

ENTRANCE PERMITS

- ▶ Required of all visitors (*including walk-in, bike-in, and ride-in*) at all times
- ▶ Annual Entrance Permits
 - Resident Vehicle: \$ 65
 - Non-resident Vehicle: \$ 85
 - 2nd Vehicle: \$ 40
 - Senior vehicle: \$ 35
 - Disabled: \$ 10
- ▶ Daily Entrance Permits
 - Vehicle: \$ 6

CAMPING SITES & CABINS

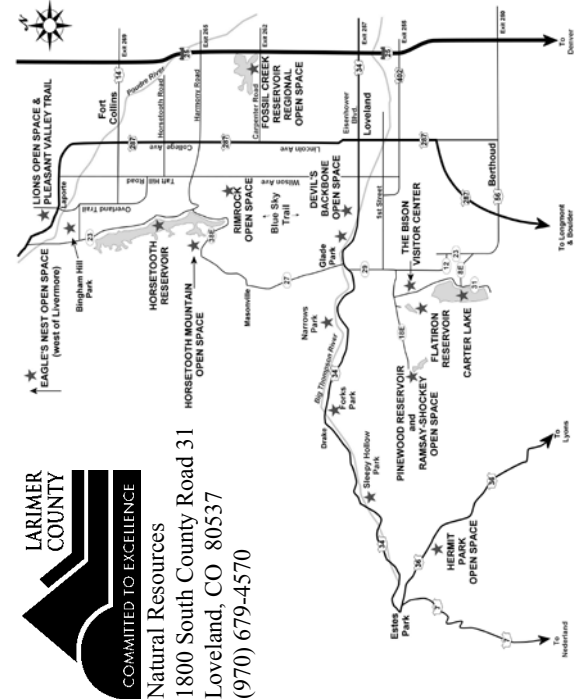
- ▶ Campsite \$ 20 per night
Tucked in, rustic sites each with a picnic table and fire grate, and often with excellent views
- ▶ 2nd unit at a campsite \$ 10 per night
- ▶ Camper Cabin \$ 80-100 per night
Approximately 350 square feet with bunk beds to sleep 8, table, outdoor fire grate, railed deck, picnic table, and propane lights, heat and cook stove
- ▶ Group Camping \$150 per night
Separate campground for groups up to 30 people
Permit prices are subject to annual change.
See www.larimer.org/naturalresources/permits

CAMPING RESERVATIONS

- ▶ www.larimercamping.com
- ▶ 1-800-397-7795

RESERVABLE GROUP USE

- ▶ A 40-acre picnic area with covered pavilion, volleyball court, and picnic tables. Accommodation for up to 300 people for special events such as weddings, family reunions, company picnics, etc. Call (970) 679-4570.



LARIMER COUNTY'S PARKS AND OPEN SPACES

- Bingham Hill Park
- Big Thompson Parks
- Carter Lake
- Devil's Backbone Open Space
- Eagle's Nest Open Space
- Flatiron Reservoir
- Fossil Creek Reservoir Regional Open Space
- Hermit Park Open Space
- Horsetooth Mountain Open Space
- Horsetooth Reservoir
- Lions Open Space and Pleasant Valley Trail
- Pinewood Reservoir
- Ramsay-Shockey Open Space
- Rimrock Open Space

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HERMIT PARK OPEN SPACE



Photo: Jim Disney



Photo: Richard Benson



Photo: Charlie Johnson

*Welcome to Larimer County's
Parks and Open Spaces!*

FROM THEN TO NOW

Once a part of the Crocker Ranch, a large livestock operation, Hermit Park Open Space was purchased in 1967 by Hewlett Packard. This company and later Agilent Technologies managed it as a private retreat for employees until 2007. The Larimer County Department of Natural Resources purchased the property in a community-supported partnership, and opened it to the public in 2008.

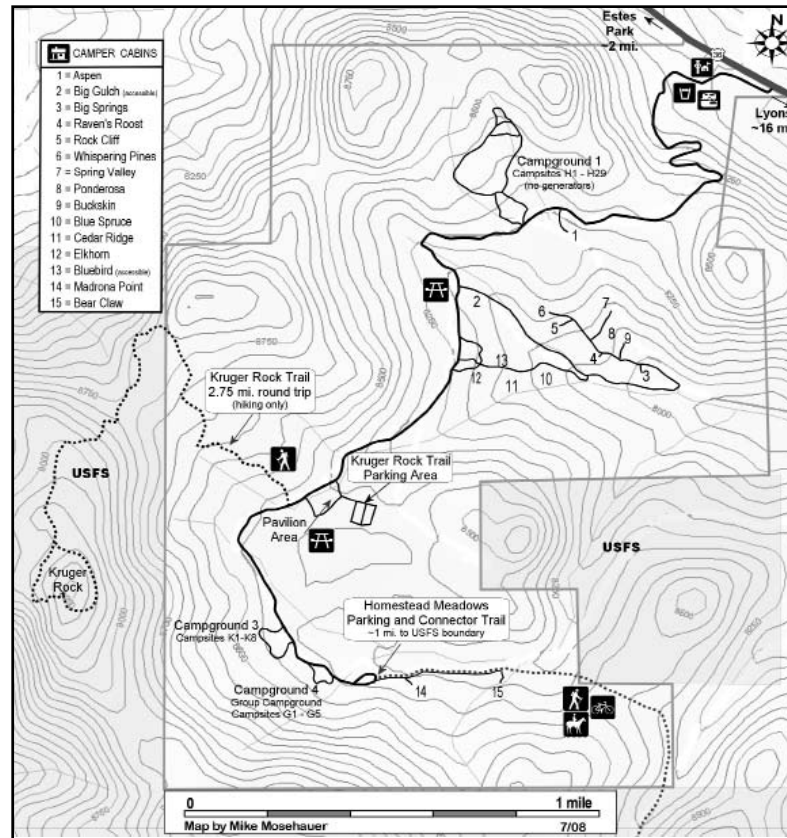
Located in the Estes Valley, approximately two miles southeast of Estes Park on U.S. Highway 36, this 1,362-acre open space ranges in elevation from 7,880 to 8,964 feet and is open for camping, hiking, and special events.



Photo: Charlie Johnson

WHAT'S IN A NAME?

The best known history of Hermit Park Open Space is that it was occupied by Dutch Louie, a hermit who squatted on the Crocker Ranch. He built a two-story log cabin around 1910. The structure still stands, although Dutch Louie was allegedly hanged for livestock rustling.



REGULATIONS TO HELP US SERVE YOU

- ▶ Quiet hours are 10 p.m. to 6 a.m.
- ▶ Registered campers only are allowed after 10 p.m.
- ▶ Only 3.2% alcohol is allowed ~ glass containers and kegs are prohibited.
- ▶ Pets must be leashed at all times (10 ft. max.) and may not be left unattended.
- ▶ Camping is allowed in designated campsites only.
- ▶ All vehicles must remain on designated roadways or parking areas. No OHVs.
- ▶ Hike only on designated trails.

PARTNERSHIPS MAKE IT HAPPEN



Hermit Park Open Space was acquired with the intent to protect native vegetation and wildlife populations, preserve scenic views, and provide outdoor recreation.

The property was purchased in partnership between Larimer County, Estes Valley Land Trust, Town of Estes Park, City of Loveland, Great Outdoors Colorado, and other public and private donors. A conservation easement held by the Estes Valley Land Trust further protects the open space.



Photo: Rick Goltz

TAKE A HIKE!

Homestead Meadows Connector:

An easy trail for hikers, mountain bikers, and horses connecting to Homestead Meadows. ~1 mile to USFS boundary. Trail rating: easy

Kruger Rock Trail:

This hiking-only trail ends in a stupendous view of Longs Peak and the Estes Valley. 2.75 miles round-trip. Trail rating: moderate