

HISTORY

Curt Gowdy State Park, named after the well-known sportscaster, was established in 1971 through a lease agreement with the City of Cheyenne and the Boy Scouts.

This region was a favored camping area for the Comanche, Pawnee, Crow and Shoshone Indians during their search for bison. Other tribes, including the Kiowa, Cheyenne, Arapaho and Sioux, are also thought to have roamed the area. The arrival of the Union Pacific construction crews in the 1860s caused Native Americans to be pressured onto the ever-shrinking hunting lands and their presence steadily diminished on the lands now known as Curt Gowdy State Park.

HYNDS LODGE

The lodge is named for noted Cheyenne philanthropist and capitalist, Harry P. Hynds, who built and donated the structure in 1922-23 to Cheyenne's Boy Scout movement.

The building is open to both large and small groups on a reservation-only basis. Reservations may be made by calling park headquarters at (307) 632-7946. A covered porch, large kitchen, dining area, recreational and sleeping accommodations, and a hiking trail are all part of the lodge complex.

ARCHERY RANGE

One of the area's larger outdoor archery ranges is in the park. No fee is charged for its use, but archers are encouraged to call ahead in order to avoid conflicts with other archers.

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.

WATCH THE BIRDS

Curt Gowdy State Park has developed a reputation as a prime area for bird watchers. Beginning in late April and early May, migrating birds spend several days in the park and bird watchers are afforded the opportunity to see many non-native birds.

TERRAIN

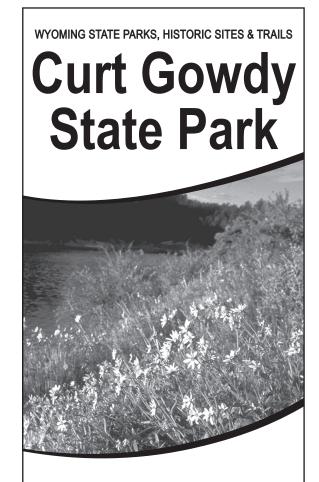
The seven sections of richly varied landscape that comprise the park include flora and fauna on the foothills of the Laramie Mountains halfway between Cheyenne and Laramie. In fairly close proximity to the Colorado border, 12 miles south, and the Nebraska border, 61 miles east, the beautiful attractions within Curt Gowdy State Park are also near the crossroads of two major interstates, I-80 and I-25. Several historic sites lie nearby, including Ames Monument.

In addition to three reservoirs, the park includes Hynds Lodge, which is listed on the National Register, and an amphitheater.



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
- No swimming is allowed.
- 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.



Curt Gowdy State Park has excellent fishing, hiking, wildlife watching and wildflowers.

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