

Park Entrance Fee Options

| Day Pass | Annual Pass | |
|---------------|----------------------|---------------------------------|
| \$8/vehicle | \$70/vehicle | \$35/additional vehicle |
| | \$60/senior vehicle* | \$30/additional senior vehicle* |
| \$3 walk/bike | \$20 walk/bike | |

*Senior: Age 62 years and over

Lake Nighthorse Recreation Schedule

Motorized uses allowed daily May 19 through November 14, except during construction. Visit [Lake Nighthorse webpage](#) for schedule.

Non-motorized uses allowed daily.
Mondays and Wednesdays are
NO WAKE days

Hours of Operation

**Entrance Gate Closes 1/2 Hour Before
Recreation Area Closes For the Day**

- **May 15 - May 31** - Daily from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **June 1 - September 3** - Daily from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.
- **September 4 - September 30** - Daily from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **October 1 - November 14** - Daily from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- **November 15 - March 31** - Seasonal Closure

Additional Information

- Motorized boats must have a valid state registration from any state
- All motorized boats and trailers must be inspected and are subject to decontamination
- No fueling on the lake
- Open air exhaust boats, motorized personal watercraft (e.g. jet skis), houseboats, and cabin cruisers are not permitted
- Public access beyond developed areas and the lake shoreline is not permitted
- Discharge of firearms is not permitted in improved recreation area
- Non-authorized drone use is not permitted

Fishing Regulations

Rainbow Trout, Brown Trout, and Kokanee Salmon have been stocked since 2011. Other species in the lake include White and Flannelmouth suckers, Fathead Minnows, Johnny Darters, and Crayfish. Fishing Regulations are:

- Bag limit is 4 trout per day and 8 in possession (no size limit restrictions)
- Anglers can use traditional baits (see Colorado Parks and Wildlife Fishing Brochure for definitions; e.g., no aquatic live bait allowed)
- Limit on Kokanee Salmon is 10 per day and 10 in possession. No snagging is allowed in the fall
- No fishing around the boat ramp
- Please put fish entrails in the garbage, not the lake

Pertinent Regulations

Follow regulations in effect:

- 43 CFR Part 423 – Public Conduct on Bureau of Reclamation Facilities, Lands, and Waterbodies
- Archaeological Resources Protection Act (ARPA) of 1979
- Colorado Boating Statutes and Regulations
- State of Colorado fishing regulations

For current information visit:
DurangoGov.org/LakeNighthorse

Contact Information

**Durango Parks and
Recreation Department**

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Lake Nighthorse

Entrance Station: (970) 375-7335

Address: 1795 C.R. 210, Durango, CO

Immediate Law Enforcement Assistance:
Durango Police Department Central Dispatch:
(970) 385-2900

For Emergencies Call 911

Welcome to Lake Nighthorse Recreation Area

