

- Alerting other users
- Admiring wildflowers and rocks, but leaving them for others to enjoy.
- Keeping your pets on a leash at all times.

- Moving to the uphill side of the trail to let others pass.
- Staying on the trail. Shortcutting destroys vegetation and increases erosion.



Stanton State Park trails, hiking only and multi-use, are clearly marked, so it's easy to find the right trail type for you. Share the trail and respect other users by:

Share the Trail

Trails take you to every part of the park. Take a family nature walk to Davis Ponds. Ride your bike or horse to the Old Mill Site or Elk Falls Overlook. Check with the park for trail conditions and seasonal closures.



There's a trail suitable for every visitor who wants to experience the park up close and personal—on foot, by bike, or on horseback. Trails take you to every part of the park. Take a family nature walk to Davis Ponds. Ride your bike or horse to the Old Mill Site or Elk Falls Overlook. Check with the park for trail conditions and seasonal closures.

Trails



Help Protect Your Park

Frances H. Staunton asks you, as her beneficiary, to enjoy this land—and protect it. Please:

- Stay on marked trails and share the multi-use trail.
- Keep your pets on a leash no longer than 6 feet and clean up after them.
- Grill and cook in designated areas only. Be sure your fire is out before you leave.
- Climb without bolting or fixed protection.
- Carry out all trash and food. Left behind, it can be harmful to wildlife.
- Report problems or hazards to a park ranger.

A copy of full park regulations is available at the entrance station.



Stanton is a day-use only park. Recreation opportunities abound year-round for visitors of all ages and abilities, including picnicking, birdwatching, wildlife viewing, hiking, snow-shoeing, cross-country skiing, biking, horse-back riding, and rock climbing. Overnight camping is planned in later phases of park development.



Recreation Resources

Wet meadow systems support abundant plant and wildlife communities and contribute to the health of the watershed. Depending on the season, sharp-eyed visitors may see yellow-bellied marmots, tufted-eared squirrels, coyotes, or wild turkeys. Check the website for scheduled programs about the park's natural resources and history.

From high grassy meadows at 8,100 feet, to soaring granite cliffs over 10,000 feet, the park's geology, soils, water features, and climate create a rich variety of habitats—and make Stanton State Park an excellent outdoor classroom. Mixed conifer forests and riparian areas support the highest levels of tree, plant, and wildlife diversity. Grazing elk favor the aspen and conifer/aspens forests. Montana grasslands are a tapestry of native wildflowers and grasses (and their pollinators).

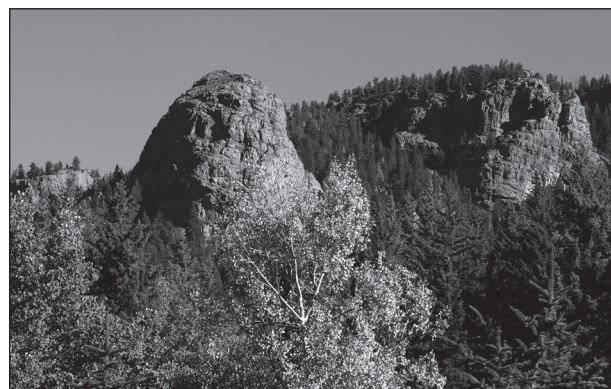


Location Map



Directions

From Denver: Take US Highway 285 south to Shaffers Crossing, about 6 miles west of Conifer. Turn north on Elk Creek Road and follow the signs 1.5 miles to the park entrance.



Golden Banner



Stanton State Park

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Stanton State Park is the legacy of Frances H. Staunton. As her beneficiaries, present and future generations are entrusted with this land—to enjoy, protect, and treasure as she did.

Frances H. Staunton's parents homesteaded this site around the turn of the 20th century, established Stanton Ranch, and gradually expanded it from 160 to 1,720 acres. Frances cherished the land, maintaining it in its near-pristine condition throughout her life. Before her death in 1989, she donated it to future generations as a state park. She required in her will that the land "...be preserved, in perpetuity, for public benefit, as a natural wilderness-type park...typifying Colorado's most beautiful mountain forest and meadow region."

The park is a mosaic of low grasslands, rocky foothills, soaring granite cliffs, and lush stream corridors. Dramatic Elk Falls drops nearly 100 feet into North Elk Creek and spectacular Lions Head stands tall as the park's rocky sentry. The park's history of human uses includes ranching, the Staunton family retreat, a turn-of-the-20th century saw mill, and a sportsman's club.

The Staunton Ranch is the heart of the park. Later acquisitions expanded the park to approximately 3,908 acres. These include the historic Elk Falls, Davis Ranches, property owned by former Colorado State Senator Alan Dines and by Mary Coyle Chase, Colorado's first Pulitzer Prize-winning playwright and author of "Harvey." The park will be developed in phases over the next few years, so visit often to see more natural wonders and enjoy more recreational opportunities.



Stanton Cabin

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Enjoy Your Park Safely
Staunton State Park offers you the best in a Colorado mountain experience. But keep in mind:

- The park ranges in elevation from 8,100 to over 10,000 feet, so bring water, sunscreen, and a hat to protect against dehydration and sunburn.
- Mountain weather can change quickly. Dress in layers and carry rain gear.
- Cell phone service in the park is limited. In case of an emergency call 911. First Aid assistance is available from park rangers.

Climbing

Staunton Rocks are spectacular rocky outcroppings in the park—and the ones that are closest to the park entrance for climbing.

Be a steward of the park's natural resources by following these guidelines for safe and responsible climbing:



- Stay on designated trails as you approach Staunton Rocks.

- Minimize your impact every time you climb. Choose routes that do not disturb vegetation.

- Climb without bolting or fixed protection.
- Share the rocks with the raptors that call these rocks home. Watch for and abide by all posted seasonal closures for nesting raptors.

