

Eleven Mile State Park



Who we are

Sport fishing and recreation writers across the state have produced volumes of material about Eleven Mile State Park's fantastic fishing. While fishing gets most of the attention, the park boasts nine separate campgrounds with 326 campsites, ranging from drive-to-site RV camping to boat- or hike-in tent-only campsites in the backcountry area. Five miles of hiking and biking trails, interpretive programs throughout the summer and boating opportunities on one of the larger reservoirs in Colorado (3,405 surface acres) round out the most popular uses.

Top attractions

- Fishing is the main draw at Eleven Mile, whether it's shoreline, deepwater boat, fly or ice.
- Eleven Mile State Park is one of the most popular camping spots in Colorado.
- Park staff offer a variety of interpretive programs during the summer.

Our partners

- Colorado State Land Board
- Denver Water Board
- U.S. Forest Service
- Hartsel and Lake George Fire Departments
- South Park Ambulance District
- Park County Sheriff's Department
- Colorado State Patrol
- Park County Emergency Services Council
- Coalition for the Upper South Platte



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Challenges we face

- Finding funding to meet priorities, including renovating aging facilities and infrastructure to keep pace with the changing demands of the recreating public
- Working with the Denver Water Board to secure viable, consistent and sufficient funding needed to provide an effective aquatic nuisance species inspection program at Eleven Mile Reservoir
- Creating long-term partnerships with other agencies and private parties to find solutions to the ongoing livestock trespassing issues that have a negative effect on park resources, management and public safety

Volunteer activities

- Park host program
- General purpose volunteers who assist with backlog of maintenance
- Shoreline cleanup and administrative projects
- Volunteer interpretation and speaking on environmental topics

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Manager's Message

Visitors to Eleven Mile State Park are quickly discovering that there is more to the park than trophy fishing opportunities and camping. Located near the geographic center of the state, the park often serves as a base camp for guests looking to participate in short day trips to popular area destinations, such as Pikes Peak, Garden of the Gods, the U.S. Air Force Academy and the Arkansas River. The park is open year-round, offering spectacular Rocky Mountain sunsets and plenty of room to breathe.

Geography

Region: Northeast
County: Park
Year Acquired: 1970
Elevation (ft): 8,597
Miles From Denver: 119

Acreeage

Total Acres: 7,662

Governmental

US Cong Dist: 7th
CO Senate: 4th
CO House: 13th

Employees

Permanent: 7 (as of July 2023)
Temporary: 22
Volunteers (FY 22 with Spinney Mountain State Park): 218
Volunteer Hours (FY 22 together with Spinney Mountain State Park): 2,067

Annual Visitation

FY 22: ~300,000

Facilities

3 Boat Ramps open from ice off to October 31st, no boats on water after sunset until sunrise
2 Dump Stations
Laundry open May 1 until the day after Labor Day
Marina (year-round)
20 Picnic Sites
Playground Area at North Shore
Showers (coin operated) open May 1st through the day after Labor Day
Visitor Center
26 Vault toilets

Trails

Biking: 4.5 miles
Hiking: 5 miles
Cross Country Skiing/
Snowshoeing: 4.5 miles
Total: 5 miles

Roads

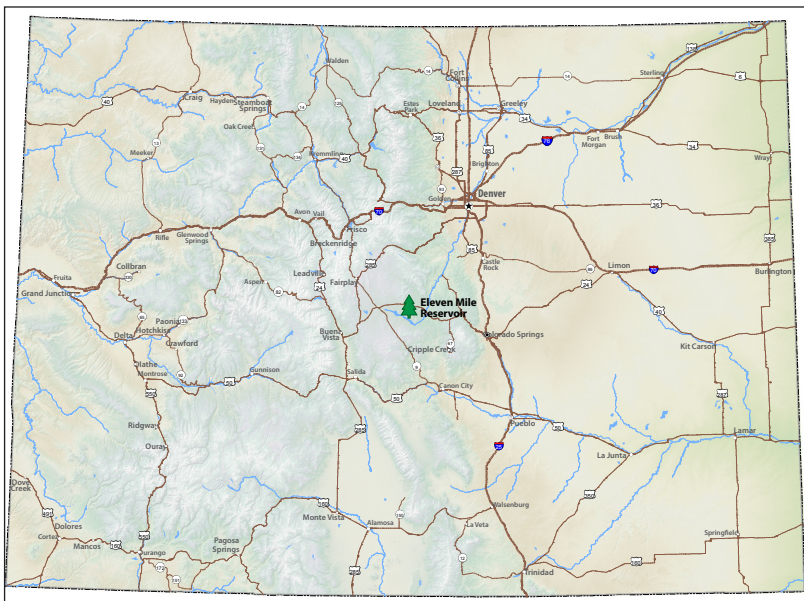
Paved: 7.9 miles
Unpaved: 10.6 miles

Recreation

Boating
Fishing
Hunting
Ice Fishing
Ice Skating
Picnicking
Ranger/Nature Programs
Wildlife/Bird Viewing
Winter Camping

Camping

Campsites (basic, seasonal): 201
Campsites (basic, year-round): 73
Campsites (electrical, seasonal): 42
Campsites (electrical, year-round): 10



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