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.

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

Moraine Park Museum:

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

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



51

ORATHE PART LACIER P

CHET LABOR CHE

THE STATE

ER GREET BOOK

Campgrounds:	M	1 00	1 43	/ TIM	10.	/ 6	
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.

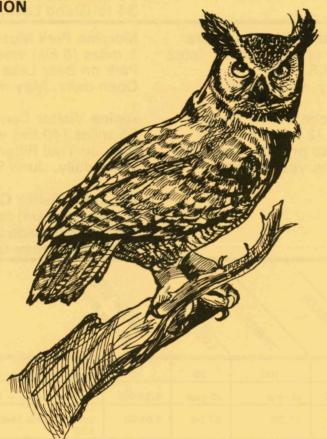
ACCESS

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.

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.