

• **BOATING & WATER SPORTS** •

Boaters are subject to Colorado boating statutes and regulations, which are posted at ramps and available in pamphlet form at park entrances.

The water level at North Sterling Reservoir fluctuates during the irrigation season. Boaters are warned to be especially alert to submerged hazards.

The reservoir is closed to boating each year from November 1 through the end of the migratory waterfowl hunting season.

• **WILDLIFE & HUNTING** •

A wide variety of wildlife may be found in the area including deer, eagles, pelicans, coyotes, rabbits and many species of waterfowl and shorebirds.

Hunting is carefully managed and permitted during established seasons from the first Tuesday after Labor Day through the Friday before Memorial Day. Methods of hunting are restricted to bows and arrows and shotguns loaded with bird shot. Hunting is not permitted from the dam or the frozen surface of the lake.

Information on special closures, seasons or regulations can be obtained from the park office or any park ranger. Target shooting is prohibited at all times during the year.

• **SWIMMING** •

Cottonwood Cove Swim Beach is located on the south side of the park, within walking distance of Chimney View Campground. Facilities include showers, picnic pavilion, and a playground. Swimming is permitted only in designated areas and no lifeguards are provided. Pets are not permitted on swim beaches.



• **FISHING** •

The reservoir is an excellent warm-water fishery featuring walleye, crappie, perch, bass, bluegill, catfish, wiper and saugeye.

North Sterling State Park is open to fishing year-round. Ice fishing is permitted during the migratory waterfowl hunting season, as conditions allow.

• **PICNICKING** •

Picnic sites are available in day-use areas of the park, located at Balanced Rock and along the south shoreline.

The Marina Point group picnic pavilion can accommodate groups of up to 75. Groups should reserve the area in advance by calling the park office at (970) 522-3657. A nominal fee is charged for this facility.

• **COMMUNITY FACILITIES** •

The town of Sterling, 13 miles south of the park, offers a full array of retail, commercial and religious services. The Sterling Regional MedCenter is the nearest hospital.

• **FIRST AID & EMERGENCIES** •

Emergency assistance is available from park rangers, who are trained and equipped to provide minor first aid. In emergencies, an ambulance can be summoned by dialing 911 for help.

• **PARK HEADQUARTERS AND VISITOR CENTER** •

The park office and Visitors Center are located just north of the Marina, at the entrance to Elks Campground. The Visitors Center has information about North Sterling and other state parks, a Rocky Mountain Nature Association bookstore and brochures on boating, off-highway vehicles, hunting and fishing.



• **REGULATIONS** •

North Sterling State Park is managed and maintained for your enjoyment. Please observe the following rules for the safety and enjoyment of all park visitors.

1. Pets must be kept on a leash no longer than six feet in length.
2. All open fires must be contained within grills or the metal fire rings provided.
3. Vehicles must remain on designated roads and parking areas. Off-road driving damages vegetation and disturbs wildlife.
4. Place trash and litter in the receptacles provided.
5. Quiet hours are observed each evening from 10 p.m. to 6 a.m.

Please report any problems or vandalism to a park ranger.



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Any person who is excluded from participation in, denied the benefits of, or otherwise subjected to discrimination under any program of the Colorado Divisions of Parks and Outdoor Recreation on the grounds of race, creed, color, sex, age, handicap, or national origin, should contact the park manager, the nearest regional office, the Division headquarters in Denver, Colorado - telephone (303) 866 3437 - or the National Park Service P.O. Box 37127 Washington, D.C. 20013-7127.

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# North Sterling State Park



Majestic bluffs and expansive views of the high plains greeted early settlers traveling nearby via the Overland Trail. Those panoramic views now welcome visitors to one of Colorado's newest state parks, North Sterling State Park.

North Sterling is a boater's paradise offering a 3,000-acre lake with an interesting array of coves and fingers to explore. An additional 1,500 acres of land support a wide variety of recreational activities. The surrounding area is home to a diversity of wildlife and has a rich historical heritage.

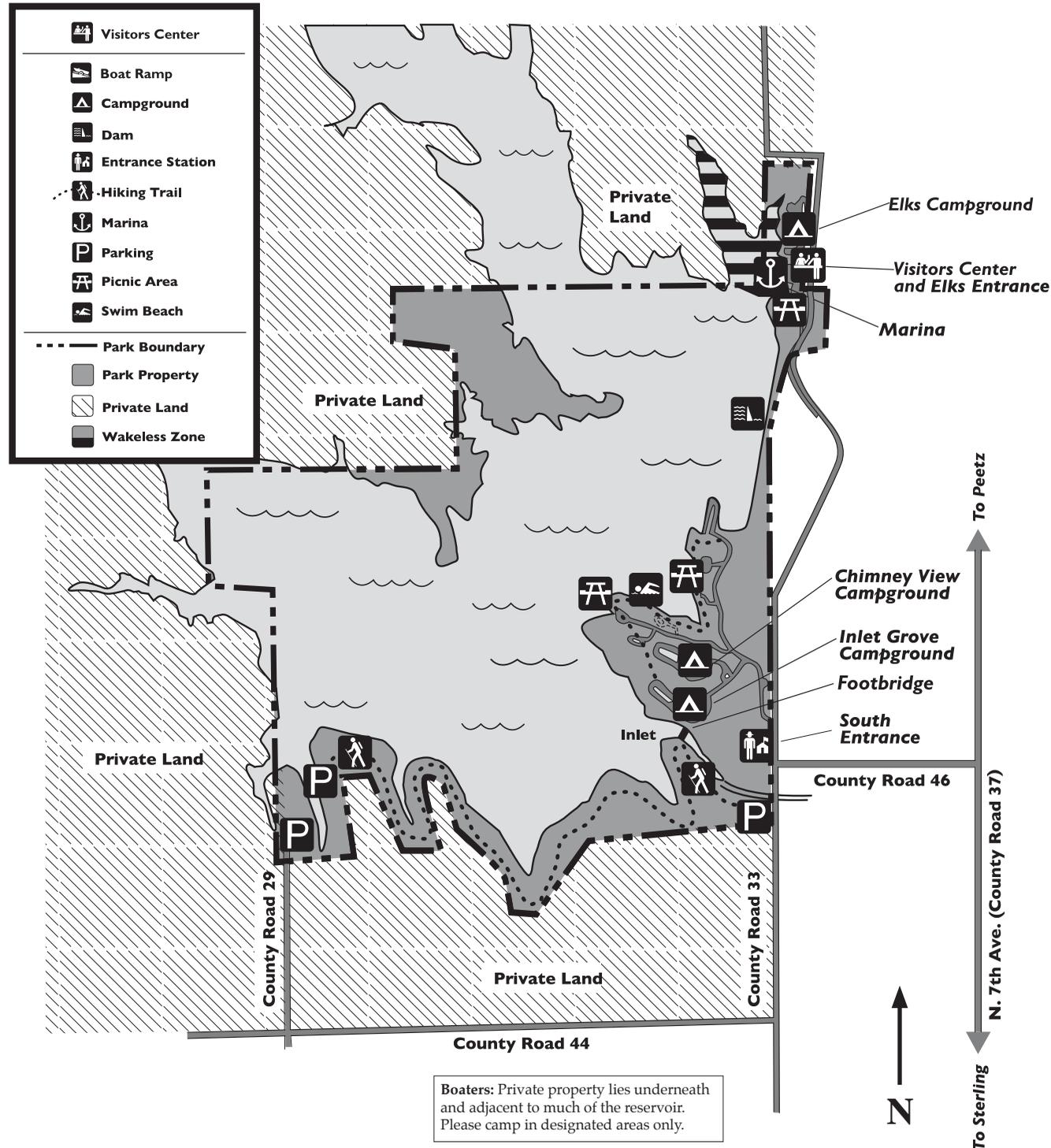
Built during the early 1900s, the reservoir serves as an important irrigation facility along the lower South Platte River Valley. Colorado State Parks acquired the area in 1992 and manages recreation on the reservoir through a perpetual easement with North Sterling Irrigation District.

## • FACILITIES & ACCESS •

A marina concession is located on the northeast corner of the reservoir offering a full range of products and services. Public boat ramps are located at Elks Campground, Balanced Rock and South Ramp. Public access is limited to the surface of the reservoir and state-owned land. Please respect private property boundaries and stay within designated areas.

## LEGEND

	Visitors Center
	Boat Ramp
	Campground
	Dam
	Entrance Station
	Hiking Trail
	Marina
	Parking
	Picnic Area
	Swim Beach
	Park Boundary
	Park Property
	Private Land
	Wakeless Zone



Boaters: Private property lies underneath and adjacent to much of the reservoir. Please camp in designated areas only.

## • PASSES AND PERMITS •

All visitors entering the park are required to display a current Colorado State Parks Pass, issued by vehicle, on their auto windshield. A **daily pass** is valid from the day of purchase until noon the following day. An **annual pass** is valid at any Colorado State Park for the calendar year. For annual pass holders who own additional vehicles, multiple passes are available for a reduced fee. Passes are available at all park entrances.

Colorado residents 64 years of age or older qualify for a special **Aspen Leaf** annual pass, available at a discounted rate. These allow admission to all state parks every day and half price camping on weekdays. The regular camping fee is charged on weekends and holidays, and where available, an electrical fee is charged.

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

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

## • CAMPING •

North Sterling State Park has three campgrounds featuring 141 campsites for your enjoyment. Sites within each campground can accommodate tents, motorhomes, pick-up campers or trailers. All sites in Elks and Inlet Grove Campgrounds are equipped with electric hookups. Camper services buildings are centrally located and provide showers, flush restrooms and laundry facilities.

Campers are limited to one camping unit and a maximum of six people per campsite. Campsite reservations are encouraged for weekends and holidays. Please call 303-470-1144, or 1-800-678-CAMP (2267) if outside of the Denver metro area.