

Check Out Colorado State Parks 2019

Check Out Colorado State Parks (cpw.state.co.us/librarybackpack), the result of a partnership between **Colorado Parks and Wildlife** and the **Colorado State Library**, provides 297 Colorado libraries with two park passes and adventure backpacks filled with information and educational activities. Patrons of participating public, military, and academic libraries can check out a backpack for a week at a time to visit state parks for free. In 2019, 371 patrons completed a survey about their experience with the program:

Based on their experience with Check Out Colorado State Parks, patrons are likely to:

Recommend a visit to a state park. **99%**

Buy a day pass to visit a state park. **79%**

Buy an annual pass to state parks. **57%**

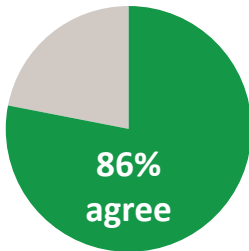
We are seniors on a fixed income. **This pass was wonderful to allow us to visit this park and its trails!** Thanks! A great experience. Thanks for contributing to us in a special way!

We purchased a pass!

Castlewood Canyon State Park is a place we've always driven past and wondered about. **We were so glad to finally explore it, and hope to go back.**

Patrons learned about nature, state parks, and libraries

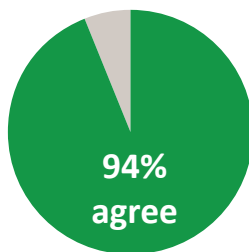
This park experience helped us learn more about nature:



Up close viewing of turkey vultures at Castlewood Canyon **was a first & an amazing experience for my daughter and I.**

Tiger salamander larvae are fascinating! The lost pond in Mueller State Park was full of them and we spent a long time watching them. They are such interesting looking creatures and **none of us had ever seen anything like them in the wild before.**

The Check Out Colorado State Parks program changed my view about what libraries have to offer:



We learned things about the bald and golden eagles we did not know. We appreciated the opportunity to access our State Parks via the SP Backpack Program and **had no idea this existed through the library system.** Thank you!

There were approximately **7,692** backpack checkouts in **1 year**. That's **148** checkouts per week!