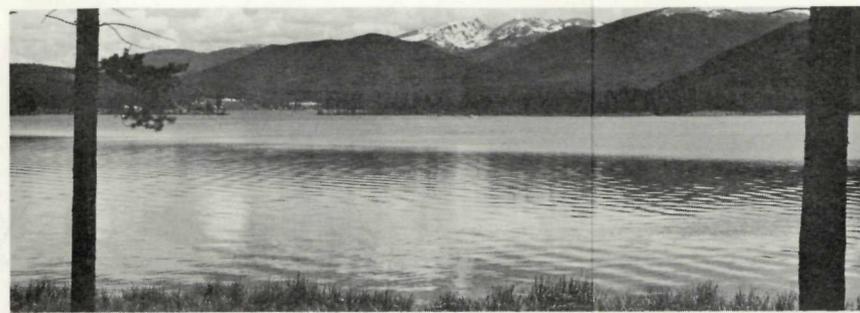


Shadow Mountain

RECREATION AREA • COLORADO



Bordering the southwest corner of Rocky Mountain National Park, Shadow Mountain Recreation Area complements the park's majestic beauty with its scenic lake-and-mountain playground.

The Colorado-Big Thompson project diverts water from the Colorado River Valley on the western slope of the Continental Divide to the Big Thompson River drainage on the eastern slope. This water flows through the 13.1-mile Adams Tunnel, which originates at the east end of Grand Lake, passes beneath the great peaks in Rocky Mountain National Park, and emerges a few miles south of the village of Estes Park. Among the major benefits of the project are production of hydroelectricity and diversion of water for irrigation of South Platte River Valley farms in eastern Colorado.

Lake Granby and Shadow Mountain Lake are manmade reservoirs linked by channel to Grand Lake, Colorado's largest natural body of water. Together they comprise the "Great Lakes" of Colorado. The recreational potential of the area, recognized as one of the greatest in the United States, is being developed by the National Park Service through agreement with the Bureaus of Reclamation and Land Management, U.S. Department of the Interior. By order of the Secretary of the Interior, Shadow Mountain Recreation Area was established on June 27, 1952. It is about 29 square miles in extent.

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 periods when ice covered much of the continent. Most of the hilly terrain is composed of glacial debris and outwash, and many of the islands in the lakes are the tops of moraines (glacial deposits of sand, gravel, and rock). Bedrock of most of the area consists of Precambrian crystalline rock or Tertiary volcanic rock.

Wildlife. Deer are present in the area much of the time, but are seldom seen. Smaller mammals include coyote, bobcat, red fox, yellowbelly

marmot, chipmunk, badger, spruce squirrel, ground squirrel, and beaver.

Plantlife. The forest is mostly lodgepole pine, with some groves of quaking aspen. The relatively narrow range of elevation restricts the variety of trees and other plants in the area. Wildflowers are most spectacular in June.

WHAT TO DO

Boating. You can rent a rowboat or motorboat at any of the privately owned docks. Sightseeing cruises on Lake Granby and Shadow Mountain Lake begin at several of these docks. You may launch your own boat in either lake at no cost; public ramps are at Sunset Point, the Hilltop Ranger Station, and at Green Ridge, Stillwater, and Roaring Fork Campgrounds. Arrangements can be made to launch boats from private docks and ramps. Information on boating regulations and water hazards can be obtained at the Shadow Mountain Administrative Office or at any park ranger station.

Fishing. The waters of the recreation area are open to fishing all year, subject to Colorado regulations; a Colorado fishing license is required. Licenses and regulations can be obtained at most sporting goods stores and drugstores in the towns of Granby and Grand Lake.

Cutthroat, rainbow, brook and brown trout and kokanee (landlocked sockeye) salmon are found in Lake Granby and Shadow Mountain Lake.

Hunting, with Colorado laws applying, is permitted in all but heavy visitor-use areas; a Colorado hunting license is required.

Camping. There are four campgrounds—Green Ridge, Stillwater, Big Rock, and Roaring Fork. Fires are permitted only in designated areas. Dead and down wood may be used, and firewood can be purchased in the campgrounds. House-trailers are permitted in the campgrounds.

Picnicking is permitted almost everywhere that is open for public use. Put debris in receptacles

provided—do not throw it on the ground or in the water.

Hiking and horseback riding. You can hike, ride horseback, and enjoy other similar outdoor activities in most of the area. Horses can be rented in the town of Grand Lake.

Naturalist services. In summer, park naturalists conduct walks over many interesting trails. Campfire programs are presented nightly at the Timber Creek and Stillwater Campgrounds, and programs are given several times weekly at the Green Ridge and Roaring Fork Campgrounds. Bulletin boards and free printed programs give details.

Guided tours through the Granby pumping plant are conducted several times each day in summer. This is the best way to become acquainted with the Colorado-Big Thompson project.

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

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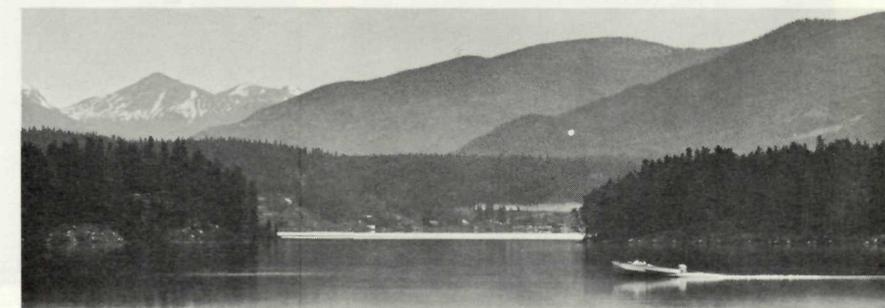
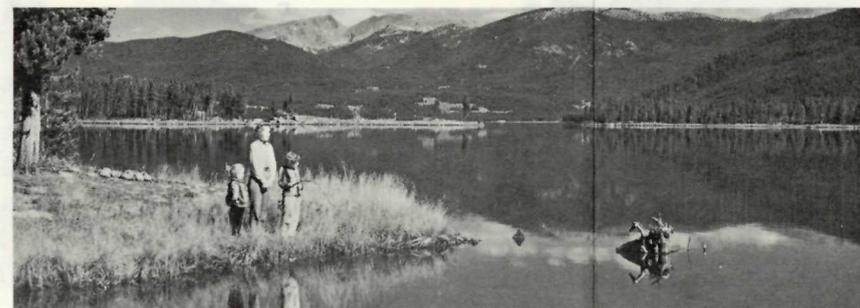
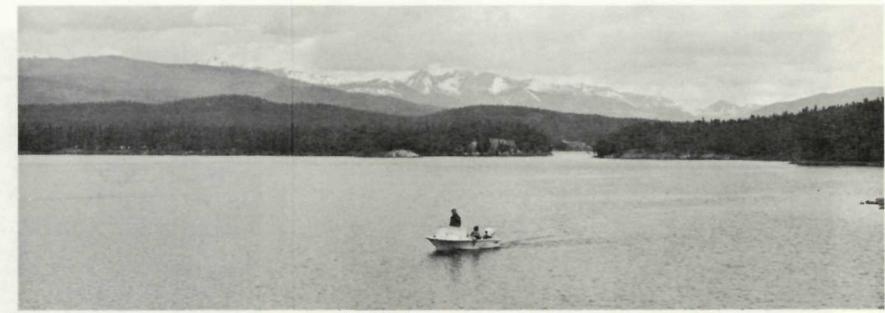
A complete list of regulations relating to the area is posted at all launching sites.

Cutting or marring of standing trees is not permitted.

Private property, which exists within the recreation area, must be respected.

Water safety. Please use the utmost caution in boats and in swimming. People have drowned here.

- Check the weather.
- Tell someone where you are going.
- Let fuel vapors disperse before starting engine.
- Be sure you have enough fuel for your trip.
- Stow all gear properly.
- Carry lifesaving equipment for all on board.

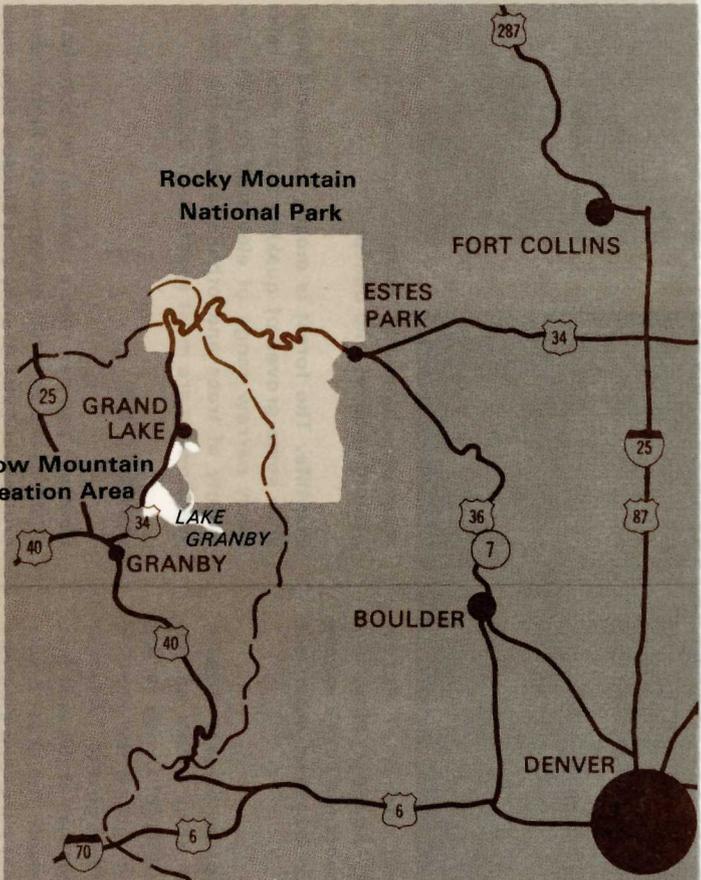
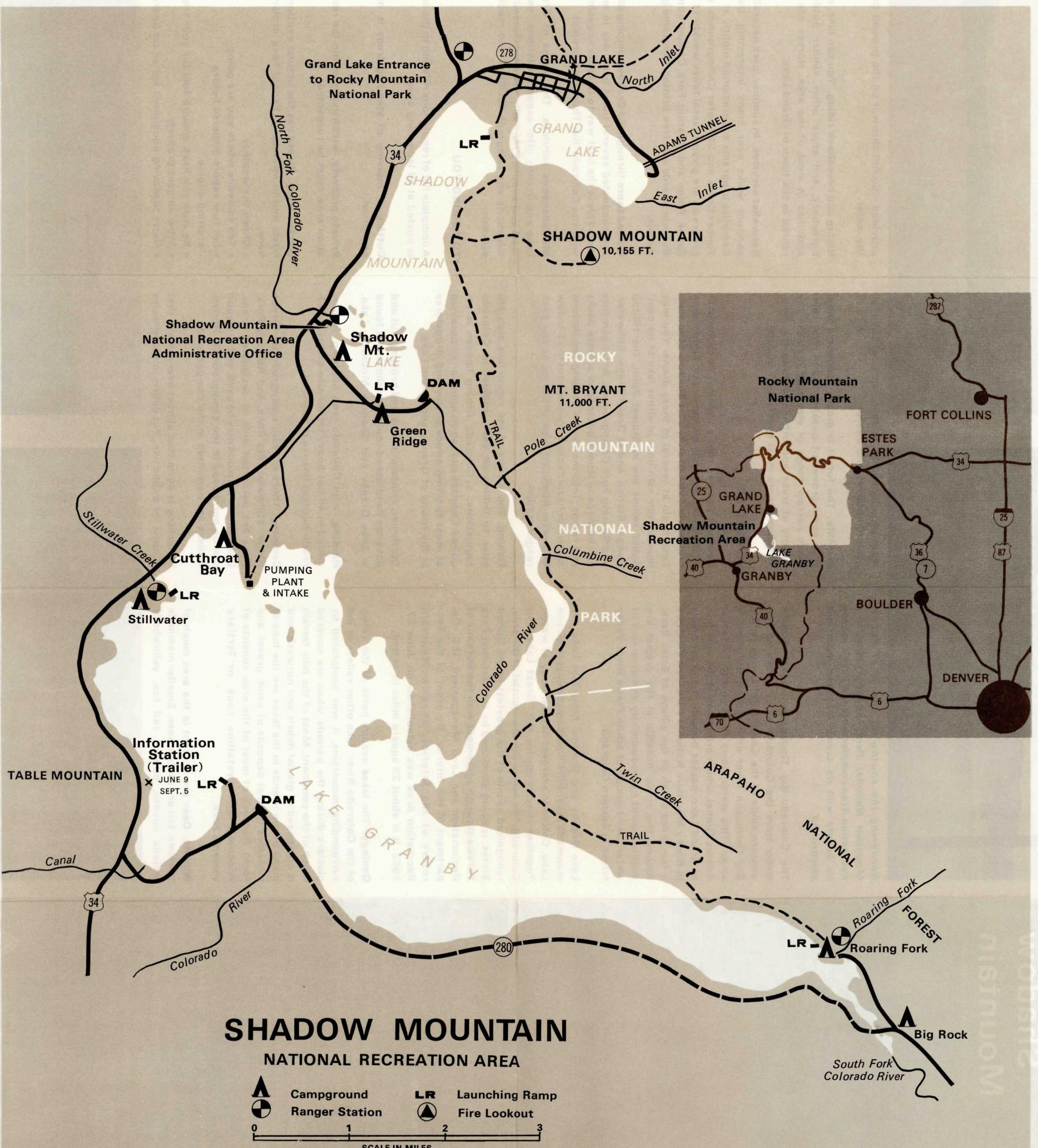


ADMINISTRATION

Shadow Mountain Recreation Area is administered by the National Park Service, U.S. Department of the Interior, through agreement with the Bureaus of Reclamation and Land Management.

The superintendent of Rocky Mountain National Park, whose address is Estes Park, Colo. 80517, is in immediate charge of the area.

THE DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR—the Nation's principal natural resource agency—has a special obligation to assure that our expendable resources are conserved, that renewable resources are managed to produce optimum benefits, and that all resources contribute to the progress and prosperity of the United States, now and in the future.



SHADOW MOUNTAIN NATIONAL RECREATION AREA

▲	Campground	LR	Launching Ramp
⊙	Ranger Station	▲	Fire Lookout

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