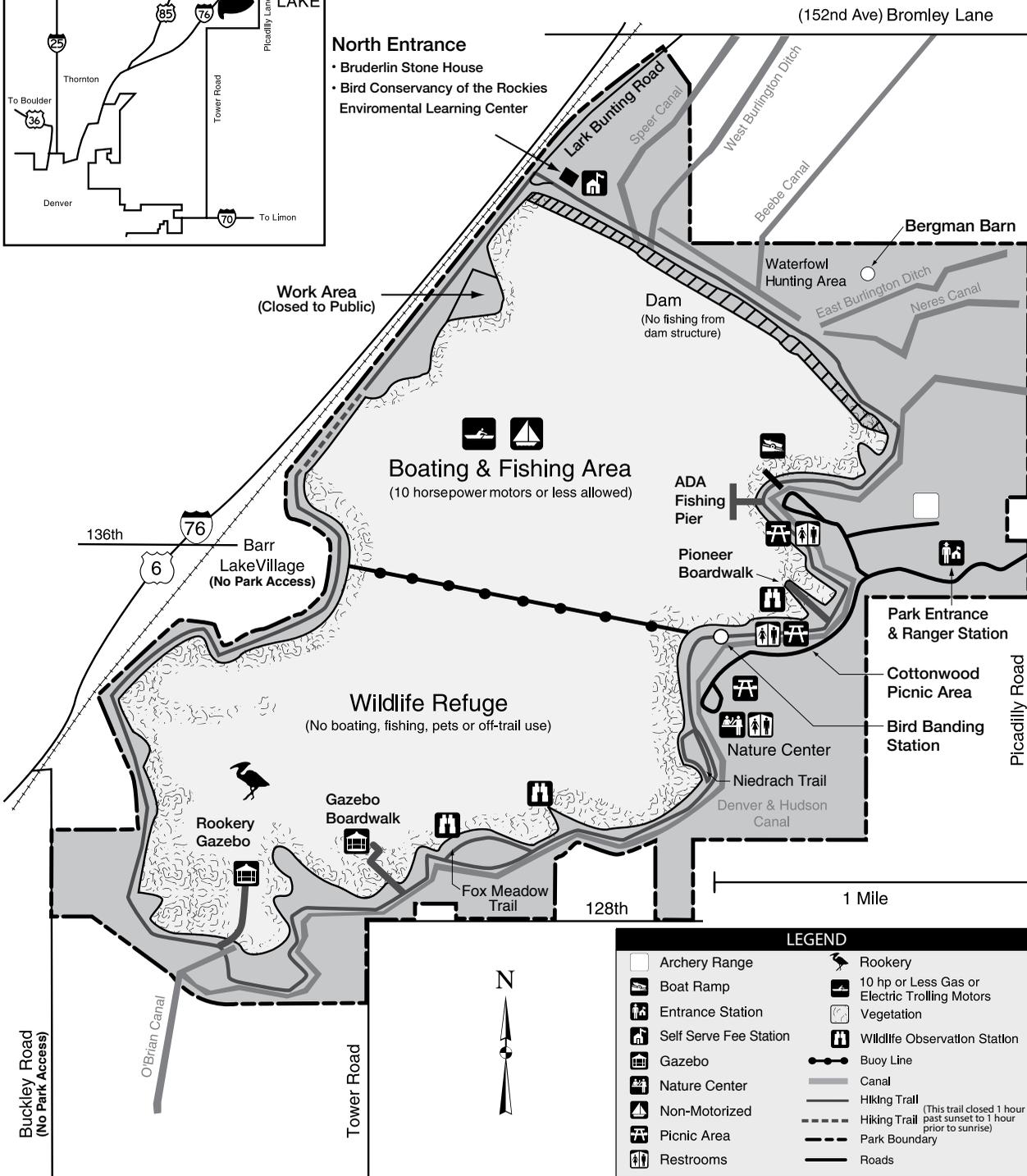


Barr Lake State Park

North Entrance

- Bruderlin Stone House
- Bird Conservancy of the Rockies Environmental Learning Center



LEGEND	
	Archery Range
	Boat Ramp
	Entrance Station
	Self Serve Fee Station
	Gazebo
	Nature Center
	Non-Motorized
	Picnic Area
	Restrooms
	Rookery
	10 hp or Less Gas or Electric Trolling Motors
	Vegetation
	Wildlife Observation Station
	Buoy Line
	Canal
	Hiking Trail
	Hiking Trail (This trail closed 1 hour past sunset to 1 hour prior to sunrise)
	Park Boundary
	Roads

Park Trails

An 8.8-mile trail follows the perimeter of the lake. Shorter walks may be made to various boardwalks extending into the lake. An easy 1.3-mile walk from the Nature Center brings visitors to the Gazebo Boardwalk where there are excellent views of the bald eagle nest and heron rookery.

The Niedrach Nature Trail, which begins near the Nature Center, is a short loop trail leading from the main trail through an open field, along the lakeshore and across a short boardwalk over the lake.

The short Prairie Welcome Trail circles east from the Nature Center into the prairie for a little over one mile including two sections and four trailheads each featuring "Prairie Welcome Trail Self-guided Experience" guides in the trail guide box.

At the southwest end of the lake is the new Rookery-view Trail. This seasonal trail (closed, if posted) ends at a gazebo giving great views of the rookery and various raptor nests.



The road across the top of the dam (Crest Trail) is open to hikers and bicycles but not to horses. Horseback riders can use the lower trail below the dam. The Crest Trail is closed completely on waterfowl hunting days (Wednesdays and Saturdays from October through February). Visitors are not allowed on the dam face or on any irrigation control structure.

Bicycles and horses are permitted on the main trails but not on the boardwalks. Bicyclists are encouraged to use bikes with thorn-proof tires because the trails are not paved and thorns are prevalent. No motorized vehicles are permitted on the park's trails.

NOTE: Trail users may encounter personnel/ equipment from two irrigation companies, FRICO or Henrylyn, at various locations around the park. Please be courteous and YIELD the RIGHT-OF-WAY.

Boating

Only sailboats, hand-propelled craft and boats with electric trolling motors or gasoline motors 10 horsepower or less are permitted on Barr Lake.

Boats are allowed only on the north half of the lake. The wildlife refuge is separated from the boating area by a line of buoys. A boat ramp is located adjacent to the north parking lot. Swimming, wading and diving are prohibited.

Picnicking

Barr Lake State Park has three picnic areas with tables and grills and a new reservable group picnic area, Meadowlark Picnic Pavilion, adjacent to the Nature Center, call (303) 659-6005 for more information.

Nature Study

Barr Lake State Park offers the nature enthusiast a remarkable opportunity to observe all types of wildlife, including coyote, deer and such dramatic birds as white pelicans, great blue herons, cormorants, egrets, ducks, grebes, owls, eagles and hawks. Over 371 species of birds have been seen at the park.

The Nature Center is located near the south parking lot. Funds from the Colorado Division of Wildlife, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and Adams County Open Space were used to construct the Nature Center, as well as many of the park's boardwalks. Visitors to the center can see displays about the park's wildlife and have their questions answered by a naturalist. Center hours vary; call (303) 659-6005 for hours and information about upcoming programs.

The park serves as the headquarters for the Bird Conservancy of the Rockies. The Conservancy's goal is bird conservation through research and education. Its staff operates banding stations in the park and offers public programs. They can be reached by calling their office at (303) 659-4348. Visit their web site at birdconservancy.org.

Photography

The incredible scenery and variety of wildlife make Barr Lake a great place to indulge your shutterbug instincts! Remember that you must remain on park trails, even when taking photographs. By rising to this challenge, you will help ensure that Barr Lake State Park is worth photographing in the future.