



## Terms and Conditions:

Applications must be received to the Elk Creek Visitor Center, Curecanti NRA, 102 Elk Creek, Gunnison, CO 81230, no earlier than January 1, 2022. Applications can be sent by mail, fax, or hand-delivered; applications sent by email will not be accepted. Mailed applications must be postmarked on or before February 28, 2022 and arrive to our offices no later than 4:00 p.m. on March 7, 2022. Hand-delivered or faxed applications will be accepted until 4:00 p.m. February 28, 2022. Applications received outside of these dates will not be considered for the lottery.

All sections of the reservation form must be filled out unless labeled *optional*. Failure to fill out any section of the application or providing inaccurate information on the application may result in the disqualification of your reservation request. Illegible applications may be disqualified.

The group leader's full name and address must be submitted on the application. Duplicate requests will not be included in the lottery, and will disqualify all lottery submissions from that individual.

### Wilderness Use Permit limitations:

- Permits are only available for dates between May 21<sup>st</sup> and October 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2022.
- Each group is limited to a maximum of 4 people.
- Trip leader (lottery winner) must be present during trip; trip leaders must be at least 18 years of age.
- Each group is limited to 3 consecutive user days (2 nights).
- Red Rock Canyon has a limit of 8 people per day, or 3 groups, whichever fills first.

### Rules and Regulations:

- Permittees are responsible for knowing the Park and Wilderness rules and regulations.
- Practice "Leave No Trace" principles in the Black Canyon of the Gunnison Wilderness.
- Open fires, pets, packstock, and bicycles are not permitted in Red Rock Canyon.
- Entrance fees of \$30.00 per vehicle are required to be paid by envelope at the park boundary. Interagency and Black Canyon annual passes are honored for entrance fees as stipulated on the pass. One entrance fee or pass will cover the entire group's entry into Red Rock Canyon.
- One car per group is permitted at the parking area. Additional parking is available at the junction of highways 50 and 347 or on the South Rim of the park.
- No overnight camping is permitted in the parking area or on adjacent private property. Please be respectful of the area.
- Commercially guided trips are not permitted in Red Rock Canyon.
- Gold Medal Waters fishing regulations apply, as stipulated by Colorado Parks and Wildlife.

### Lottery Process:

After the close of the lottery, lottery applications will be randomly drawn and assigned a priority number. The following week, park staff will begin to contact applicants in order of their priority number. If one of the applicant's first three choice dates are available, we will call to confirm and issue a permit. If the applicant completed all three date choices, none of those first three choice dates are available, and it was indicated on page 1 of this application form that the applicant would be interested in flexible dates or group size, we will call to discuss what is available at that point in the lottery. If the applicant is not available or unreachable at the time of the call, a phone message will be left and, if e-mail address is provided, an e-mail may be sent. The applicant will be given a deadline to respond, and after that deadline, staff may move to the next person on the list. Once a permit is issued, directions to the trailhead and further information will be provided. Due to the number of applications received in recent years, it is not practical for us to contact every lottery entrant regarding the outcome of their application. All lottery winners will be contacted by April 15, 2022. All available permits will be issued through the lottery.

### Cancellations and additional reservations:

If a permit holder wants or needs to cancel a permit, they should contact the Elk Creek Visitor Center at 970-641-2337, ext. 205 as soon as possible. Group leaders cannot be changed or substituted; group members can be substituted as long as group size remains the same or decreases in number.

### For questions or more information:

- Contact the Elk Creek Visitor Center at 970-641-2337 ext. 205 or by e-mail at [cure\\_info@nps.gov](mailto:cure_info@nps.gov).
- This lottery form and a list of frequently asked questions are available on the Black Canyon website at: [go.nps.gov/redrocklottery](http://go.nps.gov/redrocklottery)