

HISTORY

Hawk Springs reservoir and the surrounding area is owned by the Horse Creek Conservation District. When word began to spread about the recreational opportunities at Hawk Springs, visitation increased dramatically. The Wyoming Game & Fish Department began to enforce regulations for recreational water usage (fishing and boating) and installed 12 picnic tables and fire grills, the boat ramp and two toilets.

The site was named a state recreation area in 1987, at which time the Wyoming Recreation Commission (now called the Division of State Parks and Historic Sites, Wyoming Department of State Parks and Cultural Resources) agreed to administer the site. In 1989, the agency further improved the site with additional tables and fire grills and a sprinkler drip system for trees donated by the Hawk Springs boat club. Many other trees were also planted. In 1990, camping fees were first collected.

The Division of State Parks and Historic Sites continues to administer and maintain the recreation site (land) while the Wyoming Game & Fish regulates the recreational usage of the water and stocks the reservoir with fish. The dirt road leading into the recreation site from Highway 85 is a county road maintained by Goshen County.

BIRD WATCHERS

Hawk Springs reservoir boasts a blue heron rookery. At the south end of the reservoir in the reeds, patient bird watchers will be rewarded by a glimpse of the blue heron. This may only be accessed by boat.

Other birds in the area include the Canada Goose, mallard, blue-winged and green-winged teal, gadwall, pintail, wood duck, avocet and great horned owl.



FISHING

Fisherman have long known that fishing is good at Hawk Springs. Game fish include walleye, large mouth bass, yellow perch, channel catfish and black croppie. Walleye fishing is best in June and July. A valid fishing license is required by both residents and non-residents.

Winter ice fishing is also good at the park. Keep in mind, however, that the roads are not maintained during the winter, so be cautious when driving.

Game and fish questions can be addressed to the local game wardens: Lingle, 307-837-2840 or Torrington, 307-532-2433.

PARK FEES

An *annual camping permit* is available for residents and non-residents. Daily camping permits are also available for both residents and non-residents.

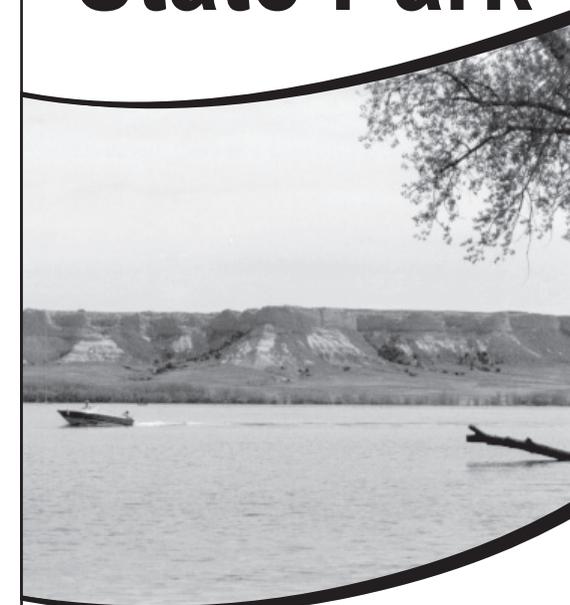
An *annual daily use permit* is available for both residents and non-residents, and valid for the holder and occupants of the holder's vehicle. Without the annual daily use permit, visitors must pay daily use fees.

PARK RULES

- Obey signs, traffic barriers and speed limits
- Motorized vehicles shall be operated only on roads, trails or areas designated for such use. A valid driver's license or learner's permit is required.
- Use of firearms and fireworks is prohibited.
- Camping in designated camping sites is restricted to one camping unit (tent, travel trailer or motor vehicle designed for camping) plus two licensed vehicles (car or boat, RV trailer) plus a maximum of 10 people (immediate family members, kids, grandparents, etc. of permit holder) may exceed this number.
- Camping is permitted for a maximum of 14 consecutive days. Valid camping permits are required.
- Quiet shall be maintained in all camping areas from 10 p.m. to 6 a.m.
- All pets must be kept on a leash
- Fires are permitted in provided fireplaces/grills and must be extinguished before leaving.
- Glass containers must be used in vehicles or camping structures.
- Fishing and boating are permitted subject to the regulations of the Wyoming Game and Fish Commission
- No fishing within 20 yards of any boat ramp/dock or designated beach area
- Park dumpsters are for park refuse only – litter and trash must be disposed of in provided containers.
- A complete list of rules and regulations is available at the Park office.

WYOMING STATE PARKS, HISTORIC SITES & TRAILS

Hawk Springs State Park



Hawk Springs Recreation Area has activities for everyone to enjoy: boating, waterskiing, fishing, birdwatching and just relaxing.

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Wyoming State Parks & Cultural Resources

Hawk Springs State Park is administered by the Division of State Parks and Historic Sites, Wyoming Department of State Parks and Cultural Resources. <http://wyoparks.state.wy.us/>

Hawk Springs State Park

- ADA
- Ballfield
- Boat ramp
- Camping
- Dam
- Drinking Water
- Fishing
- Group Picnic Shelter
- Interpretive Trail
- Park Headquarters
- Phone
- Picnic Area
- Playground
- Restrooms
- Trailer Sanitary Station
- Viewing area
- Visitor Information*
- No-vehicle area
- Park boundary
- Railroad
- Gravel road
- Paved road



← 3 miles to U.S. 85



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From Hawk Springs SRA to:

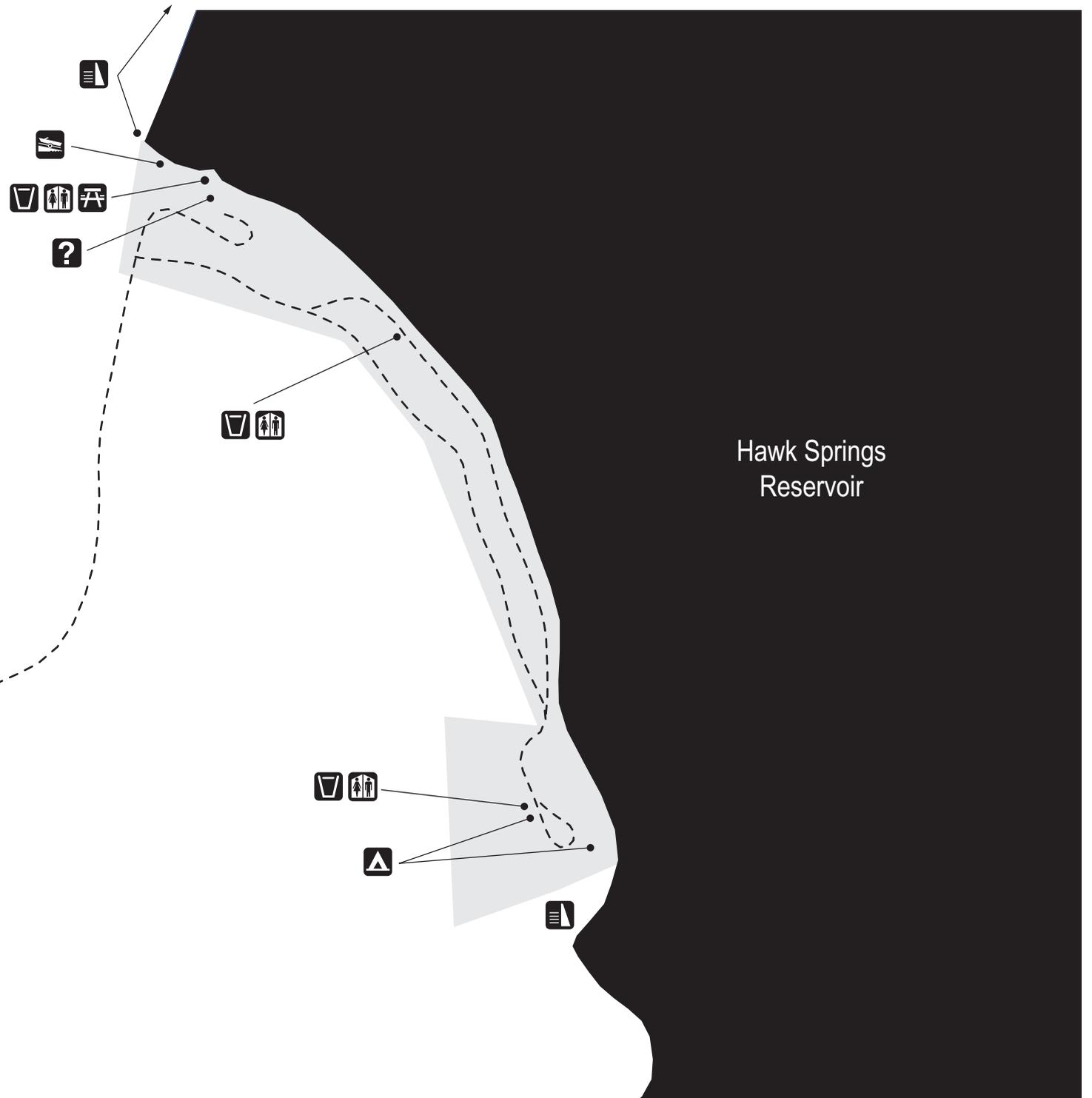
Cheyenne	60 miles
Torrington ...	24 miles
Ft. Laramie National Historic Site	44 miles
Guernsey	57 miles
Highway 85	3 miles

Phone numbers:

Park superintendent	836-2334
Sportsmen's information	1-800-843-2352

Hospitals

United Medical Center (Cheyenne) ...	634-2273
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Hawk Springs Reservoir

*Campground host Memorial Day through Labor Day