

Rocky Mountain

National Park
Colorado

National Park Service
U.S. Department of the Interior

General Park Information



Entrance Fees:
\$5.00/week/vehicle

Mailing Address:
Rocky Mountain National Park
Estes Park, Colorado 80517

Telephone:
(303) 586-2371
(303) 586-2385 (recording)

Trail Ridge Road (U.S. Hwy. 34): Open from late May through mid-October depending on weather. Connects the towns of Grand Lake and Estes Park. The road climbs to more than 12,000 feet (3,657 m) above sea level. People with respiratory, heart, or similar ailments are advised to consult their physician.

DIRECTIONS

To Estes Park:
65 miles (104 km or 1.5 hours) northwest of Denver via U.S. Hwy 34 or U.S. Hwy. 36.

To Grand Lake:
85 miles (136 km or 2 hours) west of Denver on Interstate 70 to Exit #232. To Granby via U.S. Hwy. 40, then north 16 miles (26 km) on U.S. Hwy. 34 to Grand Lake.

VISITOR CENTERS



Visitor Center/Headquarters:
2.5 miles (4 km) west of Estes Park on U.S. Hwy. 36.
Open daily, year round.

Moraine Park Museum:
5 miles (8 km) west of Estes Park on Bear Lake Road.
Open daily, May-mid Oct.

Kawuneeche Visitor Center:
1.3 miles (2.1 km) north of Grand Lake on U.S. Hwy. 34.
Open daily, year round.

Alpine Visitor Center:
25 miles (40 km) west of Estes Park on Trail Ridge Road.
Open daily, June-Sept.

Lily Lake Visitor Center:
6 miles (9.6 km) south of Estes Park on Colorado Hwy. 7.
Open daily, May-Oct.

CAMPING



Campgrounds:

	MORaine PARK	GLACIER BASIN	ASPEngLEN	TIMBER CREEK	LONGS PEAK	GROUP SITES (Glacier Basin)	
No. of Sites	247	150	54	100	26	14	Group size: Max. = 50, Min. = 10
Open	all year	5/29-9/6	5/8-9/30	all year	all year	5/29-9/6	Individual sites = 6 people/1 veh.
Fees	\$9.00	\$9.00	\$7.00	\$7.00	\$7.00	\$20-50	Small = \$20, Med. = \$30, Lg. = \$50
Reservations * (see below)	5/22-9/6	5/29-9/6	no	no	no	5/29-9/6	First-come, first-served if not on reservation system.
Elevations	8150'	8600'	8230'	8900'	9400'	8600'	Feet above sea level
Miles from Estes Park	5.5	9.0	5.0	36.5	11.0	9.0	Timber Creek is 7 miles from Grand Lake.
Dump stations	yes	yes	no	yes	no	n/a	Group sites are for tenters only
Campfire talks	yes	yes	yes	yes	no	yes	Check the park newspaper
Showers	no	no	no	no	no	no	Available in town
RV's, Motorhomes	yes	yes	yes	yes	no	no	Length limit = trailer 27' motorhome 30'
Hook-ups	no	no	no	no	no	no	
Stay limit (nights)	7	7	7	7	3	7	Parkwide limit = 7 days (June-Sept.) 15 additional days - Oct.1-May 31
Ranger station	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	
Public telephone	yes	yes	yes	yes	no	yes	
Firewood/ice/bottled water	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	Sold by contractor mid-May to mid-September.
Mail delivery	no	no	no	no	no	no	Address mail to: Postmaster, General Delivery, Estes Park, CO 80517

* Reservations through Mistix, P.O. Box 85705, San Diego, CA 692138-5705, 1-800-365-2267. Eight weeks in advance for family/individual sites, 12 weeks for groups.

**BACKCOUNTRY CAMPING/
BIVOUAC CAMPING**

Permit Always Required:
Call (303) 586-4459 for
information. By mail or in
person from June 1 to
September 30.

Write to the Backcountry
Office, c/o Rocky Mountain
National Park, Estes Park,
Colorado 80517.

**ACCOMMODATIONS/
SERVICES**

For information on motels,
lodges, or cabins, call the
Estes Park Chamber of
Commerce at
1-800-443-7837 or the Grand
Lake Chamber of Commerce at
(303) 627-3402.

Hospitals, doctors, rentals,
laundries, showers, groceries,
restaurants, fuel stations, and
other services are available
outside the national park.

ACCESS

Hearing Impaired Phone (TDD):
(303) 586-8506.

Accessible Trails:
Ask at visitor centers for
information.

Sprague Lake Handicamp:
Backcountry camping for a
maximum of 10 people/5
wheelchairs. Reserve through
the Backcountry Office at
(303) 586-4459.

PRESERVATION



Rocky Mountain National Park
is a preserved area where all
natural and cultural objects are
protected by law.

The following are prohibited:

- Gathering firewood.
- Pets on trails or in the
backcountry. Dogs or other
pets must be leashed where
allowed.
- Harassing, hunting,
spotlighting, or feeding wild
animals.
- Off-road vehicle travel.
Contact the U.S. Forest
Service for suggestions.
- Motor boating. No boats or
floatation devices of any kind
are allowed on Bear Lake.

**OTHER INFORMATION
AVAILABLE**

Detailed information on the
following subjects should be
consulted for your safety and
enjoyment. Ask at any visitor
center for...



Wildlife

Mule deer, wapiti (American
elk), and bighorn sheep are
seen frequently. Coyote,
black bear, mountain lion, and
bobcat are also native to the
park. Moose, re-introduced to
the North Park area in 1978,
are frequently seen in the
Kawuneeche Valley.

Fishing

A Colorado state fishing
license is required in the park.
Bear Lake is closed to fishing.
Other restrictions exist.

Horseback Riding

Two stables conduct guided
rides from Moraine Park and
Glacier Creek in summer.
Other livery operations abound
outside the park.

Hiking Trails

Over 355 miles of hiking trails
are maintained. Please don't
"shortcut" our efforts; stay on
the trails to prevent erosion
and preserve the vegetation
and soil.

Interpretive Programs

Schedules of ranger-led walks
and talks are listed in the park
newspaper.

Private Campgrounds

There are privately operated
campgrounds in the towns of
Estes Park and Grand Lake. A
few offer public showers.