

Passes & Permits



Fees are charged year round and pay for the operation of park facilities. Passes are available at the visitor center, west park entrance station and automated pass dispensers. For your convenience the automated pass dispensers and visitor center accept credit cards. All visitors are required to display a current Colorado State Parks Pass on their vehicle windshield.

A daily pass is valid from the day purchased until noon the following day. An annual pass grants entrance to all Colorado State Parks. For annual pass holders who own another vehicle, a multiple pass is available for an additional fee.

Aspen Leaf annual passes are available for Colorado seniors (64 years and older) at a discounted rate. Aspen Leaf pass holders can receive a discount on camping on weekdays. A regular camping fee is charged on weekends and holidays.

Colorado disabled veterans displaying Colorado Disabled Veteran (DV) license plates are admitted free without a pass.

A camping fee is charged in addition to a daily pass fee. Campers are required to purchase and display a camping permit at their campsite.

Wildlife



More than 200 species of birds have been observed at Highline Lake State Park, and migrating ducks and geese winter at Highline. Birds such as the great blue heron, white pelican, snowy egret, whooping crane, golden eagle and bald eagle are seen in the park. Visit the Watchable Wildlife Overlook and Kiosk for more information about specific species. A bird list is available at the park office.

Many animals make their home at Highline Lake and can be seen at various times of the year. Natural areas within the park allow visitors and school groups to observe animals in their natural habitats.

Small game and waterfowl hunting at Highline Lake State Park is allowed with specific regulations. Information on seasons and regulations is available from a park ranger or the hunting brochures.

Picnicking



The large turf area and shade trees close to the lake provide cool picnic sites with grills and tables.

Boating & Water Recreation



Highline Lake opens to boating March 1st and continues to September 30th. The lake provides an area for power boating, jet-skiing and water-skiing. On weekends during the summer, boat capacity is often reached. Consider arriving early on weekends, or boat weekdays and evenings.

All boats must carry the appropriate safety equipment – see Colorado Boating Regulations and Statutes. Also please note specific boating regulations on the map attached. Aquatic Nuisance Species regulations are enforced at Highline Lake. Inspection stations are located at both east and west ramps. For information, choose the Boating link at www.cpw.state.co.us.

Park rangers patrol Highline Lake regularly to provide emergency assistance and ensure safe operation.

Swim Beach



With warm temperatures in the summer a buoyed-off swim area is provided adjacent to the grassy picnic area. The water is tested weekly and water temperatures run from the high 60s to the 80s. The swimbeach is open from the first weekend in May through the end of September. Please observe posted swim beach rules and regulations.

Group Picnic Facility



This attractive area has facilities for groups of up to 150 and includes a large fire grill, covered eating area and modern restrooms. Groups should reserve the area in advance by calling the park office at (970) 858-7208, or by email up to 1 year in advance. A fee is charged for reserving this facility.

Accessibility



The swim area is located 50-75 yards from the parking lot and is accessible with assistance. The beach house, toilet facilities and group shelter facilities are all accessible. One handicapped-accessible campsite, site #25, is available.

The watchable wildlife overlook is accessible on the west side as well as the kiosk on the east side.

An accessible fishing pier is available at Mack Mesa Lake.

Help Protect Your Park

A complete copy of park regulations is available at the entrance station.

Highline Lake State Park was built and is maintained for your use and enjoyment. In the interest of safety and for the preservation of your park, please observe the following:

1. Place trash in the receptacles provided.
2. Vehicles must remain on designated roads or parking lots.
3. Please keep all pets off the beach and on a leash no longer than six feet.
4. Fires may be built only in the fire rings or grills provided.
5. Camping is only permitted in designated campsites.
6. Report any problems to a ranger or dial 911.

To prevent theft, please do not leave personal belongings unattended on picnic tables or in tents and lock your vehicles.



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Highline Lake State Park



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Welcome to Highline Lake State Park, the center for water sports and recreation in the Grand Valley. Its warm water provides a comfortable setting for water-skiing, swimming, fishing and picnicking. Highline Lake, completed in 1969, has 160 surface-acres for water recreation, while Mack Mesa Lake provides good fishing and solitude away from motorized boats. In winter, large numbers of migratory birds use the park as a rest stop. Whether you visit Highline Lake to rest or play, its diverse wildlife and recreational opportunities will entertain you.

Camping

Highline Lake State Park offers 36 grassy campsites that can accommodate tents and RVs. Showers are available. Campers must have both a camping permit and a vehicle pass; both are available at the visitor center and the automated pass dispenser at the east entrance.

Please camp only in designated sites and display the camping permit in the markers at each campsite.

Due to the limited number of campsites available, the campground routinely reaches capacity during the summer months. Please use the reservation system to guarantee a campsite by calling, in Denver (303) 470-1144, outside Denver, 1-800-678-2267 (CAMP) or online at www.cpw.state.co.us. There is a reservation fee in addition to the camping fee.

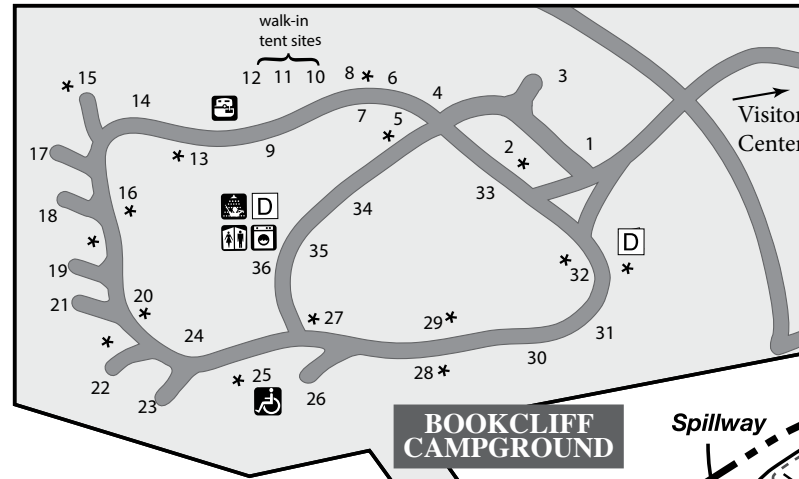


Fishing

Mack Mesa Lake is noted for its fine early season and fall trout fishing, as well as its great ice fishing. Only hand or electric powered boats are allowed.

Highline Lake has a unique barrier net system designed to keep endangered and non-native fish apart, installed at the outlet – this is the first fish screen in the United States to be used to separate endangered fish from sport fishing.

Good warm-water fishing exists at both lakes, especially for largemouth bass, channel catfish and crappie. For up-to-date fishing information visit us online at www.cpw.state.co.us.























Trail Use

Trails circle both Mack Mesa Lake and Highline Lake. The Highline Lake Trail is a 3.5 mile loop around the lake featuring excellent shore bird and mule deer viewing opportunities. This trail has a gravel surface and accommodates hiking and mountain bikes. Single-track trails have also been developed north of the lake. See map for details. Access to world class mountain bike routes on BLM property is close by.

Highline Lake State Park

BOOKCLIFF CAMPGROUND

LEGEND

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|---|------------------------|---|------------------------|
|  | Boat Ramp |  | Parking |
|  | Camping |  | Restrooms |
|  | Dump Station |  | Showers |
|  | Dumpster |  | Swim Beach |
|  | Entrance Station |  | Wakeless |
|  | Water Hydrant |  | Vault Toilet |
|  | Fishing |  | Visitor Center |
|  | Group Picnic Area |  | Watchable Wildlife |
|  | Handicapped Accessible |  | Hiking/Mountain Biking |
|  | Laundry |  | Park Boundary |

