

# Rocky Mountain

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Rocky Mountain National Park

## Facts & Figures

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**Trail Ridge Road Status: (970)586-1222**

**1000 U. S. Hwy. 36  
Estes Park, CO 80517  
(970)586-1206**

**16018 U. S. Hwy. 34  
Grand Lake, CO 80447  
(970)627-3471**

NPS photo by Ann Schonlau

**Established January 26, 1915**

### Mission

#### Rocky Mountain National Park Mission

The National Park Service's mission at Rocky Mountain National Park is to care for, protect, manage, improve, understand and interpret park resources and to provide for a high-quality visitor experience.

#### National Park Service Mission

The National Park Service preserves unimpaired the natural and cultural resources and values of the national park system for the enjoyment, education, and inspiration of this and future generations. The Park Service cooperates with partners to extend the benefits of natural and cultural resource conservation and outdoor recreation throughout this country and the world.

### 2010 Visitation

<b>January</b>	74,451	<b>July</b>	699,101
<b>February</b>	51,411	<b>August</b>	604,628
<b>March</b>	76,895	<b>September</b>	484,456
<b>April</b>	75,834	<b>October</b>	256,615
<b>May</b>	192,490	<b>November</b>	75,575
<b>June</b>	464,181	<b>December</b>	72,809

**Total Number of Visitors in 2010 = 3,128,446**

### Size and Features

<b>Gross Acres/Hectares:</b>	265,800 / 107,600 (includes inholdings)
<b>Square Miles/Kilometers</b>	415 / 1075
<b>Wilderness Acres/Hectares</b>	Designated: 252,085 / 102,015 Potential additions: 360 / 146
<b>Tundra Acres/Hectares</b>	89,099 / 36,057
<b>Elevations Feet/Meters:</b>	Bear Lake 9,475 / 2,887 Milner Pass/Continental Divide 10,758 / 3,548
<b>Highest Elevation in the Park:</b>	Longs Peak 14,259 feet 4,346 meters
<b>Annual Precipitation (inches/cm):</b>	Estes Park 14.79 / 37.57 Grand Lake 20.36 / 51.71
<b>Lakes:</b>	147 lakes, many with fish 1,151 acres (466 hectares)

**Visitor Centers****Alpine**, at Fall River Pass - elevation 11,796' (3,595 m)**Beaver Meadows**, at Park Headquarters, US Hwy 36 west of Estes Park - elev 7,840'**Fall River**, on US Hwy 34 west of Estes Park - elevation 8,200' (2,499 m)**Kawuneeche**, on US Hwy 34 north of Grand Lake - elevation 8,720' (2,658 m)**Moraine Park**, on Bear Lake Road - elevation 8,140' (2,481 m)**Camping****Campgrounds**Number of Sites**Backcountry**Number of Sites

			<u>East</u>	<u>West</u>
Aspenglen	54			
Glacier Basin	150	Individual	109	88
Glacier Basin Group	13	Group	10	11
Longs Peak	26	Accessible	1	
Moraine Park	245	Crosscountry Areas	<u>16</u>	<u>32</u>
Timber Creek	<u>98</u>	Total	136	131
Total	586			

**Entrance Stations****Beaver Meadows**

West of Estes Park, US Hwy 36

**Fall River**

West of Estes Park, US Hwy 34

**Grand Lake**

North of Grand Lake, US Hwy 34

**Wild Basin**

North of Allenspark, CO Hwy 7

**Wildlife Population Estimates**

Bears	20-24 (based on 2004-2006 research)
Bighorn Sheep	350+ (2004 estimate)
Coyotes	Common
Deer	500 in Estes Valley in winter, more in summer (2006 estimate)
Elk	600-800 winter in the park
Moose	30-50 on west side; uncommon on east side
Mountain Lions	No actual research-based counts; 20-30 a good "guestimate"

**Exotic Species**

100+ non-native plants

9 non-native vertebrate species

**Roads and Trails**

Paved Roads - 92 miles (148 km)

Unpaved Roads - 28 miles (45 km)

## Scenic Roads:

Trail Ridge Road - An "All-America Road" and a "National Scenic Byway"

Closed in winter; 2009 Trail Ridge Road Official Open/Close Dates:

May 21 - October 21 (not open after October 3)

Old Fall River Road - First road in the park to cross the Continental Divide

Closed in winter; 2009 Old Fall River Road Official Open/Close Dates:

July 3 - October 8 (not open after October 3)

Bear Lake Road - All-year access to scenic areas and trails along this corridor

Hiking Trails: Approximately 355 miles (571 km)

**2010 Staff**

Permanent &amp; Term Employees - 200

Seasonal Employees - 272

Volunteers - 1,699 (102,240 hours donated)

**Critical Incidents**

	<u>2008</u>	<u>2009</u>	<u>2010</u>
Law Enforcement Incidents (accidents, warnings, citations)	1,048	1,152	1,195
Wildfires	4	3	6
Prescribed Burns (including pile burns)	5	7	6
Search and Rescue Incidents	206	219	249
Fatalities	4	5	7
Emergency Medical Responses	128	196	255