

James M. Robb-Colorado River State Park



Who we are

Colorado Parks and Wildlife (CPW) utilizes the principles of conservation - the wise use of natural resources - to effectively manage fishing, hunting, wildlife viewing, camping, motorized and non-motorized trails, boating and outdoor education for the citizens of Colorado and its visitors. James M. Robb-Colorado River State Park consists of five sections of beautiful riverfront along 35 miles of the Colorado River as it flows through the Grand Junction area, from Island Acres in the east, through Corn Lake, the Colorado River Wildlife Area, Connected Lakes and down river to Fruita. This remarkable park offers unique scenic and recreation opportunities. Trails wind through stands of tall trees and along the banks of the famous and magnificent Colorado River. Island Acres and Fruita offer showers and tent camping as well as full-service campsites. Island Acres also offers swimming. Fishing is allowed within all park sections and waterfowl hunting is allowed at Island Acres and west of Corn Lake.

Top attractions

- CPW is actively involved in the development of the One Riverfront Trail System along the Colorado River. This effort will provide convenient and quality trail access for people wanting to enjoy the river.
- The Grand Valley is a major tourist destination. Fruita, Grand Junction, and Palisade are gateway communities to many natural attractions, including the Colorado National Monument, McInnis Canyons National Conservation Area, the Grand Mesa, the Colorado River and extensive federal lands.
- The Island Acres and Fruita sections of the park offer visitors a chance to enjoy the Grand Valley, with camping available to those who want to relax and spend some time there.
- The Grand Junction area is famous for the extensive biking and hiking trails available to the public, including the 150-mile Kokopelli Trail.
- Wineries, orchards, events, festivals and sightseeing driving tours through the Dinosaur Diamond and Scenic Byway 65 attract visitors to the Grand Junction area.
- The Island Acres section is minutes away from the new Cameo Shooting and Education Complex. Competitors who have recreational vehicles or choose to camp will have easy access to this section.

Our partners

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| • Grand Junction Visitor and Convention Bureau | • City of Grand Junction |
| • Mesa County | • Colorado Mesa University |
| • One Riverfront | • Town of Palisade |
| • Bureau of Reclamation | • River's Edge West |
| • City of Fruita | • Two River's Wildfire Coalition |
| • Mesa Valley School District 51 | • Mesa Land Trust |



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Challenges we face

- An important challenge is understanding how to efficiently use our limited resources to market a park with an attractive mild climate, convenient access to the I-70 corridor and a long visitation season.
- Multiple properties were acquired to allow for the eventual expansion of the Riverfront Trail system. Managing these properties for the maximum benefit of the agency, while waiting for the opportunity to develop the Riverfront Trail has created political challenges.
- Non-native, invasive plants dominate many of our properties, while poor soils, lack of irrigation and significant beaver populations complicate restoration after invasive plants are removed, presenting a challenge in our effort to improve habitat quality.
- Effectively coordinating efforts with other agencies to develop the Riverfront Trail, while maintaining overall park operations and meeting park visitor needs remains a management challenge.
- As the only managing entity along the Riverfront Trail that charges fees to park or utilize boat ramps, providing a sufficient level of service and amenities to users is a challenge.

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Volunteer activities

- The campground host program provides valuable services to campers and assists park staff during the long camping season.
- Monthly volunteer programs held in conjunction with RiversEdge West are supporting habitat reclamation while also building relevancy for both entities.

Geography

Region: Northwest
County: Mesa
Year Acquired: 1968
Elevation (ft): 4,600
Miles From Denver: 240

Acreage

Total Acres: 819

Governmental

US Cong Dist: 3rd
CO Senate: 7th
CO House: 54th and 55th

Employees

Permanent: 9
Temporary: 16
Volunteers (FY 22): 33
Volunteer Hours (FY 22): 6,247

Annual Visitation

FY 22: ~53,000

Facilities

3 Boat Ramps
Duck Blinds
2 Dump Stations
3 Group Picnic Areas
2 Laundry Facilities
11 Picnic Sites
2 Showers
Swim Beach
3 Visitor Centers

Trails

Biking: 13 miles
Hiking: 13 miles
Horseback: 5 miles
Total: 13 miles

Roads

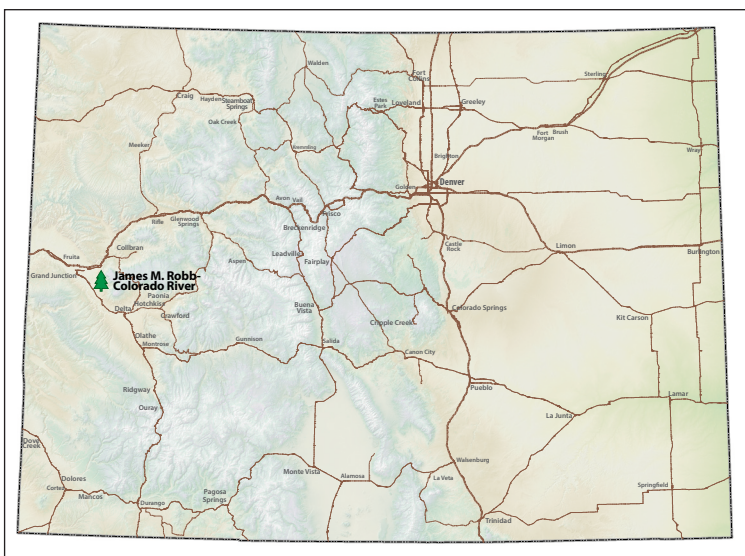
Paved: 4.1 miles
Unpaved: 1.1 miles

Recreation

Boating
Fishing
Geocaching
Hunting
Ice Fishing
Ice Skating
Paddleboarding
Picnicking
Ranger/Nature Programs
Sailboarding
Swimming
Wildlife/Bird Viewing
Winter Camping

Camping

Campsites (basic, year round): 19
Campsites (electrical, year round): 56
Campsites (full-hookup, year round): 22
Campsites (full-hookup, seasonal): 40
Group Facilities (year round): 6



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