

# Mueller State Park



## Who we are

Mueller State Park sits on the west side of Pikes Peak between the historic towns of Divide and Cripple Creek. Over 44 miles of trails allow park visitors to explore mountain meadows, aspen and conifer forests, geological formations and backcountry ponds. Hikers, mountain bikers and horseback riders can explore 5,117 acres by going for short or day-long adventures. The 134-site campground is located in a mixed forest setting with many sites offering splendid views of Pikes Peak and the surrounding mountain ranges. Two equestrian campsites are located at the old ranch livery/equestrian trailhead. Four primitive campsites offer visitors the chance to experience solitude in Mueller's backcountry. Reservations for campsites should be made as early as possible as the campground fills up daily between early May and late September. The park also offers three fully furnished rental log cabins.

## Top attractions

- A 134-site campground in a picturesque setting of conifer and aspen forests, two group campgrounds with views of the Sangre de Cristo Mountain Range, and two equestrian campsites
- Three deluxe, fully furnished log cabins for rent
- Four primitive campsites in the Mueller backcountry for rent
- Over 44 miles of backcountry trails, including three self-guided nature trails
- Abundant wildlife watching and birding opportunities, with over 100 species of documented birds
- Beautiful backcountry ponds
- Proximity to other attractions in the Pikes Peak Region
- A dynamic park visitor center with wildlife, geology and historical exhibits

## Our partners

- National Park Service - Florissant Fossil Beds National Monument
- Woodland Park School District RE-2, Cripple Creek School District Re-1, Colorado Springs School Districts
- Friends of Mueller State Park
- Catamount Institute
- Rocky Mountain Field Institute
- Merchants in Woodland Park, Divide, Cripple Creek and Victor
- Volunteers for Outdoor Colorado
- Colorado State Forest Service
- Roundup Riders of the Rockies
- Coalition for the Upper South Platte



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## Challenges we face

- Implementing a forest management plan that improves ecosystem health and reduces chances of catastrophic wildfire
- Maintaining a 44-mile trail system consisting of old ranch roads where the prevalent soil is highly erosive decomposed granite
- Renovating aging facilities and infrastructure to reduce maintenance and operation costs
- Reallocating existing budgets to meet increasing demands on facilities and minimum wage increases

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## Manager's message

Mueller is one of the hidden treasures of Colorado's state park system. Located in the mountains just west of Pikes Peak, the park is known for its colorful history, abundant wildlife and forest resources. Mueller has one of the most popular campgrounds in the Pikes Peak Region. Campgrounds fill up every night from early May until late September and on the weekends from late fall to winter. Day use is highest during aspen season, when parking areas often reach capacity. Visitors from all over the world come to camp and hike at Mueller, and to enjoy the serenity of the mountains west of Pikes Peak. Mueller also provides a once in a lifetime opportunity for many school kids to learn about wildlife, forests and ecosystems so that they may become future stewards of our natural resources. Our annual Outdoor Skills Day and Western Heritage Day events give families an opportunity to experience many different types of outdoor activities and experience the park in a unique way.

## Volunteer activities

- Trail volunteers work regularly in the summer maintaining trails by building water bars, clearing vegetation, repairing wash-outs and removing old interior barbed wire fencing.
- Volunteer naturalists lead guided hikes, evening campfire programs and meet with school groups.

### Geography

Region: Southeast  
County: Teller  
Year Acquired: 1980  
Elevation (ft): 9,500  
Miles From Denver: 100

### Acreage

Total Acres: 5,117

### Governmental

US Cong Dist: 7<sup>th</sup>  
CO Senate: 4<sup>th</sup>  
CO House: 60<sup>th</sup>

### Employees

Permanent: 7  
Temporary: 11  
Volunteers (FY 22): 83  
Volunteer Hours (FY 22): 6,930

### Visitation

FY 22: ~120,000

### Facilities

Auditorium  
Camper Services Building  
Dump Station  
Horse Trailer Parking  
Laundry  
Picnic Sites  
Playground Area  
Showers (coin operated)  
Wedding Facilities  
Visitor Center

### Trails

Biking: 38 miles  
Hiking: 44.3 miles  
Horseback: 35.25 miles  
Cross Country Skiing/Snowshoeing: 44.3 miles  
Total: 44.3 miles

### Roads

Paved: 5.8 miles

### Recreation

Hiking  
Mountain Biking  
Horseback Riding  
Cross Country Skiing and Snowshoeing  
Fishing  
Geocaching  
Hunting  
Picnicking  
Ranger/Nature Programs  
Snowtubing  
Wildlife/Bird Viewing  
Winter Camping

### Camping

Cabins (year-round): 3  
Campsites (basic): 22  
Campsites (electrical): 112  
Campsites (primitive): 4  
Group Facilities (seasonal)

