

Vega 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. Vega Reservoir is the largest body of water in Mesa County and is only 60 miles from Grand Junction, making this park a destination area for people wanting the mountain camping experience without a lot of travel. The park provides a wide variety of recreational experiences such as hiking, boating, fishing, nature observation, water skiing, jet skiing, camping, picnicking, ice fishing, snowmobiling, cross country skiing and winter camping. Vega State Park is also a gateway to the Grand Mesa National Forest, offering hundreds of miles of trail for hunting, off-highway vehicles, snowmobiles and horseback riding.

Top attractions

- Vega Reservoir is one of the most productive cold-water lakes on the western slope for rainbow trout.
- Vega State Park is a popular staging area for off-highway vehicle and snowmobile enthusiasts, with easy access to more than 300 miles of trails on the Grand Mesa.
- An abundance of oak brush, chokecherry, serviceberry and aspen trees make wildlife watching and viewing fall colors popular activities at Vega State Park.
- Situated only 12 miles from the town of Collbran, it is easy for school and community groups to take advantage of the park's open space, facilities and environmental education programs.



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Our partners

- U.S. Bureau of Reclamation
- Volunteers for Outdoor Colorado
- Plateau Valley Fire Protection and EMS District
- Western Colorado Conservation Corps
- Mesa County Schools – Districts 50, 51, & 52
- Collbran Water Conservancy District
- Town of Collbran
- Plateau Valley Hospital District
- Colorado State Patrol
- Mesa County Sheriff's Department
- Mesa County Roads
- Leon Creek Cattle Pool Association
- Vega Lodge
- Collbran Job Corps

Challenges we face

- Renovating campgrounds: The asphalt roadway needs to be repaired and/or replaced in Oak Point campground.
- Approximately 10 miles of boundary fence needs repair or replacement. The U.S. Bureau of Reclamation will cooperatively fund materials each year, but the park needs an annual budget for ongoing maintenance.
- Like other West Slope waters, Vega is on the front lines in the battle to keep invasive mussels out of Colorado. Like nearby Highline Lake, many boats coming from Lake Powell—now fully infested with the invasive species—also launch at Vega.

Volunteer activities

- Volunteers at Vega staff the park visitor center, selling nature education items, park passes, permits and registrations.
- Campground hosts help work with the public. They also clean cabins, restrooms and campsites; repair facilities or equipment; mow and treat weeds.

Vega State Park

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As of July 1, 2022

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Geography

Region: Northwest
County: Mesa
Year Acquired: 1959
Elevation: 8,000 ft
Miles From Denver: 256

Acreage

Total Acres: 1,823

Governmental

US Cong Dist: 3rd
CO Senate: 7th
CO House: 54th

Employees

Permanent: 4
Temporary: 10
Volunteers (FY 22): 16
Volunteer Hours (FY 22): 2,473

Annual Visitation

FY 22: ~240,000

Facilities

3 Boat Ramps
Dump Station
Fish Cleaning Station
Fishing Pier
Group Picnic Area
Horse Trailer Parking
27 Picnic Sites
Playground Area
Showers
Stables (year-round)
Visitor Center
Wedding Facilities

Trails

Biking: 7 miles
Hiking: 4.8 miles
Horseback: 7 miles
Cross Country Skiing/Snowshoeing:
4.8 miles
OHV: 1 mile
Snowmobiling: 1 mile

Roads

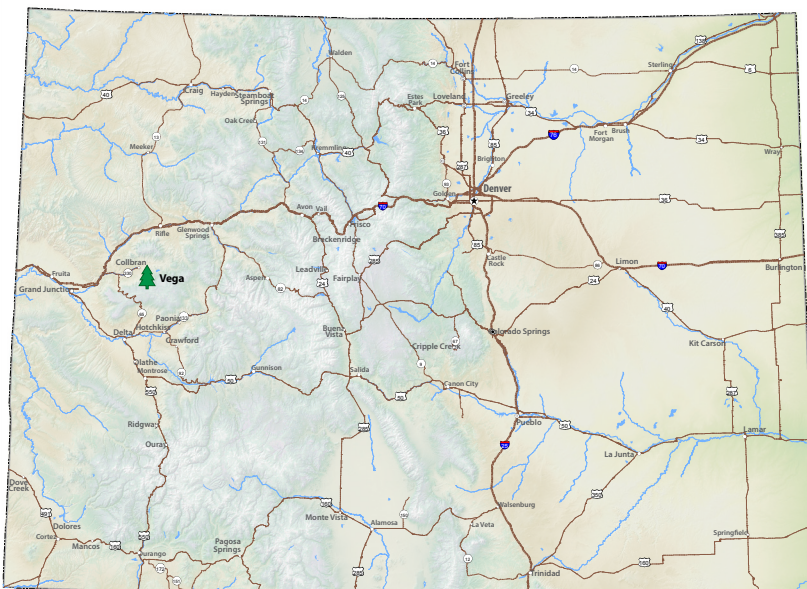
Paved: 6 miles
Unpaved: 4 miles

Recreation

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

Camping

Cabins (seasonal): 5
Campsites (basic, seasonal): 75
Campsites (electrical, seasonal): 34
Primitive Campsites



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