

# Sweitzer Lake State Park



## Who we are

Built solely for recreational use, Sweitzer Lake State Park encompasses a 137-surface acre reservoir. Coined the “oasis on the edge of the desert,” Sweitzer has become a popular bird sighting area and a waterfowl observation site. Observers have recorded more than 170 species of birds at the park. A day-use area with no overnight camping, Sweitzer Lake State Park offers sightseeing, picnicking, swimming, boating, water-skiing, fishing and waterfowl hunting.

## Top attractions

- The lake’s water warms into the high 70s in the summer, making the lake great for swimming.
- The water skiing is excellent, due to the oval shape of the lake.
- There are excellent wildlife viewing and bird watching opportunities.
- In the fall, the lake provides premier waterfowl hunting.

## Our partners

- Delta County Tourism Council
- Delta County
- Delta County Schools
- Delta County Nature Connection
- Uncompahgre Valley Water Users
- City of Delta

## Challenges we face

- The biggest challenge facing Sweitzer Lake State Park is finding the means to address the crumbling infrastructure and overall age of the facility. Much of the infrastructure (water, sewer and irrigation systems) is old and needs frequent repairs. The roads and picnic areas need rehabilitation.
- Expanding the park to bring new activities such as trails and camping also remains a challenge.

## Volunteer Activities

- Sweitzer Lake State Park has residential volunteers on site year-round. Volunteers provide general support to all park activities.



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## Manager's Message

Sweitzer Lake, located near the town of Delta, is surrounded by mountain views. The park has been providing year-round visitation since 1954. From the park, visitors are treated to views of the Grand Mesa, West Elk and San Juan ranges. The warm and calm waters make the lake a great place to water ski and wake board.

### Geography

Region: Southwest  
County: Delta  
Year Acquired: 1953  
Elevation: 5,129 ft  
Miles From Denver: 285

### Acreage

Total Acres: 314

### Governmental

US Cong Dist: 3<sup>rd</sup>  
CO Senate: 5<sup>th</sup>  
CO House: 54<sup>th</sup>

### Employees

Temporary: 4  
Volunteers (FY 22): 4  
Volunteer Hours (FY 22): 608

### Annual Visitation

FY 22: ~70,000

### Facilities

Boat Ramps  
Group Picnic Area  
32 Picnic Sites  
Swim Beach  
Visitor Center

### Trails

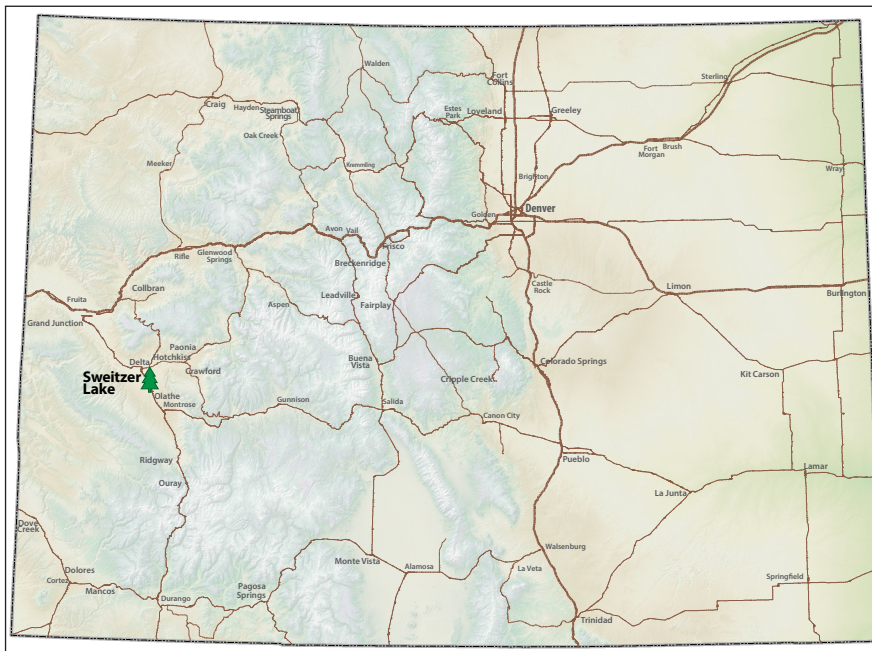
Biking: 3 miles  
Hiking: 3 miles  
Horseback: 3 miles  
Total: 3 miles

### Roads

Paved: 0.1 miles  
Unpaved: 1.8 miles

### Recreation

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



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