

SHADOW MOUNTAIN

NATIONAL RECREATION AREA

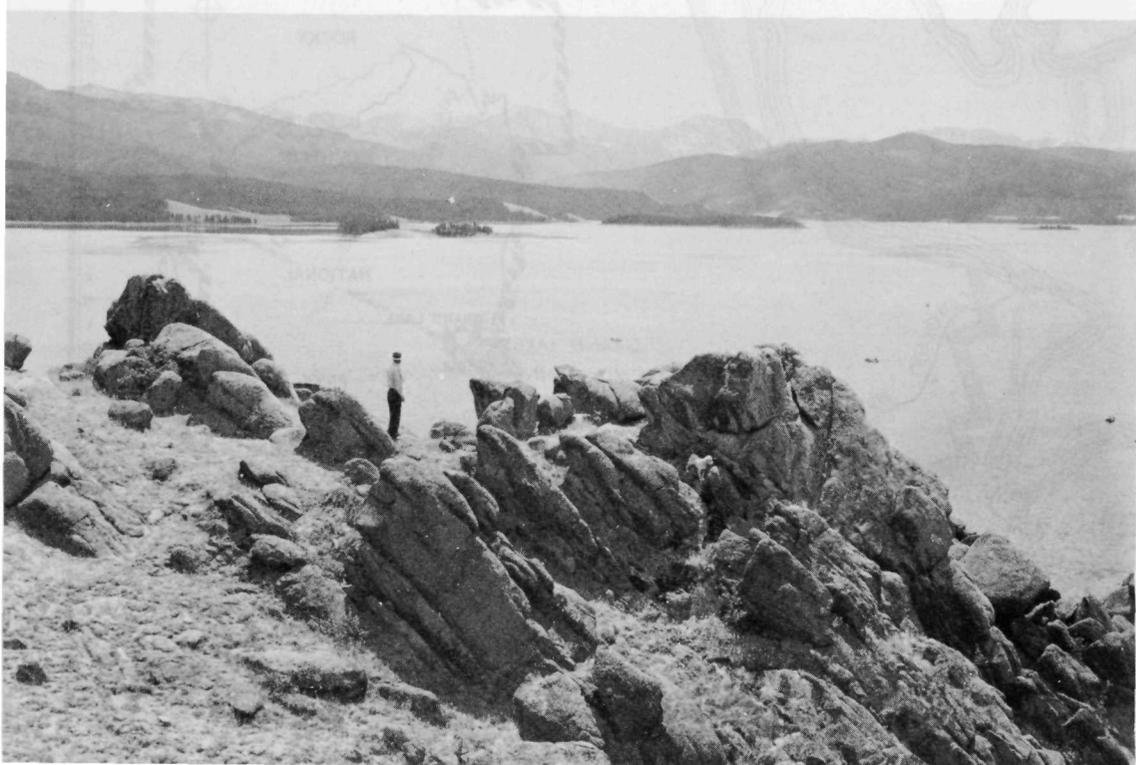
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SHADOW MOUNTAIN LAKE

LAKE GRANBY



Guided tours through the Granby Pumping Plant are held on regular schedule during the summer season. The operation of the plant is explained and an illustrated description of the entire Colorado-Big Thompson Project is given.

RESTRICTED AREAS

There are numerous parcels of privately owned lands lying within the boundaries of the recreation area. The rights of property owners must be respected, and it will be necessary to heed signs placed by such property owners restricting certain uses of their property.

For safety reasons, areas in the immediate vicinity of certain engineering features are fenced or signed against public entry.

GENERAL DESCRIPTION

A Reclamation project.—The waters of Shadow Mountain National Recreation Area are impoundments of the Colorado-Big Thompson Project. This project diverts water from the western slope of the Continental Divide through a 13.1-mile tunnel to the eastern slope of the divide, where it is used for generation of electricity and for irrigation.

Location.—The map shows the location of the area with respect to towns and highways.

Miscellaneous services.—The towns of Grand Lake and Granby offer accommodations, services, and supplies normally required, as well as telephone and telegraph facilities and medical services.

Wild animals.—Elk and deer are seen infrequently, but are present in the area much of the time. Smaller mammals include the coyote, bobcat, marmot, chipmunk, squirrel, badger, and beaver.

Forest and plants.—The forest is mostly lodgepole pine, with some groves of quaking aspen. The relatively narrow range of elevation restricts the variety of trees in the area. This is true of plants also, although a number of flowering species are present.

Geology.—The lakes occupy parts of the valley of the Colorado River. Like other valleys in the surrounding mountains it was sculptured by glaciers during the Ice Age. Glacial debris and outwash make up most of the hilly terrain of the area. Many of the islands in the lakes are moraines. Bedrock of most of the area consists of Pre-Cambrian crystalline or Tertiary volcanic rock.

ADMINISTRATION

The area is administered by the National Park Service through interbureau agreement with the Bureaus of Reclamation and Land Management. The Superintendent, Rocky Mountain National Park, Estes Park, Colo., is in charge of the area. A representative is stationed in the area 4 miles southwest of the town of Grand Lake on U. S. 34.

Rules and regulations for the area are necessary for protection of the public and to promote proper use of its facilities. You should call at the area headquarters and pick up a copy of the regulations if you plan to spend several days in the area.

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