

NEARBY ATTRACTIONS

In addition to the sites and activities within Mueller State Park, the region has many attractions within a short driving distance.

The historic mining towns of Victor and Cripple Creek are 15 miles south of the park on Highway 67. The area offers mine tours, gold panning, rides on the narrow gauge railroad, rustic saloons and limited stakes gambling. Pikes Peak, America's famous mountain, towers at 14,110 feet, a few miles east of the park.

Florissant Fossil Beds National Monument with volcanic fossils of plants, insects and giant redwoods is 12 miles west of the park.

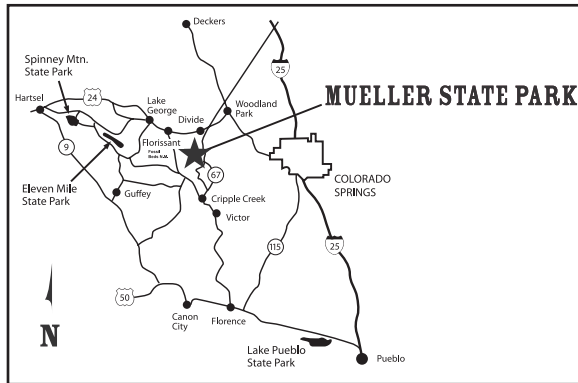
Eleven Mile and Spinney Mountain State Parks, located near Lake George, consistently produce some of the best trout fishing in the state.

East of the park lies a variety of local attractions, including the U.S. Air Force Academy, Garden of the Gods, Cheyenne Mountain Zoo, Cave of the Winds and the U.S. Olympic Complex Training Center.

COMMUNITY FACILITIES

Gas, groceries, restaurants, gifts, lodging and religious facilities are available in the nearby communities of Divide, 4 miles; Woodland Park, 11 miles; Cripple Creek, 15 miles and Victor, 17 miles from the park.

LOCATION MAP



Mueller State Park
P.O. Box 39
Divide, CO
(719) 687-2366
www.parks.state.co.us



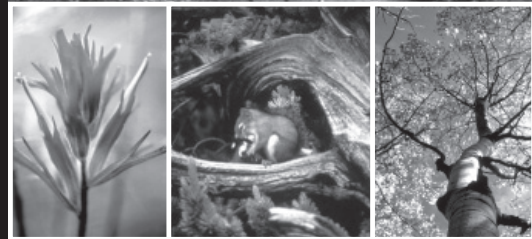
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Welcome to Mueller State Park. You are surrounded by over 5,000 acres of spring-fed meadows, forested ridges and massive rock of Pikes Peak Granite.

The Visitor Center, located atop Big View Overlook, serves as a starting point for your adventure at Mueller. The Visitor Center is the information hub of the park, including interpretive exhibits emphasizing the park's natural habitats and cultural heritage. Interpretive programs are offered in season at the auditorium or outdoor amphitheater.

The park supports a variety of plant-life ranging from native grasses and wildflowers to stands of spruce, fir, pine and aspen. Elk, mule deer, bear and many small mammals and birds share the park's habitat.

The park's topography varies from rolling timber to grasslands interrupted by dramatic rock outcroppings. This contrast results from an ancient up-thrust of Pikes Peak to the east and volcanic action to the west.

Once hunting grounds of the Ute Indians, pioneers settled the land in the 1860s. Prospectors trampled through the land during the Gold Rush to Cripple Creek and Victor. Lumber was harvested for nearby towns, mines and railroads. Cattle grazing and farming were occasionally supplemented by bootlegging, horse thievery and cattle rustling.

The former owners, the Mueller family, designated their cattle ranch as a game preserve. Today, resident elk flourish as a result of this protection.

Visitors enjoy year-round recreational opportunities including camping, picnicking, trail use, fishing and nature studies. Winter activities include snowshoeing and ski touring. Every season is a photographers delight.

PASSES AND PERMITS

Visitors to Mueller State 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 additional vehicles, multiple passes are available at a reduced fee. An **Aspen Leaf** annual pass is available to Colorado seniors at a discounted rate. Passes are available at the park entrance, self-service dispensers or at the visitor center.

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

A current fee schedule for Colorado State Parks is available online at www.parks.state.co.us.

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



PICNICKING

Scenic picnic areas are located in four day-use areas. Facilities include barbecue grills, tables, drinking water and restrooms at 41 picnic sites.

CAMPING / CABIN

The campground is located in a picturesque forest setting of spruce, fir and aspen with panoramic views of the Rocky Mountains. The park has three fully furnished rental cabins and 132 campsites including 22 walk-in tent sites and a reservable group campground. The campground can accommodate motor homes, trailers and tents. A camper services facility with modern restroom coin-operated showers and laundry facilities is centrally located in the campground. All sites, except the walk-in tent sites, have electric hookups, and drinking water is available. There are no sewer hookups, but a dump station is available. Please use this facility. It is illegal to dump any waste or sewage, including dishwater, on the ground or vegetation.

Campers are limited to one camping unit and a maximum of six persons per site. For reservation information call, (303) 470-1144 in Denver, outside Denver, 1-800-678-CAMP or online at www.parks.state.co.us.

TRAILS

Nearly 50 miles of trails invite visitors to explore the park's principal natural and historical resources. Trails vary from short, leisurely walks to challenging, full-day hikes. Most trails are open to hikers and cyclists with a few ecologically fragile areas restricted to hikers only. Some larger loop trails are designated for horseback riders. A horse-trailer parking and unloading area is provided. Winter ski touring and snowshoeing can be enjoyed on a variety of terrain. There are 33 trails in the park. Each trail is named and numbered. Trail users should use established and marked trails. Trailhead and parking areas are easily accessible from the main roads in the park. Trail maps are available at the Visitor Center and park entrance.

FISHING AND HUNTING

Anglers can fish one of Mueller's backcountry ponds by hiking two miles into the backcountry. A Colorado fishing license is required and Division of Wildlife regulations apply. Fishing with flies and lures is encouraged. If you return fish to the water put them back alive! Hunting is limited and controlled. Information on seasons and regulations is available from Park Rangers and the visitor center. The use of firearms is prohibited during the summer and controlled during legal hunting seasons.

INTERPRETATION

The park offers three self-guided nature trails. A brochure is available at the beginning of the Wapiti Trail and allows visitors to learn about the park's ecological resources at their own pace. The self-guided wildlife trail has interpretive signs about wildlife and habitats. The Dragonfly Trail is a self-guided children's nature trail. Ranger-lead hikes, activities, and amphitheater presentations are offered during the summer. Posted schedules give details, times and locations. To learn more about wildlife, geology and history, visitors are encouraged to view the interpretive exhibits at the Visitors Center.

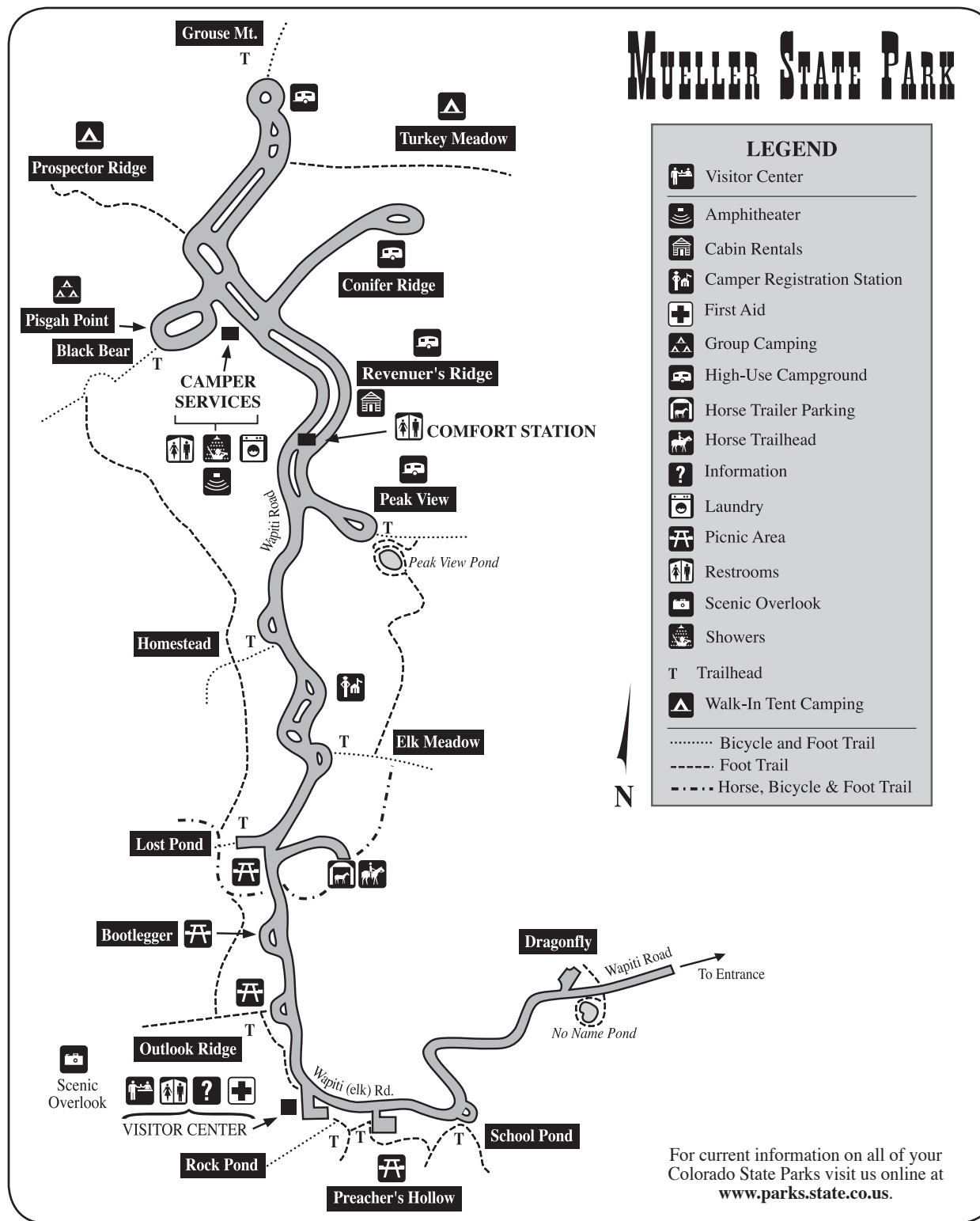


CAUTIONS

The park's high altitude and mountainous terrain require visitors to take precautions against:

- **Overexertion:** Allow extra time and rest occasionally.
- **Dehydration:** The climate is dry; take water along; do not drink from streams or ponds.
- **Ultraviolet Rays:** The sun is a greater factor at this altitude. Wear protective clothing, sunscreen and sunglasses.
- **Hypothermia:** Weather can change rapidly. Take warm, water-repellent clothing.
- **Lightning:** Storms occur frequently in the region. During threatening skies and weather, seek shelter and avoid hilltops or tall or isolated trees.
- **Precipitous Rocks and Old Mines:** Avoid edges, watch footing and supervise children carefully.
- **Avoid Getting Lost:** It is recommended that trail users have a trail map with them.

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HELP PROTECT YOUR PARK

We would like you to feel as much at home at Mueller as the wild creatures of the park. To preserve their habitat, the park resources and to promote your safety, we must insist that you please respect the following:

1. Motorized vehicles are permitted only on designated roads, parking areas and campsites.
2. Fires are permitted only in the fire grills provided. Fires must be attended at all times and extinguished when not attended.
3. Pets are permitted in the development area only (within 300 feet of a paved surface) and must be on a leash no longer than six feet. Pets are prohibited on the trails and in the backcountry.
4. Camping is permitted in designated campsites in the improved campground only.
5. Use proper receptacles for trash, sewage and wastewater. Food should be properly stored so as not to attract bears or other wildlife. Feeding wildlife is prohibited by law.
6. Down and dead wood may be used in grills and fire rings, but fuel wood may not be removed from the park. Firewood may be purchased at the entrance stations.
7. Firearms and other weapons are prohibited except for licensed hunters during legal hunting seasons in designated areas.
8. Shore fishing is permitted at ponds unless otherwise posted. No water body contact, boating or tubing is allowed.
9. Quiet hours are enforced from 10 p.m. to 6 a.m. for the comfort of all campers.
10. Day use hours are 5 a.m. to 10 p.m.

Report any problems or direct inquiries to a Park Ranger.

EMERGENCIES

Park Rangers are trained and equipped to give first aid. Assistance can also be obtained at the Visitor Center. In an emergency, an ambulance can be summoned by dialing 911 on any phone. A medical emergency clinic is located in Woodland Park, 11 miles from the Park.

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