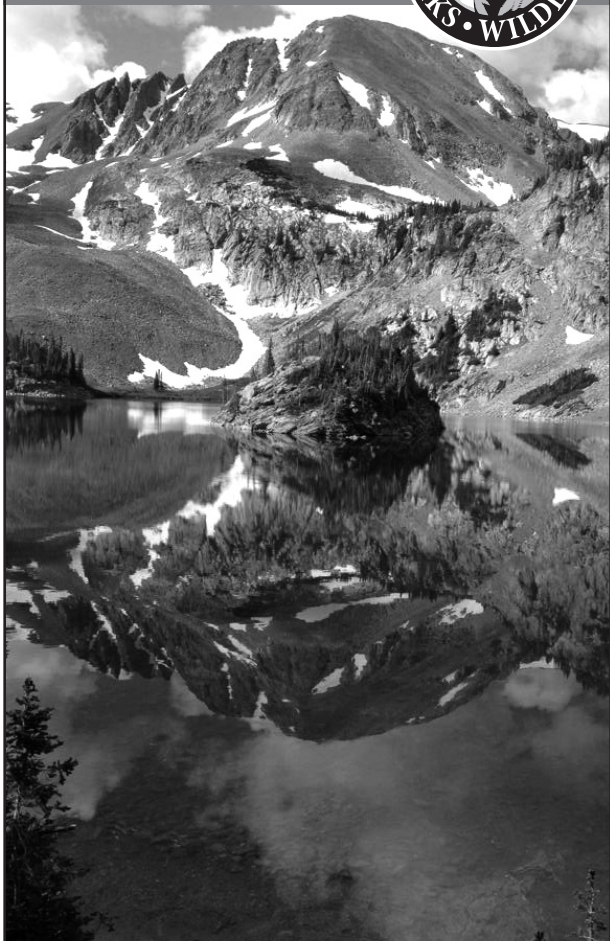


COLORADO PARKS & WILDLIFE

State Forest State Park

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Passes, Permits, Fees

All visitors entering the park are required to visibly display a current Colorado State Parks' Pass. A daily pass is valid from the day purchased until noon the following day. An annual pass is valid at any Colorado state park.

Colorado residents are offered the Keep Colorado (KCW) \$29 annual pass with their vehicle registration.

In addition to a parks pass, all campers are required to purchase a valid camping reservation.

State Forest campsites and cabins may be reserved.

Reservations can be made by calling 1(800) 244-5613 or online at cpwshop.com



Camping

State Forest State Park offers campers various types of sites in six different campgrounds. We have basic camp sites (fire pit and picnic table), electric sites with fire pits and picnic tables at Ranger Lakes and North Park, and primitive sites (fire pit only). Developed sites can accommodate tents, trailers, or pick-up campers. Back-country camping is available throughout the park as well, including alpine lakes such as Ruby Jewel, Kelly, Clear, and American Lakes. Minimum impact camping techniques are required in these areas. There is no camping allowed at Lake Agnes.

Campground users must have both a camping reservation and a vehicle pass and must camp only in designated campsites. Before camping in the backcountry, campers should check with a ranger or at the Visitor Center for information.



Facilities

A showerhouse is available to campers with valid camping reservations and vehicle pass. There are no EV charging stations at this time. Charging at electric campsites requires valid camping reservation and vehicle pass.

Religious, medical and community facilities are available in Walden. Camping supplies and food are available nearby.



General Information

Within the boundaries of State Forest State Park lie 71,000 acres of incredible outdoor recreational opportunities: backpacking, hiking, fishing, camping, hunting, four-wheeling, skiing, snowshoeing, snowmobiling and, of course, relaxing in the great outdoors.

State Forest is high country, ranging in elevation from 8,500 to 13,000 feet, so visitors may find they need time to acclimate. Sunburn is possible in the high, thin, cool air and in the summer mosquito repellent is a necessity.

The park stretches along the west side of the Medicine Bow Mountains and into the north end of the Never Summer Range. From Ft. Collins, visitors can take Highway 14 over Cameron Pass, a 75-mile Scenic Byway drive. From Denver, the route leads over Berthoud and Willow Creek passes to Walden, a 150-mile trip.

State Forest's recreational uses are administered by Colorado Parks and Wildlife, which has leased the area for public recreation from Colorado State Land Board since 1972.



REGULATIONS

Park regulations are posted at each entrance. State Forest was established and is maintained for enjoyment by you and future generations. In the interest of safety and the protection of park resources, we must insist that you:

1. Keep pets on a leash no longer than six feet to avoid confrontations with other pets, people and wildlife.
2. Build fires only in designated areas. No fires are allowed in the back country.
3. Operate vehicles only on roads, motorized trails or parking lots. Off-road driving can damage resources and wildlife habitats.
4. Please put all litter in trash receptacles provided.
5. Purchase and display valid permits for all vehicles.



Boating

Boating is permitted only on North Michigan Reservoir. Power boats can be operated only at wakeless speeds. All other waters in the park are closed to boating.



Wildlife Watching

In 1995, the Colorado State Legislature designated North Park as the Moose Viewing Capital of Colorado. Close to a third of the moose in North Park are located in State Forest State Park. Moose can be viewed year-round throughout the park. The park is also rich in other wildlife including elk, mule deer, beaver, fox, eagles, river otter and black bear.



Hiking and Horseback Riding

There are many popular trails that lead to Ruby Jewel, Kelly, Clear, Agnes and American Lakes, as well as many other locations throughout the park. A National Park Service backcountry permit is necessary if a backpacking trip is planned into Rocky Mountain National Park.

Horseback riders will find many of our backcountry trails ideal for a day-ride or longer pack-trip. Horse corrals are offered at the Bockman Campground and at the Canadian River Trail head. Red Feather Guides offers horseback and pack trips. Contact them at (970) 723-4204 or redfeatherguides.com. For a more extensive backcountry experience, Medicine Bow Outfitters offers a variety of services from pack trips and hunting trips to wagon rides. You can contact them at (970) 631-2812, or visit their website at medicinebowoutfitters.com



Winter Recreation

Winter activities include skiing, snow-shoeing and snowmobiling on extensive trail systems. Some snowmobile and ski trails are groomed. Winter and summer outdoor courses are available through coloradomountainschool.com or by calling (720)387-8944.



Cabins

Rustic, historic cabins are available year round on a rental basis at North Michigan Reservoir and North Park Campground. Call 1(800) 244-5613. Additionally, Medicine Bow Outfitters offers a variety of backcountry cabins in the northern part of the park, providing a unique experience for various types of backcountry users. Visit their website at medicinebowoutfitters.com, or call (970) 631-2812.



Dump Station

A dump station is located near the maintenance shop at the North Michigan Entrance off County Road 41. Potable water is available at the dump station. It is illegal to dump waste and sewage, including dishwater, anywhere except in a holding tank. Use of the dump station requires valid camping reservation and vehicle pass.



Hunting

Hunting is allowed in the State Forest State Park. Game Management Units 6 and 171 are within the park boundaries. For more information, please see the State Forest State Park website.



Fishing

Only artificial fly and lure fishing is permitted in the alpine lakes. Ranger Lakes and North Michigan Reservoir follow standard state regulations. Brook, brown, cutthroat and rainbow trout can be caught.



Vegetation

Lodgepole pine, spruce, fir, and aspen make up most of the forest. There are grassy meadows, sagebrush hillsides, and willow filled wetlands. Tundra and alpine meadows are found above 11,000 feet. At all elevations throughout the park there is a vast array of colorful wildflowers in mid-summer, including the Colorado state flower, the Blue Columbine.



Off-Highway Vehicles and Four-Wheel Drive

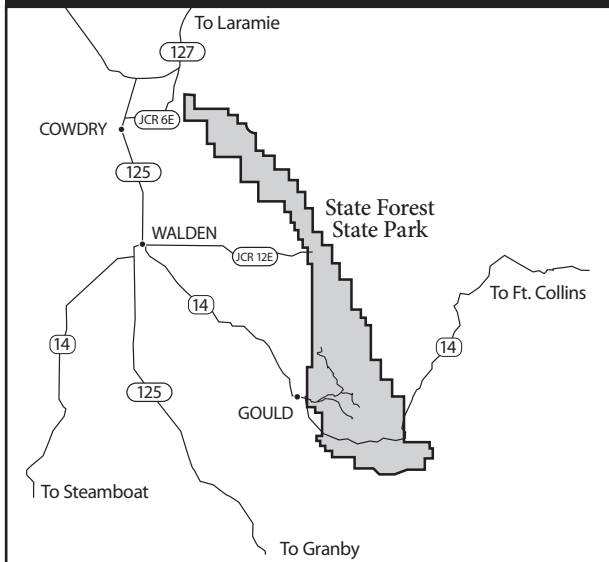
Many miles of trails exist for OHV and four-wheel drive enthusiasts. Trails range in difficulty from novice to challenging. Motorized travel is restricted to designated roads and trails. All OHVs must be registered.



+ FIRST AID/ASSISTANCE

Emergency assistance can be obtained from any park ranger or at the Moose Visitor Center. The Moose Visitor Center is located one mile east of Gould on Hwy. 14. If you require information or assistance, visit the Moose Visitor Center or call (970) 723-8366. Emergency phone located at the Moose Visitor Center.

► LOCATION



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