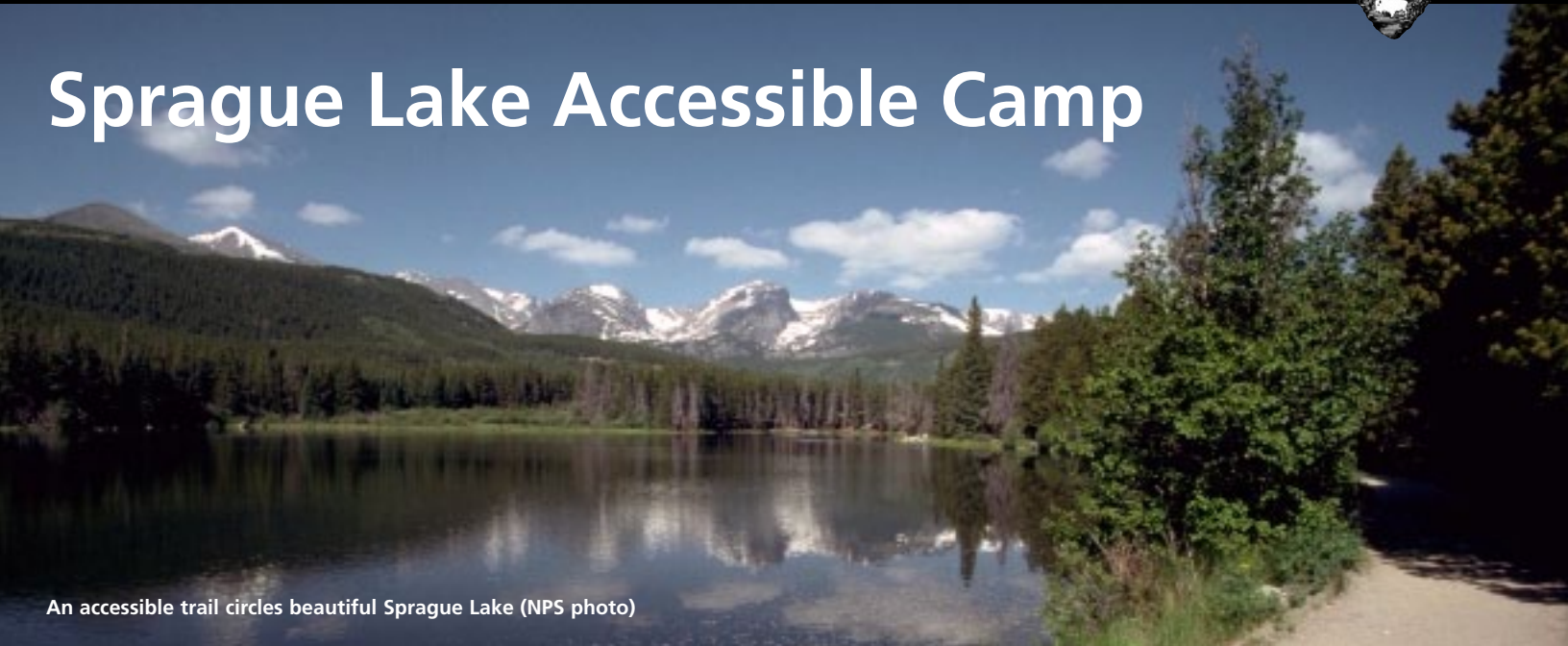




Sprague Lake Accessible Camp



An accessible trail circles beautiful Sprague Lake (NPS photo)

Enjoy a night under the stars! Rocky Mountain National Park has many facilities for visitors with disabilities, including a wheelchair-accessible backcountry campsite near scenic Sprague Lake. The camp is located one-half mile from the parking area via a fully-accessible hardpacked gravel trail, at about 8,700 feet of elevation. Campers leave their vehicles behind at the trailhead and pack their gear into the campsite using the trail. The camp accommodates up to 12 campers including a maximum of five wheelchairs.

Reservations 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. The license plate numbers of all vehicles parked at the Sprague Lake trailhead will be needed for the overnight parking permit.

Resources The National Park Service website on accessibility:
[nps.gov/pub_aff/access](https://www.nps.gov/pub_aff/access)

The Disabled Traveler's Companion website has detailed information about accessible facilities in the park:

tdtcompanion.com/NPS/Rocky

Telecommunication Device for the Deaf (TDD)
970-586-1319

Facilities at the Camp

Campers staying at the Sprague Lake Accessible Camp park at Sprague Lake, where ISA-designated parking is available.

Do not rely on cell phones in Rocky Mountain National Park. Many locations in this rugged park have no service. The nearest emergency telephone is at the Park & Ride, about one mile east of the Sprague Lake trailhead.

This is a rustic backcountry campsite, with few facilities. There are no hookups and no electrical outlets for medical appliances.

Accessible picnic tables are located at the campsite.

A fire grate and a charcoal grill are provided. Firewood and charcoal are not provided and must be packed in (gathering firewood for this campsite is prohibited).

An accessible privy is located at the campsite.

A water faucet is not provided. Water can be packed in or obtained from the nearby stream, though any water obtained from lakes or streams must be treated. In summer, a water faucet is available at the Sprague Lake parking lot, one-half mile away from the camp.

Do not attract wildlife, including black bears. Keep a clean camp! Never leave food items unsecured or unattended. Improperly stored or unattended food items will result in a violation notice. "Food items" include food, drinks, toiletries, cosmetics, and odoriferous attractants. Garbage, including empty cans, food wrappers, etc., must be stored or packed out to receptacles at Sprague Lake. Coolers, dirty stoves, grills, non-disposable tableware and cookware must be washed and stored in the same manner as food. Camp kitchens must be kept clean and individual items properly stored in the food storage locker provided at the campsite.

Wheelchair Access

Be advised that accessible park trails contain hazards including loose gravel, uneven surfaces, rocks, tree roots, and steep areas. The Sprague Lake Trail is accessible for non-motorized and motorized wheelchairs, and Electric Personal Assistance Mobility Devices (EPAMD), which are two-wheeled, electrically-propelled human transport devices including Segways™. Persons without a disability are not authorized to use a motorized wheelchair or EPAMD in these designated areas.

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 free entrance to Rocky Mountain National Park and 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 fedrepass@usgs.gov.

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.

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

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