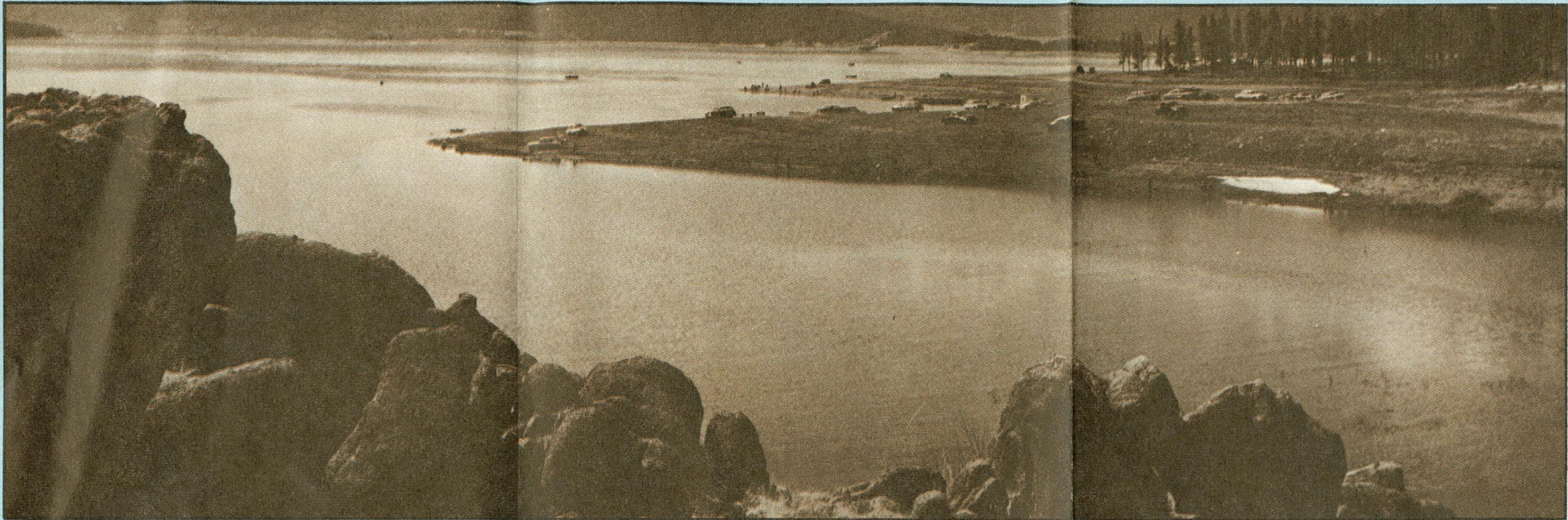


Shadow Mountain

NATIONAL RECREATION AREA • COLORADO



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

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 National Recreation Area is administered by the National Park Service for recreational purposes pursuant to a memorandum of understanding with the Bureaus of Reclamation and Land Management.

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 is 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 narrow range of elevation restricts the variety of trees and other plants in the area. Wildflowers are most spectacular in June and July.

WHAT TO DO

Boating. You can rent a rowboat or a motorboat at any of the concessioner-operated docks. You may launch your own boat at either lake at no cost; public launching ramps are at Hilltop and Green Ridge in Shadow Mountain Lake, and at Stillwater, Sunset Point, and Arapaho Bay in Lake Granby. Arrangements can be made to launch boats from concessioner marina docks and ramps. Information on boating regulations and water hazards can be obtained 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 marinas, and at most sporting goods stores and drugstores in the towns of Granby and Grand Lake.

Rainbow, lake, 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 five campgrounds: Shadow Mountain, Green Ridge, Cutthroat Bay, Stillwater, and Arapaho Bay. Fires are permitted only in designated areas. Firewood can be purchased from many private businesses. Trailers are permitted in the campgrounds; however, no hookups are available.

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 horses, and enjoy other similar outdoor activities in most of the area. Horses can be rented near and in the town of Grand Lake and at Arapaho Bay.

Naturalist services. In summer, park naturalists conduct walks and hikes. Campfire programs are presented nightly at Stillwater Campground, and programs are given several times weekly at Green Ridge and Arapaho Bay Campgrounds. Bulletin boards and free printed programs give details.

Guided tours through the Granby Pumping Plant are conducted several times daily in summer. Taking this tour 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. The nearest medical services are in Kremmling, Colo., about 41 miles from Grand Lake village.

TO REMIND YOU

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

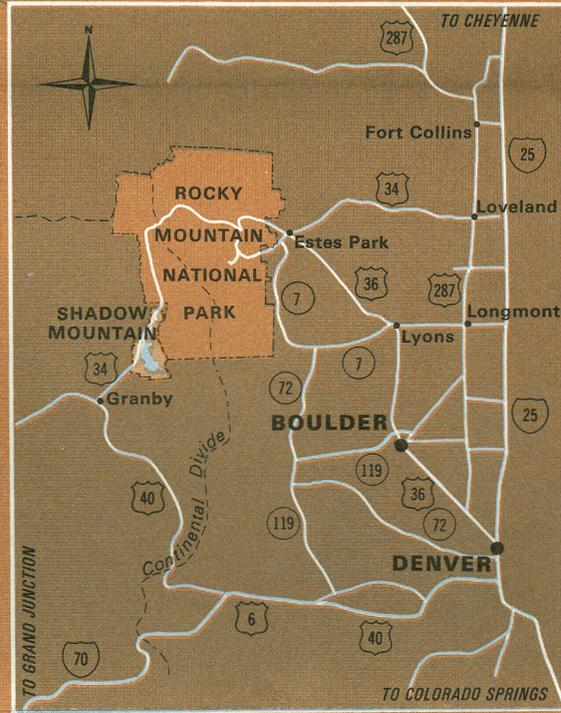
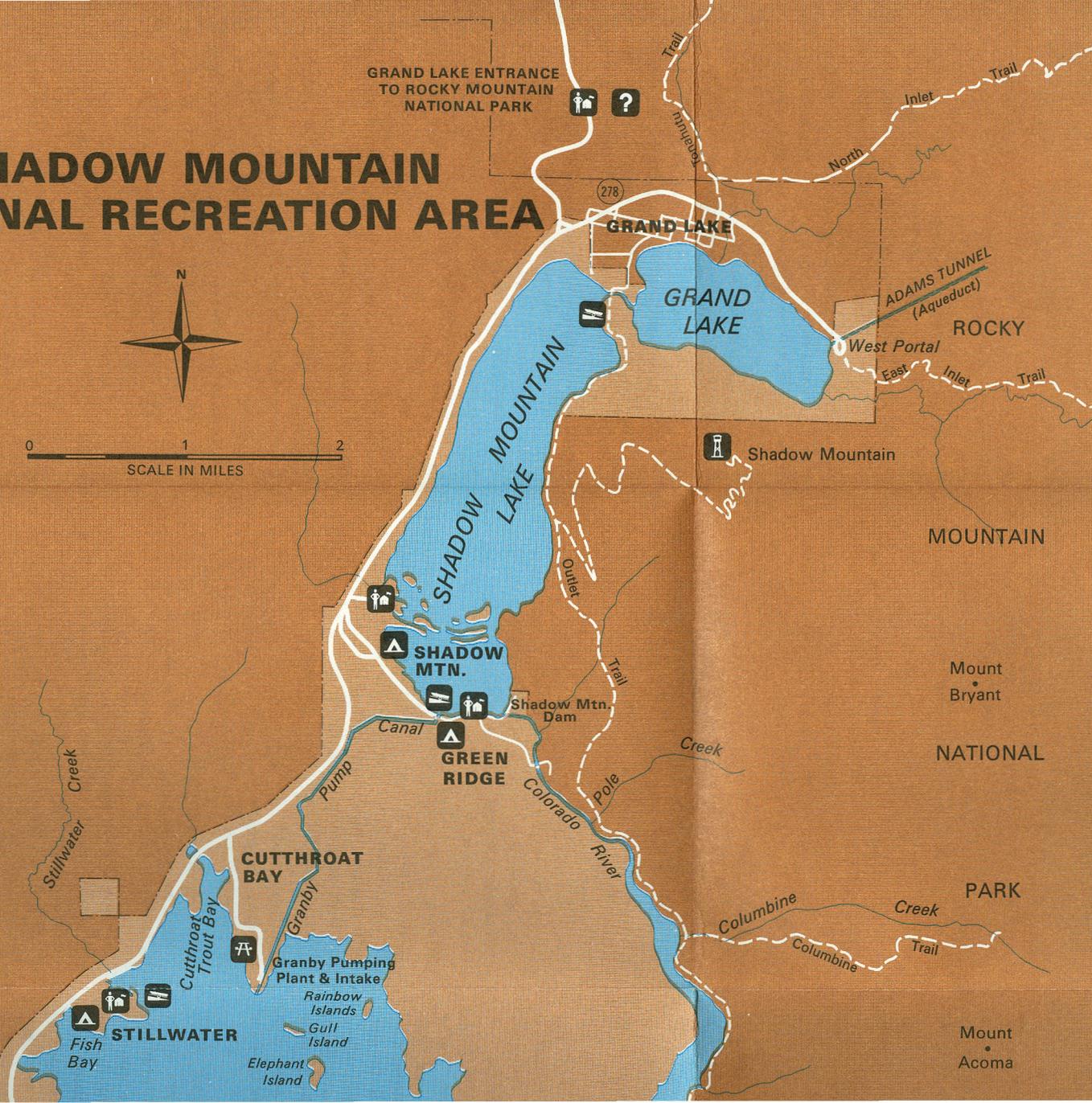
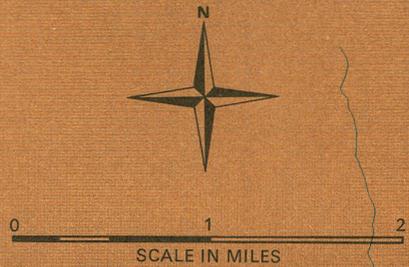
Cutting or marring of trees is not permitted.

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

Water safety. Please use the utmost caution while boating, water skiing, and swimming.

- Do not overload the boat.
- Check the weather.
- Tell someone where you are going.
- Let fuel vapors disperse before starting the engine.
- Be sure you have enough fuel for your trip.
- Store all your gear properly.
- Carry Coast Guard-approved lifesaving equipment for all on board.

SHADOW MOUNTAIN NATIONAL RECREATION AREA





Park Boundary

LAKE
GRANBY

ARAPAHO

NATIONAL

FOREST

INFORMATION
STATION
(TRAILER)
June to September

SUNSET
POINT

Rainbow Bay

Granby
Dam

Shelter
Island

Harvey
Island

Deer
Island

Rocky Pt.

Grand Bay

Twin
Outlet

Creek

Trail

Fork

Creek

River

Inspiration Point

Roaring

Grouse

Creek

34

Colorado

150

Gravel Road

Arapaho Bay

ARAPAHO
BAY

Irving Hale
Creek

MONARCH
LAKE

Buchanan
Creek

TO GRANBY

Information



Ranger Station



Campground



Lookout Tower



Launching Ramp



Paved Road



Unpaved Road



Trail



ARAPAHO

NATIONAL

FOREST

Shadow Mountain National 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, CO 80517, is in immediate charge of the area.

As the Nation's principal conservation agency, the Department of the Interior has basic responsibilities for water, fish, wildlife, mineral, land, park, and recreational resources. Indian and Territorial affairs are the other major concerns of America's "Department of Natural Resources." The Department works to assure the wisest choice in managing all our resources so each will make its full contribution to a better United States—now and in the future.

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