

# Jackson Lake State Park



## Who we are

Jackson Lake State Park is a great place for families, camping and water sports. Conveniently located near Denver, Greeley and Fort Morgan, Jackson Lake State Park is one of the most popular recreational lakes in northern Colorado. Visitors love Jackson's beautiful beaches, warm water and sandy lake bottom. The park offers 251 campsites (155 with electrical outlets) and year-round camping. Other popular activities at Jackson include pleasure boating, water skiing, OHV riding, fishing, swimming, picnicking, hiking, wildlife observation and hunting. During the winter, the park offers camping, wildlife observation, photography, ice fishing, ice skating, OHV riding and hunting.

## Top attractions

- Jackson Lake is a designated Dark Sky Park and great for stargazing and astronomy.
- The ice usually comes off the reservoir by mid-March, providing one of the best early boating opportunities in Colorado.
- The beautiful, natural sand beaches, warm water and gradual drop-off are very popular with swimmers and sunbathers. The large warm water reservoir with its sandy bottom and lack of hazards is extremely attractive to water skiers and pleasure boaters.
- The park is home to an abundance of wildlife and offers excellent wildlife watching opportunities. Bird watchers commonly spot species that are unusual or rarely seen in the state.
- The off-highway vehicle (OHV) track offers novice riders a place to learn how to ride an OHV. The track is about 1.75 miles long and offers fun for the whole family.

## Our partners

- Weldona, Wiggins, Brush and Ft. Morgan school districts
- Jackson Lake Village
- Morgan County
- Jackson Lake Irrigation Company

## Challenges we face

- Developing recreational opportunities and events that remain strong during low water periods, as fluctuating water levels impact park operations, visitation and revenue
- Attracting volunteers due to the remote location of the park and the low population in the area
- Controlling aquatic nuisance species and noxious weeds, which requires increased efforts and funding
- Evaluating current operations in light of increasing operational costs and static budgets



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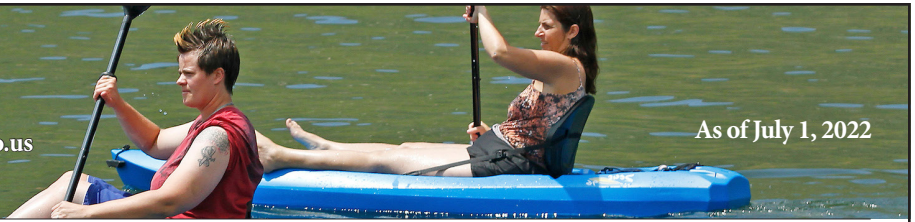
## Volunteer activities

- Scout groups, school groups, service groups, and others volunteer at the park for a variety of projects. Most of this volunteer work helps with park maintenance, weed control, and other labor intensive activities.

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As of July 1, 2022



## Geography

Region: Northeast  
County: Morgan  
Elevation: 4,600 ft  
Year Acquired: 1962  
Miles From Denver: 76

## Acreage

Total Acres: 3,100

## Governmental

US Cong Dist: 4<sup>th</sup>  
CO Senate: 1<sup>st</sup>  
CO House: 63<sup>rd</sup>

## Employees

Permanent: 5  
Temporary: 22  
Volunteers (FY 22): 59  
Volunteer Hours (FY 22): 3,173

## Annual Visitation

FY 22: ~240,000

## Facilities

Boat Ramps  
Dump Station

## Event Facilities

Group Picnic Area  
Laundry  
Marina  
OHV Track  
60 Picnic Sites  
Showers (coin-operated)  
Swim Beach  
Visitor Center

## Trails

Biking: 3.4 miles  
Hiking: 3.4 miles  
OHV: 1.75 miles  
Total: 3.4 miles

## Roads

Paved: 1.7 miles  
Unpaved: 6.2 miles

## Recreation

Boating  
Fishing  
Geocaching  
Hunting  
Ice Fishing  
Ice Skating  
Jet Skiing  
Picnicking  
Ranger/Nature Programs  
Sailboarding  
Swimming  
Volleyball  
Water skiing  
Wildlife/Bird Viewing  
Winter Camping

## Camping

Campsites (basic, year-round): 92  
Campsites (electrical, year-round): 155  
Group Facilities (year-round)

