



Access Rocky 2014



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Beautiful Rocky Mountain National Park has many accessible facilities for visitors, including visitor centers, scenic overlooks, self-guided trails, campgrounds, picnic areas, and a backcountry campsite. This spectacular high-elevation park ranges in altitude from the lowest valleys at about 7,700 feet to the summit of the highest mountain, Longs Peak, at 14,259 feet. Scenic Trail Ridge Road crests at 12,183 feet as it crosses the park and the Continental Divide.

Park Shuttle Buses

All of the Rocky Mountain National Park free summer shuttle buses are accessible and can accommodate wheelchairs. Shuttle buses operate only along Bear Lake Road, plus an express Hiker Shuttle bus that operates between the Estes Park Visitor Center and the park's shuttle bus hub on Bear Lake Road.

Service Animals

Service animals that have been individually trained to perform specific tasks for the benefit of persons with disabilities are allowed in the park. A service animal that is allowed in park facilities, trails, etc., must be doing so in the service of a disabled person.

Emotional support (“therapy animals”) are not service animals under the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), but are pets, and may not access trails or other non-motorized areas, nor park buildings.

Service dogs-in-training are not service animals under ADA, but are considered pets.

Pets are prohibited in all areas of Rocky Mountain National Park not accessible by motor vehicles, including all trails and meadows.

Fees and Passes

The America the Beautiful Access Pass is a free lifetime pass for US citizens and permanent residents who have been medically determined to have a permanent disability that severely limits one or more major life activities. It provides access to recreation areas managed by the National Park Service, US Forest Service, Bureau of Land Management, US Fish and Wildlife Service, and Bureau of Reclamation. Passes can be obtained at any park entrance station or by mail from the US Geologic Survey; visit <http://store.usgs.gov/pass/access.html>

Holders of America the Beautiful Access Passes and Golden Access Passes are entitled to 50% discounts on camping fees for sites occupied by the pass holders. Provide the pass number to the reservation company when the reservation is made.

NPS Accessibility

National Park Service Accessibility
nps.gov/pub_aff/access/index.htm

Disabled Travelers Companion

Detailed information about accessible Rocky Mountain National Park facilities
tdtcompanion.com/NPS/Rocky/

TDD

Telecommunication Device for the Deaf
970-586-1319

Park Film

Captioned for hearing impaired visitors at Beaver Meadows and Kawuneeche visitor centers. Features audio description for the visually impaired at Beaver Meadows Visitor Center.

Induction Loop

Provided in the Beaver Meadows Visitor Center auditorium for the benefit of hearing aid users.

Ranger-led Programs

Assisted listening devices are available for ranger-led programs with a three-day advance notice. Call the park, 970-586-1206, for more information.

Sign Language Interpreter

A contracted sign language interpreter can be provided with a month's advance notice to accompany the ranger during the ranger-led program. Under a month? The park will do its best to meet the request but may not be able to provide a sign language interpreter for the program. Call the park's main number 970-586-1206 for more information.

Wheelchair Access

Be advised that accessible park trails contain hazards including loose gravel, uneven surfaces, rocks, tree roots, and steep areas.

Motorized and non-motorized wheelchairs that meet the definition of a mobility device under the ADA may access all areas of the park where foot travel is permitted. The ADA requires that a device be designed solely for the use of individuals with mobility impairments and be suitable for use in an indoor environment.

The following park trails meet most of the guidelines for accessible trails:

Bear Lake Trail	Lily Lake Trail
Beaver Boardwalk	Holzwarth Historic Site
Coyote Valley Trail	Sprague Lake Trail

Electric Personal Assistance Mobility Devices (EPAMD), which are two-wheeled, electrically-propelled human transport devices including Segways™, are permitted in the following areas when being operated as an assistance device by persons with mobility disabilities:

- Sidewalks and parking areas
- Roads closed to motor vehicles unless otherwise posted
- The following accessible park trails:

Coyote Valley Trail
Lily Lake Trail
Holzwarth Historic Site Access Road
Sprague Lake Trail

Persons without a disability are not authorized to use a motorized wheelchair or EPAMD in these designated areas.

Use of EPAMDs on park trail systems, other than those accessible trails listed above, is prohibited because of increased potential for injury to visitors, damage to natural resources, increased hazard of surprising wildlife, and hazards to EPAMD operators in steep, loose, or slippery conditions that are consistently encountered on park trails.

Accessible Facilities

Visitor Centers

All park visitor centers feature bookstores and information desks accessible to wheelchairs.

Alpine Visitor Center (11,796 feet)

- Open Memorial Day weekend through Columbus Day, weather permitting.
- Designated accessible parking spaces.
- Accessible restrooms (vault toilets) all season and summer (flush) at east end of visitor center.

Beaver Meadows Visitor Center (7,840 feet)

- Open year-round except Thanksgiving and Christmas Day.
- Designated accessible parking spaces.
- Accessible restrooms (flush toilets).
- Picnic tables are not accessible.
- Lift between floors (750-pound limit).
- Park film is captioned for hearing impaired and features audio description for the visually impaired.
- An induction loop is provided in the auditorium for the benefit of hearing aid users.
- On summer Hiker Shuttle Bus route.

Fall River Visitor Center (8,250 feet)

- Open Memorial Day weekend through Columbus Day.
- Designated accessible parking spaces.
- Accessible restrooms located in adjacent store via covered walkway (flush toilets).
- Elevator between floors (2000-pound weight limit).
- No picnic tables. Adjacent restaurant.

Kawuneeche Visitor Center (8,720 feet)

- Open year-round except Thanksgiving and Christmas Day.
- Designated accessible parking spaces.
- Accessible restrooms (flush toilets).
- Auditorium features park film, which is captioned for the hearing impaired.
- No picnic tables.

Moraine Park Discovery Center (8,140 feet)

- Designated accessible parking spaces.
- Accessible restrooms.
- Lift between floors (500-pound limit).
- Sitting area.

Facilities in the Fall River Area

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- No picnic tables. Adjacent restaurant.

Sheep Lakes (8,520)

- Designated accessible parking spaces.
- Information and programs in summer.
- No restrooms.
- No picnic tables.

Alluvial Fan (8,610 feet)

This area is closed in 2014

Endovalley Picnic Area (8,660 feet)

This area is closed in 2014

Facilities along Trail Ridge Road (listed east to west)

Hidden Valley (9,240 feet)

- Designated accessible parking spaces.
- Accessible restrooms (flush toilets).
- Covered picnic pavilion; accessible picnic tables.
- 400 feet of the 3200-foot paved nature trail is accessible.

Many Parks Curve Overlook (9,640 feet)

- No designated parking.
- Cross Trail Ridge Road from the west parking lot to the moderately-accessible overlook.
- The east side of Trail Ridge Road is plowed to this overlook in winter.
- No restrooms. No Picnic Tables.

Rainbow Curve Overlook (10,829 feet)

- Designated accessible parking spaces.
- Accessible restrooms (vault toilets).
- No picnic tables.

Forest Canyon Overlook (11,716 feet)

- Designated accessible parking spaces.
- Paved trail to platform at overlook is steep and uneven and does not meet accessible trail guidelines.
- No restrooms. No picnic tables.

**Facilities
along Trail
Ridge Road
(listed east
to west)**

**Rock Cut Overlook (12,310 feet) & Tundra
Communities Trail (trail gains 260 feet)**

- Designated accessible parking spaces.
- Accessible restrooms (vault toilets). No picnic tables.
- The ½-mile paved trail is steep and uneven and does not meet accessible trail guidelines.

Lava Cliffs Overlook (12,000 feet)

- No designated parking spaces.
- No restrooms. No picnic tables.

Gore Range Overlook (12,010 feet)

- No designated parking spaces.
- No restrooms. No picnic tables.

Alpine Visitor Center (11,796 feet)

- Open Memorial Day weekend through Columbus Day, weather permitting.
- Designated accessible parking spaces.
- Accessible restrooms (vault toilets) all season and summer (flush) at east end of visitor center.
- Visitor Center information desk is accessible to wheelchairs.
- No picnic tables.

Medicine Bow Curve Overlook (11,660 ft)

- No designated parking.
- No restrooms. No picnic tables.

**Milner Pass - Continental Divide
(10,758 feet)**

- Designated accessible parking spaces.
- Accessible restrooms (vault toilets).
- No picnic tables.

Lake Irene (10,748 feet)

- Designated accessible parking spaces.
- Accessible restrooms (vault toilets).
- Accessible picnic tables.
- Trail to Lake Irene is steep and has steps.

Farview Curve (10,120 feet)

- No designated parking.
- No restrooms.
- No picnic tables.

**Facilities
along Trail
Ridge Road
Continued
(listed east
to west)**

Colorado River Trailhead (8,990 feet)

- Designated accessible parking spaces.
- Accessible restrooms (vault toilets).
- Picnic tables are not accessible.
- Trails do not meet accessible trail guidelines.
- The west side of Trail Ridge Road is plowed to this point in winter.

Timber Lake Trailhead (9,000 feet)

- Designated accessible parking spaces.
- Accessible restrooms (vault toilets).
- Picnic tables are not accessible.
- Trail does not meet accessible trail guidelines.

Holzwarth Historic Site (8,884 feet)

- Designated accessible parking spaces.
- Accessible restrooms (vault toilets).
- Picnic tables are not accessible.
- Wheelchair and motorized wheelchair-accessible ½-mile gravel path to historic site is steep in places.
- In summer a staff-operated golf cart can take visitors to the site.
- Interiors of historic structures are not wheelchair-accessible.
- Walkways around the several buildings are rough and unpaved.

Bowen-Baker Gulch Trailhead (8,864 feet)

- Designated accessible parking spaces.
- Accessible restrooms (vault toilets).
- Picnic tables are not accessible.

Coyote Valley Trail (8,840 feet)

- Designated accessible parking spaces.
- Accessible restrooms (vault toilets).
- Accessible picnic tables.
- Wheelchair and motorized wheelchair-accessible one-mile trail.

Harbison Meadows (8,688 feet)

- Designated accessible parking spaces.
- No restrooms.
- The two accessible picnic tables are in a covered pavilion.
- Packed gravel path from parking area to picnic area is sloped.

Facilities along Bear Lake Road

Moraine Park Discovery Center (8,140 feet)

- Designated accessible parking spaces.
- Accessible restrooms.
- Lift between floors (500-pound limit).
- Sitting area.

Hollowell Park (8,300 feet)

- Designated accessible parking.
- Accessible restrooms (vault toilets).
- Accessible picnic tables.
- Trail is not accessible.
- Summer shuttle bus stop on Moraine Park Route.

Tuxedo Park Picnic Area (8,120 feet)

- Designated accessible parking.
- Picnic tables are not accessible. No restrooms.
- Summer shuttle bus stop on Moraine Park Route.

Sprague Lake (8,690 feet)

- Designated accessible parking.
- Accessible picnic tables. Accessible restrooms. Accessible ½-mile trail circles Sprague Lake. Benches and fishing platforms are located along the trail.
- Accessible campsite located near Sprague Lake (see Backcountry Camping section).

Bear Lake (9,475 feet)

- Designated accessible parking.
- Accessible restrooms. No picnic tables.
- Bear Lake is about 200 yards from the parking area.
- ½-mile partially accessible trail circles Bear Lake. Trail grades exceed 8% in places. The trail on the southwest side of the lake has log “steps.”

Accessible Trails

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- Accessible restrooms (vault toilets).
- Accessible picnic tables.
- Wheelchair and motorized wheelchair-accessible one-mile trail.

Lily Lake (8,880 feet)

- Designated accessible parking spaces.
- Accessible picnic tables.
- Accessible restrooms.
- Wheelchair-accessible ¾-mile trail circles Lily Lake. Adjoining trails are not accessible.
- Accessible fishing pier.

Sprague Lake (8,690 feet)

- Designated accessible parking.
- Accessible picnic tables. Accessible restrooms. Accessible ½-mile trail circles Sprague Lake. Benches and fishing platforms are located along the trail.
- Accessible campsite located near Sprague Lake (see Backcountry Camping section).

Cell Phones

Do not rely on cell phones in Rocky Mountain National Park. Many locations in this rugged park have no service.

Camping

There are five drive-in campgrounds in the park, four with accessible campsites. Holders of America the Beautiful Access Passes and Golden Access Passes can camp at a 50% discount.

Summer reservations for Aspenglen, Glacier Basin and Moraine Park Campgrounds can be made up to six months in advance at reserveamerica.com or recreation.gov or call 877-444-6777. Online, scroll to the very end of a campground listing to find these sites.

There are no hookups or electrical outlets at any campsites so electrically-powered medical appliances cannot be accommodated in park campgrounds. Quiet hours are from 10 P.M. — 6 A.M. Where allowed, generators can run from 7:30 A.M. — 10 A.M. and 4 P.M. — 8:30 P.M.

Every park campsite has a tent pad, picnic table, and fire grate. Accessible campsites have picnic tables that can accommodate wheelchairs and raised fire grates. Accessible restrooms are close to accessible campsites.

Aspenglen Campground (8,220 feet)

In a pine forest near Fall River just inside the Fall River Entrance on US Highway 34 west of Estes Park.

- Summer only; reservable. Campground sites for RVs and tents.
- 2 designated accessible campsites
 - Site 30 Maximum vehicle length 24 feet
 - Site 31 Maximum vehicle length 25 feet
- Designated accessible parking spaces.
- Accessible amphitheater.
- Some restrooms are accessible.

Glacier Basin Campground (8,500 feet)

In a lodgepole pine forest along Bear Lake Road, this campground is on the Moraine Park summer shuttle bus route.

- Summer only; reservable. Campground sites for RVs and tents.
- Four accessible campsites are located in Loop B.
 - Site B33 Maximum vehicle length 20 feet
 - Site B35 Maximum vehicle length 22 feet (pull-through site)

Camping (Continued)

Site B60 Maximum vehicle length 22 feet

Site B61 Maximum vehicle length 35 feet

- Accessible campsites are set aside for campers with disabilities until 6 P.M. each evening in summer; if not filled by then, other campers can stay in those sites for that night only.
- Designated accessible parking spaces by accessible campsites and amphitheater.
- Accessible amphitheater.

Longs Peak Campground (9,405 feet)

Nine miles south of Estes Park off of Highway 7, this campground is in a lodgepole pine forest.

- Summer only; first-come, first-served. Tents only.
- No designated accessible campsites.
- No designated parking spaces.
- Restrooms and picnic tables not accessible.

Moraine Park Campground (8,160 feet)

In a ponderosa pine forest above the meadows of Moraine Park on Bear Lake Road. This campground is on the Moraine Park summer shuttle bus route.

- Year-round; summer reservations. Campground sites for RVs and tents.
- Four reservable accessible campsites are located in A Loop.

Site A39 Max vehicle length 20 feet, 1 slide-out, 160 feet to restroom, sunny

Site A40 Max vehicle length 30 feet, slide-outs both sides, 120 feet to restroom, sunny

Site A41 Max vehicle length 35 feet, slide-outs both sides, 75 feet to restroom, shady

Site A42 Max vehicle length 40 feet, slide-outs both sides, 90 feet to restroom, sunny

- Accessible restroom adjacent to accessible campsites.
- Designated accessible parking spaces by accessible campsites and amphitheater.
- Accessible amphitheater.

Camping (Continued)

Timber Creek Campground (8,900 feet)

The only west side campground is located near the Colorado River ten miles north of Grand Lake on Trail Ridge Road, US Highway 34.

- Summer only; first-come, first-served. Campground sites for RVs and tents.
- Two first-come, first-served accessible campsites are located in Loop B.

Site B24 Maximum vehicle length 30 feet

Site B26 Maximum vehicle length 24 feet

- Accessible campsites are set aside for campers with disabilities until 6 P.M. each evening in summer; if not filled by then, other campers can stay in those sites for that night only.
- Designated accessible parking spaces by accessible campsites and amphitheater.
- Accessible amphitheater.
- Accessible restroom.

Backcountry Camping

Sprague Lake Camp (8,700 feet)

The park's accessible backcountry campsite is near scenic Sprague Lake. The camp is located one-half mile from the parking area via an accessible trail. The camp accommodates up to 12 campers including a maximum of five wheelchairs.

The camp is available year-round. Reservations are made with the park's Backcountry Office by mail (1000 US Hwy 36, Estes Park, CO 80517), in person, or by phone (970-586-1242). A party may stay at the campsite a maximum of three consecutive nights. There is a \$20 administrative fee between May 1 and October 31.

This is a rustic backcountry campsite with few facilities. There are no hookups and no electrical outlets for medical appliances. Campers park at Sprague Lake, one-half mile away, where designated parking is available. All gear, water, and firewood must be packed in. Facilities include accessible picnic tables, a fire grate and charcoal grill, and accessible privy. A water faucet is not provided.