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OPEN ALL YEAR

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

Lake Granby and Shadow Mountain Lake, which were formed by the Bureau of Reclamation's Colorado-Big Thompson Project, offer unusual recreation possibilities. Therefore, by order of the Secretary of the Interior, Shadow Mountain National Recreation Area was established on June 27, 1952. It is about 29 square miles in extent.

### GENERAL DESCRIPTION

**Reclamation project.** The Colorado-Big Thompson Project diverts water through a 13.1-mile tunnel from the western to the eastern slope of the Continental Divide. There it is used for generation of electricity and for irrigation.

**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 in which ice covered much of the continent. Glacial debris and outwash make up most of the hilly terrain, and many of the islands in the lakes are moraines (glacial deposits of earth and stones). Bedrock of most of the area consists of crystalline rock of Precambrian age or volcanic rock of Tertiary age.

**Wild animals.** Elk and deer are present in the area much of the time, but they are seldom seen. Smaller mammals include the coyote, bobcat, marmot, chipmunk, badger, pine squirrel, ground squirrel, and beaver.

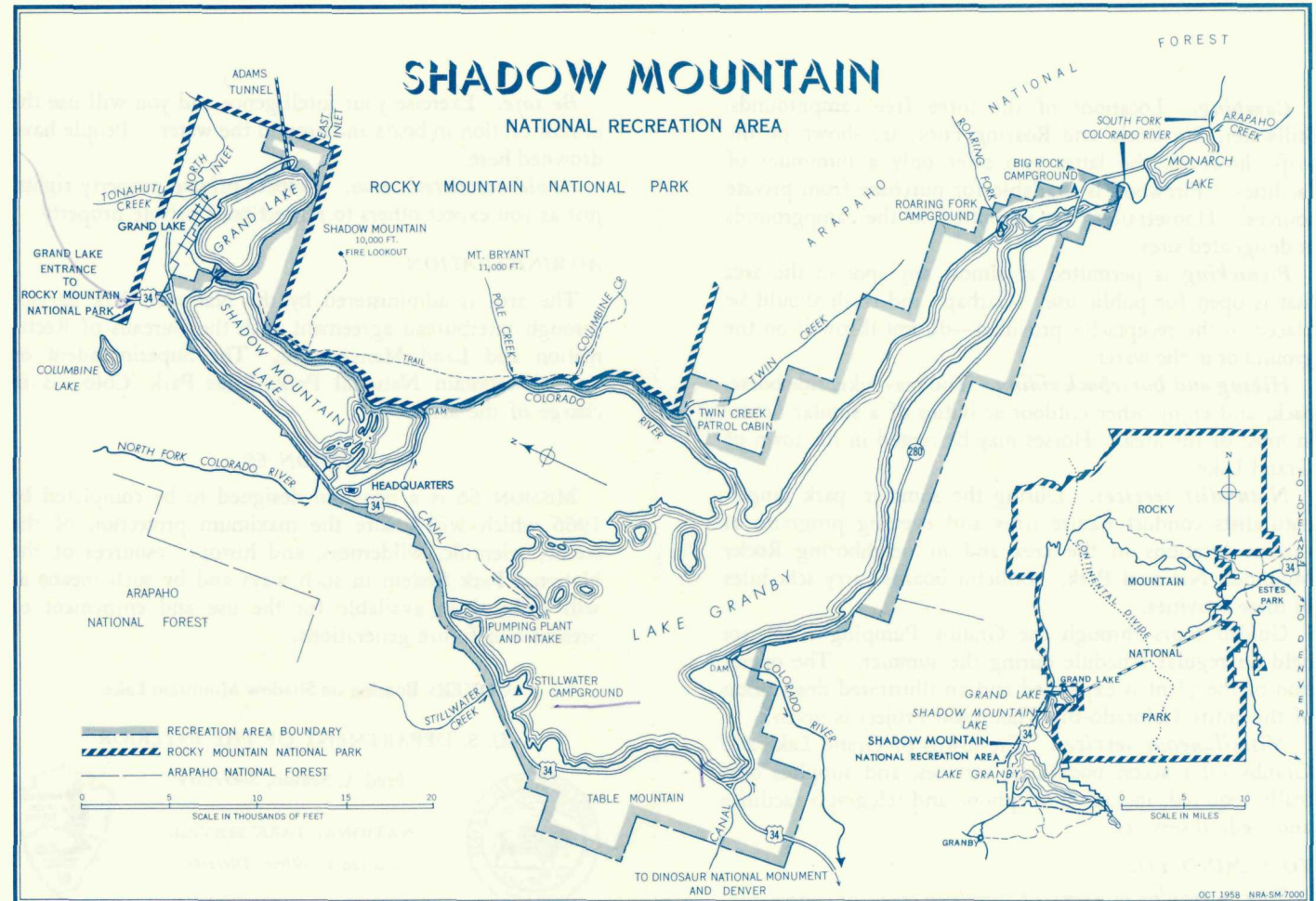
**Plants.** The forest is mostly lodgepole pine, with some groves of quaking aspen. The relatively narrow range of elevation restricts the variety of trees in the area. This is true also of other plants, although there are some flowering species.

### WHAT TO DO

**Boating.** You may rent a rowboat at any of the 15 or more privately owned docks for about \$1.50 per hour or \$6 to \$8 per day. Sightseeing cruises on Lake Granby and Shadow Mountain Lake begin from several of these privately owned docks, and they cost approximately \$1 per person per hour. You may place your own boat in either lake at no cost; however, it is suggested that you first register

it at the recreation area headquarters because the registration number will aid in identification of your craft. Information on boating regulations and water hazards, including instructions about storm warnings, may be obtained at the place of registration.

**Fishing.** All waters of the recreation area (except small zones around certain engineering features) are open to fishing. The following species of trout are found: cutthroat, rainbow, kamloops rainbow, brook, and brown. In addition, there are grayling in Shadow Mountain Lake and kokanee salmon in Lake Granby and in Shadow Mountain Lake. The fishing laws and regulations of the State of Colorado apply within the recreation area, and a State fishing license is required. Licenses and copies of the regulations may be obtained at almost any sporting goods store or drugstore in the towns of Granby and Grand Lake. Fishing season normally extends from the third weekend in May to October 31.



*The National Park Service, which administers this area, is dedicated to conserving the scenic, scientific, and historic heritage of the United States for the benefit and enjoyment of its people.*



*Stillwater Point,  
Lake Granby,  
looking toward  
the west side  
of the Front  
Range.*

**Camping.** Locations of the three free campgrounds, Stillwater, Big Rock, and Roaring Fork, are shown on the map; however, the latter two offer only a minimum of facilities. Firewood is available for purchase from private sources. Housetrailer are permitted in the campgrounds at designated sites.

**Picnicking** is permitted at almost any spot in the area that is open for public use. Garbage and trash should be placed in the receptacles provided—do not throw it on the ground or in the water.

**Hiking and horseback riding.** You may hike, ride horseback, and enjoy other outdoor activities of a similar nature in most of the area. Horses may be rented in the town of Grand Lake.

**Naturalist services.** During the summer, park ranger-naturalists conduct nature trips and evening programs at various locations in the area and in neighboring Rocky Mountain National Park. Bulletin boards carry schedules of these activities.

Guided tours through the Granby Pumping Plant are held on regular schedule during the summer. The operation of the plant is explained and an illustrated description of the entire Colorado-Big Thompson Project is given.

**Miscellaneous services.** The towns of Grand Lake and Granby offer accommodations, services, and supplies normally required, including telephone and telegraph facilities and medical services.

**TO REMIND YOU**

*The cutting or marring of standing trees, of course, cannot be permitted—firewood is available.*

**Be safe.** Exercise your intelligence and you will use the utmost caution in boats and around the water. People have drowned here.

**Avoid restricted areas.** Respect private property rights, just as you expect others to respect your private property.

**ADMINISTRATION**

The area is administered by the National Park Service through interbureau agreement with the Bureaus of Reclamation and Land Management. The Superintendent of Rocky Mountain National Park, Estes Park, Colo., is in charge of the area.

**MISSION 66**

MISSION 66 is a program designed to be completed by 1966 which will assure the maximum protection of the scenic, scientific, wilderness, and historic resources of the National Park System in such ways and by such means as will make them available for the use and enjoyment of present and future generations.

COVER: Boating on Shadow Mountain Lake.

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