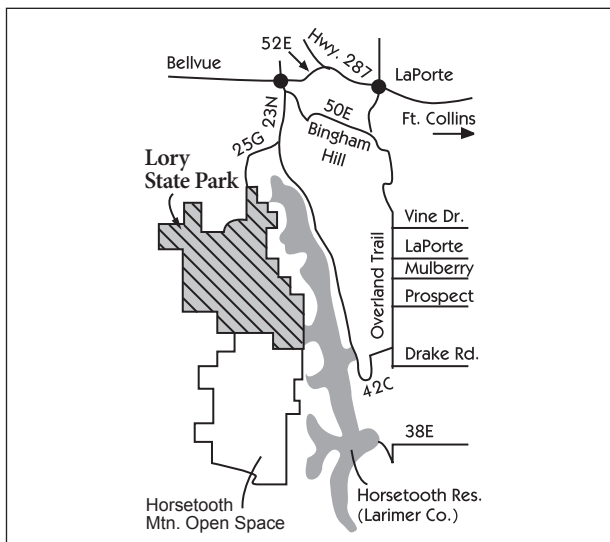
1	Arthur's Rock Trail	Foot only	Moderate	1.8 miles
This 1.7 mile hiking trail winds through forested mountainsides and open meadows to the summit of Arthur's Rock. Along the trail hikers can travel through different ecosystems because of the nearly 1000' elevation change. Upon reaching the summit of Arthur's Rock, one is offered a impressive view of Horsetooth Reservoir and the Front Range from an elevation of 6,780 feet.				
2	Overlook Trail	Foot only	Moderate	1.2 miles
Mule deer, wildflowers, Abert's squirrels and views of the eastern plains can be seen along this 1.2 mile trail connecting Arthur's Rock Trail to the Well Gulch Nature Trail. Starting from Well Gulch, the trail strolls along the ridge below Arthur's Rock, until meeting with the Arthur's Rock trail.				
3	Timber Trail	Foot, Expert Mountain Bike and Expert Equestrian	Difficult	4.2 miles
This 4.2 mile trail ascends from the group picnic area to the ridge behind Arthur's Rock. The trail climbs through meadows and mountain shrub, changing to pine and fir in the upper elevations, where the park's six primitive back-country sites can be found. This trail has some steep switchbacks and rocky scrambles to cross in getting to the top of the Well Gulch drainage.				
4	Well Gulch Nature Trail	Foot only	Moderate	1.4 miles
Wildflowers and riparian ecosystem line this plush 1.4 mile trail. A self-guided nature tour takes you through the meadow, mountain shrub, Douglas fir, and ponderosa ecosystems, with stations along the way illustrating botany, geology and animal life in Lory State Park. For those looking for a longer hike, the trail branches off into the Timber and Overlook trails.				
5	Westridge Trail	Foot, Horse, Mountain Bike	Moderate	1.9 miles
Converging with Howard trail via singletrack, Westridge mostly follows an old Jeep road along the ridgeline near Lory's western boundary, dropping down into the forest as it turns back east through the center of the Park, merging with Timber and Arthur's Rock. The only trail in the park that provides views of the snow-capped Continental Divide, with perfect views of 14,259' Longs Peak, and portions of the Indian Peaks to the south.				
6	Shoreline Trail	Foot, Horse, Mountain Bike	Moderate	0.9 miles
This comfortable one mile hike leads down to the edge of Horsetooth Reservoir. The red sandstone hogbacks offer a striking background to the grassy meadows, where deer can be found grazing.				
7	Waterfall Trail	Foot only	Easy	0.1 miles
This 0.1 mile trail leads back to a series of waterfalls during the spring and early summer. Picturesque rock outcroppings abut this quick hike through a riparian zone offering shade and wildlife-viewing under the cottonwood canopy.				
8	East & West Valley Trails	Foot, Horse, Mountain Bike	Easy	5.0 miles
These trails run parallel to the main road, branching to coves at Horsetooth Reservoir or meeting with the mountain trails. East Valley 2.7 mile, West Valley 2.3 mile.				
9	Mill Creek Link	Foot, Expert Mountain Bike and Expert Equestrian	Difficult	0.7 miles
From the South Valley trail, this 0.7 mile link offers passage to the upper elevations of Horsetooth Mountain Park by way of the Mill Creek trail, and a connection to Lory's Howard trail. This link also connects across the meadow to Arthur's Rock trail.				
10	South Valley Trail Loop	Foot, Horse, Mountain Bike	Easy	2.6 miles
This easy 2.6 mile loop trail takes you to the south border of Lory State Park. This link offers an easy transition into Horsetooth Mountain Open Space.				
11	Howard Trail	Foot, Expert Mountain Bike and Expert Equestrian	Difficult	2.4 miles
This challenging 2.4 mile trail connects the upper mountain trails to Lory's valley trails on the south end of the park. Howard Trail offers an alternative route of return from the Arthur's Rock trail and connects upper Timber trail and Westridge trail to create loop opportunities for all backcountry trail users.				
12	Kimmons Trail	Foot, Horse, Mountain Bike	Moderate	1.2 miles
This 1.2 mile trail provides views of Horsetooth Reservoir and the eastern plains and offers a moderate connection between the West Valley and Timber trail. This is the preferred route for mountain bikers and horseback riders seeking an intermediate level loop trail through a mountain shrub ecosystem.				
13	Fire Line Trail	Foot only	Moderate	0.4 miles
Connecting Overlook and Arthur's Rock trails, this trail incorporates fire-lines (hand lines) created by wildland fire crews during the 2013 Galena Fire. Rock climbers and bouldering enthusiasts will appreciate this new route to the Overlook climbing wall and birdwatchers will appreciate the sights and sounds. Great views are offered of the park and beyond.				
14	Quarry Ridge Loop Trail	Foot, Bike Only	Moderate	1.8 miles
This moderate bike oriented trail offers views of Arthur's Rock and the valley of the park to the west, and Horsetooth Reservoir with Fort Collins to the east. Old quarry sites from the late 19th and early 20th centuries are visible along the exposed sedimentary rock formations.. Evidence of earlier ranching life and old roads still exist.				



► LOCATION

From Fort Collins North: Take US 287 north to County Road 54G (LaPorte). Turn left onto CR52E/Rist Canyon Rd. Continue west and turn left onto County Road 23. Continue north and take a right on Lodgepole Drive (CR 25G). The park is approximately 1.6 miles up Lodgepole Drive on the left.

From Fort Collins South: Take Harmony Rd / 38E west. Turn right onto CR23. Proceed north until t-intersection. Turn left at stop sign onto CR23. Proceed north until Lodgepole Drive, turn left. Go 1.6 miles to the park entrance.



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