

VISITOR CENTER

Located one-quarter mile south of the dam, the Visitor Center features displays and exhibits describing the history, wildlife and recreational opportunities available in the area. Also inside the Visitor Center is a Rocky Mountain Nature Association sales outlet for books, maps, souvenirs and gifts.

PASSES & PERMITS

All visitors entering the park are required to display a current Colorado State Parks Pass, issued by vehicle, on their windshield. A daily pass is valid from the day purchased until noon the following day. An annual pass is valid at any Colorado State Park. For annual pass holders who own additional vehicles, multiple passes are available at a discounted rate. For multiple passes, the vehicle registrations must have the same address that is on the Annual Pass receipt. Multiple passes are for non-commercial vehicles only. Passes are available at the Visitor Center, main park entrance and self-service dispensers located throughout the park.

Colorado residents 64 or older qualify for the Aspen Leaf annual pass, available at a discounted rate. This allows admission to all state parks every day and discounted camping rates except on weekends and holidays. Where available, an electrical fee is charged.

Colorado disabled veterans displaying a valid Colorado Disabled Veteran (DV) license plate, are allowed free entrance into the park.

Campers are required to purchase and display a valid camping permit on their campsite marker post, in addition to a parks pass on each vehicle.

CAMPING

Vega State Park provides visitors with several camping options. Most campsites are within easy walking distance of the shoreline. Early Settlers Campground offers 33 pull-through and back-in campsites, with electrical and water hookups, flush toilets and coin-operated showers. Aspen Grove Campground has 27 pull-through and back-in sites with centrally located water pumps and vault toilets. Oak Point Campground provides 39 pull-through and back in sites with centrally located water pumps and vault toilets. For a more unique experience, Pioneer Campground offers 10 walk-in tent sites and five rustic cabins, with centrally located water pumps and vault toilets. Campgrounds are open during the spring, summer and fall months. An RV dump station is located near Early Settler's Campground, just north of the Visitor Center. Cabins are available year round. To reserve a campsite or a cabin, call 1-800-678- 2267 if outside the Denver area, or 303-470-1144 in the Denver area, or visit Vega on the web at www.parks.state.co.us.

PICNICKING

Numerous scenic picnic sites are located around Vega Reservoir. Meadows Group Picnic Area, a reservations-only group picnic area, accommodates groups of up to 100. It has parking, a covered shelter, group barbecue grills and a large meadow for sports such as softball or volleyball. To reserve Meadows Group Picnic Area, call the park office at (970) 487-3407.

FISHING AND HUNTING

Vega Reservoir is about two miles long when full, making it the largest body of water in the Grand Valley area. It is also one of the most productive fisheries. Rainbow trout are the predominant species, with an occasional cutthroat, brook, brown or cutbow trout being caught. Hunting in the park is permitted during established seasons from the first Tuesday after Labor Day through the Friday prior to Memorial Day. Hunting by archery or shotgun loaded with birdshot is permitted. Colorado hunting statutes and regulations apply.

WILDLIFE

Moose have been reintroduced into the Grand Mesa area and have been spotted at Vega State Park. Deer, elk, beaver and many kinds of waterfowl frequent the park. Also found here are weasels, rabbits, chipmunks, marmots, hawks, blue grouse and the elusive wild turkey. Bears, coyotes and bobcat are also known in the area.

MOTORIZED RECREATION

The OHV / snowmobile staging area is located in the southwest corner of the park and provides parking with easy access to the Grand Mesa National Forest via US Forest Service Road 262 (Park Creek Road). Snowmobile operation is permitted in most areas of the park. Operation of four-wheelers (OHV's) and dirt bikes is permitted only in the Early Settlers Campground, Pioneer Campground and the OHV / snowmobile staging area, strictly for access to and from USFS Road 262.

BOATING & WATER SPORTS

In addition to boating and fishing, water sports such as water-skiing, sailing, windsurfing and jet-skiing are available. Swimming is not permitted. Boat ramps and parking are available at Oak Point Campground, Island Area and Early Settlers Day-Use Area. Colorado boating statutes and regulations apply.

ACCOMMODATIONS

A lodge with a restaurant is adjacent to the park. Other commercial, religious and medical facilities are available in Collbran, 12 miles west of the park.

WINTER RECREATION

Winter recreation enthusiasts come to Vega State Park for ice fishing, snowmobiling, snowshoeing, cross-country skiing and other forms of snow play. Make a weekend of it by staying in one of our cozy cabins!

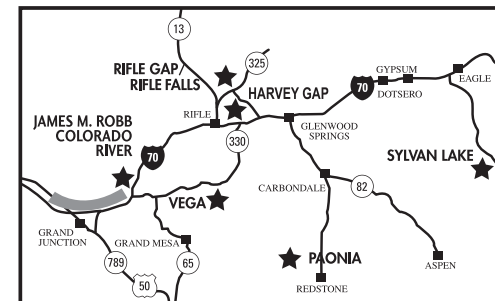
HELP PROTECT YOUR PARK

In the interest of public safety and preservation of the park, we ask that you:

1. Place trash in receptacles provided.
2. Build fires only in grills provided or portable grills.
3. Keep all vehicles on designated roads and parking lots.
4. Keep your pets under control and on a leash no longer than six feet and please clean up after them.
5. Camp only in designated campsites.
6. Respect quiet hours after 10 p.m.

FIRST AID

First aid can be obtained at the entrance station, Visitor Center, or from any park ranger. An ambulance with EMT's is located in Collbran, only 12 miles from the park. For medical or law enforcement emergencies dial 911.



Any person who is excluded from participation in, denied the benefits of, or otherwise subjected to discrimination under any program of the Colorado Division of Parks and Outdoor Recreation on the grounds of race, creed, color, sex, age, handicap, or national origin, should contact the park manager, the nearest local regional office, the Division headquarters in Denver, Colorado - telephone (303) 866-3437 - or the National Park Service, P.O. Box 37127, Washington, D.C. 20013-7127.

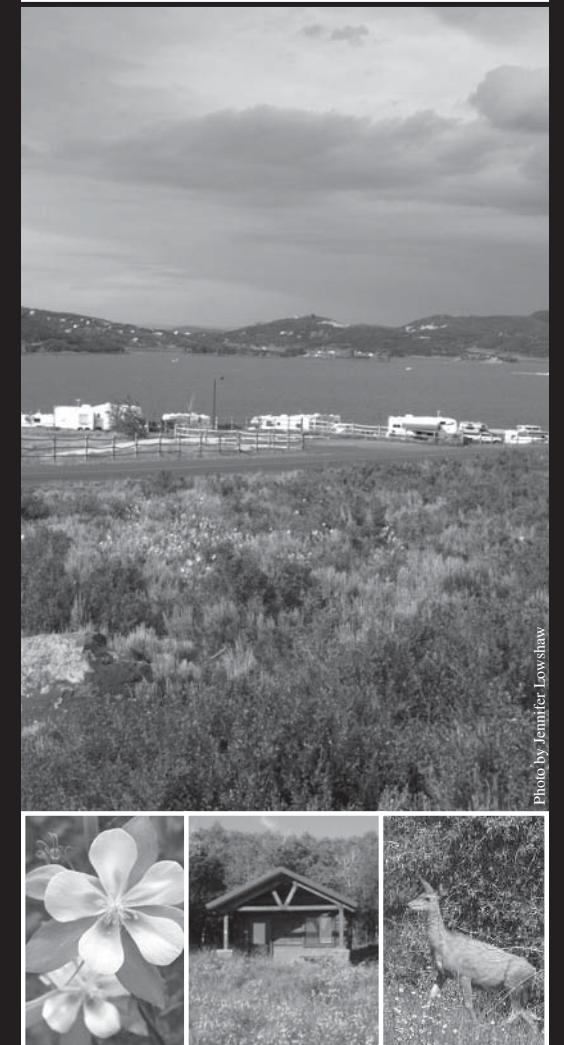
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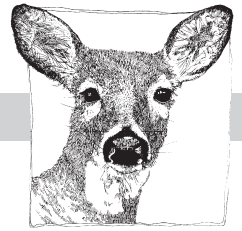
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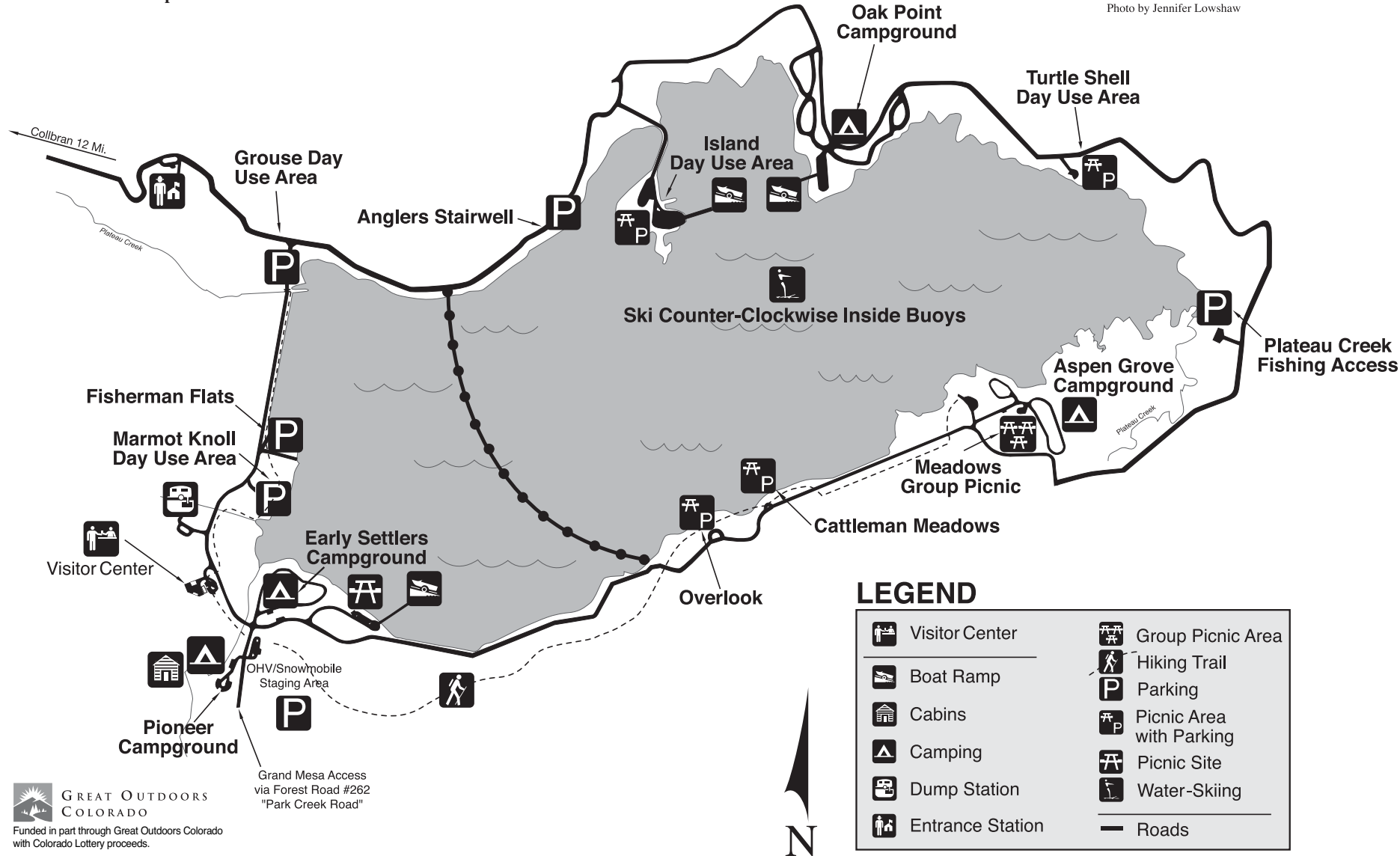
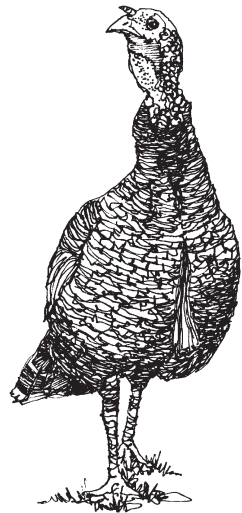
High above the little mountain town of Collbran, Colorado lies Vega State Park, 1,830 acres of scenic mountain splendor nestled on the edge of the Grand Mesa.

Vega Reservoir and the meadows that surround it are rich in history and natural beauty. The area was originally home to the first Plateau Valley settlers and popular for grazing cattle until 1957 when construction of the Vega Dam first began.

In 1962, with completion of Vega Dam the 900 acre Vega Reservoir was created. Vega State Park is operated and managed by Colorado State Parks in cooperation with the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation. At an elevation of 8,000 feet, this pristine mountain setting quickly became a favorite sport and vacation destination. Snowmobiling and ice fishing have made Vega a well-known winter sports area. Warm-weather visitors include anglers, campers, boaters, water-skiers and other outdoor enthusiasts.

Visitors throughout the year enjoy Vega's sub-alpine beauty. Colorado wildflowers abound within the park as do many kinds of wildlife. Visitors are encouraged to enjoy Vega's access to the Grand Mesa trail system; these trails are open to hikers, four-wheelers, trail bikers and snowmobilers. Historical site markers designate the area where the Dominguez-Escalante expedition camped in 1776 and the Vega cemetery.

Vega is yours to explore and enjoy. We invite you to visit us and share this Colorado experience.



LEGEND

	Visitor Center		Group Picnic Area
	Boat Ramp		Hiking Trail
	Cabins		Parking
	Camping		Picnic Area with Parking
	Dump Station		Picnic Site
	Entrance Station		Water-Skiing
			Roads