

Check Out Colorado State Parks 2018

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 2018, 560 patrons completed a survey about their experience with the program:

Patrons recommend visiting a park and are likely to buy a pass

Based on your experience with Check Out Colorado State Parks, how likely are you to:



[We] learned that **the parks are treasures** and that we can be thankful to the entities that preserve and take care of them for our enjoyment and well-being.

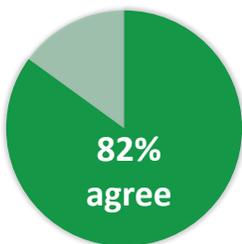
This backpack is a great benefit to our community. Please keep it up!

We are thankful the library has this program—**we wouldn't be able to go otherwise.** Thank you!

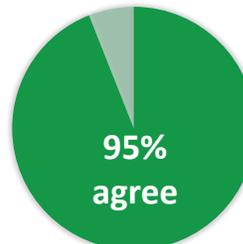
We love that we can check out Colorado State Parks passes at our library. Our family really likes to go on hikes and **this makes it possible for us to go to new parks around us.** Thanks!!

Patrons learned about nature, state parks, and libraries

This park experience helped us learn more about nature:



I'm a beginner kayaker and the lake access is helping me perfect my roll. **This will make me a safer boater** and give me another way to enjoy my time in the wilderness.



It's a great way for people to have a chance to go to a state park that otherwise might not be able to afford it. Thank you for having this program. **It's also a great way for folks to discover just how much your local library has to offer.**

This State Park [Yampa Valley] hit the mark on activities! We did a "first-ever" river float with the park rangers. The flower/tree identification guide, along with the wildlife one, were so fun to find in the library backpack, we used them!

Loved being able to teach my daughter and show her what CO State Parks have to offer. Great program!

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

There were approximately **7,630** backpack checkouts in **1 year.** That's **147** checkouts per week!

