

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.
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 and campsites.

REGULATIONS

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

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 drive. From Denver, the route leads over Berthoud and Willow Creek passes to Walden, a 150-mile trip.

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

GENERAL INFORMATION

Within the boundaries of the Colorado State Forest lie 71,000 acres of the great outdoors as it was meant to be. Eye-filling mountain beauty greets the visitor and provides a setting unequalled for recreational possibilities – backpacking, hiking, horseback riding, lake and stream fishing, camping, four-wheeling and just relaxing.

The 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 summer mosquito repellent is a necessity.



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Winter activities include cross-country skiing, snowshoeing and snowmobiling on separate, extensive trail systems. Some snowmobile trails are packed or groomed.

WINTER RECREATION

Trails lead to Ruby Jewel, Kelly, Clear, Agnes and American lakes. Camping and fires are not permitted in the Lake Agnes area. A National Park Service backcountry permit is necessary if a backpacking trip is planned into Rocky Mountain National Park.

HIKING

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 the State Forest State Park. Moose can often be viewed along County Road 41. The park is also rich in other wildlife including elk, mule deer, beaver, fox, eagles, river otter and black bear.

WILDLIFE WATCHING

FACILITIES

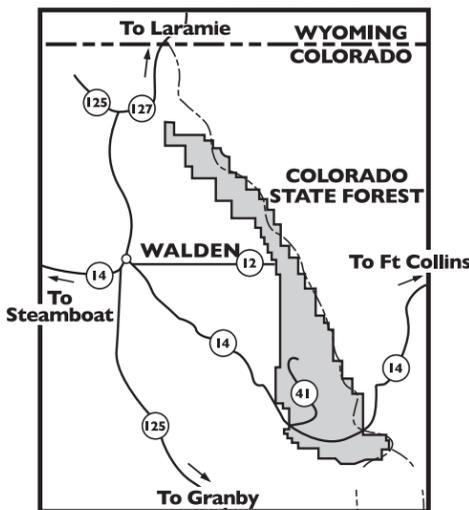
Religious, medical and community facilities are available in Walden. A nearby KOA campground provides food and gas.

FIRST AID/ASSISTANCE

Emergency assistance can be obtained from any park ranger or at the Visitor Center.

The Visitor Center is located one mile east of Gould on Hwy. 14. If you require information or assistance, visit the Visitor Center or call (970) 723-8366.

LOCATION MAP



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Colorado State Parks

State Forest State Park

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OHV AND FOUR-WHEEL DRIVE

Lodgepole pine, spruce, fir and aspen make up most of the forest. There are grassy meadows, sagebrush hillsides and willow stream courses. 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 columbine.

VEGETATION

Only artificial fly and lure fishing is permitted in the alpine lakes. Brook, brown, native and rainbow trout are catchable. Ranger Lakes and North Michigan Reservoir follow standard state regulations.

FISHING

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.

BOATING

A dump station is located in the Ranger Lakes parking lot. Please use this facility. It is illegal to dump waste and sewage, including dishwater, anywhere except in a holding tank.

DUMP STATION

Rustic, historic cabins are available on a rental basis at North Michigan Reservoir year round. Call 1-800-678-2267 or (303) 470-1144 in the Denver metro area to reserve a cabin. State Forest State Park's seven yurt, Nokhu Hut and Agnes Creek Cabin can be reserved through Never Summer Nordic at 970-723-4070 or www.neversummernordic.com.

CABINS AND YURTS

PASSES, PERMITS, FEES

All visitors entering the park are required to display a current Colorado State Parks' Pass on their auto windshield. A **daily pass** is valid from the day purchased until noon the following day. An **annual pass** is valid at any Colorado State Park for the remainder of the calendar year. For annual pass holders who own another car, a multiple pass is available for a small fee.

Colorado residents 64 years of age or older qualify for a special **Aspen Leaf** annual pass, available at a discounted rate.

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

In addition to a parks pass, all campers are required to purchase and display a valid camping permit at their campsite.

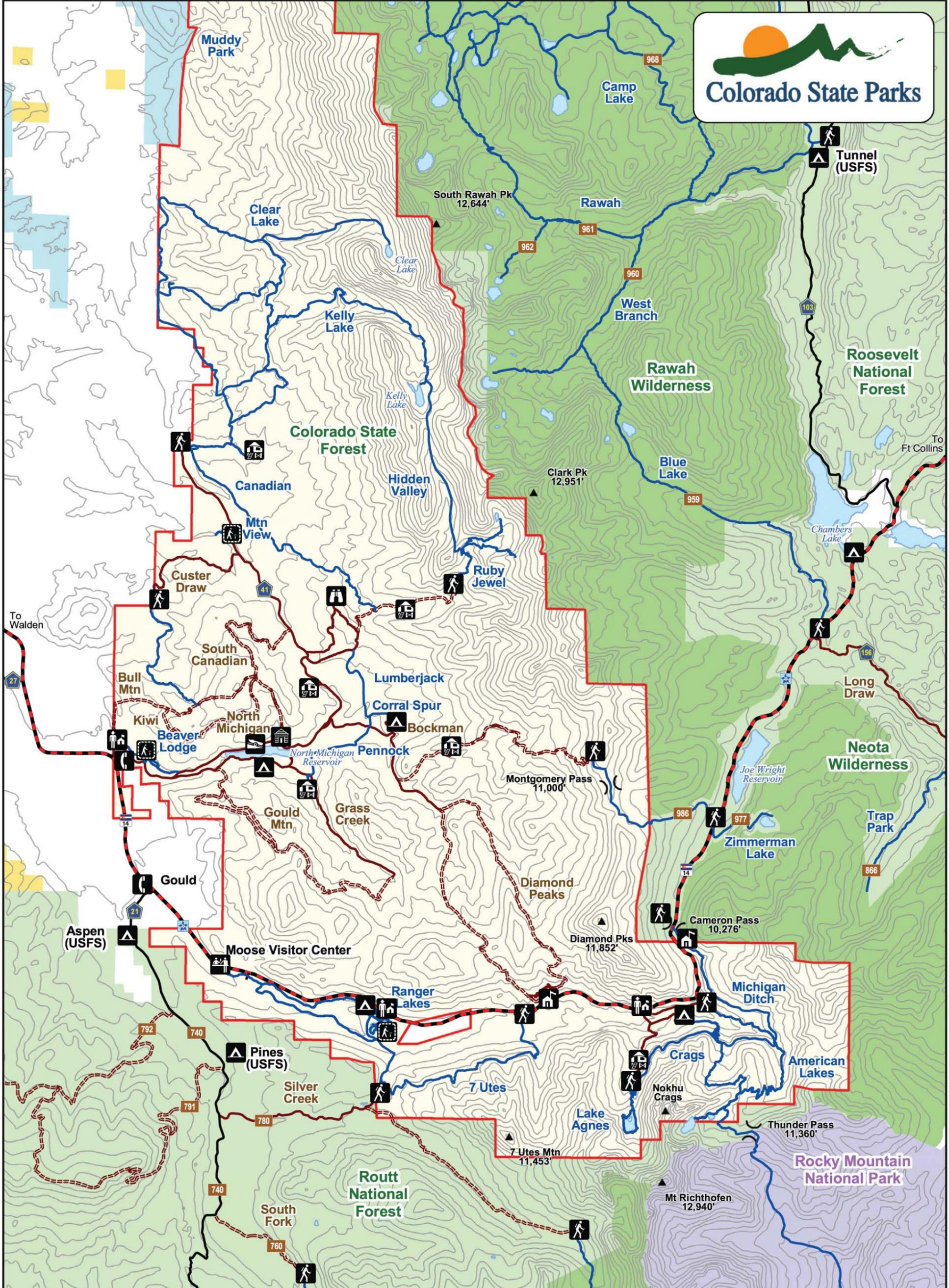
State Forest campsites and cabins may be reserved. Reservations can be made by calling 1-800-678-2267, or (303) 470-1144 in the Denver metro area. Reservations can also be made through the internet at www.parks.state.co.us.

CAMPING

Ranger Lakes Campground provides 32 electric sites. Ranger Lakes, The Crags, North Michigan Reservoir and the Bockman campgrounds have 158 campsites which can accommodate tents, trailers or pickup campers. Backcountry camping is allowed at various locations throughout the area including, Ruby Jewel, Kelly, Clear and American lakes. Minimum impact camping techniques are recommended at these alpine lakes areas. No camping is allowed in the Lake Agnes area. There are 76 dispersed camping sites available throughout the park.

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

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.



State Forest State Park

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Summer Recreation - South

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| State Forest State Park | Scenic Byway | Boat Ramp | Overlook |
| National Park Service | County Road | Cabins | Phone |
| State of Colorado | 2 Wheel Drive | Campground | Trail Head |
| National Forest | 4 Wheel Drive | Entrance Station | Visitor Center |
| USFS Wilderness | Trails | Fee Station | Yurt |
| Bureau of Land Management | | Nature Trail | |