

EMERGENCY REGULATIONS - CHAPTER P-1 - PARKS AND OUTDOOR RECREATION LANDS

ARTICLE I - GENERAL PROVISIONS APPLICABLE TO ALL PARKS AND OUTDOOR RECREATION LANDS AND WATERS

PARK-SPECIFIC RESTRICTIONS

D. In addition to the general land and water regulations, the following restrictions shall also apply:

1. Arkansas Headwaters Recreation Area

- a. Except in established campgrounds where toilet facilities are provided, all overnight campers must provide and use a portable toilet device capable of carrying human waste out of the Arkansas Headwaters Recreation Area. Contents of the portable toilet must be emptied in compliance with law and may not be deposited within the Arkansas Headwaters Recreation Area, unless at a facility specifically designated by the Arkansas Headwaters Recreation Area.
- b. Building or tending fires is allowed pursuant to regulation # 100b.7., except at the Arkansas Headwaters Recreation Area fire containers must have at least a two inch rigid side. Fire containers must be elevated up off the ground.
- c. Swimming is permitted in the Arkansas River from the confluence of the East Fork/Lake Fork of the Arkansas within the boundaries of the Arkansas Headwaters Recreation Area. All persons swimming within designated whitewater parks and all persons under the age of 13 swimming anywhere in the Arkansas River within the Arkansas Headwaters Recreation Area must wear a properly fitting U.S. Coast Guard approved wearable personal flotation device.
- d. No motorboats shall be permitted on the Arkansas River from the confluence of the East Fork/Lake Fork of the Arkansas to the west end of Pueblo Reservoir.
- e. Innertubes, air mattresses, and similar devices are permitted on the Arkansas River from the confluence of the East Fork/Lake Fork of the Arkansas within the boundaries of the Arkansas Headwaters Recreation Area. All occupants of these devices must wear a U.S. Coast Guard approved wearable personal flotation device.
- f. During any hunting season all year, lawful methods of hunting may be used in areas not prohibiting such use.
- g. Recreational gold mining within the Arkansas Headwaters Recreation Area is allowed, except where prohibited as indicated by posted signs.

2. Barr Lake State Park

- a. No dogs or other pets shall be permitted in the wildlife refuge area.
- b. Visitors shall be required to remain on designated trails and boardwalks in the wildlife refuge area.
- c. No fishing or boating shall be permitted in the wildlife refuge area.
- d. Visitors shall be required to remain on the designated trails on Barr Lake Dam.
- e. No horses shall be permitted on the Barr Lake Dam.
- f. Only hand-propelled craft, sailboats and boats with electric trolling motors or gasoline motors of 10 horsepower or less shall be permitted.
- g. Only shotguns loaded with birdshot may be used for waterfowl hunting during the regular waterfowl hunting seasons, in the areas and at the times posted.
- h. Shotguns loaded with birdshot may also be used for dove hunting in the areas and at the times posted.
- i. All hunters must register prior to beginning hunting and check out at the conclusion of hunting, at the hunter registration area.

3. Boyd Lake State Park

- a. During the period beginning the Tuesday after Labor Day and continuing through the Friday prior to Memorial Day, only bows and arrows including crossbow and hand-held bow, unless otherwise restricted, and shotguns loaded with birdshot may be used for hunting during hunting seasons, and only in areas not posted as prohibiting such use.

4. Cameo Shooting and Education Complex

- a. Public access is allowed only from sunrise to sunset, except as otherwise authorized by an approved Special Activity or Commercial Use Permit.
- b. All fires may be prohibited, as posted, to comply with current burn restrictions.
- c. Camping is prohibited, except when authorized by an approved Special Activity or Commercial Use Permit, and then only allowed in areas specifically designated on the permit.
- d. Dogs are prohibited outside of vehicles, unless specifically authorized by an approved Special Activity or Commercial Use Permit, and then only allowed in areas specifically designated on the permit.
- e. Hunting is prohibited, except in the area north of, and no closer than 100 yards of, the Coal Canyon Main Canyon Divide.
- f. All persons must adhere to range safety rules, as posted.
- g. The possession of marijuana is prohibited.
- h. Biking is allowed in designated areas only, as posted.

5. Castlewood Canyon State Park

- a. No dogs or other pets shall be permitted in the East Canyon area.
- b. No horses shall be permitted in the east canyon area.
- c. It shall be unlawful to climb, traverse, or rappel, on or from rock formations in the East Canyon area.
- d. Visitors shall be required to remain on the designated trails in the East Canyon area.

6. Chatfield State Park

- a. Entrance to and exit from the dog off leash areas are permitted only at designated access points.
- b. A handler may bring a maximum of three dogs at one time into the designated dog off leash area.
- c. Handlers must possess a leash and at least one waste bag for each dog in the designated dog off leash area.
- d. Sport dog trainers shall obtain a special use permit to access and use the designated upland and flat-water sport dog training areas.
- e. Handlers in the dog off leash area and the sport dog training areas must have a visible and valid dog off leash annual pass or dog off leash daily pass.
- f. Fishing is prohibited on the ponds within the dog off leash area.
- g. Only pistols or other mechanisms incapable of discharging live ammunition may be used at the dog training area.
- h. A valid permit is required to launch or land any hot-air balloon.
- i. Only float tubes or craft propelled by hand shall be permitted on the ponds within the park, excluding the main reservoir.

7. Cherry Creek State Park

- a. Entrance to and exit from the dog off leash areas is permitted only at designated access points.
- b. A handler may bring a maximum of three dogs at one time into the designated dog off leash area.

- c. Handlers must possess a leash and at least one waste bag for each dog in the designated dog off leash area.
- d. Sport dog trainers shall obtain a special use permit to access and use the designated upland sport dog training area.
- e. Handlers in the dog off leash area and the sport dog training area must have a visible and valid dog off leash annual pass or dog off leash daily pass.
- f. Use of shotgun shells on the trap/skeet range with shot size larger than size 7 is prohibited.
- g. Only pistols or other mechanisms incapable of discharging live ammunition may be used at the dog training area.

8. Cheyenne Mountain State Park

- a. Dogs and other pets shall be prohibited except leashed dogs and pets shall be permitted in the developed areas of the park and on the following select trails only: Acorn Alley, Bobcat Way, Raccoon Ridge, and that portion of Soaring Kestral west of the eastern most intersection with Bobcat Way. All visitors that have dogs or other pets on the select trails must have in their possession at least one waste bag per animal.
- b. Smoking shall be limited to developed areas only and shall not be permitted in the backcountry, or on the archery range, parking lot or trail system.
- c. Hunting shall be prohibited.
- d. It shall be unlawful to climb, traverse or rappel on or from rock formations.
- e. Any person 17 years of age or older who is shooting on the field/3D portion of the archery range must obtain and maintain on one's person a proper and valid daily or annual Cheyenne Mountain Park archery range individual permit.
- f. Public access is prohibited on the archery range from sunset to sunrise.
- g. Any person 16 years of age or younger entering the archery range must be under adult supervision at all times.
- h. Broadheads, crossbows, and firearms, including, but not limited to, BB guns, pellet guns, and air rifles, are prohibited on the archery range.
- i. No dogs or other pets shall be permitted on the archery range.

9. Crawford State Park

- a. During any hunting season all year, lawful methods of hunting may be used in areas not prohibiting such use.

10. Eldorado Canyon State Park

- a. The use of all portable grills and stoves (including, but not limited to, charcoal, gas, and wood) is prohibited outside of designated high-use pads.
- b. During the period beginning the Tuesday after Labor Day and continuing through March 31, only hand-held bows and shotguns loaded with birdshot may be used for hunting during hunting seasons in the western portion of the parks known as crescent meadows.
- c. During the period beginning the Tuesday after Labor Day and continuing through the Friday prior to Memorial Day, only primitive weapons (hand-held bow and muzzle-loading rifles) may be used to hunt big game animals in the western portion of Eldorado Canyon State Park known as Crescent Meadows.

11. Eleven Mile State Recreation Area

- a. It shall be unlawful, except by law enforcement officers on official duty, to operate or park snowmobiles on land or on the frozen water surface of the reservoir, unless otherwise posted at the park entrances.
- b. It shall be unlawful to operate or occupy boats on the surface of the reservoir from one-half hour after sunset until one-half hour before sunrise.
- c. It shall be unlawful to enter upon, use or occupy the islands on the reservoir.

- d. It shall be unlawful to enter, use or occupy the lands or waters of Eleven Mile State Recreation Area lying to the east of the restrictive buoy line.
- e. Water skiing is prohibited on Eleven Mile Reservoir.
- f. During any hunting season all year, lawful methods of hunting may be used in areas not prohibiting such use.

12. Fishers Peak State Park

a. Beginning October 10, 2020:

- (1) Public access is allowed only from sunrise to sunset, except as otherwise authorized in a Special Activity Permit issued in accordance with (8) of these regulations.
- (2) Visitors shall remain on the designated trails except as otherwise authorized in a Special Activity Permit issued in accordance with (8) of these regulations.
- (3) Trail use is restricted to pedestrian use only.
- (4) Pets or other domestic animals are prohibited outside of designated parking areas, except in accordance with (8) of these regulations.
- (5) Snowmobile and off-highway vehicle use are prohibited.
- (6) Parking is prohibited, except in designated areas.
- (7) Raptor nest buffers:
 - a. From December 15-July 15, all visitors must remain outside of the ½-mile buffer established for golden eagle nests as posted.
 - b. From March 15-July 15, all visitors must remain outside of a ½-mile buffer established for peregrine falcon nests as posted.
- (8) Hunting is permitted only in accordance with parts (a) through (f) below:
 - a. A Special Activity Permit authorizing access will be provided on a drawing basis as provided in these regulations. Failure to comply with the conditions stated in the permit, statutes or regulations may result in permit revocation.
 - b. Only the successful Special Activity Permit holder and one nonhunting companion are allowed on the property.
 - c. Vehicles involved in hunting use of the park are required to have a valid Colorado State Parks Pass, unless the vehicle displays a Disabled Veteran license plate.
 - d. Hired guides or outfitters are prohibited on the property.
 - e. Access is prohibited, except during the season dates specified in part (f).
 - f. For the 2020 big game season:
 - i. One (1) properly licensed EE085O1R license holder will be provided access to hunt elk during the first rifle season (10/10/2020-10/14/2020).
 - a. The EE085O1R successful Special Activity Permit holder can hunt bear on Fishers Peak State Park during the first rifle season if they hold a valid BE083O5R license.
 - ii. One (1) properly licensed EM000U2R license holder will be provided access to hunt elk during the second rifle season (10/24/2020-11/1/2020).

- a. The EM000U2R successful Special Activity Permit holder can hunt bear during the second rifle season on Fishers Peak State Park if they hold a valid BE083O5R license.
 - iii. One (1) properly licensed DM140O3R license holder will be provided access to hunt deer during the third rifle season (11/7/2020-11/13/2020).
 - a. The DM140O3R successful Special Activity Permit holder can hunt bear during third rifle season on Fishers Peak State Park if they hold a valid BE083O5R license.
 - iv. One (1) properly licensed EE085O4R license holder will be provided access to hunt elk during the fourth rifle season (11/18/2020-11/22/2020).
 - a. The EE085O4R successful Special Activity Permit holder can hunt bear on Fishers Peak State Park during the fourth rifle season if they hold a valid BE083O5R license.
 - v. One (1) properly licensed LE000O1R license holder will be provided access to hunt mountain lion from 11/23/2020-3/31/2021, or until the hunter harvests a lion, or until the combined harvest limit for Game Management Units 85, 140, and 851 is filled, whichever comes first.

1342. Golden Gate Canyon

- a. No boats, rafts or other floating devices of any kind shall be permitted on lakes within Golden Gate Canyon State Park, except as part of an organized class in canoeing sponsored by the Division.
- b. In Jefferson County, excluding the 160-acre parcel known as the Vigil Ranch and the posted strip of land along Gilpin County Road 2: During deer and elk seasons, any lawful method of hunting may be used for hunting such big game; and beginning the Tuesday after Labor Day and continuing through the Friday prior to Memorial Day, any lawful method of hunting may be used during hunting seasons for small game, in areas not posted as prohibiting such use or uses. Provided further that hunters must visit the designated check station to check in prior to hunting and check out after hunting.
- c. During deer and elk seasons that are in the period beginning the Tuesday after Labor Day and continuing through the Friday prior to Memorial Day, any lawful method of hunting deer and elk may be used in areas not posted as prohibiting such use in that portion of Golden Gate Canyon State Park located in Gilpin County, otherwise known as the Green Ranch. Only hunters selected through a special drawing prior to the beginning of big game seasons are permitted to hunt the Green Ranch portion of Golden Gate Canyon State Park.

1413. Harvey Gap State Recreation Area

- a. Only hand-propelled craft, sailboats and boats with electric trolling motors or gasoline motors of 20 horsepower or less shall be permitted on Harvey Gap Reservoir.
- b. Water skiing is prohibited on Harvey Gap Reservoir.
- c. During the period beginning the Tuesday after Labor Day and continuing through the Friday prior to Memorial Day, only bows and arrows including crossbow and hand-held bow, unless otherwise restricted, and shotguns loaded with birdshot may be used for hunting during hunting seasons, and only in areas not posted as prohibiting such use.

1544. Highline Canal State Trail

- a. No swimming, tubing or rafting shall be permitted.
- b. No fires shall be permitted.

1645. Highline Lake State Park

- a. Only hand-propelled craft, sailboats and boats with electric motors shall be permitted on Mack Mesa Reservoir.
- b. Boats shall be prohibited on Highline Lake from the first day in October through the last day in February, except that hand-propelled craft may be used to set out and pick up decoys and retrieve downed waterfowl in the area open to hunting.
- c. Waterfowl hunting permitted in the areas and at the times posted. Only shotguns loaded with birdshot may be used for waterfowl hunting.
- d. Small game hunting permitted using only shotguns, in the areas and at the times posted.
- e. Reservations are required to hunt in accordance with #504.I.
- f. Big game hunting is prohibited.
- g. All hunters must register prior to beginning hunting and check out at the conclusion of hunting, at the hunter registration area.

1746. Jackson Lake State Park

- a. During the period beginning the Tuesday after Labor Day and continuing through the Friday prior to Memorial Day, only bows and arrows including crossbow and hand-held bow, unless otherwise restricted, and shotguns loaded with birdshot may be used for hunting during hunting seasons, and only in areas not posted as prohibiting such use.

1847. James M. Robb - Colorado River State Park

- a. **Colorado River Wildlife Area**
 - (1) In accordance with applicable management plans, no dogs or other pets shall be permitted, except on designated trails.
 - (2) No fires shall be permitted.
 - (3) No swimming shall be permitted.
 - (4) In accordance with applicable management plans, public access is restricted to designated roads and trails from March 15 to May 30 of each year.
 - (5) No boats, rafts or other floating devices of any kind shall be permitted on lakes.
- b. **Fruita, Connected Lakes, Corn Lake and Island Acres Sections**
 - (1) Except for the swim area at Island Acres, only hand-propelled craft, sailboats and boats with electric motors shall be permitted.
 - (2) Only waterfowl hunting permitted in the areas and at the times posted. All other hunting prohibited.
 - (3) Only shotguns loaded with birdshot may be used for waterfowl hunting.
 - (4) Waterfowl hunting from designated blinds only.
 - (5) Reservations are required to hunt in accordance with #504.I.

- (6) Hunting is prohibited in Fruita and Connected Lakes sections.
- c. **34 Road Parcel**
 - (1) No public access except for waterfowl hunting on weekends during designated waterfowl hunting seasons.
 - (2) Only waterfowl hunting permitted in the areas and at the times posted. All other hunting prohibited.
 - (3) Only shotguns loaded with birdshot may be used for waterfowl hunting.
 - (4) Reservations are required to hunt in accordance with #504.I.
 - (5) Waterfowl hunting from designated blinds only.
- d. **Pear Park Section**
 - (1) No boats, rafts or other floating devices of any kind shall be permitted on lakes between 30 Road and 29 Road.
 - (2) Only waterfowl hunting permitted in the areas and at the times posted. All other hunting prohibited.
 - (3) Only shotguns loaded with birdshot may be used for waterfowl hunting.
 - (4) Reservations are required to hunt in accordance with #504.I.
 - (5) Waterfowl hunting from designated blinds only.

1948. John Martin Reservoir State Recreation Area

- a. No public access shall be permitted on the north shore area of John Martin Reservoir State Recreation Area from the first day of November through March 15 of every year or as posted except to retrieve downed waterfowl.
- b. Only hand-propelled craft, sailboats and boats with electric motors shall be permitted on Lake Hasty.
- c. No unauthorized boats, rafts, or other floating devices of any kind shall be permitted on the waters below John Martin Dam to the Arkansas River bridge.
- d. No public access shall be permitted east of the waterfowl closure line to the dam from the first day of November through March 15 of every year or as posted except to retrieve downed waterfowl.

2049. Lake Pueblo State Park

- a. Jumping, diving or swinging from cliffs, ledges or man-made structures is prohibited, including, but not limited to, boat docks, marina infrastructure and the railroad trestle in Turkey Creek.
- b. Innertubes, air mattresses and similar devices are permitted, below the dam on that part of the Arkansas River within the boundaries of Pueblo State Recreation Area. All occupants of these devices must wear a U.S. Coast Guard approved wearable personal flotation device.
- c. During the period beginning the Tuesday after Labor Day and continuing through the Friday prior to Memorial Day, only bows and arrows including crossbow and hand-held bow, unless otherwise restricted, and shotguns loaded with birdshot may be used for hunting during hunting seasons, and only in areas not posted as prohibiting such use.

2120. Lathrop State Park

- a. Boats shall be prohibited on Horseshoe Reservoir from the first Monday in November through the last day of migratory waterfowl seasons, except as posted and except that hand-propelled craft may be used to set out and pick up decoys and retrieve downed waterfowl on the areas of such lakes open to hunting of migratory waterfowl.
- b. Water skiing is prohibited on Horseshoe Reservoir.
- c. During the period beginning the Tuesday after Labor Day and continuing through the Friday prior to Memorial Day, only bows and arrows including crossbow and hand-held bow, unless otherwise restricted, and shotguns loaded with birdshot may be used for hunting during hunting seasons west from a north-south line

corresponding with the existing barbed-wire fence between Horseshoe Lake and Martin Lake.

2224. Lone Mesa State Park

- a. During any authorized big game hunting season, any lawful method of hunting deer, elk, and bear may be used in areas not posted as prohibiting such use in Lone Mesa State Park. Only hunters who possess a valid Lone Mesa State Park hunting permit are permitted to hunt.

2322. Lory State Park

- a. During deer and elk seasons, any lawful method of hunting may be used for hunting such big game; and beginning the Tuesday after Labor Day and continuing through the Friday prior to Memorial Day, any lawful method of hunting may be used during hunting seasons for small game, in areas not posted as prohibiting such use or uses; except that hunting is not permitted on Saturdays and Sundays.
- b. During the spring turkey hunt at Lory State Park, it shall be permitted to hunt turkey by legal methods on Mondays and Tuesdays only. All other days of the week shall be closed to spring turkey hunting.

2423. Mancos State Park

- a. Only hand-propelled craft, sailboats, boats with electric trolling motors and boats with gasoline motors operated at a wakeless speed shall be permitted on Mancos Reservoir.
- b. Water skiing is prohibited on Mancos Reservoir.

2524. Mueller State Park

- a. No dogs or other pets shall be permitted outside of the developed facilities area.
- b. It shall be unlawful, except by law enforcement officers on official duty, to operate snowmobiles and off-highway vehicles.
- c. No boats, rafts or other floating devices of any kind shall be permitted on lakes within Mueller State Park.
- d. During the period beginning the Tuesday after Labor Day and continuing through the Friday prior to Memorial Day, any lawful method of controlled hunting may be used, during hunting seasons, in areas not prohibiting such use on Mueller State Park. Hunters may access the posted hunting area only from Trail 5 at the Visitor Center, Trail 11 at the Livery parking lot or Lost Pond Picnic Area and Trail 13 at the group campground. All weapons must be completely unloaded when the hunter is outside the posted hunting area boundary.

2625. Navajo State Park

- a. During any hunting season all year, lawful methods of hunting may be used in areas not prohibiting such use.

2726. North Sterling State Park

- a. Boats shall be prohibited on North Sterling Reservoir from the first Monday in November through the last day of migratory waterfowl seasons, except as posted and except that hand-propelled craft may be used to set out and pick up decoys and retrieve downed waterfowl on the areas of such lakes open to hunting of migratory waterfowl.
- b. During the period beginning the Tuesday after Labor Day and continuing through the Friday prior to Memorial Day, only bows and arrows and shotguns loaded with birdshot may be used for hunting in areas not prohibiting such use on North Sterling State Park, except as follows:
 - (i) Hunting is prohibited from the dam, and

- (ii) Hunting is prohibited from the frozen surface of the lake.

2827. Paonia State Park

- a. During any hunting season all year, lawful methods of hunting may be used in areas not prohibiting such use.

2928. Pearl Lake State Park

- a. Only hand-propelled craft, sailboats, boats with electric trolling motors and boats with gasoline motors operated at a wakeless speed shall be permitted.
- b. Water skiing is prohibited on Pearl Lake.
- c. During deer and elk seasons, any lawful method of hunting may be used for hunting such big game; and beginning the Tuesday after Labor Day and continuing through the Friday prior to Memorial Day, any lawful method of hunting may be used during hunting seasons for small game, in areas not posted as prohibiting such use or uses.

3029. Ridgway State Park

- a. No boats, rafts, or other floating devices shall be permitted on any waters within the Pa-Co-Chu-Puk Recreation Site, below Ridgway Dam.
- b. On all areas of the park east of Highway 550: during deer and elk seasons, any lawful method of hunting may be used for hunting such big game; and, during the period beginning the Tuesday after Labor Day and continuing through the Friday prior to Memorial Day, any lawful method of hunting may be used during hunting seasons for small game, in areas not posted as prohibiting such use or uses.
- c. During any authorized hunting season from October 1 to April 30 of each year, and any approved special season, any lawful method of hunting may be used on all lands at Ridgway State Park open to public access west of Ridgway Reservoir, except that the area bounded by Dallas Creek on the south and the site closure signs on the north shall be closed to all hunting.
- d. During any authorized waterfowl hunting season from October 1 to April 30 of each year, and any approved special season, waterfowl hunting shall be permitted within the Dallas Creek Recreation Site at Ridgway State Park; except that hunting shall be prohibited between the park road and U.S. Highway 550 and in other areas posted as prohibiting such use.
- e. During approved special seasons, any lawful method of hunting may be used in the following areas (or special hunting zones) as defined:
 - (i) (Zone 1) Elk Ridge Mesa, including the closed Elk Ridge Campground, and
 - (ii) (Zone 2) That area bounded by a distance of 100 yards south of park headquarters, on the north; Ridgway Reservoir on the west; ¼ mile from Colorado Highway 550 on the south; and ¼ mile from the main park road on the east and,
 - (iii) That area bounded by Ridgway reservoir's main cove on the north; ¼ mile from the Elk Ridge road on the west; the intersection of the Elk Ridge and main park roads on the south; and ¼ mile from the main park road on the east at Ridgway State Park and,
 - (iv) The Pa-Co-Chu-Puk Recreation site at Ridgway State Park.

3130. Rifle Falls State Park

- a. It shall be unlawful to climb, traverse, or rappel on or from rock formations.

3234. Rifle Gap State Park

- a. Hunting permitted in areas not prohibiting such use.

3332. Roxborough State Park

- a. No dogs or other pets shall be permitted.
- b. No fires shall be permitted.
- c. It shall be unlawful to climb, traverse or rappel on or from rock formations.

3433. Saint Vrain State Park

- a. Only hand-propelled craft, sailboats and boats with electric motors shall be permitted, except on Blue Heron Reservoir.
- b. Only hand or trailer launched vessels with electric or gasoline motors operated at a wakeless speed shall be permitted on Blue Heron Reservoir.

3534. Spinney Mountain State Recreation Area

- a. It shall be unlawful, except by law enforcement officers on official duty, to operate or park snowmobiles on land or on the frozen water surface of the reservoir, unless otherwise posted at the park entrances.
- b. It shall be unlawful to operate or occupy boats on the surface of the reservoir from one-half hour after sunset until one-half hour before sunrise.
- c. It shall be unlawful to enter upon, use or occupy the islands on the reservoir.
- d. It shall be unlawful to enter, use or occupy the lands or waters of Spinney Mountain State Recreation Area between November 16 and April 30, unless the reservoir is ice-free and the area is otherwise posted as open for public use.
- e. It shall be unlawful to enter, use or occupy the lands or waters of Spinney Mountain State Recreation Area between the hours of one hour after sunset and one-half hour before sunrise, or as otherwise posted.
- f. Water skiing is prohibited on Spinney Mountain Reservoir.
- g. During any hunting season all year, lawful methods of hunting may be used in areas not prohibiting such use.

3635. Stagecoach State Park

- a. During the period beginning the Tuesday after Labor Day and continuing through the Friday prior to Memorial Day, only bows and arrows including crossbow and hand-held bow, unless otherwise restricted, and shotguns loaded with birdshot may be used for hunting during hunting seasons on the western half of the reservoir.

3736. State Forest State Park

- a. No boats, rafts or other floating devices of any kind shall be permitted on lakes within The State Forest, except that wakeless boating shall be allowed on North Michigan Reservoir.
- b. Only hand-propelled craft, sailboats, boats with electric trolling motors and boats with gasoline motors operated at a wakeless speed shall be permitted on North Michigan Reservoir.
- c. Water skiing is prohibited on North Michigan Reservoir.
- d. During any hunting season all year, lawful methods of hunting may be used in areas not prohibiting such use.

3837. Staunton State Park

- a. No boats, rafts or other floating devices of any kind shall be permitted on lakes within the park.

3938. Steamboat Lake State Park

- a. During deer and elk seasons, any lawful method of hunting may be used for hunting such big game; and from the Tuesday after Labor Day through the Friday prior to Memorial Day, any lawful method of hunting may be used during hunting seasons for small game, in areas not posted as prohibiting such use or uses.

4039. Sweitzer Lake State Park

- a. During the period beginning the Tuesday after Labor Day and continuing through the Friday prior to Memorial Day, only bows and arrows including crossbow and hand-held bow, unless otherwise restricted, and shotguns loaded with birdshot may be used for hunting during hunting seasons, and only in areas not posted as prohibiting such use.

4140. Sylvan Lake State Park

- a. Only hand-propelled craft, sailboats and boats with electric motors shall be permitted.
- b. Water skiing is prohibited on Sylvan Lake.
- c. During any hunting season all year, lawful methods of hunting may be used in areas not prohibiting such use.

4241. Trinidad Lake State Park, Archery Range

- a. Dogs or other pets are prohibited.
- b. Smoking is prohibited.
- c. Broadheads, crossbows, and firearms, including, but not limited to, BB guns, pellet guns, and air rifles are prohibited.
- d. Any person 16 years of age or younger, must be under the direct supervision of an adult at all times.
- e. Public access is prohibited between sunset and sunrise.
- f. During the period beginning the Tuesday after Labor Day and continuing through the Friday prior to Memorial Day, only bows and arrows including crossbow and hand-held bow, unless otherwise restricted, and shotguns loaded with birdshot may be used for hunting during hunting seasons, and only in areas not posted as prohibiting such use.

4342. Vega State Park

- a. Hunting permitted beginning the Tuesday after Labor Day and continuing through the Friday prior to Memorial Day.
- b. Only bows and arrows, including crossbow and hand-held bow, unless otherwise restricted, and shotguns loaded with birdshot may be used for hunting during hunting seasons, and only in areas not posted as prohibiting such use.

AS APPROVED - 09/03/2020
Basis and Purpose
Chapter P-1 - Parks and Outdoor Recreation Lands

Basis and Purpose:

At its September 2-3, 2020 meeting, the Colorado Parks and Wildlife Commission adopted emergency rules affecting Chapter P-1 (Parks and Outdoor Recreation Lands, 2 CCR 405-1) and related provisions of Chapter P-7 (Passes, Permits and Registrations, 2 CCR 405-7). The emergency rules temporarily allow for park-specific regulations for Fishers Peak State Park necessary to ensure public safety, to protect natural and cultural resources, and for CPW and its partners to continue collecting further cultural and biological data while allowing for some limited trail and public hunter access during the master planning process.

The Commission adopted the foregoing rules on an emergency basis as authorized by the Colorado Administrative Procedures Act (APA), CRS § 24-4-103(6)(a). This section authorizes emergency rules where “the agency finds that immediate adoption of the rule is imperatively necessary ... for the preservation of public health, safety, or welfare” where the APA’s standard rulemaking requirements “would be contrary to the public interest.” The Commission finds such standards are satisfied here.

The Commission is required to “[e]stablish parks and outdoor recreation uses for the areas, lakes, properties, and facilities under its control or which may be acquired or come under its control or supervision after July 1, 1972, where such areas, lakes, properties, or facilities are suitable for such uses” (CRS, § 33-10-106(1)(c)) and the duty to “promulgate rules and orders relating to parks...” (CRS, § 33-10-106(1)(a)).

The 19,200-acre Fishers Peak property is located south of the City of Trinidad in Las Animas County, Colorado. Colorado Parks and Wildlife (CPW) acquired the property on April 1, 2020 from The Nature Conservancy (TNC) and The Trust for Public Land (TPL) to become Colorado’s next state park. CPW is currently working with its partners (TNC, TPL and the City of Trinidad) to develop a master plan for the state park.

While the master planning process is taking place and in the interim, CPW wishes to offer some, limited day-use public access to the property beginning on October 10, 2020. The regulations adopted at the September 2-3, 2020 Commission meeting are necessary for CPW and its partners to continue collecting further cultural and biological data while allowing for some limited trail and public hunter access during the master planning process. These park-specific regulations pertain to individual passes, day-use and trail limitations, pets and livestock, raptor nest buffers and limited hunting access for the 2020 season. Adopting these emergency regulations, allows the Commission to open Fishers Peak State Park in time to allow hunters access for first rifle elk season, which starts on October 10, 2020.

Absent the emergency rules, the Division would be unable to offer this limited public access to the Fishers Peak property starting on October 10, 2020. Accordingly, the emergency rules are necessary for the use, benefit, and enjoyment of the people of this state.

Notice of the proposed emergency rule-making was posted on the CPW website, and at Regional Service Centers, and Area Service Centers (area offices) where possible, indicating the Commission would consider the emergency regulations at its meeting on September 2-3, 2020 and written comments would be accepted prior to that date.

The statements of basis and purpose for these regulations can be obtained from the Colorado Division of Parks and Wildlife, Office of the Regulations Manager by emailing dnr_cpw_planning@state.co.us. The statements of basis and purpose are not available at the Division of Parks and Wildlife headquarters due to the closure of these facilities to the public in light of the COVID-19 pandemic.

The primary statutory authority for these regulations can be found in § 24-4-103, C.R.S., and the state Parks Act, §§ 33-10-101 to 33-33-113, C.R.S., and specifically including, but not limited to: §§ 33-10-106, C.R.S.

EFFECTIVE DATE - THESE EMERGENCY REGULATIONS SHALL BECOME EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY UPON ADOPTION AND SHALL REMAIN IN EFFECT FOR NO MORE THAN 120 DAYS OR UNTIL PERMANENT REGULATIONS TAKE EFFECT, WHICHEVER OCCURS FIRST, OR THE EMERGENCY REGULATIONS ARE OTHERWISE REPEALED, AMENDED OR SUPERSEDED.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED BY THE PARKS AND WILDLIFE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF COLORADO THIS 3RD DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2020.

**APPROVED:
Marvin McDaniel
Chair**

**ATTEST:
Marie Haskett
Secretary**