

Regulations

Please obey the following regulations to help preserve the park, resources and ensure the safety of all visitors.

- All vehicles must display a valid parks pass at all times.
- Park is closed 10 p.m. to 5 a.m. unless actively boating, fishing or camping.
- Quiet hours are enforced 10 p.m. to 6 a.m.
- Build fires only in metal containers or grills and fire rings provided. Unattended fires are prohibited.
- Keep vehicles on maintained roads or in parking areas.
- Camp only in designated campsites.
- Keep your pets on a leash no longer than six feet.
- Pets and glass are prohibited on the swim beach.
- Please clean up after your pets. It's the law!
- Place litter in the receptacles provided.
- Do not remove or destroy trees or other property.
- Horses are allowed only on equestrian trails on the west side of Horseshoe Lake. Horses are prohibited in the campground.
- Firewood gathering is prohibited.
- Follow all boating and fishing regulations.
- Please see the visitor center for a complete listing of regulations.

Park Passes

- Visitors to Lathrop State Park are required to display a current Colorado State Parks Pass on their auto windshield. The following types of passes are available:
- A Daily Pass is valid from the day purchased until noon the following day.
- An Annual Pass is valid at any state park and is valid for one year from the month it was purchased. For annual pass holders who own another vehicle, an additional pass is available at a reduced fee. A transferable annual pass is available. Ask visitor center for details.
- The Aspen Leaf Annual Pass is available at a discounted rate for Colorado residents age 64 and over. It allows admission to all state parks every day and discounted camping Sunday through Thursday nights, excluding holidays.
- Colorado residents with current Colorado Disabled Veterans or Purple Heart license plates may access Colorado State Parks free without a pass on the windshield. These plates are obtained through the Division of Motor Vehicles. The law for individuals with Disabled Veterans or Purple Heart license plates provides free entrance to state parks and does not provide special camping rates. The veteran must be present in the vehicle.
- Individual Pass: for visitors who walk or bike into the park. An annual pass receipt can also serve as an individual pass.

Ecosystem and History

Lathrop State Park, with 1460 acres, lies on a high plains grassland at an elevation of 6200 feet and dotted with pinon and juniper trees that are typical of Southeastern Colorado. It offers visitors two lakes to enjoy, and it is the only Colorado State Park that adjoins a golf course (which also comes with its own miniature golf and restaurant). Natural resources to enjoy in the park include wildlife species such as mule deer, rabbits, coyotes, bobcats, and a variety of birds and waterfowl. Bald eagles visit the icy waters in the park throughout the winter. A variety of flowering plants bloom throughout the summer. The park is a popular place to enjoy fishing, boating, swimming, camping, hiking, golfing, archery, and biking.

People have been attracted to the area that is now Lathrop State Park for thousands of years. The park shows remnants of ancient people camping within the overhangs of rock outcroppings. The nearby Spanish Peaks, which tower over the park from the south at 13,623 and 12,028 feet in elevation, were used as directional guides by trappers, explorers, prospectors, and native American tribes.

A more recent history of the lakes goes back to the 1800's when Dr. Thomas Francis Martin developed a reservoir, then called Lake Oehm, to service the city of Walsenburg and to develop a tourist resort. The resort had a hotel, rustic cabins, and fruit orchards. The resort was moved to the city of Walsenburg, and the local government eventually purchased Lake Oehm. It was opened to the public in 1946 as Huajatolla Park (named for the Spanish Peaks). In 1961, the director of the Colorado State Parks Board, Harold Lathrop, purchased the park from the city of Walsenburg. It was opened in July 1962 and named in his honor.

Visitor Center

The visitor center boasts a historical mural and interactive interpretive displays for visitors of all ages.

The visitor center provides park passes, camping permits, bagged ice, firewood, bait, worms, snacks and outdoor necessities such as sunscreen. Visitors



First Aid

First aid may be obtained from any park ranger or at the visitor center. In case of an emergency, dial 911. Spanish Peaks Regional Health Center is also located across the highway from the park entrance and has a 24-hour emergency room.

Location

From Walsenburg go three miles west on Hwy. 160.

Camping Reservations

Reservations can be made 24/7 by calling 1-800-244-5613.

Make your reservation online at cpwshop.com

All camping is by reservation only. Reservations can be made on the day of arrival or up to 6 months in advance. There is no additional fee to make a reservation.

More detailed camping information and a campground map are inside this brochure.

Walsenburg Golf and Miniature Golf

This beautiful nine-hole public golf course is located adjacent to the park and overlooks Martin Lake and the Spanish Peaks. Campers can walk to the golf course on a trail next to campsite C70.

The clubhouse features a restaurant, miniature golf, pro shop and wifi.

For more information call (719) 738-2730.

Book your own tee time and get more information at golfwalsenburg.com



Lathrop State Park

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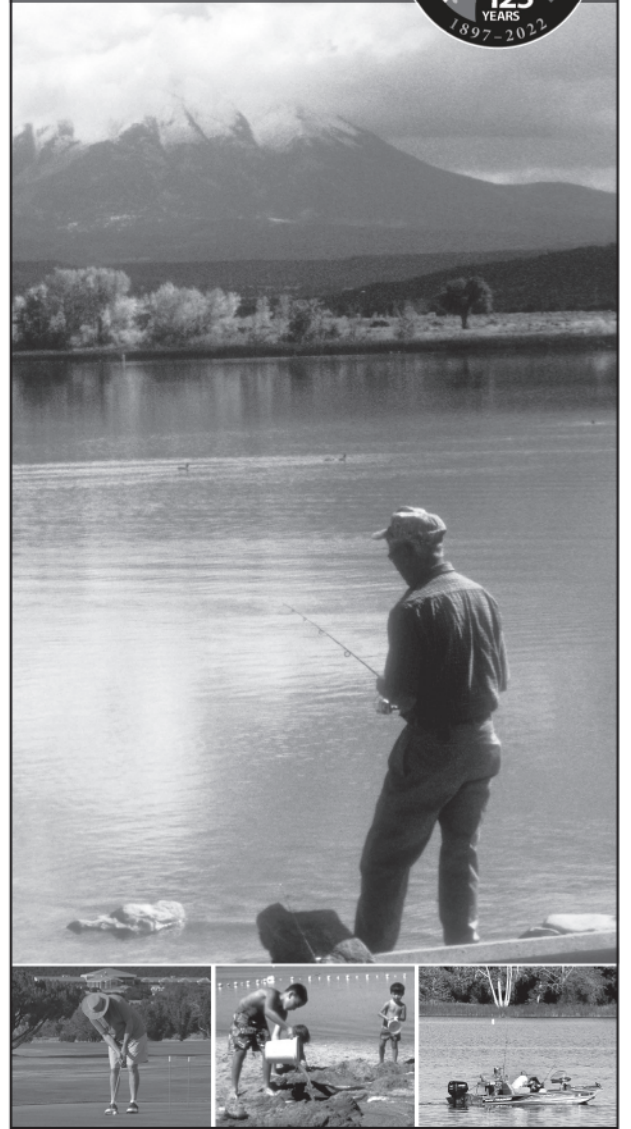
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can also pick up brochures on Colorado State Parks and local attractions, listings of ranger activities, and park regulations. The Visitor Center also has a gift shop that offers items such as maps, books, guides, post cards and other local nature-oriented novelties.

Fishing & Hunting

Lathrop is a popular fishing area where visitors can catch many warm water species including pike, rainbow trout, channel catfish, tiger muskie, bass, walleye, bluegill and crappie. In the winter, ice conditions are considered unsafe and ice fishing is not recommended. A youth fishing area is located near the Martin Lake Dam. Fishing licenses are required for everyone 16 years and older. The swim beach, ski beach, boat docks, the dam on Martin Lake and boat ramps are closed to fishing.

The posted areas around Horseshoe Lake are open for waterfowl and small game hunting during regular seasons. Hunting is prohibited from the Friday before Memorial Day until the Tuesday after Labor Day. Only shotguns, bows and arrows and crossbows are permitted during open seasons. Hunting licenses are required. Fishing and hunting licenses can be purchased at the visitor center during business hours.

Boating & Swimming

Martin Lake, with 180 surface acres, offers water-skiing, fishing, power and non-motorized boating, wind surfing and swimming. Swimming is permitted *only* at the swim beach and is at the individual's own risk. A lane for lap swimmers is open outside the swimming area. The swim beach is open Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day weekend. Martin Lake is divided into zones by buoys that designate swimming and direction of traffic on the lake. Please review the zoning system posted at the boat ramp. With 140 surface acres, Horseshoe Lake offers boating at wakeless speeds and fishing.

Boaters must observe all regulations as published in Colorado Boating Statutes and Regulations, which is available at the visitor center. To protect these lakes, all motorized watercraft must be inspected for zebra mussels and other aquatic nuisance species (ANS) prior to launching. Boaters may also purchase boat registrations and ANS stamps at the visitor center.

Archery Range

Lathrop has a range where archers can practice at either a twenty, fifty or eighty yard target. The range entrance is located approximately one half mile west of the main park entrance on Highway 160. Broadheads, smoking, firearms and overnight camping are prohibited at the archery range.

Trails

Hogback, Cuerno Verde, and equestrian trails are located in the park. The Hogback Trail winds through sandstone formations and then climbs up the rocky Hogback Ridge that forms the park's northern boundary. As the trail follows the top of the ridge, majestic views of the Spanish Peaks, Sangre de Cristo and Wet Mountain ranges can be enjoyed.

Along the 2.3-mile Hogback Trail, marker posts have been installed to accompany a self-guided brochure containing information about the area's plants, animal life and history. The brochures are available at the trailhead or at the visitor center. Bicycles and horses are prohibited on this designated nature trail.

Located on the west side of the Hogback Trail, hikers can enjoy a short 780 foot walk into history to the William Henry Jackson Overlook, which is located at the actual spot where the famed photographer took a photo of the area in 1885. An interpretive sign at the overlook tells more about Jackson and displays a copy of the photo he took at the same location.

The Cuerno Verde Trail is an exceptionally scenic multi-use non-motorized, concrete trail that encircles Martin Lake. This trail is just less than three miles and is a closed loop trail. This handicap-accessible trail is popular with bicyclists as well as walkers and is within walking distance from both campgrounds. All motorized use is prohibited.

Equestrian trail users and mountain bikers can enjoy a trail on the west side of Horseshoe Lake. Horse trailers can park at two parking lots marked with equestrian signs, and 1.5 miles of marked trail is available for horses and bikers around the west side of the park. Horses are prohibited everywhere else in the park, including campgrounds.

Camping

Lathrop State Park offers its visitors 103 campsites on two campgrounds and three group camping areas. Campgrounds accommodate motor homes, trailers and tents and offer either a basic or improved camping experience. Amenities include showers, dump station, community hydrants (no hookups) and trash receptacles.

All campers are required to have a park pass on their vehicle before setting up at one of the campgrounds. Campers arriving after the visitor center has closed may purchase passes at the self-service station in the campground or at the visitor center. Campsites must be reserved before occupying. See reservation info below.

To improve your camping experience, please observe the following:

- Camping is permitted in designated campsites only.
- Quiet hours are from 10 p.m. to 6 a.m.
- Pets must always be on leash and in control. Properly dispose of pet waste.
- Keep vehicles on designated roads and parking areas. Only two vehicles are allowed at each campsite.
- Cutting/gathering of firewood is unlawful.
- Campfires must be attended. Please extinguish fires before vacating site.
- Check out time is noon.
- No more than one single group, limited to six people, one camping unit, and one tent may occupy one campsite.
- In order to avoid damaging trees and shrubs, tying of ropes or clotheslines is prohibited.
- Put trash in receptacles. Do not put trash in fire pits.
- Please do not keep hoses connected to water hydrants. They are for public use.

Lathrop State Park



Elevation 6,400 ft.

LEGEND			
	Accessible		Visitor Center
	Amphitheater		Fishing Access
	Bird Watch Area		Foot Trail
	Boat Ramp		Group Camping
	Dam		Group Camping/Picnic
	Dump Station		Information
	Dumpster		Non-electric sites
	Electrical Hookups		Picnic Area
	Playground		Restrooms
	RV Camping		Self Service Station
	Showers		Swim Beach/Lap Lane
	Tent Camping		Trail Head
			Water
			Hunting Boundary
			Park Boundary
			Trail

CAMPING FEES

A park pass is required on each vehicle in addition to the camping fee.

Piñon Electric - \$36.00/night

Yucca Non-Electric - \$28.00/night

Group A Non-Electric - \$75.00/night

Group B Electric - \$175/night

Los Alamos Group Electric - \$225.00/night

Aspen Leaf passholders receive \$3.00 discount

Sunday- Thursday nights, excluding holidays.

RESERVATIONS

- Reserve your individual or group site 24/7 by calling 1-800-244-5613 or online at cpwshop.com.
- Sites may be reserved on the day of arrival or up to 6 months in advance. There is no additional fee to make a reservation.

Piñon Campground

Piñon Campground features 82 sites with pull-through parking spaces, electrical hook-ups, flush toilets, tent pads, shower houses, a playground and access to the amphitheater.

The campground is within walking distance of Martin Lake, the Hogback Trail and a nine-hole public and mini golf course adjacent to the park, allowing easy access for fishing, hiking and golfing.

Each site is equipped with 20, 30 and 50 amp electric, a picnic table and fire grill. The campground has a dump station and water hydrants.

Yucca Campground

Yucca Campground is located within walking distance of Martin Lake and offers 21 non-electric camping sites for tents, small trailers and camping vans. A picnic table and fire grill are provided at each site. The campground has gravel back-in spaces and vault toilets. Water is available at hydrants throughout the campground.

Group Camping

Los Alamos Electric Group Campsite is located within walking distance of Martin Lake's popular ski beach, boat ramp and swim beach. Los Alamos provides seven electric pedestals in a group picnic setting near the lake's shoreline, a group picnic shelter with seven tables, a water hydrant, fire pit, large barbecue grill, volleyball court and horseshoe pit. Flush toilet facilities are located nearby.

The Group-A non-electric campsite, perfect for a large tent-camping group, provides three large tent pads, an oversized campfire ring, a stand-up grill, three picnic tables, a water hydrant and benches. This site is for tent camping only.

The Group-B electric campsite accommodates up to six camping units and six additional vehicles. This site provides a covered pavilion, a campfire ring, a stand-up grill, benches and 20, 30 and 50 amp electric.

Both Group A and B campgrounds have vault toilets.

ALL CAMPSITES ARE BY RESERVATION ONLY

Piñon Campground

Electric

The following sites have tent pads:

Loop A 23, 26, 29, 34, 37

Loop B 45, 47, 50, 51, 61

Loop C 67, 75, 76, 78

Loop D 86, 90, 93, 95, 98

Each loop has a shower, restroom, and water hydrants. Please do not stay connected to hydrants. Amenities are for paid campers only.

LOOP A

LOOP B

LOOP C

LOOP D

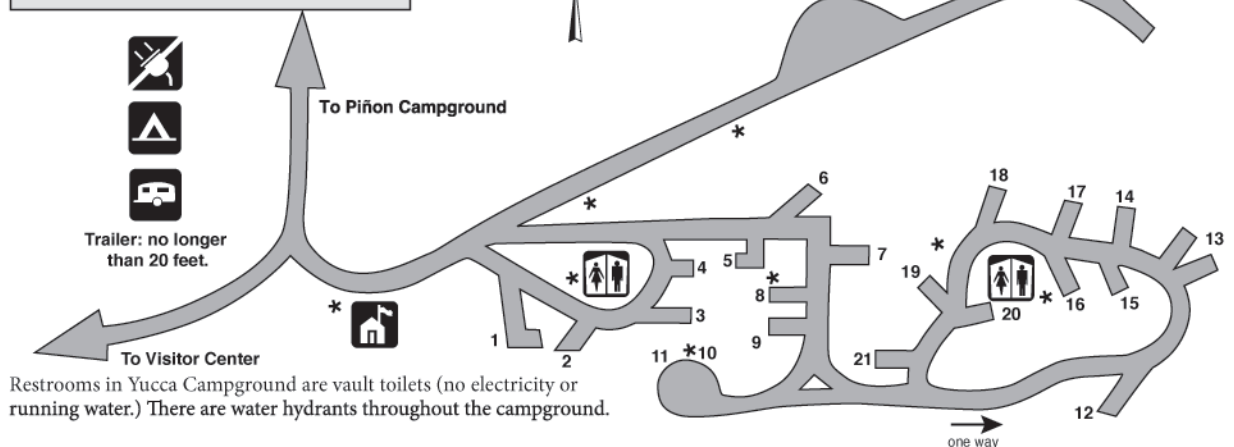
The following campsites are accessible:
27 59 63 87 101

Trailer: no longer than 20 feet.

Yucca Campground

Non-electric

All sites allow tents.



Restrooms in Yucca Campground are vault toilets (no electricity or running water.) There are water hydrants throughout the campground.