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

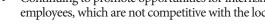
- Nestled against a mountain backdrop, the campground at Sylvan Lake State Park is one of the most scenic spots in Colorado.
- The park offers access to trails on the White River National Forest, historic sites and opportunities for wildlife viewing.
- Yurts and cabins attract visitors who are looking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



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: 2nd,3rd

CO Senate: 8th CO House: 26th

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



