

# Trinidad Lake State Park



## Who we are

Nestled in the foothills of the Sangre de Cristo Mountains of southern Colorado, Trinidad Lake State Park offers a variety of recreational opportunities and spectacular views of the surrounding mesas and mountains. The park is home to an abundance of wildlife, including fish, birds of prey, coyotes, roadrunners, elk and deer. The lake itself provides for numerous water recreation experiences, such as paddling, sailing, water skiing and excellent fishing. The park also features an archery range, more than 10 miles of hiking, biking and equestrian trails, picnic areas, seasonal hunting opportunities and unusual geologic formations. The Carpios Ridge campground, open year round, serves as a scenic base location from which to explore the nearby mountains, Highway of Legends, Santa Fe Trail and historic Trinidad.

## Top attractions

- Mild temperatures, great scenery, plenty of outdoor recreation opportunities and access to historic locations, such as the old Santa Fe Trail
- Interesting geologic formations around the park and in the nearby areas
- Part of the Scenic Highway of Legends in southern Colorado

## Our partners

- Trinidad/Las Animas County Chamber of Commerce
- City of Trinidad
- City of Trinidad Tourism Board
- Colorado State Historical Society
- Colorado State Land Board
- Model Ditch Company
- U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
- Friends of Trinidad Lake State Park/Fishers Peak State Park



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## Challenges we face

- Maintaining and continuing to develop recreational facilities and opportunities that keep pace with the park's rapidly increasing visitation
- Continuing to develop a sustainable volunteer program by providing volunteer training, opportunities and amenities, while developing park stewardship principles
- An increase in different user groups (kayakers, SUP users, fisherman, boaters) using the same areas

## Volunteer activities

- Campground Host
- Park Host
- Raptor Monitoring

# Trinidad Lake State Park

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Park Manager: Floyd Duran

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## Geography

Region: Southeast  
County: Las Animas  
Year Acquired: 1978  
Elevation (ft): 6,300  
Miles From Denver: 200

## Acres

Total Acres: 2,960

## Governmental

US Cong Dist: 4<sup>th</sup>  
CO Senate: 35<sup>th</sup>  
CO House: 47<sup>th</sup>

## Employees

Permanent: 5  
Temporary: 10  
Volunteers (FY 22): 9  
Volunteer Hours (FY 22): 905

## Annual Visitation

FY 22: ~230,000

## Facilities

Archery Range  
Boat Ramp  
Dump Station  
Group Picnic Area  
Laundry  
Courtesy Dock  
46 Picnic Sites  
Playground Area  
Showers (coin-operated)  
Visitor Center

## Trails

Biking: 10.1 miles  
Hiking: 10.1 miles  
Horseback: 4 miles  
Snowshoeing: 10.1 miles  
Total: 10.1 miles

## Roads

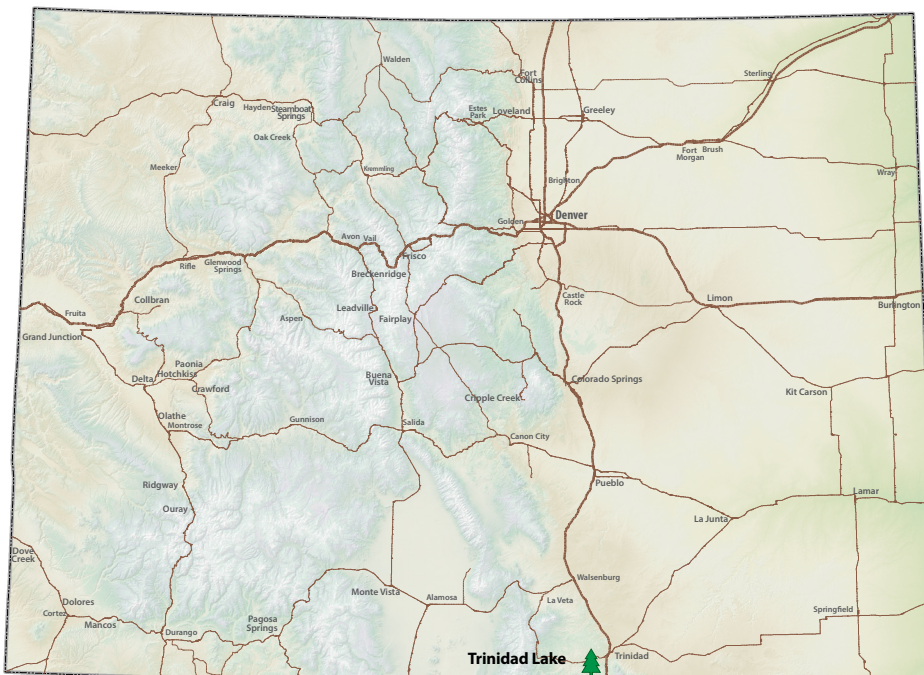
Paved: 1.2 miles  
Unpaved: 5 miles

## Recreation

Archery  
Boating  
Fishing  
Geocaching  
Hunting  
Ice Fishing  
Ice Skating  
Jet Skiing  
Picnicking  
Ranger/Nature Programs  
Sailboarding  
Volleyball  
Water Skiing  
Wildlife/Bird Viewing  
Winter Camping

## Camping

Basic (seasonal): 10  
Electrical: 56 Total  
(18 open year round)  
Full-Hookup (year round): 7  
Group Facilities (year-round):  
1 Group Camping area



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