

Steamboat Lake 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. Steamboat Lake State Park is one of the most beautiful mountain parks in Colorado, with a nationwide reputation as one of the best places to camp, fish and hike anywhere in the Rocky Mountains. Nestled between three mountain peaks and surrounded by the Routt National Forest, the park offers a wide array of year-round outdoor opportunities. The park visitor center contains numerous educational displays offering first-time visitors a chance to get oriented and learn about the surrounding environment. The park also features convenient access to numerous trails, the Mount Zirkel Wilderness Area and great food and lodging in Steamboat Springs.

Top attractions

- Steamboat Lake offers beautiful scenery, great fishing, hunting and water recreation opportunities with a full-service marina and swim beach.
- The campgrounds have great views of the lake and surrounding mountains and provide many amenities, from electrical hookups for RVs to a camper services building for laundry and showers.
- The park's beautiful 6,500 square foot visitor center offers interpretive displays, a gift shop and an information desk.
- The summer trails provide recreation, nature study and access to many areas within and adjacent to the park where visitors can find additional hiking, biking, horseback riding, motorized sports and hunting opportunities.
- The Nordic Touring Center provides groomed ski and snowmobile trails, as well as access to National Forest trails.
- Hahn's Peak to the east of the park and Sand Mountain to the west are local landmarks.

Our partners

- Steamboat Lake Snow Club
- Rocky Mountain Youth Corps
- Steamboat Springs Chamber Resort Association
- North Routt Fire Protection District
- Colorado State Forest Service
- U.S. Forest Service
- Friends of Steamboat Lake State Park
- Steamboat Lake Marina
- Hahn's Peak Historical Society
- Steamboat Lake Outpost
- Hahn's Peak Cafe



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Challenges we face

- Ensuring healthy forest succession, preventing noxious weeds and promoting aesthetically pleasing native plant communities – we strive to effectively communicate these efforts to park visitors to provide environmental education opportunities and improve visitor satisfaction
- Maintaining community involvement through participation with local businesses and organizations, as well as communicating with other agencies about current issues
- Managing campgrounds, roads, trails, boat ramps, fishing access, picnic sites, buildings, water and wastewater facilities year-round
- Maintaining a detailed preventive maintenance schedule and monitoring facilities for repair and replacement
- Balancing resource protection and the quality of our visitors' experience with increased park visitation

Volunteer activities

- Steamboat Lake State Park relies on volunteers for interpretive presentations, native plant and animal surveys, winter trail grooming, campground hosting duties and park maintenance projects. These volunteers provide a valuable service and complete many projects that would not otherwise be possible.

Steamboat Lake State Park

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Geography

Region: Northwest
County: Routt
Year Acquired: 1966
Elevation (ft): 8,100
Miles From Denver: 180

Acreage

Total Acres: 2,820

Governmental

US Cong Dist: 2nd
CO Senate: 8th
CO House: 26th

Employees:

Permanent: 5.5
Temporary: 20
Volunteers (together with Pearl Lake State Park in FY 22): 33
Volunteer Hours (together with Pearl Lake State Park in FY 22): 4,763

Annual Visitation

FY 22: ~510,000

Facilities

2 Boat Ramps
Boat Rental
Dump Station
Fishing Pier
Laundry
Marina (seasonal)
Mooring/Docking
25 Picnic Sites
Showers
Swim Beach
Visitor Center

Roads

Paved: 3.6 miles
Unpaved: 3.5 miles

Trails

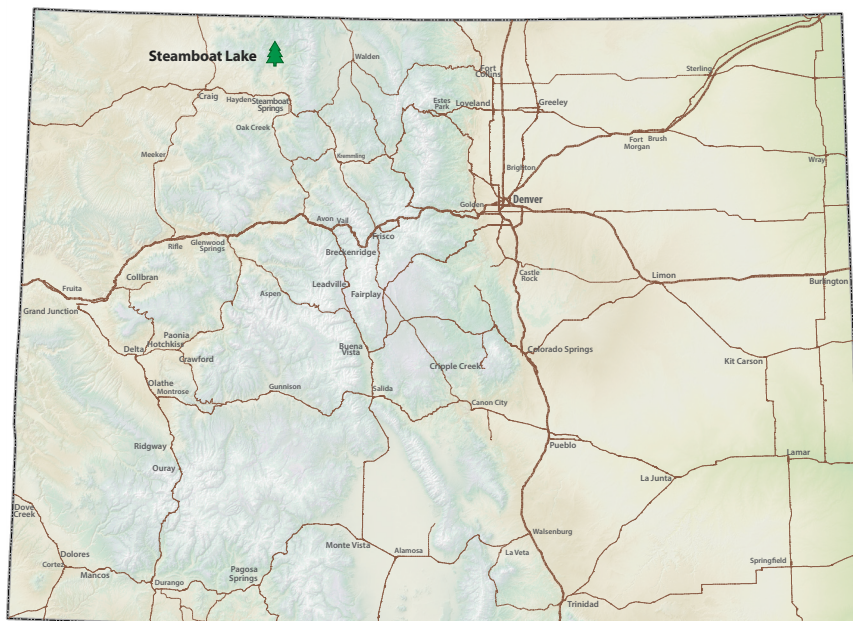
Biking: 7.1 miles
Hiking: 21.3 miles
Horseback: 0.9 miles
Cross Country Skiing/Snowshoeing: 20 miles
Snowmobiling: 8.1 miles
Total: 35.6 miles

Recreation

Boating
Fishing
Hunting
Ice Fishing
Jet Skiing
Paddle Boarding
Photography
Picnicking
Ranger/Nature Programs
Sailboarding
Swimming
Water Skiing
Wildlife/Bird Viewing
Winter Camping

Camping

Cabins (year-round): 10
Campsites (basic, seasonal): 108
Campsites (electrical, seasonal): 74
Campsites (electrical, year-round): 14



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