

# Sylvan Lake State Park



## Who we are

Colorado Parks and Wildlife (CPW) 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. Sylvan Lake State Park is located approximately 10 miles southeast of Eagle, Colorado. The beautiful 42-acre mountain lake is stocked with trout and is very popular with anglers. The park features basic campsites for tents and RVs, one large cabin, eight camper cabins and three yurts. In addition to fishing, popular activities include hiking, picnicking and boating (handpropelled and electric motors only). While staying at the park, you might spot a variety of wildlife including deer, elk, moose, beaver, raccoons, mink, bear, coyotes, fox, bats, osprey and eagles. The park is open year-round, and snowshoeing, cross-country skiing, snowmobiling and ice fishing are popular winter activities. Sylvan Lake offers environmental interpretive programs for all ages during the summer, and upon request the rest of the year.

## Top attractions

- Nestled against a mountain backdrop, the campground at Sylvan Lake State Park is one of the most scenic spots in Colorado.
- The park offers access to trails on the White River National Forest, historic sites and opportunities for wildlife viewing.
- Yurts and cabins attract visitors who are looking to enjoy nature in a beautiful setting.
- The park provides access to prime hunting opportunities in some areas of the park and the surrounding White River National Forest.

## Our partners

- U.S. Forest Service
- Colorado State Land Board
- Eagle County
- Ute Springs Experiential Learning Center
- Eagle County Schools
- Walking Mountains Science School
- Rocky Mountain Youth Corps

## Challenges we face

- Strengthening environmental education outreach to local schools and organization
- Monitoring forest health and continuing management practices to address noxious weeds and ongoing threats to lodgepole pine and aspen
- Continuing to promote opportunities for internships and availability of temporary staff housing to offset low wages offered for temporary employees, which are not competitive with the local market.



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## Volunteer activities

- Sylvan Lake State Park relies on volunteers to serve as campground hosts and to support maintenance and visitor services efforts. Volunteers also provide interpretive and educational programs at the park.
- School groups, youth groups and other volunteers work on trail maintenance, litter pick-up and noxious weed control projects.



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## Geography

Region: Northwest  
County: Eagle  
Year Acquired: 1987  
Elevation (ft): 8,500  
Miles From Denver: 150

## Acreage

Total Acres: 1,550

## Governmental

US Congressional District: 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>  
CO Senate: 8<sup>th</sup>  
CO House: 26<sup>th</sup>

## Visitation

FY 22: ~100,000

## Employees

Permanent: 4  
Temporary: 8  
Volunteers (FY 22): 2  
Volunteer Hours (FY 22): 370

## Facilities

Boat Ramp  
Boat Rental  
Conference Room  
Dump Station  
30 Picnic Sites  
Showers (Coin Operated)  
Visitor Center

## Roads

Unpaved: 11.8 miles  
Paved: 0.1

## Trails

Biking: 2.4 miles  
Hiking: 7.8 miles  
Horseback: 5.2 miles  
Cross Country Skiing/Snowshoeing: 3 miles  
Snowmobiling: 1 mile

## Recreation

Boating  
Fishing  
Geocaching  
Swimming  
Hunting  
Ice Fishing  
Ice Skating  
Picnicking  
Ranger/Nature Programs  
Paddleboarding  
Sledding  
Wildlife/Bird Viewing

## Camping

Yurts (seasonal): 3  
Cabins (year round): 9  
Campsites (basic, seasonal): 44  
Group Facilities (seasonal): 1

