

Fishers Peak State Park



Who we are

In April of 2020, Fishers Peak State Park became Colorado's 42nd 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 park connects grasslands to the east with foothills and mountains to the west, serving as an important corridor for wildlife movement. Successful raptor nests, the endangered New Mexico meadow jumping mouse and many other rare, unexpected, and unique species have been located on the park to-date. In the first year of CPW ownership, a small portion of the park - approximately 250 acres, including 2 miles of hiking trail and a few picnic areas - was opened for the public. Hunting opportunities have also been offered since 2020, through a special draw system. During this limited public opening, park inventories and master planning continued. In late 2022, with the master plan barely finalized, an additional 12 miles of newly-constructed trail were opened for hikers and mountain bikers.

Top attractions

- Newly-planned and constructed trails, offering stunning views
- Iconic and captivating Fishers Peak (elev. 9,633), which will soon be accessible for the public
- World-class hunting opportunities made available by special permit, with no additional fees
- Largely untouched, pristine wilderness just minutes from the City of Trinidad
- Located just a few miles from Trinidad Lake State Park
- Experience the new state park as the park is planned and developed.



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Our partners

- GOCO (Great Outdoors Colorado)
- The Nature Conservancy (TNC)
- Trust for Public Land (TPL)
- Las Animas County
- City of Trinidad
- Trinidad State College
- Friends of Fishers Peak and Trinidad Lake State Parks

Challenges we face

- Novel CPW practice of allowing progressive public access while the park completes planning, widespread surveys and development
- Protection, development, and management of 19,200 acres, approximately 30 square miles of rugged terrain
- Unprecedented fast-track for planning, public use and development of a state park
- Maintenance of approximately 90 miles of internal park roads and multiple aged, vacant dwellings inherited with the purchase of the park
- Numerous endangered, rare and protected species are found throughout the park
- Concerns for increased fire, trespass, and disturbance, because the park is directly adjacent to approximately 10 miles of I-25

Volunteer activities

- Trail Maintenance
- Backcountry Projects
- Park History Project

Fishers Peak State Park

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As of July 1, 2022

Geography

Region: Southeast
County: Las Animas
Year Acquired: 2020
Elevation (ft): 6,010
Miles From Denver: 200

Acreage

Total Acres: 19,295

Governmental

US Cong Dist: 3rd
CO Senate: 35th
CO House: 47th

Employees

Permanent: 3
Temporary: 2
Volunteers (FY 22): 9
Volunteer Hours (FY 22): 167

Annual Visitation

FY 22: ~2,000

Facilities

Public Restrooms at Fishers Peak Trailhead
Staff Office
Maintenance Shop

Trails

Biking: 7.15
Hiking: 12.15
Horseback: 0
Total: 13.65

Roads

Paved: 0.2 miles
Unpaved: 90 miles

Recreation

Hiking
Biking
Picnicking
Wildlife Watching
Hunting (by special permit only)

