

# Stagecoach State Park



## Who we are

Colorado Parks and Wildlife utilizes the principles of conservation - the wise use of natural resources - to effectively manage fishing, hunting, wildlife viewing, camping, motorized and non-motorized trails, boating and outdoor education for the citizens of Colorado and its visitors. Located in the verdant Yampa Valley, Stagecoach State Park offers visitors a wonderful area to enjoy Colorado's outdoors. Centered on a 765-acre reservoir with a full-service marina, Stagecoach State Park offers amazing rainbow trout and northern pike fishing on the reservoir and in the Yampa River tailwaters. The Elk Run Trail and the Wetlands Observation Area provide great opportunities for nature observation, recreation, fishing and hunting. Easily accessible recreation opportunities and a family atmosphere make Stagecoach State Park a wonderful vacation destination. During the winters, the park offers ice fishing, cross country skiing, snowshoeing and dogsled tours.

## Top attractions

- Fishing/boating
- Hunting
- Camping
- Hiking/wildlife viewing
- Nationally recognized catch and release tailwater fishery
- Renowned northern pike and rainbow trout fishery
- Close proximity to Steamboat Springs, Flat Tops Wilderness Area and countless outdoor recreational opportunities

## Our partners

- South Routt School District, Soroco High and Middle School
- Upper Yampa Water Conservancy District (UYWCD)
- Rocky Mountain Youth Corp
- Steamboat Conservation Youth Corp
- Yampa Valley Sustainability Council
- Friends of Stagecoach State Park
- Town of Oak Creek
- Yampatika



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## Challenges we face

- Aging facilities and infrastructure: Twenty-five years of high altitude sun, wind, and extreme weather, compounded by increased visitation, has put a toll on buildings, roads and campsites.
- Increased development on the south side of the reservoir, immediately adjacent to the park boundary, means increased encroachment and natural resource management issues, as well as facility overuse.
- Working with the Stagecoach Property Owners Association and the Town of Oak Creek, park staff seek to build local support for park projects and management.

## Volunteer activities

- Continue to work with the Friends of Stagecoach State Park group to identify fun events and activities that they can offer and support
- Work closely with the Region and Statewide Volunteer Coordinators to attract new volunteers
- Continue to find innovative ways to use volunteers to backfill needs on the park where a lack of funding has threatened to reduce potential programs and opportunities

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## Manager's message

Although Stagecoach is known for its amazing fishing opportunities both in the reservoir and in the Yampa River above and below the lake, we have so much more to offer. With over eight miles of trails, amazing wildflowers, more than 180 species of birds, canoeing, stand-up paddle boarding, a sandy swim beach, and hunting, we have something for the whole family. Easy access to the Flat Tops Wilderness Area, Steamboat Springs and other area attractions makes Stagecoach the perfect basecamp to explore all of Routt County's amazing opportunities.

In the winter we loan out ice fishing gear, fat bikes and snowshoes, and we groom about six miles of trail for snowshoeing and cross country skiing. We also have several events, including ice fishing tournaments, moonlight snowshoe hikes and family events with winter archery, fat bikes, ski bikes and a sledding hill.

Look us up on Facebook or the CPW website for upcoming events and ongoing adventures.

### Geography

Region: Northwest

County: Routt

Year Acquired: 1989

Elevation (ft): 7,205

Miles From Denver: 150

### Acreeage

Total Acres: 1,630

### Governmental

US Cong Dist: 2<sup>nd</sup>

CO Senate: 8<sup>th</sup>

CO House: 26<sup>th</sup>

### Employees

Permanent: 5

Temporary: 12

Volunteers (FY 22): 33

Volunteer Hours (FY 22): 4,201

### Annual Visitation

FY 22: ~230,000

### Facilities

2 Boat Ramps

Boat Rental

Dump Station

Group Picnic Area

Marina (seasonal)

Mooring/Docking

50 Picnic Sites

Showers (coin operated)

Swim Beach

### Trails

Biking: 7 miles

Hiking: 8 miles

Horseback: 7 miles

Cross Country Skiing/  
Snowshoeing: 7 miles

Total: 8 miles

### Roads

Unpaved: 4 miles

### Recreation

Boating

Fishing

Hunting

Ice Fishing

Jet Skiing

Paddle Boarding

Picnicking

Ranger/Nature Programs

Sailboarding

Swimming

Volleyball

Water Skiing

Wildlife/Bird Viewing

Winter Camping

### Camping

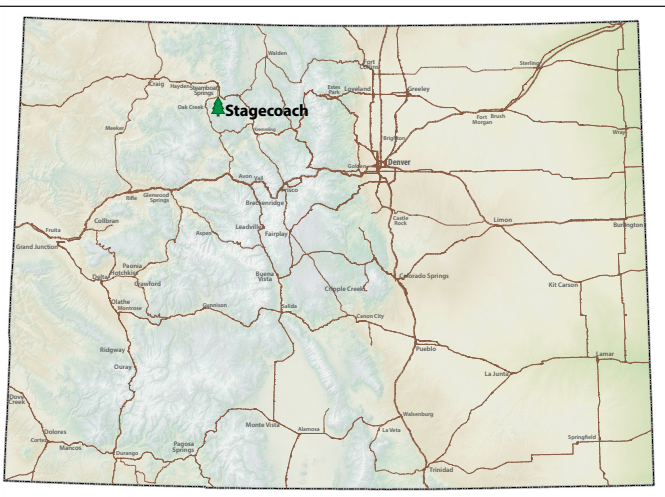
Campsites (basic; seasonal): 18

Campsites (electrical; seasonal): 61

Campsites (electrical; year-round): 4

Campsites (primitive; seasonal): 9

Group Camping Facilities



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