

## Passes and Permits

All visitors entering the park are required to display a current Colorado State Parks Pass, issued by vehicle, on their auto windshield. A **daily pass** is valid from the day purchased until noon the following day. An annual pass is valid at any Colorado State Park. For **annual pass** holders who own more than one car, multiple passes are available for a reduced fee. Daily passes are available at self-service dispensers.



Colorado disabled veterans displaying Colorado Disabled Veteran (DV) license plates are admitted free without a pass.

In addition to a parks pass, campers are required to have a reservation to occupy a campsite.

Colorado residents 64 years of age or older qualify for a special discounted **Aspen Leaf** annual pass. This pass allows admission to all state parks every day and discounted camping on weekdays. Full camping fee is charged on weekends and holidays. Where available, an electrical fee is charged.

## Regulations

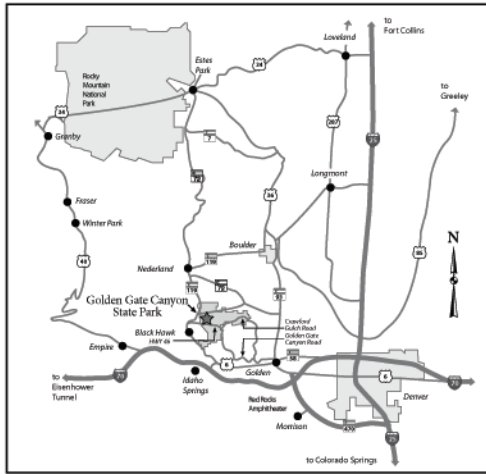
To help maintain the natural beauty and enjoyment of Golden Gate Canyon State Park, please respect the following:

1. Motorized vehicles must be kept on authorized roads.
2. Parking and camping are allowed only in designated areas.
3. Fires must be contained within the facilities provided and must be completely extinguished when not attended. No fires are allowed in the backcountry.
4. Proper receptacles for trash, waste water and sewage must be used.
5. Pets must be kept under control and on a leash no more than six feet long at all times.
6. Dead and downed trees can be collected for firewood use in campgrounds only.
7. Maximum camping stay in the park is 14 days within any 28-day period.
8. Do not discharge firearms or any weapon unless lawfully hunting. Contact the Visitors Center for more information.
9. RV's, campervans and rooftop tents must occupy an electrical site in Reverend's Ridge and are not allowed in tent sites



## Emergencies/Information

Park rangers are trained and equipped to give first aid. Assistance may also be obtained at the Visitors Center. Cell phone and internet coverage in the park area is very limited and unreliable. Payphones are located at the Visitor Center and Reverend's Ridge Campground office.



To reach Golden Gate Canyon State Park, take Highway 93 north from Golden one and a half miles to Golden Gate Canyon Road. Turn left and continue for 13 miles to the park.



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## Welcome!

Green mountain meadows, lush aspen groves and pine-covered hills greet you at Golden Gate Canyon State Park, 16 miles northwest of Golden.

With more than 12,000 acres of beauty ranging in elevation from 7,600 to 10,400 feet, Golden Gate offers a variety of outdoor recreation opportunities within a one hour drive of the Denver area.

## Visitors Center

The Visitors Center, which is open year-round, is located just inside the southeast entrance of the park on Golden Gate Canyon Road. Featured at the Visitors Center is the Wilbur and Nellie Larkin Memorial Nature Trail. This trail was designed to be accessible to the physically challenged and winds around the park's trout show pond. Inside the center are displays and exhibits describing the wildlife and plants of the area; a topographical scale model of the park; and a sales outlet for books, maps, shirts and other interesting items.



## Activities

### Rock Climbing

Multiple climbing opportunities can be found throughout the park and, in most cases, requires hiking into the backcountry. The Park does not maintain climbing areas for rock fall, nor routes for fixed hardware, and makes no representation or warranties regarding the safety, reliability or suitability for use of any fixed anchors or other hardware currently existing or installed in the future. It is unlawful to place fixed or permanent climbing hardware without a permit obtained from the Park Manager.

### Fishing and Hunting

Fishing is permitted in any stream or pond in the park except the Visitors Center show pond. All ponds are stocked regularly during the summer. A Colorado fishing license (available at the Visitors Center and online) is required.

Hunting in the park is controlled and is permitted in the Jefferson County portion of the park only. No hunting is allowed from sunset the Friday prior to Memorial Day until sunrise the Tuesday following Labor Day. Reservations are required through: [cpw.state.co.us/huntingreservations](http://cpw.state.co.us/huntingreservations). Limited access permits are available for hunting elk on the Green Ranch portion of the park. Information on seasons, regulations, and Green Ranch permits are available at the park office or on the web site.

## Event Facilities

The Red Barn Group Picnic Area can accommodate up to 150 people. This rustic setting is perfect for company picnics, weddings, or family reunions. This area is equipped with sheltered picnic tables, large grills, vault toilet and electricity, playground, volleyball court and horseshoe pit. Reservations can be made at [cpwshop.com](http://cpwshop.com)

Panorama Point can be scheduled for weddings/special events for groups of 40 people or less. The scenic overlook includes a large wood deck that offers a breathtaking view of the Continental Divide.

For additional event facility information, please call 303.582.3707.

## Hiking, Biking, Horseback Riding

Nearly 35 miles of hiking trails in the park offer opportunities and challenges for everyone. Some trails are for hikers only, while other trails are for multiple use— for hiking, horseback riding and mountain biking. Trailheads with parking areas are easily accessible from the main roads in the park. Refer to the trail map for more information. Please be courteous of all trail users! Cyclists must yield to all users, hikers yield to horses.

## Overnight Accommodations

Several overnight options are available to park visitors including developed RV and tent camping, backpack tent camping, group camping, one room cabins and yurts and a guest house. During summer months, campground information can be obtained at 303-642-3856 (call 303-582-3707 other times of the year). All camping, cabins/yurts and guest houses are available by reservation only by calling 1-800-244-5613 or at [cpwshop.com](http://cpwshop.com).

## Group Camping

A group of up to 75 people interested in tent camping can reserve Rifleman Phillips Group Camping Area. Nestled among a stand of lodge pole pines, the amenities provided in this area are water, vault toilet, fire pits, grills, bear boxes, picnic tables and large tent pads. The Works Ranch is a secluded 6 person cabin and group tent camping area. Up to 30 people can stay at the site; 6 in the cabin and 24 campers. Amenities include bunk beds, electricity, table and chairs, and a fire place in the cabin, picnic tables, grills, vault toilet, water, and two large tent pads for campers. Two night minimum is required to rent the Works Ranch. Group camping reservations can be made at [cpwshop.com](http://cpwshop.com) or by calling 1-800-244-5613.

Pets are welcome with an additional fee at Works Ranch.

## Reverend's Ridge Campground

This campground provides both electric and tent campsites with a picnic table and fire grill and is available by reservation only. Campground facilities include flush toilets, showers and laundry. During the summer, campfire programs are presented in an outdoor amphitheater. There is a holding tank dump station at Reverend's Ridge Campground. Limited sites and facilities are available during winter months. Please contact the park office or visit our web site for up to date conditions and available facilities.

## Aspen Meadow Campground

This campground provides 35 campsites for tents only. Facilities include water pumps, vault toilets and fire rings. Sites 15 and 16 at Rimrock Loop are designed for horseback riders. This campground provides 35 tent only campsites (no RV's or campers) and is available by reservation only.

## Cabins and Yurts

Cabins and Yurts, located at Reverend's Ridge Campground, are available year-round with sleeping for up to six people. Facilities include a water pump, vault toilets, fire rings and picnic tables. Flush toilets are nearby with showers (open weather permitting). Each unit has heat and electricity. Pets are welcome for an additional fee in yurt 1 and cabins 1, 3, 4 and 5. Two night minimum is required to rent cabins and yurts.

## Harmsen Ranch Guest House

For groups of 8 or less, consider a stay at this quaint and historic 4 bedroom house set in a mountain meadow. Amenities include private bedrooms including a master suite, 2 bathrooms, full kitchen, large deck with outdoor cooking area, and barn and corral area. For additional fees larger groups could utilize two RV/horse trailer type parking sites with electrical hookups located near the barn. Visitors staying at Harmsen have easy access to multiple use trails and other park amenities. No pets are allowed at Harmsen Ranch. Two night minimum is required to rent The Harmsen Ranch Guest House.

## Backcountry Campsites

For those who want a more primitive and somewhat unique camping experience, there are four backcountry shelters available at Golden Gate. These three-sided structures, with a roof and wooden floor, are built in the Appalachian trail-hut tradition and can sleep up to six people with no need for a tent. In addition, there are 20 backcountry tent sites. Backcountry camping permits are by reservation only through [cpwshop.com](http://cpwshop.com) or by calling 1.800.244.5613. No fires are allowed in the backcountry.





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## TRAIL KEY

Note: During winter months, some sections of trails and signage may not be visible due to snow.

	<b>Multiple Use</b> (Hiking, mountain biking, horseback riding)	
	<b>Hikers Only</b>	
	<b>Beaver - Most Difficult</b>	2.3 mi. Start: Slough Pond End: Slough Pond
	<b>Black Bear - Most Difficult</b>	2.8 mi. Start: Ralston Roost Trailhead End: Intersection with Mule Deer Trail
	<b>Blue Grouse - Moderate</b>	0.8 mi. Start: Kriley Pond End: Intersection with Mule Deer Trail
	<b>Buffalo - Moderate</b>	1.2 mi. Start: Rifleman Phillips End: Forgotten Valley
	<b>Burro - Difficult</b>	4.5 mi. Start: Bridge Creek End: Bridge Creek
	<b>Burro To City Lights Ridge</b>	1.2 mi. Start: Bridge Creek End: City Lights Ridge
	<b>Coyote - Most Difficult</b>	2.0 mi. Start: Bootleg Bottom End: Frazer Meadow
	<b>Horseshoe - Moderate</b>	1.8 mi. Start: Horseshoe Trailhead End: Frazer Meadow
	<b>Mountain Lion - Difficult</b>	6.7 mi. Start: Nott Creek End: Nott Creek
	<b>Mule Deer - Moderate</b>	9.1 mi. Start: Ole Barn Knoll End: Ole Barn Knoll via Panorama Point
	<b>Raccoon - Moderate</b>	3.5 mi. Start: Reverend's Ridge End: Reverend's Ridge via Panorama Point
	<b>Snowshoe Hare - Difficult</b>	3.0 mi. Start: Aspen Meadow End: Aspen Meadow

**Hunting Allowed**  
Reservations Required  
(Tuesday after Labor Day through Friday prior to Memorial Day)

No Hunting

**PLEASE NOTE**  
RVs and over-sized vehicles are not allowed on Mountain Base Road due to extremely steep grades and tight curves. Use Hwy. 46/Hwy. 119 route to the campgrounds. Mountain Base Road is closed in the winter.

**LEAVE NO TRACE PRINCIPLES**

- Know before you go
- Stick to trails camp overnight right
- Trash your trash and pick up poop
- Leave it as you found it
- Be careful with fire
- Keep wildlife wild
- Share our trails and manage your pet

1 mile

Call 1-800-244-5613 to make a campground reservation or go online at [cpwshop.com](http://cpwshop.com).



### LEGEND

	Visitors Center & Information		Overlook
	Backcountry Campsites 1-20		Picnic Area
	Backcountry Shelter 1-4		Parking Area
	Cabin		Tent Only Sites
	Campsites with Electric		Trail Head
	Fishing		Yurts
	Historical Structure		Stream
	Pay station (daily park passes)		Pond
	Park Boundary		RV route to North Entrance from the VC
	Road		
	Scenic Highway		
	State Wildlife Area		

