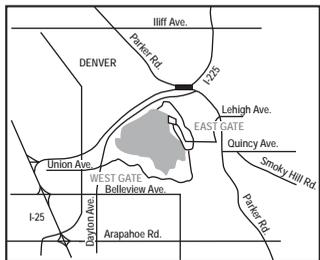
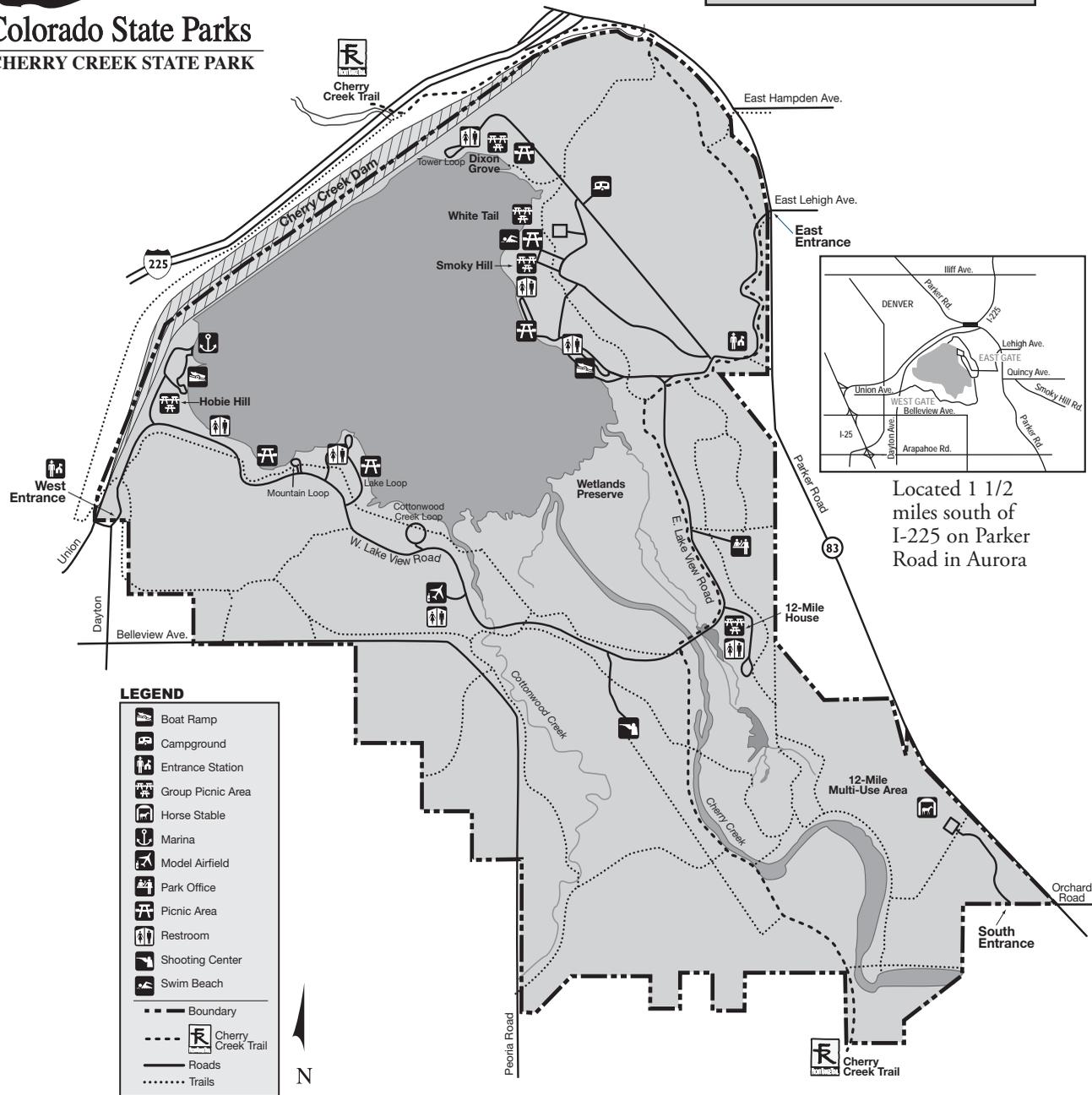


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Located 1 1/2 miles south of I-225 on Parker Road in Aurora

carrying capacity

Due to Cherry Creek State Park's convenient location, it experiences high use on summer weekends and holidays. A carrying capacity (the maximum number of boats and vehicles allowed in the park) is enforced to protect park users, prevent resource damage and provide an enjoyable experience for visitors. Arrive at the park early on weekends or visit on weekdays and evenings to avoid waiting to use the park.

help protect our natural resources

We need your help to do your part by sharing the park and respecting other users. Complete park and boating regulations are available at park entrances. Visit www.parks.state.co.us for more information about Cherry Creek and Colorado State Parks.

1. Motor vehicles must remain on designated roads or in parking areas.
2. Dogs must be kept on a leash not exceeding 6 feet in length and under control at all times.
3. Pets and glass are not allowed on the swim and water-skiing beaches.
4. Camp only in the Campground at designated sites.
5. Fires are allowed only in grills and in the fire rings provided at campsites.
6. Speed limits are strictly enforced.
7. You must pick up after yourself and your pets and place waste in a proper container. Littering is unhealthy, unsightly and illegal.
8. Only 3.2% (or less) alcohol is allowed.

outdoor risks

Expect other users, changing conditions and wildlife. Be prepared and responsible for your own safety.

contact us

For comments or additional information including seasonal employment and volunteer opportunities please contact us at:



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Welcome to Cherry Creek State Park

Over 1.5 million visitors each year can't be wrong! Cherry Creek State Park is an oasis in the Denver metro area for boaters, fishermen, campers, bicyclists, equestrians and swimmers alike.

The recreational opportunities are unlimited at this 4,200-acre park. There's excitement on the 850-acre reservoir with water-skiers and boaters. Yet solitude can be found fishing in a cove or walking the nature trails. For the most relaxing visit, try the park on weekdays or evenings.

The views are pretty spectacular, too. During the summer, colorful masts from sailboats dot the lake against a backdrop of the Rockies. It's a unique place. It offers a fast getaway for city dwellers to unwind. It provides a place to learn about nature and a place to have a family picnic.

Then there is the unexpected — herds of white-tailed and mule deer, coyotes, foxes, pheasant, rabbits and a wonderful variety of resident and migratory birds.

The dam at Cherry Creek State Park was built in 1950 by the Army Corps of Engineers to prevent flooding in Denver. The early wagon train travelers on the Smoky Hill Trail that cuts through Cherry Creek could not have imagined that this rolling prairie studded with yucca would become such an important natural resource to the people of Colorado.



park passes

All vehicles entering the park are required to display a current Colorado State Parks pass on the windshield. **Daily** or **annual passes** are available. An annual pass is valid at any Colorado State Park. For annual pass holders who own additional vehicles, multiple passes are available for an additional fee. Passes are available at main park entrances and self-service dispensers.

The **Aspen Leaf** annual pass is available to Colorado seniors at a discounted rate. Colorado disabled veterans displaying Colorado Disabled Veteran (DV) license plates are admitted free without a pass.

In addition to a parks pass, campers are required to purchase and display a camping permit at their campsite.



water quality surcharge

Also required for entry is a Cherry Creek Basin Water Quality Authority decal. This decal is \$3 per year, per vehicle and is required on all vehicles with annual passes. Daily passes include this surcharge. The funds from the surcharge are used to improve the water quality in the Cherry Creek basin and reservoir.



nature study

Enter the enchanting and educational world of nature study through the interpretive walks led by park rangers at areas throughout the park. Call the park office for information and reservations. Bird, plant and wildlife brochures are available at the park.

special activities

Cherry Creek State Park accommodates special events throughout the year — bicycling and foot races, triathlons, weddings, sports festivals and sailing regattas. Please call the park office for more information.

facilities for people with disabilities

Special facilities to accommodate persons with disabilities are located at the fishing access areas, the campground, the group picnic sites and the swim beach. Parking for visitors with disabilities is designated throughout the park.

fishing

Anglers head out to the park to catch trout, walleye, bass, crappie, pike, carp and catfish. The Tower Loop area near the dam is a popular spot, as well as the quiet, south end of the reservoir. State record walleye have been caught at the reservoir. Lake zoning maps and copies of Colorado boating and fishing regulations are available at the park.



boating

Public boat launching ramps are conveniently located near the east and west park entrances. The best way to have fun on your boat is the safe way — know your safety equipment requirements and boating regulations. The Marina offers sailing and water-skiing lessons, boat and slip rentals, fuel and other boating supplies. Call the Cherry Creek Marina at 303-779-6144.



swim beach

The park is a gathering spot for families to soak up that Colorado sun — with a sandy beach and roped-off swimming area. Where else can you sit on a beach in mid-summer and view snow-capped peaks? Food vending and a bath house are located nearby. There are no lifeguards, children require adult supervision.

model airfield

Model airplane enthusiasts will find asphalt runways, frequency posts and field regulations for radio controlled aircraft at this area located on the west side of the park.

winter recreation

Cherry Creek State Park can provide special experiences for the winter outdoors enthusiast with ice fishing and cross-country skiing as conditions permit. Remember there is risk anytime you venture onto ice. Know how to judge ice conditions and always suspect thin ice.

horseback riding

Horse owners will find miles of multi-use trails for conditioning or relaxing rides with extraordinary views. Horse rental, lessons and boarding are also available. Call Paint Horse Stables at 303-690-8235.



trails

The state park's extensive multi-use trail system provides a pleasurable experience year round. Please be courteous to fellow trail users. The park's trails connect to surrounding trail systems.

picnicking

The park offers visitors a cool place for a family outing. Shade shelters, picnic tables and grills are available to visitors throughout the park. There are also several group picnic rental areas that are the perfect outdoor venue for family reunions, business meetings, employee functions, to name a few. Call the park office for information and reservations at 303-690-1166 ext. 721.

camping



The park's 125 campsites offer visitors convenient year-round, full hook-up and basic camping. A sewage dump station is also available across from the campground entrance to visitors with camping permits. Pay showers and laundry facilities are located nearby. Quiet hours are observed within the campground from 10 p.m. to 6 a.m. Campsites can be reserved in advance online at www.park.state.co.us or by calling 303-470-1144 in the Denver metro area or 1-800-678-2267 outside Denver.

shooting sports

Fixed targets for rifles and pistols, a trap area for shotguns and more can be found at The Family Shooting Center in the southern area of the park. Call 303-680-5401 for information. Firearms are prohibited elsewhere in the park and hunting is not allowed.