

# Navajo State Park



## Who we are

Described as “Colorado’s answer to Lake Powell,” Navajo State Park is a place where recreation, history, wildlife and the beauty of southwest Colorado meet. The 35-mile long Navajo Reservoir, with 15,000 surface acres, offers a unique challenge to the angler and unlimited pleasure to the boater. Record-size northern pike, smallmouth bass and catfish fill these uncrowded waters. During the winter months, bald eagles soar above the lake. The park visitor center contains artifacts of the ancient Puebloans in a setting rich in local history.

## Top attractions

- Water recreation
- Fishing
- Camping
- Wildlife viewing (especially bald eagles during winter months)
- Marina

## Our partners

- U.S. Bureau of Reclamation
- Ducks Unlimited

## Challenges we face

- Adequate and sustainable funding for marina equipment, facilities and structures maintenance are needed.
- Campgrounds are in need of being rehabbed. Needed landscaping changes include revegetation (grasses and trees) and xeriscaping in areas, repairing/replacing fire rings and the continued addition of more shade shelters.
- The park’s geographic location and limited funding reduce our ability to recruit temporary workers. Improvements to existing housing and adding new housing units would help address this.
- The use of fertilizers upstream of the park and increased drought conditions have led to toxic algal blooms within the lake.
- The park continues to look for ways to restore the Sambrito Wetlands area as a true wetland.
- Invasive and non-native plants continue to be addressed through the release of gall wasps.

## Volunteer Activities

- Campground host program
- Boat ramp shuttle program
- Visitor services assistant program
- Marina volunteer program



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Park Manager: Vacant

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## Geography

Region: Southwest  
County: Archuleta and La Plata  
Year Acquired: 1964  
Elevation (ft): 6,100  
Miles From Denver: 310

## Acreeage

Total Acres: 5,088

## Governmental

US Cong Dist: 3<sup>rd</sup>  
CO Senate: 6<sup>th</sup>  
CO House: 59<sup>th</sup>

## Employees

Permanent: 7  
Temporary: 30  
Volunteers (FY 22): 16  
Volunteer Hours (FY 22): 2,660

## Annual Visitation

FY 22: ~280,000

## Facilities

Boat Ramp  
Boat Rental  
Dump Station  
Fish Cleaning Station  
Group Picnic Areas  
Laundry  
Marina (year-round)  
Mooring/Docking  
12 Picnic Sites  
Showers (coin-operated)  
Visitor Center

## Roads

Paved: 2.2 miles  
Unpaved: 3.6 miles

## Trails

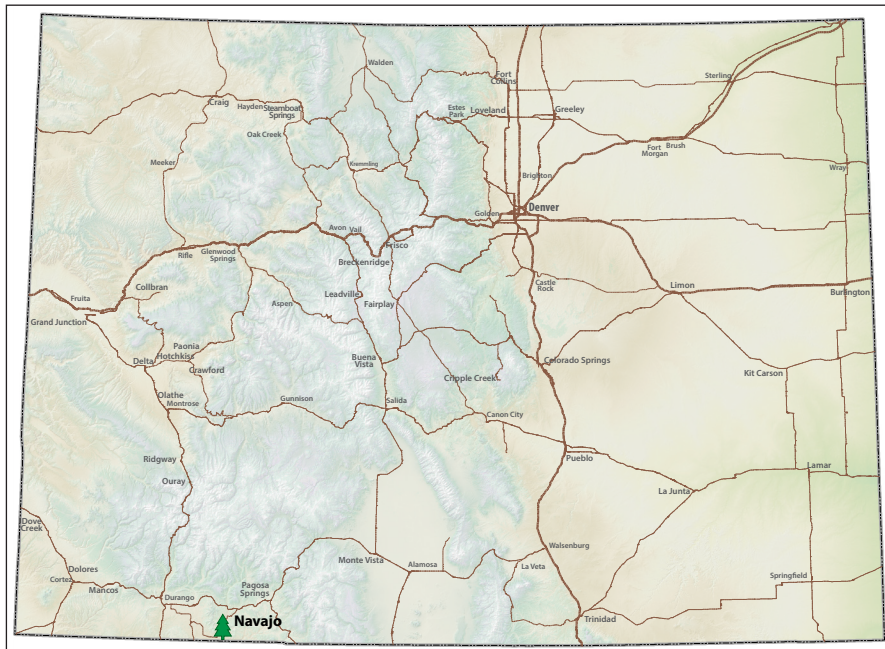
Biking: 9 miles  
Hiking: 9 miles  
Horseback: 6.2 miles  
Cross Country Skiing/  
Snowshoeing: 5.5 miles  
Total: 9 miles

## Recreation

Boating  
Fishing  
Hunting  
Jet Skiing  
Picnicking  
Ranger/Nature Programs  
Sailboarding  
Water Skiing  
Wildlife/Bird Viewing  
Winter Camping

## Camping

Cabins (year-round): 3  
Campsites (basic, year-round) : 37  
Campsites (electrical, seasonal): 40  
Campsites (full-hookup year-round): 41  
Campsites (primitive, year-round): 24



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