Spinney Mountain State Park

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Who we are

When fishing is good at Spinney Mountain State Park, you will have to look hard to find any better. Spinney Mountain State Park provides excellent belly boating, shore fishing and boating opportunities for all anglers. This nearly 2,500 surface-acre reservoir serves as an isolated retreat for visitors seeking beautiful views of the Collegiate Peaks mountain range or just a little solitude from life in the city. The park is open seasonally from ice-off in the spring until it ices over in the fall or November 15th, whichever comes first.

Top attractions

- Spinney Mountain Reservoir State Park is listed as a "Gold Medal Water" trout fishing reservoir by Colorado Parks and Wildlife, along with the portion of the South Platte River feeding into Spinney Mountain Reservoir.
- This is one of the premier fishing areas in all of Colorado.

Our partners

- City of Aurora
- Colorado State Land Board
- Park County Sheriff's Department
- Colorado State Patrol
- Hartsel Fire Department
- South Park Ambulance District
- U.S. Bureau of Land Management
- Coalition for the Upper South Platte
- Park County Emergency Services Council



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Challenges we face

- Partnering with other agencies and private parties to address the ongoing bison and cattle trespass issues that have a negative impact on resources and public safety
- · Working with the City of Aurora to maintain water levels for recreational activity between Memorial Day and Labor Day
- Working with the hatcheries to secure an adequate supply of larger trout in future years to ensure the long-term and continued success of the fishery

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Manager's Message

Only three reservoirs in Colorado are designated Gold Medal Waters due to their outstanding, productive fisheries, and they include Spinney Mountain Reservoir. Fishery managers work hard at Spinney Mountain Reservoir to maintain a proper balance between productive trout populations and trophy-size northern pike, which are also found in abundance in the reservoir. Gold Medal river sections include the South Platte River between the confluence of the middle and south forks downstream to Spinney Mountain Reservoir, and along the river from the base of the Spinney Mountain dam, continuing across the Charlie Meyers State Wildlife Area and ending at the inlet to Eleven Mile Reservoir along what is appropriately known as "The Dream Stream."

Geography

Region: Northeast County: Park

Year Acquired: 1987 Elevation: 8,686 ft Miles From Denver: 115

Acreage

Total Acres: 6,080

Governmental US Cong Dist: 7th

CO Senate: 4th CO House: 13th **Employees**

Temporary: 6

Annual Visitation

FY 22: ~120,000

Facilities

2 Boat Ramps21 Picnic Sites8 vault toilets

Roads

Unpaved: 7.8 miles

Recreation

Boating

Fishing—special regulations apply

Hunting

Wildlife/Bird Viewing

