

# COLORADO

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**Cherry Creek State Recreation Area**  
4201 S. Parker Road  
Aurora, Colorado 80014  
690-1166

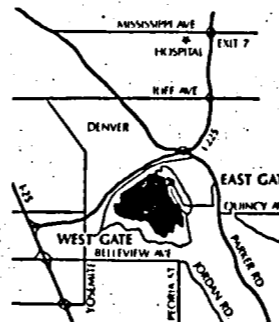
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13787 S. Hwy. 85  
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Open weekdays 8 am to 5 pm

**Park Ranger:** 690-1166  
**Sheriff:** 795-4711

**EMERGENCY: 911**

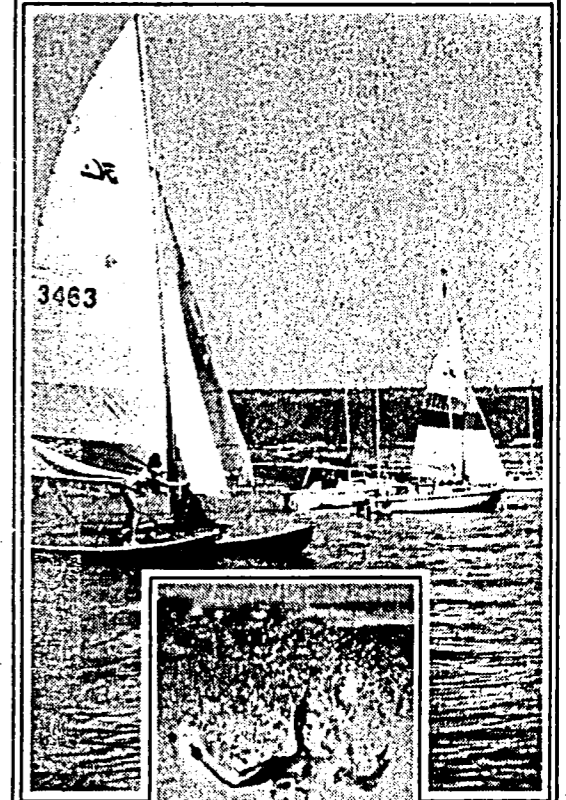


If you don't wish to take this permit, please call your local park ranger so it can be used by other park visitors. Thank you.

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STATE RECREATION AREA



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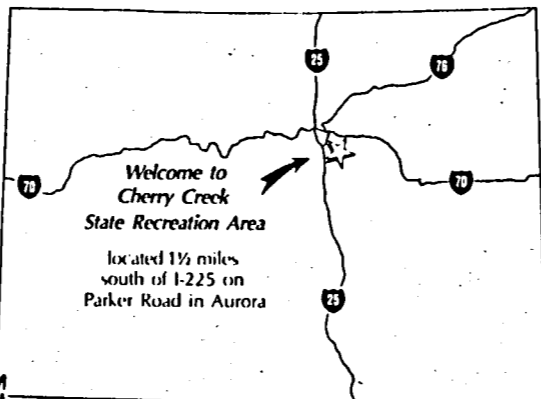
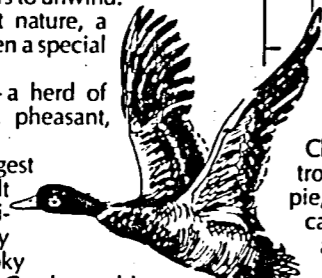
Over 1.5 million visitors can't be wrong! Cherry Creek State Recreation Areas is an oasis for boaters, fishermen and swimmers alike.

The recreational opportunities are unlimited at this 3900-acre park. There's excitement on the 880-acre reservoir with water-skiers, windsurfers 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. Cherry Creek's atmosphere is quite different then than on weekends.

The views are pretty spectacular, too. During the summer colorful masts from sailboats and windsurfers dot the lake in summer 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, a place to have a family picnic and even a special area to train your dog.

Then there's the unexpected — a herd of over twenty deer — plus coyotes, pheasant, cottontail and jackrabbits.

Cherry Creek Reservoir, the largest body of water in the area, was built in 1950 by the Army Corps of Engineers to prevent flooding. The early wagon train travellers on the Smoky Hill Trail that cuts through Cherry Creek would have had a hard time imagining that this rolling prairie studded with yucca would become such an important natural resource to the people of Colorado.



## FISHING

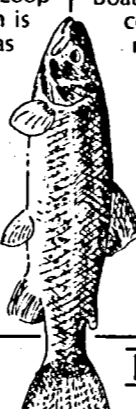
Fishermen head out to Cherry Creek SRA to catch trout, walleye, bass, crappie, pike, tench, carp and catfish. The Tower Loop area near the dam is a popular spot as well as the quiet of the south end of the reservoir.

Lake zoning maps and copies of current Colorado boating regulations are available at park entrances.

## THE MARINA

The west side marina can make a sailor, windsurfer or waterskier out of the eager-to-learn with lessons and rentals. Boaters will find additional conveniences there—slip rental and fuel. Quench that thirst or catch a snack at the food concession.

The best way to have fun on your boat is the safe way — know your specific safety equipment requirements.



## BICYCLE TRAILS

Cyclists and joggers share 8 miles of paved trails that wind around the reservoir. A popular workout spot year round, the physically fit-minded shape up at the 12 exercise stations along the trail.

## HORSEBACK RIDING

The stables near the east gate entrance offer equestrians a real treat — 10 miles of trails along Cherry Creek. Horse owners find it a good place to condition their own horses, too. Call the stables at 690-8235.



## PICNICKING

Picnicking in the shade of tall cottonwoods at the Dixon's Grove area of Cherry Creek offers visitors a cool place for a family outing. Additional shade shelters, tables and grills are located throughout the park at waters' edge. Call 690-1211 to reserve the group picnic site.

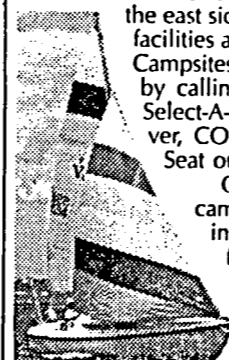
## WINTER RECREATION

Cherry Creek SRA can provide a special experience for the winter outdoors person—ice fishing, ice skating and, as snow permits, cross country skiing. Be sure and check ice conditions at the entrance stations.

## CAMPING

Cherry Creek offers metro Denver area residents the convenience of close-in camping at its 102 sites located on the east side of the reservoir. Showers and laundry facilities are available, but no electrical hook-ups. Campsites can be reserved 15 days in advance by calling 778-6691, or by mail by writing to Select-A-Seat, 3915 E. Exposition Avenue, Denver, CO 80209; or in person at any Select-A-Seat outlet.

Quiet hours are observed within the campground from 10 pm to 6 am. A holding tank dump station is located across from the campground entrance. Please use this facility — it is illegal to dump waste and sewage including dish-water.



## SHOOTING RANGE

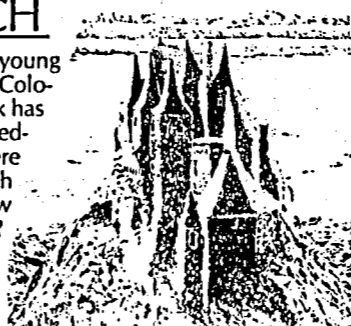
Fixed targets for rifles and pistols and a trap area for shot-guns can be found in the most southwest area of the park (call 693-1765). Firearms are prohibited elsewhere. Hunting is not allowed.

## MODEL AIRPLANE FIELD

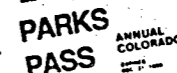
Model airplane enthusiasts will find asphalt runways, frequency posts, field regulations for radio controlled aircraft at this area located in the southwest end of the park.

## SWIM BEACH

A gathering spot for young people to soak up that Colorado sun — Cherry Creek has a sandy beach and roped-off swimming area. Where else can you sit on a beach mid-summer and view snow-capped peaks? Food concessions, bath-house and first-aid station are located at the beach area.



## PARK PASSES



Visitors to Cherry Creek SRA are required to display a current Colorado State Parks' Pass, issued by vehicle, on their auto windshield. Two types are available: a daily pass and an annual pass which is valid at any state park or recreation area for the calendar year.

To Colorado's senior citizens, 62 and over, the Division of Parks offers, at no charge, the Aspen Leaf Annual Pass. The pass grants admission to all state parks and recreation areas every day; free admittance to campgrounds is limited to weekdays. A camping fee is charged on weekends and holidays. Persons accompanying the passholder in the same vehicle are admitted at no fee.

## SPECIAL EVENTS

Cherry Creek accommodates special events throughout the year — bicycling and foot races, triathlons, sports festivals and sailing regattas.

## FACILITIES FOR THE HANDICAPPED

Special facilities to accommodate handicapped persons are located at the fishing access areas, the Dixon Grove picnic area, the campground, the group picnic sites and the swim beach. Parking for handicapped visitors is signed throughout the park.

## HELP PROTECT OUR NATURAL RESOURCES

We need your help! With Cherry Creek SRA receiving over 1.5 million visitors annually, everyone must do their part and follow the park regulations for the safety and enjoyment of all.

1. Vehicles must remain on designated roads or in parking areas at all times.
2. Dogs must be kept on a leash at all times.
3. Swimming and camping are allowed only in designated areas.
4. Fires are permitted only in grills or provided fire rings. For a complete list of park and boating regulations, please check at the park entrances.

## CARRYING CAPACITY

Due to Cherry Creek's convenient location, it experiences high-use on weekends and holidays. A Carrying Capacity — that is the maximum number of visitors allowed in the park has been set. It helps protect park users, prevents damage to the natural resources and provides for a more enjoyable stay for visitors. To avoid inconvenience, arrive at parks early or visit on weekdays or evenings.



## NATURE STUDY

Enter the enchanting and educational world of nature study through the park rangers' interpretive walks at the bird and prairie dog observation areas. Call 690-1211 for reservations.

