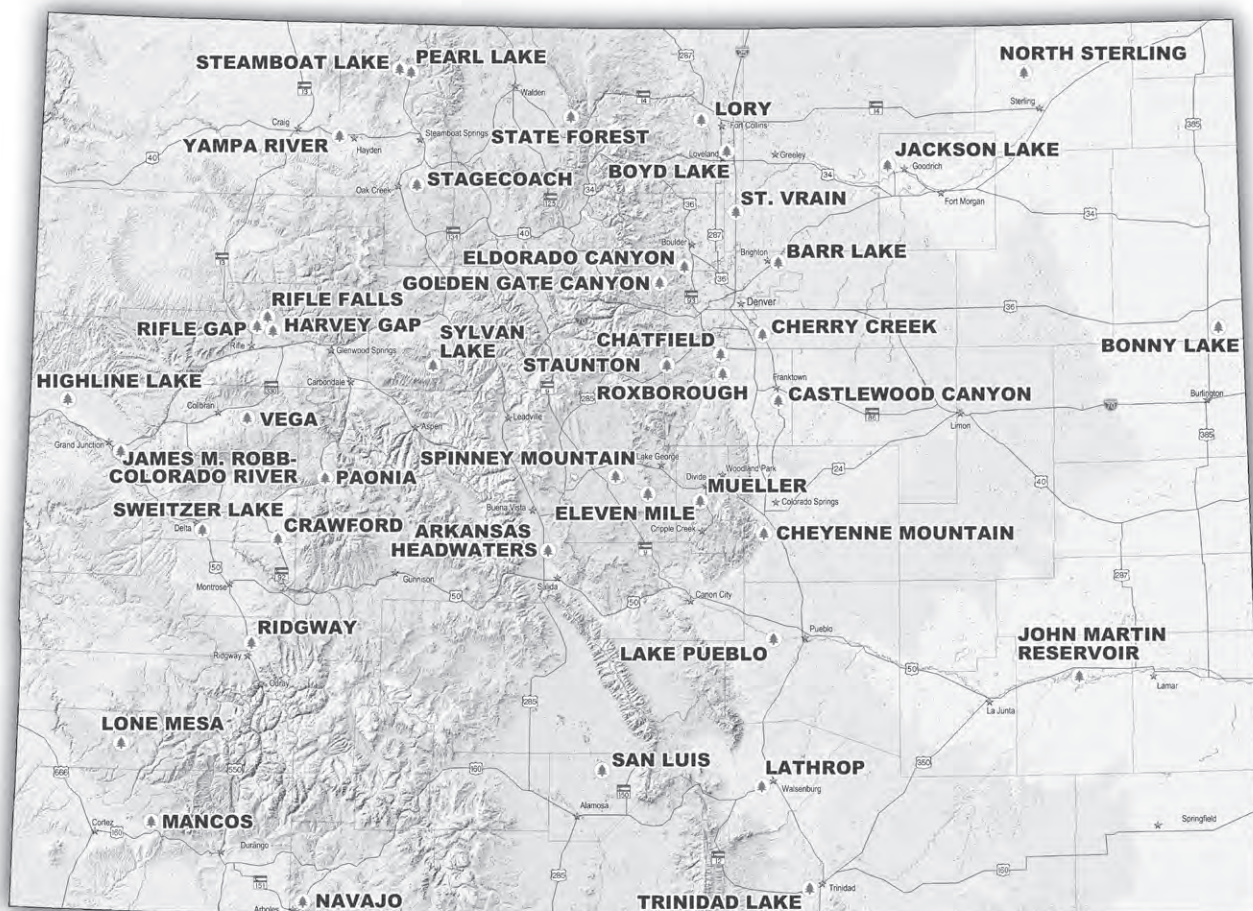




## statewide fact sheet

**overview** Attracting over 11 million visitors per year, Colorado's 42 state parks and statewide recreation programs are a vital cornerstone of Colorado's economy and quality of life, offering some of the highest quality outdoor recreation destinations in the state. Colorado State Parks include a variety of landscapes to match the state's geography, from urban playgrounds to back-country retreats, from mountain lakes to whitewater adventure.

The Colorado State Parks Board is charged with determining State Parks policy, including maintaining and establishing parks, adopting and enforcing Division rules and regulations, educating the public about the availability of state park facilities and preserving the environment, water, vegetation and wildlife. The Board is comprised of five members appointed by the Governor, with four members representing the West, North, South and Metro regions of Colorado, and a fifth "at-large" member.



**our vision** Colorado State Parks offer exceptional settings for renewal of the human spirit. Residents and visitors enjoy healthy, fun-filled interaction with the natural world, creating rich traditions with family and friends that promote stewardship of our natural resources. Park employees and their partners work together to provide ongoing and outstanding customer service through recreational programs, amenities and services.



### statistics and ratios

Visitation, FY08-09: **11,955,691 Visitors** Visitor Expenditures: **\$571 million statewide**, including \$396 million spent by non-local visitors\*  
 Total Land and Water Acres Managed: **225,099** Land: **177,816** Water: **48,845** (at full capacity)  
 Full-time employees: **294.5** Temporary employees\*\*: **742**  
 Total volunteers: **5,844** Number of volunteer hours: **198,440** Full-time employee equivalents: **95.4**

\* Non-local visitors are those who drove at least 50 miles to reach the park.

\*\*Temporary employees work six months or less.

### statewide recreation programs

#### Recreational Trails Program

- Assists partners with grants and expertise for trail planning, maintenance and construction.
- Responsible for distributing over \$2 million in federal and state grant funding.

#### Off-Highway Vehicle (OHV) Program

- Promotes safe, responsible use of OHVs.
- Registered over 132,166 OHVs.
- Awarded and administered over \$3 million in grants for trail improvements, habitat improvement, education and law enforcement.

#### Snowmobile Program

- Administers grooming, marking and signing for snowmobile trails and facilities.
- Snowmobile Safety Certification program for safe, responsible use of snowmobiles.
- Registered more than 33,200 snowmobiles, providing over \$700,000 in grants.

#### Colorado Natural Areas Program (CNAP)

- Protects and preserves Colorado's most significant natural features through voluntary agreements with land owners.
- Conserved approximately 265,000 acres in 114 registered or designated natural areas.

#### Boating Program

- Registers all motor and sail-operated boats in Colorado; 96,719 boats in FY2009.
- Provides boating safety training and information.

#### River Outfitter Licensing Program

- Sets river guide qualifications, provides river safety training, licenses outfitters.
- In FY2009 licensed 176 river outfitters.

### park inventory

#### Number of Parks: 44\*

recreational/water-based parks: **25**  
 resource-based parks: **16**  
 river corridor parks: **3**

\*Includes Staunton and Lone Mesa State Parks, which are not yet open to the public

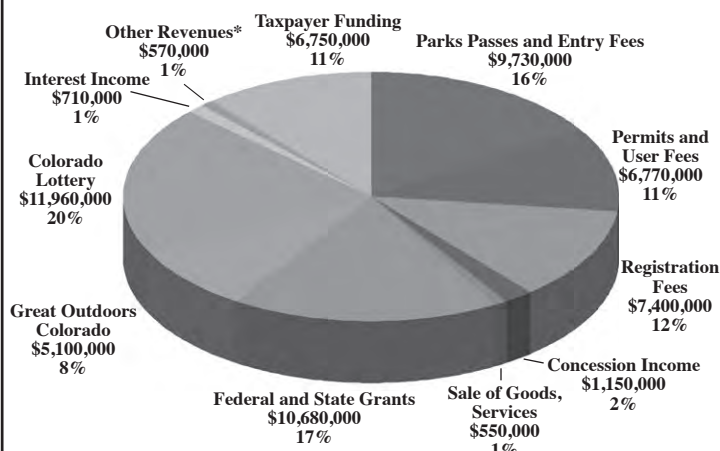
#### Park Facilities:

cabins, yurts and tipis: **63**  
 campsites: **4,376**  
 visitor/welcome centers: **27**  
 marinas: **13** (11 concessionaire-owned, 2 state-owned)

#### Ownership of Lands Managed by State Parks

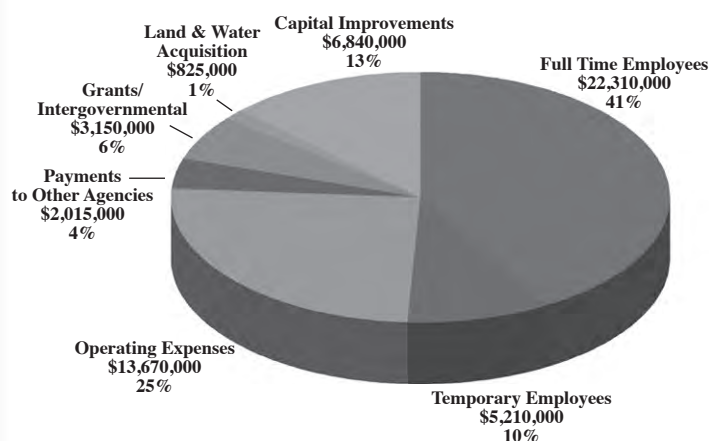
State Parks: **22%**  
 Division of Wildlife and State Land Board: **36%**  
 Bureau of Reclamation: **14%**  
 US Forest Service & Bureau of Land Management: **3%**  
 Local governments/other: **8%**  
 US Army Corps of Engineers: **11%**  
 Irrigation companies: **7%**

### FY 2009 revenues \$61,370,000



\*penalties, DUI & DWI fines, insurance recoveries, private donations, court ordered awards

### FY 2009 expenditures \$54,620,000



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