

Wagon wheels and ore cars — two symbols of the area's rich history. Stagecoaches traveled over Yellow Jacket Pass, now County Road 14, on their way to Oak Creek or Steamboat Springs. The fertile upper Yampa Valley attracted early ranchers, farmers and coal miners. Many of the reservoir's campgrounds and picnic areas are named after early coal mines and mining camps. Today, visitors to Stagecoach State Park enjoy a variety of recreational activities. Located in the lower elevation of the river valley, native grasses, shrubs and flowering plants are the dominant vegetation types in the park. Visitors enjoy views of the Flat Tops Wilderness to the southwest, and the cliff face of Blacktail Mountain to the north. Three-mile-long Stagecoach Reservoir was built as a water storage facility by the Upper Yampa Water Conservancy District. Colorado Parks and Wildlife manages the recreational uses of the reservoir under a lease with the water district.

Enjoy your stay at Stagecoach State Park!

## Park Passes and Camping Permits

All vehicles entering the park are required to display a current Colorado State Parks Pass. Every person not arriving in a vehicle must have an individual pass or evidence of a current annual park pass. Daily park passes are available at the park entrance station, park office, and fee stations. The Aspen Leaf annual pass is available to Colorado seniors 64 and older at a discounted rate. Vehicles displaying Colorado Disabled Veteran (DV) license plates are admitted free without a pass.

## Park Office

The park office is open year-round and sells passes, registrations, licenses and retail merchandise. The park office is also home to our loaner gear program, where you can borrow fishing equipment, snowshoes, activity backpacks and fat tire bikes, all free of charge.

## Camping

The park's four campgrounds have a total of 92 campsites which can accommodate tents, campers or trailers. One camping unit and up to 6 people are allowed per site. The group campsites can accommodate larger groups. Campground users must have both a camping reservation and park pass.

A dump station is provided for your convenience with the purchase of a camping permit. Water hydrants are placed throughout the campgrounds. Shower facilities are available at the Marina.

## Picnic Sites

Picnic sites are located throughout the park. Each site has a picnic table and standing grill. The Arrowhead Group Picnic area is available for groups of up to 70.

## Reservations

To make a camping, Group Area or hunting reservations visit [cpwshop.com](http://cpwshop.com) or call 1-800-244-5613. Camping reservations are required and can be made prior to or upon arrival.

## Boating and Water Sports

Boaters are subject to current Colorado Boating Statutes and Regulations and Aquatic Nuisance Species rules and inspections. The park has two boat ramps for launching trailered vessels. Swimming is allowed in the no wake zones and designated swim beach area. Swimming is not allowed beyond the no wake buoys. Swimming is at your own risk. Other facilities include a marina concession which provides boat rentals, fishing and camping supplies.

## Trails

Seven trails provide over 8 miles of recreation opportunities at the park including hiking, biking, and equine opportunities in the summer, and snowshoeing or cross-country skiing in the winter. The P.L.A.T. is open May 1 through November 30 each year.

## Fishing

The reservoir is known for its fast growing, hard fighting rainbow trout, and the occasional brown trout. The reservoir also has record size northern pike. The tailwater section of river below the dam is restricted to catch and release using flies and lures only. Current fishing regulation brochures are available at the park office.

## Hunting

Waterfowl hunting is allowed after Labor Day during legal hunting seasons. Hunting is only allowed in designated hunting zones. The use of firearms and other weapons are prohibited in the summer, and controlled during legal hunting seasons.

## Wildlife

Over 200 species of migratory and resident birds have been documented on the park. Several species of waterfowl and shorebirds are attracted to the reservoir. Elk and mule deer are a common site, as are beaver, red fox, coyote, badger, ground squirrel and muskrat.

## Winter Recreation

The park offers excellent ice fishing and wildlife watching, as well as snowshoeing, cross-country skiing and fat biking along 7 miles of groomed trail. Check out our FREE loaner gear program!

Snowmobiles are only allowed on the reservoir surface for fishing access and only when traveling to and from vehicles. Various parking facilities are plowed during the winter for day-use. Camping is also available on a limited, first-come first-served basis, however, water services close for the winter season.

## First Aid

In case of an emergency dial 911.



## Friendly Reminders

Stagecoach State Park is maintained for your enjoyment. Please observe the following rules for the safety of all park visitors.

1. All pets must be kept on a leash and picked up after.
2. All fires must be contained in the grills provided.
3. All vehicles must remain on designated roads and parking areas. Speed limits are 25 MPH on park roads and 5 MPH in campgrounds and parking areas.
4. Please pack out all trash or place it in the provided receptacles.
5. Please camp in designated campsites and on RV/tent pads only. Tents and camping units must be kept on gravel pads and not on vegetation.
6. Quiet hours are from 10 p.m. to 6 a.m.



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