

Camping

Paonia State Park has campsites located in two separate campgrounds. Spruce Campground, located next to Highway 133, offers eight campsites in a scenic setting with towering blue spruce trees and a babbling stream a few feet away. Hawsapple Campground, across the river, is popular with water-skiers. All campsites have a picnic table, a fire ring and vault toilets are nearby. No drinking water is available in the park.

For camping reservations, please call in Denver: (303) 470-1144 and outside Denver: 1-800-678-CAMP (2267) or online at www.parks.state.co.us.

Boating

All boaters must follow current Colorado boating statutes and regulations. All motorboats, sailboards and personal watercraft must have a current year registration. Boating activities include water-skiing, boat fishing and general recreation.

Fishing

Paonia is known for its northern pike fishing, best from late June until late August. Ice fishing is not allowed.

Wildlife

Chipmunks, squirrels, rabbits and other small mammals are found throughout the park. Paonia State Park is a popular place to spot all types of birds. Visitors may see an occasional mule deer, elk or even a black bear.

Community Facilities

All commercial, religious and medical facilities can be found in the town of Paonia, 16 miles further west on Highway 133.

Trails

There are no hiking trails at Paonia State Park, however, cross-country skiing can be done on an informal basis along the shore of the lake. No groomed cross-country ski trails exist in this park. During the summer months, hikers may visit the trail systems in the Ragged Wilderness Area nearby.



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Welcome to Paonia State Park, located in the shadow of Colorado's majestic Ragged Mountains. At an elevation of 6,500 feet, the park is a popular place for camping, picnicking and outdoor photography.

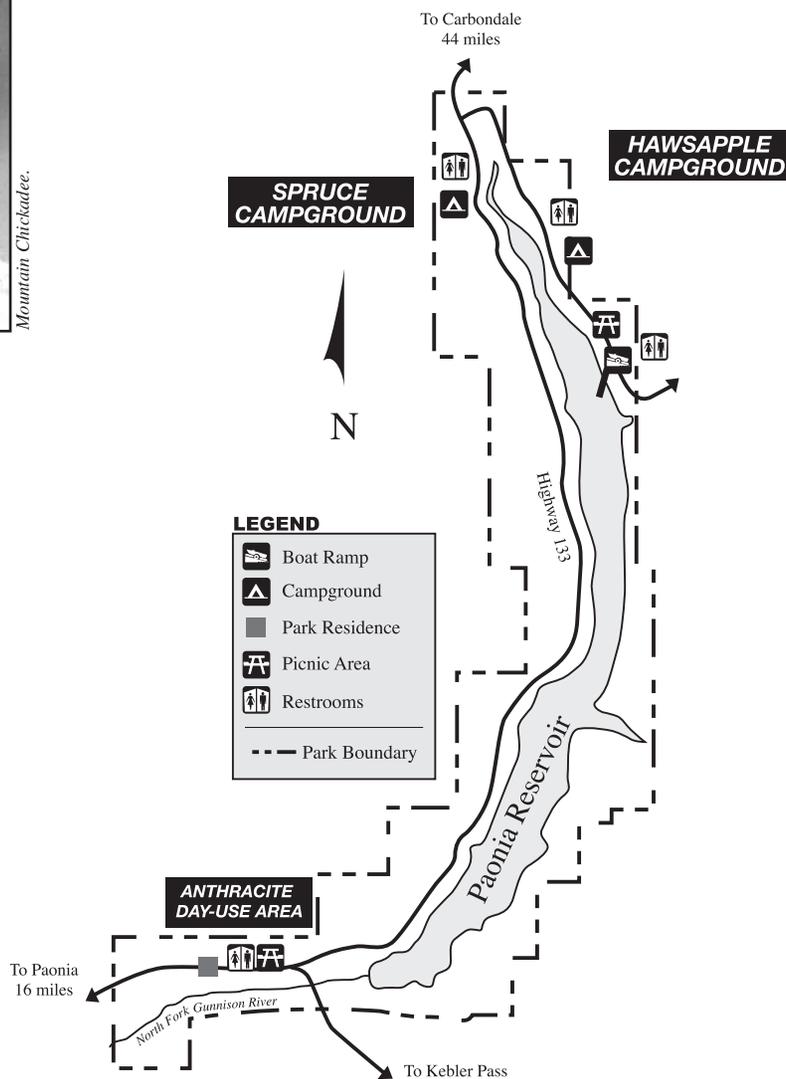
The 334 surface-acre reservoir offers visitors water-skiing, fishing and boating.

The dam was constructed in 1960, and the area has been administered by Colorado State Parks since 1965.

Paonia offers campsites, vault toilets and a concrete boat ramp. **There is no drinking water available**, so please bring your own.

The park is located approximately 16 miles northeast of the town of Paonia on State Highway 133. From Glenwood Springs, travel nine miles on Highway 82 to Carbondale, turn south on Highway 133 and travel 44 miles to the park.

Paonia State Park is surrounded by the Gunnison National Forest and spectacular mountain scenery abounds. Whether you are coming for just a day to sight-see or picnic, or if you are camping overnight, we hope your visit is an enjoyable one.



Regulations

Paonia State Park is maintained for your use and enjoyment. In the interests of safety and for the preservation of the park, we ask that you:

1. Place trash in the receptacles provided.
2. Keep vehicles on designated roads and parking lots.
3. Keep pets on a leash no more than six feet long.
4. Use the fire grills or fire rings provided, and be sure your fire is completely out before you leave it.
5. Camp only in designated sites.
6. Have only one camping unit per site and no more than six people per site.
7. Report any problems to a Colorado State Park ranger.

Passes, Permits

A Colorado State Parks pass is required on all motor vehicles entering the park. An **annual pass** is valid at any Colorado State Park. For annual pass holders who own another car, a multiple pass is available at a reduced fee.

Colorado residents 64 and over qualify for a special **Aspen Leaf** annual pass, available at a discounted rate. These allow admission to all state parks every day and reduced-fee camping on weekdays. The regular fee is charged on weekends and holidays. Where available, an electrical fee is charged.

Colorado disabled veterans displaying Colorado Disabled Veteran (DV) license plates are admitted free without a pass, however, camping fees still apply.

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

Passes are available at the park entrance.