With much to offer, this park is an ideal destination for those who want a break in the great outdoors. An easy to reach location alongside north I-25 between Denver and Ft. Collins at Highway 119, St. Vrain State Park is a great place for fishermen, campers, photographers, birders, and anyone who loves to enjoy nature.

In the park, fishermen will find many opportunities to test their skills on waters vary from calm to challenging. The ponds are stocked several times a year with selected species.

Park visitors are treated to breathtaking views of Longs Peak and the Rockies with ample opportunities to see a variety of wildlife that live in the park. It is a wonderful place for outdoor enthusiasts of all ages!

Passes and Permits

All vehicles entering the park that have purchased a valid Colorado State Parks pass are required to display it. This pass must be permanently affixed to the lower, inside, passenger side of the windshield, and is not transferable between vehicles. An Annual State Parks pass allows entrance to all Colorado State Parks. A Daily pass is valid from the day purchased until noon the following day. In addition to a park pass, campers are required to purchase and properly display a valid camping permit at their campsite. Passes and permits are available at the entrance station, park office, or self-service kiosks near the entrance station.

Colorado residents 64 years of age or older qualify for the discounted Aspen Leaf Annual pass. Passes and permits are available at the entrance station, park office, or self-service kiosks near the entrance station. Colorado disabled veterans displaying Colorado Disabled Veteran (DV) license plates are allowed free access to state parks, but are required to purchase camping permits.

Regulations

• Operate vehicles on designated roads and parking areas only.
• Keep campfires in the fire rings and grills provided.
• Keep campfires to the size and number allowed at your campsite.
• Replace the natural vegetation and natural materials removed.
• Use only a covered or screened fire ring provided at the campsite.
• Do not feed or approach wildlife.
• Do not cut down or remove any trees or plants.
• Do not use the fire rings to dispose of trash.
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Picnicking

Picnicking is permitted throughout the park except in numbered campsites. There are tables and grills available around all of the ponds and mature cottonwood trees shade some sites in the park.

Camping

St. Vrain State Park offers 80 campsites located in its two campgrounds. Most sites are near the waterside and some are accessible to the physically challenged. In addition to a park pass, campers are required to purchase and properly display a valid camping permit at their campsite. Passes and permits are available at the entrance station, park office, or self-service kiosks near the entrance station.

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• Firewood must be purchased or brought in with you. It is prohibited to collect firewood from trees or on the ground.
• Pets must be kept on a leash six feet or less at all times.
• Fireworks are prohibited at all times.
• Hunting, firearms, pellet-guns, sling shots, B.B. guns and all other weapons are prohibited at all times.
• Radio controlled and/or fuel propelled models are prohibited.
• Quiet hours will be enforced from 10:00 P.M. to 6:00 A.M.

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Fishing

The ponds contain bluegill, perch, pumpkinseed, largemouth bass, channel catfish, crappie and rainbow trout. Bow fishing is allowed for carp. Ice fishing is allowed only when the ice is safe to walk on. Please observe the following regulations when fishing on Bald Eagle Pond: 1. Fish with flies and lures only. 2. All bass must be returned to the water immediately. There are three fully accessible piers for your use in Pelican and Sandpiper Ponds.

Water Activities

Vessels that are hand or foot propelled, or propelled by an electric trolling motor are permitted on the ponds. Inflatable devices that contain two or more chambers are also permitted. All vessels and water users must observe the Colorado boating statutes and regulations. Name, address, and phone numbers must be clearly written inside the vessel.

Wildlife and Nature

Wildlife, in addition to the fish, can be seen in the park at different seasons. Raptors such as owls, eagles, red-tailed hawks as well as waterfowl and songbirds, live here year-round. Migrating birds such as curlow, Swainson's hawk and osprey can be seen. The sharp-eyed visitor can see coyotes, deer, rabbits, reptiles and other wildlife. A mile nature trail is available for you.