

Crawford State Park



Who we are

Nestled in the midst of one of Colorado's most scenic western slope areas, Crawford State Park is the place to enjoy peace and tranquility. The park offers visitors camping, fishing, water sports, hunting and numerous other leisure-time activities in scenic mountain surroundings. The park's elevation guarantees a mild climate in any season. The spectacular Black Canyon of the Gunnison National Park is only 12 miles from Crawford State Park. A number of famous geological landmarks near Crawford State Park include Needle Rock, Castle Rock and Saddle Mountain.

Top attractions

- Camping, fishing and other water recreation activities are popular at Crawford. The scenic backdrop of the area holds great appeal.
- Crawford provides camping opportunities and convenient access to other tourist attractions, such as the Black Canyon of the Gunnison National Park, the West Elk Scenic Highway and the Gunnison National Forest.

Our partners

- U.S. Bureau of Reclamation
- Delta County Commissioners
- Crawford Area Water Users
- Delta County Road and Bridge Department
- Town of Crawford
- Delta County Tourism Council
- Crawford Area Chamber of Commerce
- Delta County Nature Connection
- Delta County Schools

Challenges we face

- Funding cuts have resulted in reduced access and concerns over maintaining the investments at Crawford State Park.
- There is a lack of staff to cover increasing year-round visitation.

Volunteer activities

- Volunteers serve as campground hosts, entrance station attendants and maintenance support at the park.
- Volunteers also plant trees, work on trails, organize activities and provide general support to all park activities.



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Manager's Message

Crawford State Park, located at the foot of the Rocky Mountain's West Elk Range, is surrounded by extraordinary views created by majestic mountains and unique geological features. The park has been providing year-round recreation since 1964. From the park, visitors are treated to close up views of Lands End, Mt. Lamborn, the Sleeping Indian, Cathedral Peak and more. The park provides a perfect framing for Needle Rock, a Crawford landmark, and an excellent example of a laccolith (a lava flow that never erupted). The reservoir is a boating- and angling-enthusiast's delight with calm waters and miles of shoreline to explore. Campers, hikers and other visitors are often treated to sightings of wildlife and birds.

Geography

Region: Southwest
County: Delta
Year Acquired: 1967
Elevation: 6,600 ft
Miles From Denver: 246

Acreage

Total Acres: 734

Governmental

US Cong Dist: 3rd
CO Senate: 5th
CO House: 58th

Employees

Permanent: 4
Temporary: 21
Volunteers (FY 22): 11
Volunteer Hours (FY 22): 4,428

Annual Visitation

FY 22: ~130,000

Facilities

2 Boat Ramps
Dump Station
Group Picnic Area
40 Picnic Sites
Playground Area
Showers
Swim Beach
Visitor Center

Trails

Hiking: 4.2 miles
Cross Country Skiing/
Snowshoeing: 4.2 miles
Total: 4.2 miles

Roads

Paved: 1.6 miles
Unpaved: 1.4 miles

Recreation

Boating
Fishing
Hunting
Ice Fishing
Jet Skiing
Paddleboarding
Picnicking
Ranger/Nature Programs
Sailboarding
Snowtubing
Swimming
Water Skiing
Wildlife/Bird Viewing
Winter Camping

Camping

Campsites (Full Hook ups,
year round): 21
Campsites (electrical, seasonal): 45

