

Park Manager Zach Taylor
March 2024

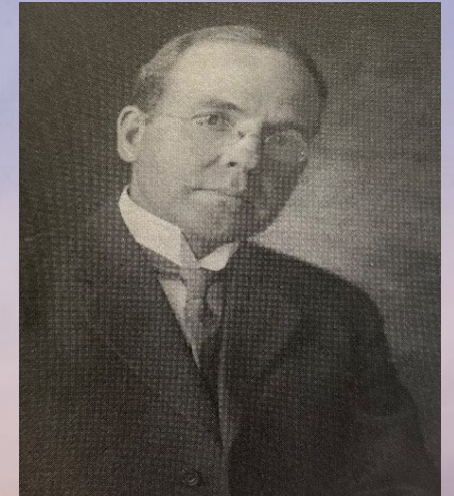


- Acknowledge Ute and Cheyenne tribes called the Elk Creek Valley home.

- In 1904 Dr. Archibald Staunton traveled by train from West Virginia to Denver to relocate his medical practice. Purchased a home in Denver.
- Established homestead in the Elk Creek Valley 1918
- Over time the Staunton family acquired 1720 acres known as the Lazy V Ranch



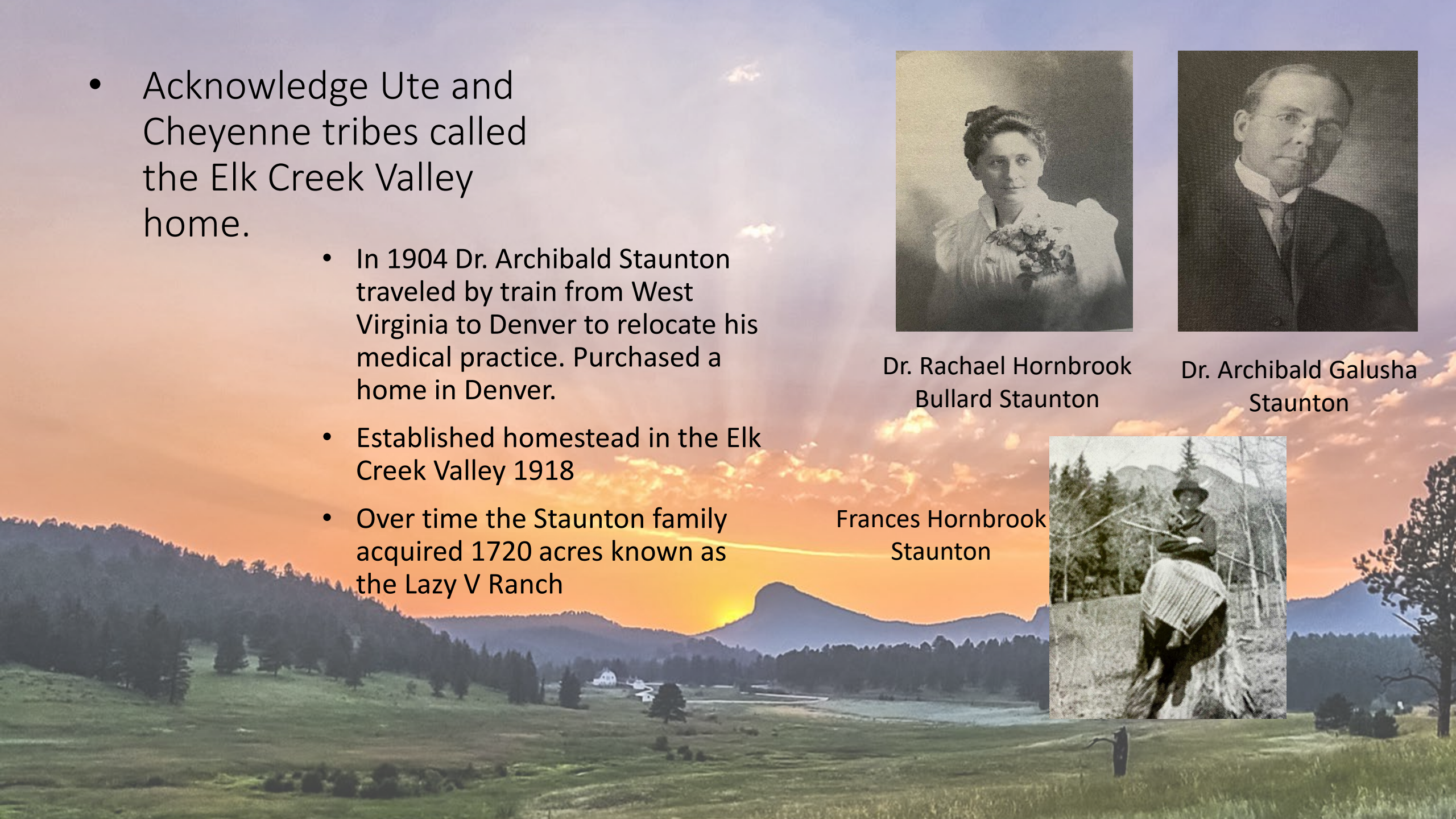
Dr. Rachael Hornbrook
Bullard Staunton

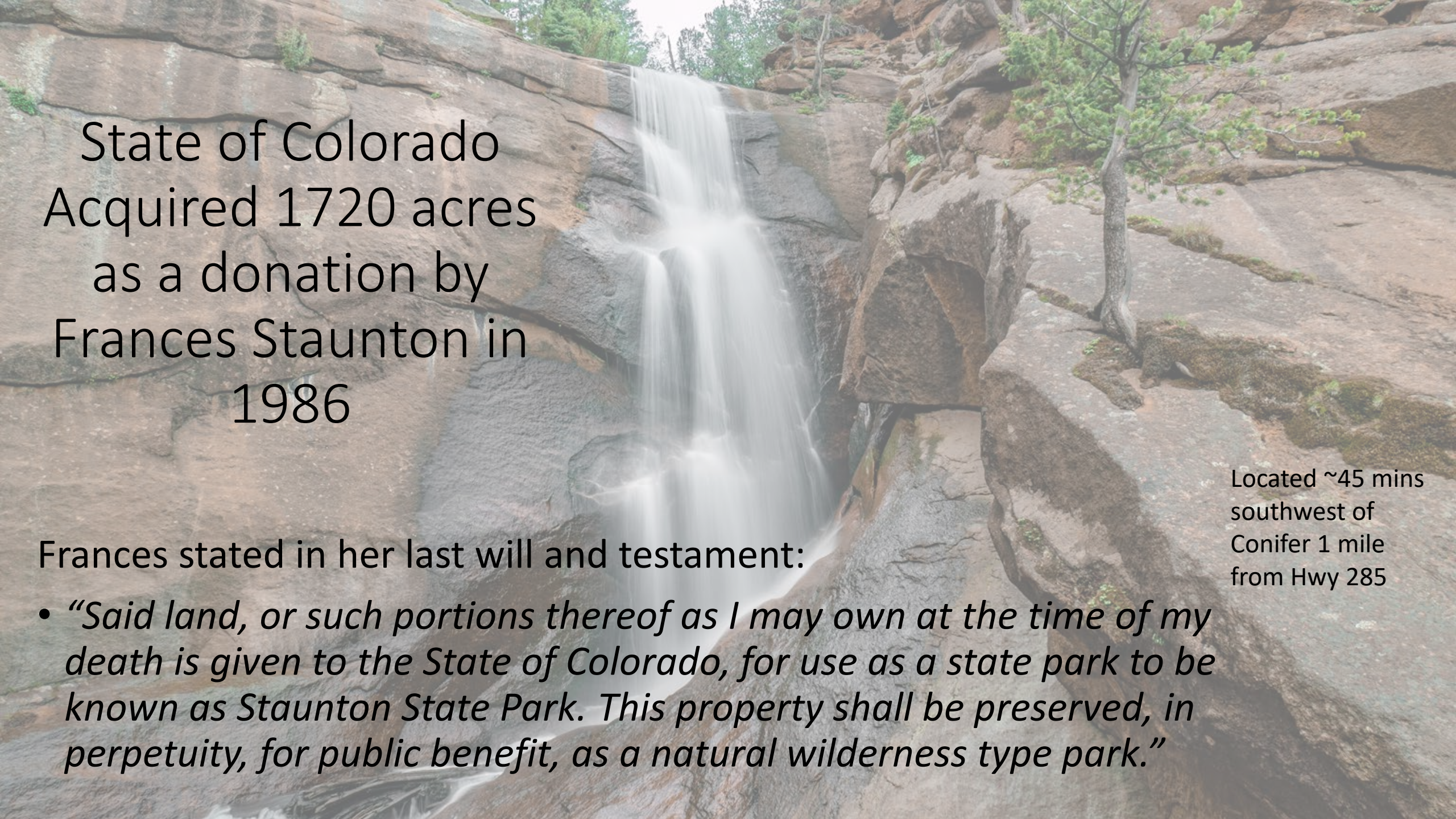


Dr. Archibald Galusha
Staunton



Frances Hornbrook
Staunton





State of Colorado
Acquired 1720 acres
as a donation by
Frances Staunton in
1986

Frances stated in her last will and testament:

- *“Said land, or such portions thereof as I may own at the time of my death is given to the State of Colorado, for use as a state park to be known as Staunton State Park. This property shall be preserved, in perpetuity, for public benefit, as a natural wilderness type park.”*

Located ~45 mins
southwest of
Conifer 1 mile
from Hwy 285

Staunton State park

2013

May

Staunton officially opened as a day use State Park

Celebrated 10 years in 2023

2018

Camping

25 Hike in Campsites



2019

Visitor Center

Grand opening of our visitor center



2021

Opened 1.5 miles of new road into middle of park

2023

Staunton Homestead Cabin open to the Public



- 3,918 acres of land
 - Adjacent to Pike-San Isabel National Forest
- 657 Acres of Natural areas protecting two rare plant species
- 3 water acres
- 25 miles of Multi-use trails
- Calls for service:
 - Law Enforcement
 - Traffic violations on main county road
 - Dogs off leash
 - Fishing without a license
 - Camping, parking related
 - Medicals
 - Altitude related
 - Climbing
 - Mountain bike
 - Lower body injuries

- Operating Budget \$350K
- Staffing: (4 FTE)
 - 2 Rangers
 - 1 Park Resource Tech
 - 1 Park Manager
 - 12-15 Temporary Employees
- 150+ active Volunteers
 - Gave over 12,500 hours of service in 2023
- 8 Structures listed National Historic Registry
- 5 staff occupied houses on park
- Water treatment facility

Visitation: 299,566 in 2023
Up from 258,645 in 2022

Track Chair Program

Track Chair Program est 2017 – First of its kind in a state park in the nation

Donation and continued support from Friends of Staunton -non profit 501 (c) (3)

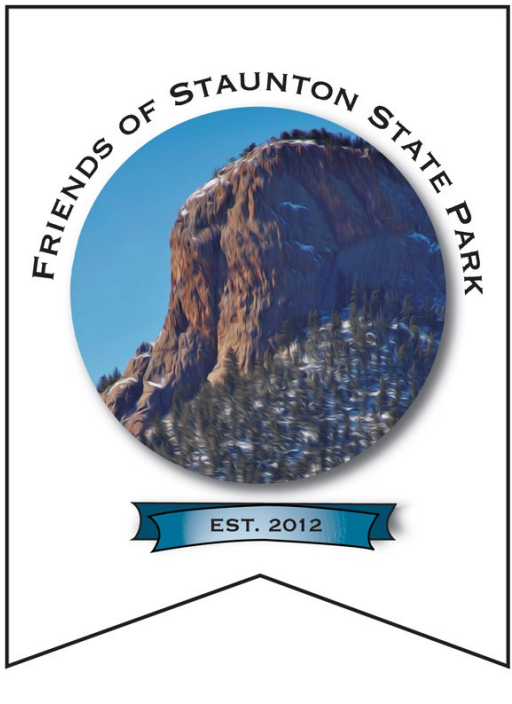
To date we have supported over 1700 hikes with 5 chairs in our fleet

Supported start up programs at Barr Lake, Ridgway and numerous municipalities and organizations across the country



Staunton Volunteer – Lisa Willman





Friends Of Staunton State Park (501 (c) 3)
Major Contributor to Historical Restoration and Preservation
Contributed over \$200K to Track Chair program keeping it free to our hikers

Received Grant support from State Historical Society and Donation totaling \$100k to restore the roof and interior of the namesake cabin



Staunton Cabin Restoration
2018 and 2023





“Office Views!”



Coming up: Staunton State Park Management Plan