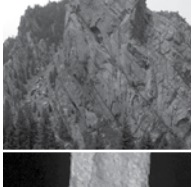
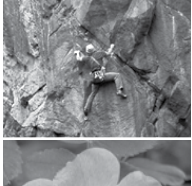




eldorado canyon state park FY09-10



who we are

Eldorado Canyon State Park is located west of the historic resort town of Eldorado Springs. A world-renowned technical rock climbing area, the canyon also offers fishing, hiking, picnicking and a quiet retreat from the city. Trails in the park join trails on Boulder County Open Space and City of Boulder's Open Space and Mountain Parks lands. The park also features an award-winning "Junior Ranger" program during the summer months and outstanding opportunities for photography during all seasons.

Visitors to Eldorado Canyon State Park spend about \$2 million annually in local communities.

Source: Corona Research, Colorado State Parks Marketing Assessment, "Visitor Spending Analysis 2008-2009."

top attractions

- Legendary rock-climbing destination.
- Miles of hiking trails with spectacular views.
- Picnicking along the scenic South Boulder Creek.
- Award-winning junior ranger program.
- Trout fishing and mountain biking.
- Universally accessible education/naturalist programs.



our partners

- Action Committee for Eldorado (ACE) & Fixed Hardware Review Committee
- Eldorado Artesian Springs Water and Pool
- The Access Fund
- Rocky Mountain Nature Association (RMNA)
- The American Alpine Club
- Boulder Climbing Community
- Colorado Mountain Club
- American Mountain Guides Association
- City of Boulder Mountain Parks and Open Space
- Boulder County Parks and Open Space
- Eldorado Springs and Kneale Subdivision Homeowners Association
- Rocky Mountain Fire Authority
- MountainProject.com
- Rocky Mountain Rescue Group, Inc.
- Denver Water Board
- Colorado State Forest Service
- Colorado Division of Wildlife
- Boulder County Sheriff's Office and Community Corrections
- Colorado Department of Health

challenges we face

- The park reaches capacity on weekends and holidays between May and September. Such intensive use of the "Inner Canyon" affects the natural resources and visitor experiences. The effect is that Eldorado Canyon is being "loved to death."
- Balance recreational expectations with increased fiscal self-sufficiency requirements while addressing reduced operating, personnel and utility budgets.
- Wildfire mitigation work in the Inner Canyon and Crescent Meadow areas continues with help from Colorado State Forest Service and other agencies.

our enduring vision

Colorado State Parks offer exceptional settings for renewal of the human spirit. Residents and visitors enjoy healthy, fun-filled interaction with the natural world, creating rich traditions with family and friends that promote stewardship of our natural resources. Park employees and their partners work together to provide ongoing and outstanding customer service through recreational programs, amenities and services.

statistics and ratios

Visitation FY 09-10: **235,422**

Estimated expenditures within 50 miles of the park: **\$2,056,203 (2008-2009)**

Full-time employees: **5**

Visitor to full-time staff: **47,084:1**

Temporary employees: **10**

Volunteers: **61**

Volunteer hours contributed: **3,360**

County: **Boulder and Jefferson**

Congressional District: **2**

State Legislative Districts

Senate: **16**

House: **13, 25**

expenses/revenue

Total operating expenses: **\$441,004**

Total construction expenses: **\$0**

Total revenue generated: **\$323,622**

Self-sufficiency ratio: **73%**
(FY 09-10 revenues/operating expenses)

land acquisitions FY 09-10

There were no new acquisitions in FY 09-10.

volunteer activities

- Eldorado offers a volunteer program including raptor monitoring, park patrol, trail crew work, naturalist assistance, maintenance assistance, and visitor services.
- The Boulder Climbing Community and the Action Committee for Eldorado, a group of climbers, provide volunteer support for the park.

park inventory

Year became a state park: **1978**
Land acres: **1,392**
Elevation: **6,083'**

Ownership

State parks: **92%**
Other: **8%**

Miles of Roads

Paved: **0**
Unpaved: **1.0**

Miles of Trails

Hiking: **15.9**
Biking: **9**
Horse: **12**

Picnic sites: 35

Concessions:

Alpine Endeavors
Alpine World Ascents
American Mt. Guides Association
Climbing Life Guides
Exum Mountain Guides
Jackson Hole Mt. Guides
Mountain Day Camp
Colorado Mountain School
Rocky Mountain Anglers
Sunrise Anglers
The Spot Gym

Major buildings/structures:

Park office and visitor center
Park house
Maintenance shop/garage

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