

CRYSTAL CREEK RESERVOIR

- **Parking Capacity:** 103 Spaces
- **Fishing:** Fishing allowed with bait (no minnows).
- **Picnicking:** Developed picnic sites are available. To protect the environment, groups are asked to confine picnics to the developed sites.
- **Hiking:** Along lake trails.
- **Water Surface Acres:** 136
- **Miles of Shoreline:** 3.31 Miles

SOUTH CATAMOUNT RESERVOIR

- **Parking Capacity:** 61 spaces
- **Fishing:** Fishing allowed with bait (no minnows).
- **Picnicking:** Developed picnic sites are available. To protect the environment, groups are asked to confine picnics to the developed sites.
- **Hiking and Mountain Biking:** On designated trails only.
- **Water Surface Acres:** 120
- **Miles of Shoreline:** 3.96 Miles

NORTH CATAMOUNT RESERVOIR

- **Parking Capacity:** 61 spaces
- **Fishing:** Fishing allowed with artificial flies and artificial lures only.
- **Picnicking:** Developed picnic sites are available. To protect the environment, groups are asked to confine picnics to the developed sites.
- **Hiking and Mountain Biking:** On designated trails only.
- **Water Surface Acres:** 210
- **Miles of Shoreline:** 6.58 Miles

NORTH SLOPE RECREATION AREA

WATER QUALITY PROTECTION

The three reservoirs, tributaries and streams that feed the reservoirs are part of the drinking water collection system for Colorado Springs and surrounding communities. It is unlawful to discharge anything into the water which may cause pollution. **Swimming or wading by humans and pets is prohibited.**

HISTORY & DEVELOPMENT

The recreation area consists of 2,267 acres of forest lands, and North Catamount, South Catamount and Crystal Reservoirs.

All three lakes serve as terminal reservoirs for the water supply of Colorado Springs and surrounding municipalities. Because protection of the watershed and maintaining high quality water standards have always been a high priority for the City of Colorado Springs and U.S. Forest Service, the reservoirs were closed to public recreation for many years. In 1967, the citizens of Colorado Springs passed a charter amendment allowing the City to open the reservoirs for recreational use when all municipalities receiving water from the reservoirs had water treatment capabilities. In late 1990, all communities began to receive treated water. In 1991-1992, the City Council appointed a North Slope Advisory Committee to develop a plan for recreational use. The area opened for its first season on July 8, 1992.

The Pikes Peak North Slope Recreation Area is managed by the City of Colorado Springs in cooperation with the Colorado Division of Wildlife and the U. S. Forest Service. Recreational opportunities include bank fishing, non-gasoline powered boating, belly boating, mountain biking, picnicking, hiking and scenic enjoyment. These activities are regulated to assure relatively low environmental impact and minimal management requirements. Enjoy your visit!



Emergencies call 911

All others call 684-9138

RULES & REGULATIONS

- **Hunting or the possession of firearms for any purpose is not permitted.**
- **No alcoholic beverages.**
- **No smoking except in designated areas.**
- **Dispose of trash in trash receptacles.**
- **Pets must be on leash at all times. Pets are not allowed in the water.**
- **Activities such as swimming, wading, sail boating, wind surfing, camping, and horseback riding are prohibited.**
- **All trails at North and South Catamount Reservoirs open and close at posted parking lot times.**
- The area provides a pristine environment with and abundance of wildlife and scenic beauty. Please maintain the serenity and keep noise levels low.
- Protect the wildlife in the area. Do not feed, chase, capture or harm the native wildlife.
- Fireworks are not allowed.
- Natural features must not be disturbed. Please do not deface or remove any of the area's flowers, rocks or trees.
- Gathering firewood is not allowed without a permit.
- **Open fires are prohibited.** Only charcoal briquettes, liquid fuel or propane with shut-offs are allowed in or on permanent mounted grills. Please do not use portable grills in back of vehicles or at shoreline. Place on picnic tables or permanent mounted grills.
- Foot trails are provided from the parking lot trail heads to the shorelines of the three reservoirs and are designated for hikers only. Please stay on established trails. Trampling of the vegetation causes soil erosion.
- Motor vehicles are restricted to designated roads and parking lots. Parking along roadways is not allowed.
- Please obey the posted speed limit.
- Fishing at each reservoir is individually regulated, so before fishing, please check the regulations posted in the parking lot areas.
- Parking or fishing from the dams is prohibited.

MOUNTAIN BIKE INFORMATION

The trailheads for mountain bikers are located at the North and South Catamount Reservoir parking lots. From these locations, mountain bikers can enjoy riding on approximately 10 miles of gravel roadways, several logging roads, and single track trails. Additional single track trails may be opened in future years pending continued evaluation of impact upon trails and conflicts with other trail users.

- Cyclists are to use gravel roadways, designated logging roads and single track trails.
- **Please no bicycles on sidewalks or docks.**

- Yield right of way to other recreationalists.
- Use caution when overtaking another cyclist. Make your presence known in advance.
- Colorado State Motor Vehicle rules pertaining to bicycles apply.
- For your safety, please use a helmet.

BOATING & FISHING INFORMATION

- Boats must be brought to the area on car top carriers or in the back of pick-up trucks. Trailers are prohibited on the Pikes Peak Highway.
- State boating regulations apply.
- Boats must be carried from the parking lot to the boat entry points. Vehicle access to boat entry points is not available.
- Boats must be propelled by oars, paddles or electric motors. **Gas engines are prohibited.**
- **Coast Guard approved personal flotation devices must be worn by all boaters while on water.**
- Belly boats may be used.
- A Colorado fishing license is required for those age 16 or older. Children under the age of 16 may take a full daily bag and possession limit without a fishing license.
- The bag and possession limit for trout is four fish, no more than two of which may be lake trout.
- Bait (no minnows) can be used at Crystal Creek and South Catamount Reservoirs. **North Catamount is restricted to artificial flies and lures only.**
- For more information contact the Colorado Division of Wildlife (719) 227-5200.

SEASON & HOURS

- Pikes Peak Highway and the North Slope Recreation Area may be closed or delay opening for special events. Please visit our website at pikespeakcolorado.com for dates and times of closures or delays.
- **Recreation Area users must leave the area by the designated closing time. The gate to Pikes Peak Highway will be locked 30 minutes after closing time.**
- **Access is from Pikes Peak Highway only. Due to steep grades, motor homes are not permitted at North and South Catamount Reservoirs.**

Seasonal Hours - (Weather Permitting)

May 1 (Opening Day) through Thursday before Memorial Day
9:00 AM - 4:00 PM
Friday before Memorial Day through Labor Day
7:30 AM - 7:00 PM
Tuesday after Labor Day through Sept. 30
7:30 AM - 6:00 PM
Oct. 1 through third Sunday of Oct. (Closing Day)
9:00 AM - 4:00 PM