In April 2020, Fishers Peak State Park became Colorado's 42<sup>nd</sup> state park. The 19,200-acre property is characterized by rugged topography, diverse and healthy ecosystems, abundant wildlife, and the park's namesake, Fishers Peak, prominently presiding at 9,633 feet. The forests and meadows that cloak the park's hillsides and ravines are complemented by the striking geological features that have given this particular landscape the iconic status it has held through many generations of residents and travelers.

Fishers Peak State Park connects grasslands to the east with foothills and mountains to the west, serving as an important corridor for wildlife movement. Providing habitat for large native species like elk, mule deer, white-tailed deer, mountain lion and black bear, the property helps maintain important connections between these species' populations in the mountains and those in the prairies. Successful raptor nests, the endangered New Mexico meadow jumping mouse, and many other rare, unexpected, and unique species have already been located in the park, and we still have much more exploring to do.

During this time of data gathering and master planning for Fishers Peak State Park, only a small portion of the state's second-largest state park is open to the public. This area is called Fishers Peak Trailhead, and it models a new and exciting way for the public to get their hiking boots on the ground at their newest state park. Fishers Peak Trailhead allows for limited day use at Fishers Peak State Park, while scientific inventories, planning and development occur elsewhere in the park. For those who want more outdoor recreation, Trinidad Lake State Park is just a few miles away, offering hiking, camping, fishing, boating and more!



## Regulations

In the interest of safety and for the preservation of your park, we must insist that you follow these regulations, and other regulations pertaining to Colorado's state parks:

- 1. Day use only. Public access is allowed from sunrise to sunset. Entrance gate locks at sunset.
- 2. Pets or other domestic animals are prohibited.
- 3. Visitors shall remain on the designated trails.
- 4. A Colorado Parks and Wildlife Vehicle Pass (Annual or Daily) or a Keep Colorado Wild Pass is required for all vehicles entering the park. An Individual Daily Pass is required for any person who walks onto this park.
- 5. It is unlawful to remove, destroy, modify or deface any sign or marker, tree, shrub or other plant or vegetation, including dead timber and forest litter, or any object of archaeological, geological, historical, zoological or natural/environmental value or interest on this park.
- 6. Camping is not permitted.
- 7. Fires are allowed in metal containers only.
- 8. Snowmobile and off-highway vehicle use is prohibited.
- 9. Parking is permitted only in designated areas.
- 10. Visitors must observe raptor nest buffers and closures.
- 11. Hunting is permitted only through a special application and drawing process.

#### Directions to Fishers Peak Trailhead

From I-25, take exit 11 east to County Road 69-3 (Santa Fe Trail). Travel south until you see the entrance gate and signage on the left.





#### Fishers Peak State Park

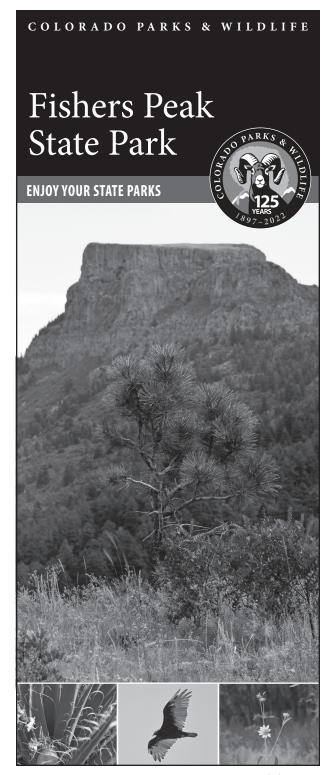
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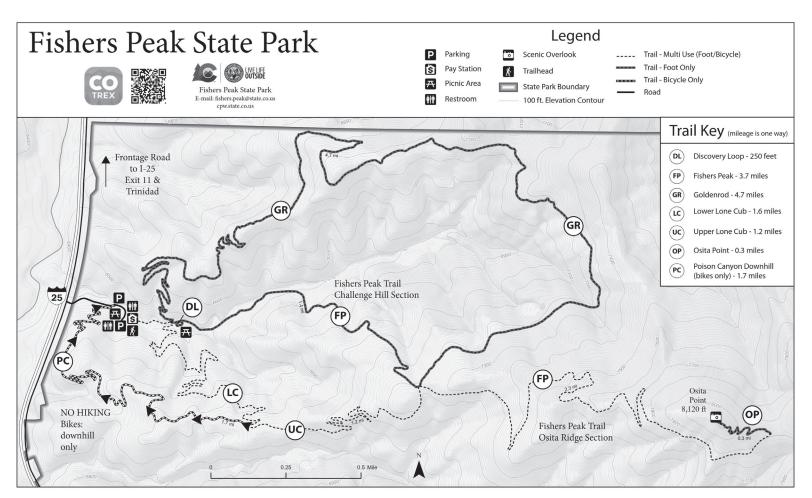
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# **Picnicking Facilities**

Picnicking is permitted at the Fishers Peak Trailhead and at the Discovery Trail Loop on a first-come, first-served basis.

### Hiking & Nature Trails

At this time, just a small piece of the 19,200-acre park is open to the public. This area is called Fishers Peak Trailhead and it is the gateway to approximately 1,000 acres of public land, including over 13 miles of trails open for hiking and biking. Open daily sunrise to sunset, this trailhead offers vehicle parking, public restrooms, scenic picnic areas, interpretive signage and kiosks available for the purchase of required park passes with cash, check or credit/debit card. For this initial, limited opening of Colorado's newest state park, no dogs are permitted in the park.

#### Passes & Permits

Visitors to Fishers Peak State Park are required to have a current Colorado state parks pass. The following pass types are accepted for entry:

- Keep Colorado Wild Annual Pass, available through Colorado Vehicle Registrations Only. Visitors must have a valid Colorado motor vehicle registration card displaying a CPW logo available for inspection upon request.
- Annual State Parks Pass, available online or at any CPW office or kiosk locations. Affixed annual passes must be displayed on the vehicle windshield and Family Annual Passes must be displayed via hangtag.
- Daily State Park Pass, available at any CPW office or kiosk locations. Daily passes are valid from the date purchased until noon the following day, and must be displayed in the vehicle.

 Walk-in passes are required for visitors without a vehicle. Daily and annual walk-in passes are available at CPW offices, kiosk locations and online.

Colorado disabled veterans displaying Colorado DV plates do not need a pass.

## Wildlife & Hunting

Fishers Peak State Park supports a diverse community of wildlife with elk, bears, raptors and the endangered New Mexico meadow jumping mouse to name just a few. Hunting at this time is only permitted through a special draw and access permit, granted by the park manager. Current hunting opportunities are posted on the park's webpage: cpw.state.co.us/fisherspeak.

## First Aid/Emergencies

Park rangers are trained to give first aid. In case of emergency, call 911.