

Check Out Colorado State Parks

Seven years of data showcasing this program's success

Program Totals

Total Circulation: 43,468

Participating Libraries: 308

An annual savings of \$69,800 for Coloradans State Parks Visited: 43

Patron Surveys Completed: 3,654

Program Growth

Before COVID-19 there were almost 150 checkouts per week. Backpack checkouts dropped in 2020 but bounced back quickly. 2022 set a new record for backpack checkouts in a year!

Average backpack circulation per week:

2016: 165

2017: 134

2018: 147

2019: 148

2020: 29

2021: 133

2022: 168

Participation Across Colorado

People from all regions of Colorado participate!

Every state park open to the public in Colorado was accessed. 1% of survey respondents were out of state visitors.

Areas in blue mark zip codes shared by Check Out Colorado survey respondents. The size of the circle corresponds with how often the zip code was shared, and areas where the circles overlap represent multiple zip codes shared in that area.

Map data consists of each zip code shared and how many times respondents shared this zip code.

Zip Code	Count	Zip Code	Count	Zip Code	Count
80001	1	80131	3	80247	2
80002	5	80132	16	80249	15
80003	8	80133	5	80254	1
80004	7	80134	29	80301	10
80005	7	80138	18	80302	18
80010	4	80150	2	80303	18
80011	2	80155	1	80304	7
80012	3	80175	1	80305	28
80013	16	80177	1	80307	2
80014	6	80189	1	80401	23
80015	5	80202	1	80402	2
80016	4	80203	5	80403	4
80017	4	80204	4	80408	1
80019	4	80205	3	80420	10
80020	20	80206	6	80421	37
80021	7	80207	3	80422	5
80023	16	80209	6	80424	58
80026	10	80210	2	80425	1
80027	76	80211	1	80429	1
80030	9	80212	1	80432	1
80031	20	80214	9	80433	6
80033	5	80215	9	80435	28
80104	18	80216	2	80436	2
80106	4	80218	4	80437	1
80107	38	80219	6	80438	3
80108	5	80220	6	80439	15
80109	5	80221	4	80440	6
80110	30	80222	2	80442	11
80111	4	80223	9	80443	3
80112	8	80224	3	80444	4
80113	19	80226	1	80446	18
80117	7	80227	5	80447	4

80118	2	80228	10	80452	41
80120	16	80229	2	80459	11
80121	3	80231	4	80461	14
80122	14	80232	4	80465	4
80123	11	80233	3	80466	35
80124	2	80234	15	80467	3
80125	4	80236	2	80470	1
80126	19	80237	2	80474	5
80127	8	80238	3	80476	9
80128	10	80239	8	80477	1
80129	13	80241	2	80478	21
80130	6	80246	5	80479	1
80481	1	80705	1	80951	1
80482	5	80723	1	81001	10
80497	1	80736	2	81003	5
80498	19	80741	1	81004	6
80501	20	80751	4	81005	7
80503	21	80766	2	81007	4
80504	21	80809	1	81008	3
80512	1	80814	6	81019	2
80513	11	80816	11	81020	68
80516	19	80817	11	81024	1
80517	3	80829	15	81035	1
80520	5	80831	9	81036	3
80521	24	80832	5	81039	4
80524	16	80835	7	81040	1
80525	35	80840	2	81041	2
80526	24	80863	13	81044	1
80528	11	80864	2	81047	3
80530	4	80902	4	81050	22
80534	11	80903	5	81052	22
80535	2	80904	34	81054	5
80536	2	80905	9	81055	28
80537	35	80906	6	81067	5
80538	29	80907	20	81069	1
80539	1	80908	7	81072	1
80540	1	80909	25	81077	7
80543	1	80910	5	81082	1
80545	17	80911	16	81084	1

80547	1	80913	3	81089	103
80549	70	80915	11	81091	1
80550	9	80916	9	81101	3
80601	2	80917	5	81109	1
80602	6	80918	29	81122	2
80610	2	80919	49	81137	10
80620	8	80920	33	81144	2
80621	2	80921	16	81147	5
80631	16	80922	10	81154	2
80634	33	80923	7	81212	3
80635	1	80924	3	81224	5
80644	1	80925	1	81226	16
80645	1	80926	2	81230	25
80648	2	80927	2	81240	2
80649	1	80930	3	81251	2
80651	3	80933	1	81301	9
80701	21	80938	1	81303	2
81320	1	81434	2	81623	16
81326	1	81501	11	81624	2
81328	3	81502	2	81625	12
81401	106	81503	9	81629	1
81402	1	81504	26	81631	16
81403	20	81505	9	81632	10
81410	6	81506	7	81635	59
81413	49	81507	12	81636	2
81415	25	81520	13	81637	8
81416	61	81521	35	81638	1
81418	3	81524	3	81639	9
81419	109	81525	1	81643	1
81420	1	81526	9	81645	3
81423	16	81527	2	81647	72
81424	1	81535	1	81650	38
81425	10	81536	1	81652	43
81427	4	81601	70	81655	2
81428	60	81602	4	81657	10
81430	1	81613	1	81658	6
81432	1	81620	11		

What Libraries Have to Offer

95% of survey respondents agreed to the statement, The Check Out Colorado State Parks program changed my view about what libraries have to offer:

"I was not previously aware that public libraries offered such opportunities. It was a great resource for us."

5% were neutral or did not agree with the statement, The Check Out Colorado State Parks program changed my view about what libraries have to offer:

"We are already regular beneficiaries of the awesome services provided by libraries and were delighted to spread the news of this resource."

Outdoor Engagement

People shared about 150 unique activities that they participated in while at the park.

Percent of participants that participated in each activity:

Trail/road activities: 69%

Wildlife-related activities: 35%

Water-based activities: 30%

Fishing: 11%

Winter activities: 2%

Other*: 35%

*Other includes a wide variety of activities such as geocaching, photography, and meditation.

Connection to Nature

83% of survey respondents learned something new about nature. 99% of survey respondents would recommend a visit to a state park.

98% reported being satisfied with their Check Out Colorado State Parks experiences.

Word cloud data:

Word	Count	Word	Count	Word	Count
accessibility	10	Financial help	45	opportunity	18
amazing	17	first time	38	pack materials	70
awesome	23	fishing	46	paddleboarding	12
beautiful	46	friendly staff	37	pets	18
birds	68	fun	12	plants	16
camping	18	geology	4	purchased pass	10
canoeing	5	gorgeous	6	relaxing	4
discovery	5	hiking	109	senior	23
excellent	4	Information sharing	17	thank you	223
exercise	6	kayaking	13	wildflowers	7
experience	17	learning	74	wildlife	125
exploring	7	library love	65	wonderful	28
family time	124	nature	13		
fantastic	5	night sky	8		

Thank you for sharing your stories. #CheckOutColorado

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