

## **HELP PROTECT YOUR PARK**

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

- Place trash in the receptacles provided.
- Keep your vehicle on designated roads or in parking lots. Off-road driving can damage the resources and wildlife habitat.
- Keep your pet on a leash no longer than six feet to avoid accidents with vehicles and wildlife.
- Use fire grills or rings provided and make sure your fire is completely out before you leave. This will eliminate destruction to the environment.
- Report any problems to a park ranger.

## **PASSES, PERMITS, FEES**

Visitors to Sweitzer Lake are required to display a current Colorado State Parks pass on their vehicle windshield. Two types of passes are available. 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 more than one car, multiple passes are available for an additional fee.

For Colorado's senior citizens 64 and older, State Parks offer the **Aspen Leaf** annual pass, which allows admission to all state parks every day. Persons accompanying the Aspen Leaf pass holder in the same vehicle are admitted free.

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

## **BOATING**

Power boating, sailing and canoeing are popular. A boat ramp is located at the west end of the lake near the dam.

Boaters at Sweitzer Lake State Park are subject to Colorado Boating Statutes and Regulations. Brochures are available at the entrance station and park headquarters.

## **WILDLIFE AND HUNTING**

A wide variety of small mammals live around Sweitzer Lake. Visitors can view mule deer, rabbits, raccoons, mink, muskrat and pheasant. The lake provides a haven for many native ducks, migratory waterfowl, pelicans, swans, eagles and much more.

Hunting within the park's boundaries is controlled. Information on seasons and regulations is available from the park headquarters, which can be reached at (970) 874-4258.

## **FISHING**

Sweitzer Lake, generally considered a good fishing spot for youngsters, contains channel catfish, blue catfish, bluegill, perch and carp.

**CAUTION: FISH IN THIS LAKE CONTAIN SELENIUM AND ARE NOT EDIBLE.**

## **WATER SPORTS**

Water-skiing, swimming and scuba diving are popular. Swimming is permitted in the swim area only. Swim beach attendants are not on duty at the swim area.

## **PICNICKING**

Picnicking is Sweitzer's primary visitor activity and offers many sites with shelter and a lake view.

## **DUMP STATION**

A holding-tank dump station is located at the park entrance. Please use this facility. It is illegal to dump waste or sewage, including dish water, anywhere else.

## **WINTER RECREATION**

Cross-country skiing and ice skating are popular winter activities. Please call the park office for weather conditions, (970) 874-4258.

## **COMMUNITY FACILITIES**

Delta, two miles from Sweitzer Lake, offers all medical, commercial and religious facilities.

## **ACCESSIBILITY**

There is an accessible restroom and picnic site near the park headquarters.

## **FIRST AID**

First aid can be obtained at the park headquarters or from any park ranger.

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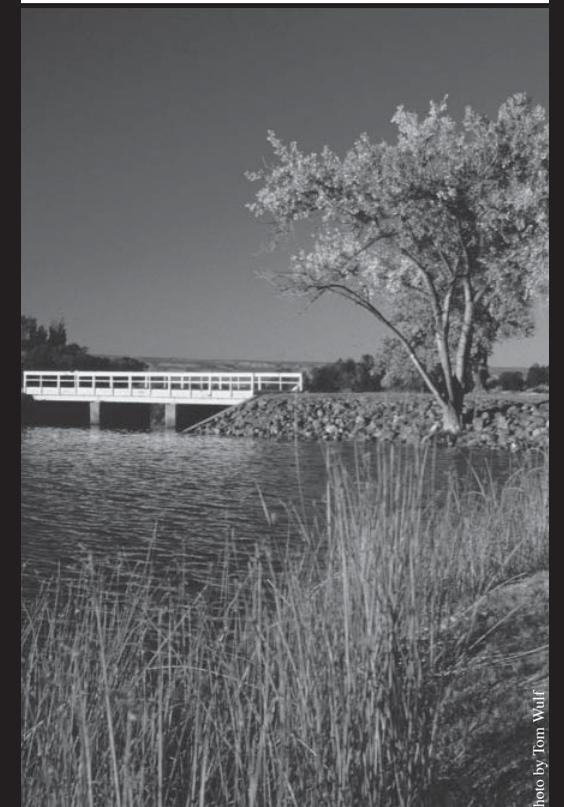


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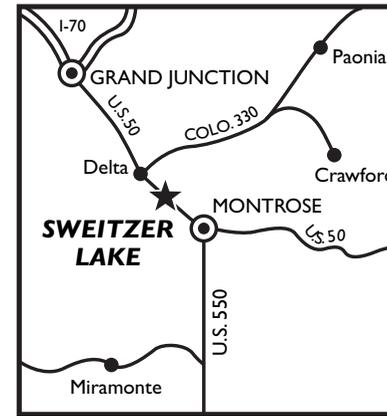
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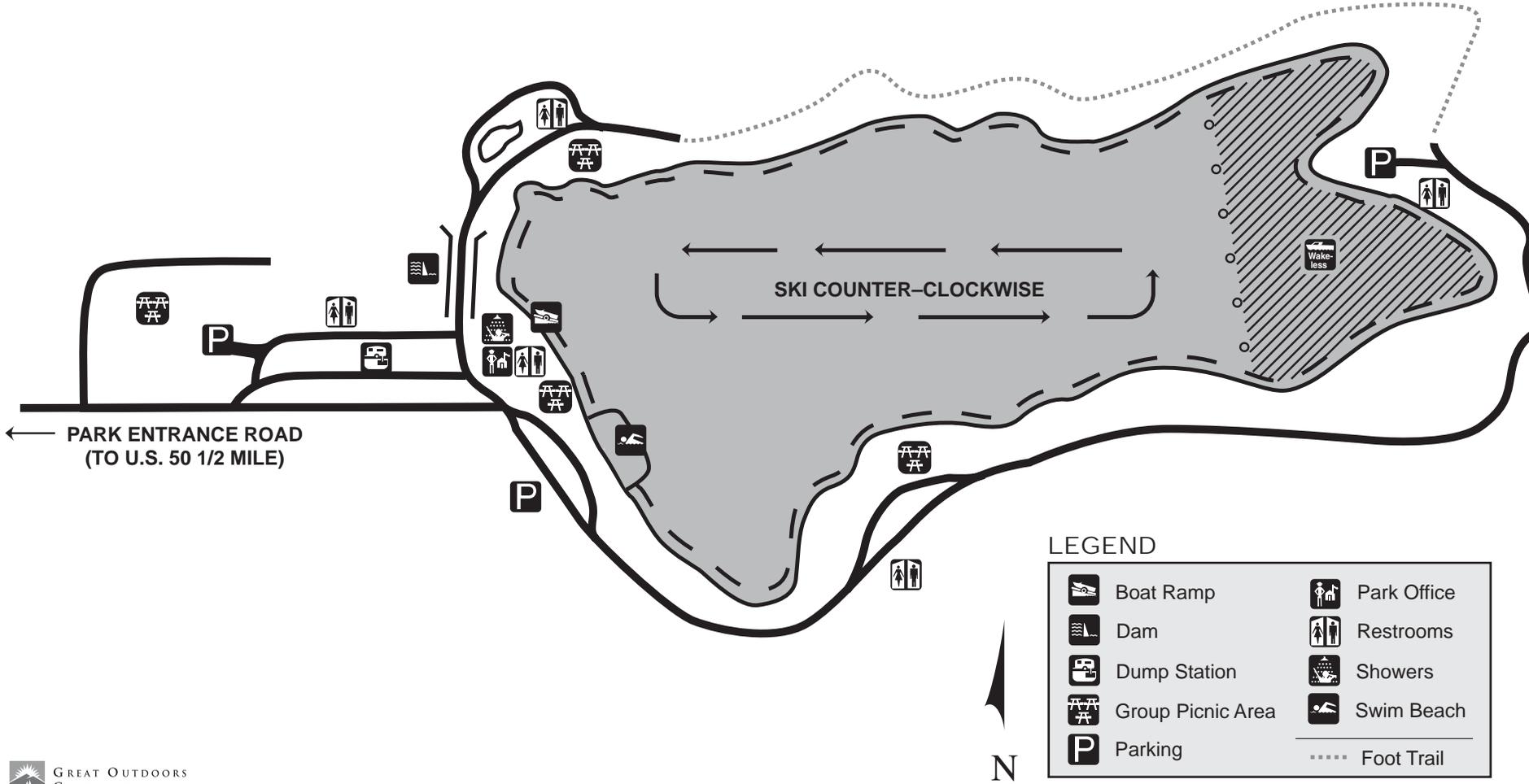
Well-known as a fine boating and water sports area, Sweitzer Lake State Park welcomes several thousand visitors annually, many from the surrounding Delta/Montrose area.

With land donated in 1953 by the Morgan Sweitzer family to what is now the Division of Wildlife, man-made Sweitzer Lake was built for the sole purpose of recreation. Since 1972, the area, with its 137 surface-acre lake and 73 land acres, has been administered by Colorado State Parks.

Coined the “oasis on the edge of the desert,” Sweitzer Lake has become a bird sighting area and a waterfowl observation site by the Audubon Society. About 179 species of birds have been spotted in the area.

In the distance, the majestic San Juan Mountains, the Uncompahgre Plateau and Grand Mesa—the largest flattop mountain in the world—encompass Sweitzer Lake. The western edge of the West Elk Mountain Range near Crawford can be seen from the picnic area on the west side of the lake, where the environment has been altered with shade trees and grass.

A day-use area with no overnight camping, Sweitzer Lake offers picnicking, swimming, sightseeing, boating and fishing. The park is open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. between October 1 and May 1, and from 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. from May 1 to September 30.



### LEGEND

	Boat Ramp		Park Office
	Dam		Restrooms
	Dump Station		Showers
	Group Picnic Area		Swim Beach
	Parking		Foot Trail