

STAUNTON STATE PARK TRACK CHAIR PROGRAM MAKING STATE PARK TRAILS ACCESSIBLE TO ALL



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STAUNTON STATE PARK

- 6 miles S of Conifer on HWY 285
 - Triangled between Evergreen, Conifer and Bailey



TO DATE OVERVIEW

- Program began May 27th 2017
- 120 Track Chair participant visitors have “hiked” approximately 350 miles.
- Visitors from all over Colorado
- Out of state visitors are planning vacations to the area based on the park’s Track Chair availability.



PARTICIPANT INFORMATION

- Disabilities range from physically unable to hike distance, Multiple Schlorosis, Paralysis, Blind
- Age:
 - 5 to 94 years old
 - Average age 54
- Trip begin time
 - 10 am
- Return time
 - 2pm
- Set backs:
 - Weather
 - Dr. Appointments
 - Caregiver schedule conflicts



HOW THE PROGRAM CAME TO FRUITION

- May 2016
 - Friends of Staunton receive grant from Partners in the Outdoors Conference to assist in providing fishing opportunity to disabled
 - Fishing In Staunton's Hear FISH - is born
 - HILLS Group Golden is first recipient
 - Healthy Independent Leisure and Lifestyles
 - Funds provided, transportation to Staunton, lunch and transportation home



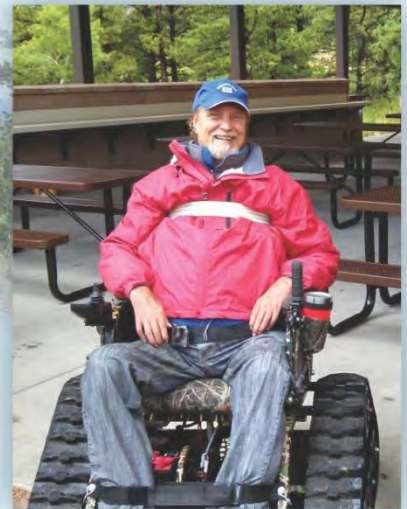
FUNDRAISING BEGINS!

- August 2015
 - Passing of Mark Madsen
 - Long time Neighbor of Staunton
 - In lieu of flowers or gifts, the family made donations to Friends of Staunton to support Accessibility
- August 2016
 - Friends Fundraising event
 - Anonymous donors
 - Friends and family
 - (\$40k in one weekend)

Come Celebrate Accessibility at Staunton State Park!

Join us for the Inaugural Mark Madsen
Accessibility Celebration Day
to Raise Funds for a Track Chair
and Make the Park Accessible for All!

August 12, 2017 11:00am till 3:00pm
Barbeque Starts at Noon. Track Chair Demos at 1:00pm
Ranch Hand Group Picnic Area • Staunton State Park
12102 S. Elk Creek Rd. • Pine, CO 80470



To learn more and to make a donation,
please visit our website,
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or email: president@friendsofstaunton.org



*"Our mission is working in partnership
with others to preserve, promote and protect
the wildlife, natural beauty and historic
legacy of Staunton State Park for current
and future generations."*

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SEPTEMBER 2016

- **Park Management coordinates work with the State AG's office:**
 - Liability waivers
 - Signs and limitations
 - ADA compliance concerns
- **Staunton staff collaborates on internal process**
 - Policies:
 - Staff or Volunteer associated with park will accompany user on all trips.
- **Volunteer roles and responsibilities**
 - Volunteer team training
- **Committees were formed!!**
 - Accessibility fund spending committee
 - State park staff committee
 - Training committee

OCTOBER 2016

- October 2016
 - Arrival of first purchased chair
 - Staff and Friends of Staunton worked with Take Action Mobility and TrakFab
 - Friends Of Staunton handed over keys during ceremony.



UNIMAGINABLE CONSIDERATIONS

- Does anyone else do a similar program?
 - We invented the wheel!!
- How and when do we operate this program?
- What trails do users “hike” on?
- Reservations
- Signs
- Transferring from vehicle to personal chair to Track chair
- Extra gear needed for the chairs and trips
- Check in and check out lists
- Restructuring of committee members

STAUNTON TRACK CHAIR WAIVER



COLORADO
Parks and Wildlife
Department of Natural Resources

Staunton Admin:
Application # _____
Reservation Date: _____
Participation Date: _____

TRACKCHAIR ACKNOWLEDGEMENT AND AGREEMENT

I, _____ (print name), acknowledge and agree that use of this Trackchair is for mobility impaired persons and that it is only permitted to be operated on the following trails: Davis Ponds, Staunton Ranch Trail, Bugling Elk Trail, Lions Back Trail, Old Mill Trail, Borderline Trail, Chase Meadow Trail, and designated portions of Mason Creek Trail, identified by trails signs and on the trail map.

I have completed an orientation regarding the instructions for operation of the Trackchair. I have also read, understand and shall follow the safety instructions and warnings:

- Only one person on Trackchair at a time;
- Turn off the power when not moving;
- Know the limits of the Trackchair;
- Do not navigate Trackchair on more than a 20 degree slope;
- The Trackchair will climb an incline high enough to tip over;
- Failure to know limits can cause personal injury or equipment damage; and
- Always have an able-bodied person close enough to help out in need.

If I use this Trackchair beyond its intended purpose, contrary to the safety instructions, or in any location not specifically permitted by this Trackchair Acknowledgement and Agreement, I do so at my own risk, and I will be responsible for any and all bodily injuries to myself or others, including injuries or death resulting from falls, collisions, or overturning the Trackchair due to rough, steep, or uneven terrain or other hazards, and damages to the Trackchair.

Signature

Date

Signature of Parent or Guardian

Date

(if individual using chair is under 18)

TRACK CHAIR BROCHURE



I would like to thank Friends of Staunton for my daughter's and my experience today. From an avid hiker at Staunton and have tried taking my daughter there but due to having South-Major's Syndrome and low muscle tone, we never were able to do anything except sit in the picnic area.

Today that changed. With the track chair we had two hours of FUN! Morgan saw deer, saw fish camp at Davis Pond, and we finally got to hike together! Her syndrome normally causes her to lose balance at landmarks but she had to walk for three more or minutes to our two hours in Staunton.

I'd like to thank our trail guide, Ted, who became Morgan's first friend, and Mr. Parkman. I appreciate everybody who came together to make this possible for Morgan today. We'll still be excited! We had the greatest experience ever!

Thanks Staunton!

Providing the Resources that Help Staunton State Park Accessible to All...

Mark Atkinson loved the Lakeville outdoors and grew up spending countless hours hiking and biking with his twin in the area of what is now Staunton State Park.



One night, in April 2001, Mark rolled his car when he occurred to avoid hitting a deer. As a result of this devastating accident, Mark was left a quadriplegic, paralyzed from the neck down. In spite of his disability, Mark continued to spend time at his mountain cabin by Lake Hood whenever he could.

In the summer of 2014, the first ever Staunton State Park officially opened, Mark was again able to enjoy many of his favorite places with the help of a track chair borrowed from Craig Hospital.

Friends of Staunton State Park has established the Mark Atkinson Accessibility Fund to help make the park accessible for persons with disabilities. Our two track chairs and trailers were purchased with funds raised in remembrance of Mark.

Join us for our annual fundraising BBQ in August when all proceeds will go to supporting the Accessibility Program at Staunton, ensuring access for our disabled visitors to the great outdoors!

To learn more and to make a donation, please visit our website: www.friendsofstauntonstatepark.org or email: president@friendsofstaunton.org



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treated the local population that needed care as well as patients with tuberculosis. She also worked with the local Ute tribes and learned many of their herbal remedies.

Today that healing legacy continues with the first track-chair program in the Colorado state park system, helping make the trails at Staunton State Park accessible to all. Thanks to the hard-working efforts of Friends of Staunton State Park and the Mark Atkinson Accessibility Fund (see details on the back of this brochure) two Action Trackchairs® and a trailer were purchased for the park.

Track-Chair Program Details

The track-chair program runs from May until November, depending on trail conditions. The track chairs are available at no charge as a first come, first served basis. Information can be found online at: www.state.co.us/places/stateparks/Staunton. A trail questionnaire will be provided to ensure that the individual's needs can be met for a successful "ride." A Staunton volunteer will be provided for all excursions. For participants who have special medical needs or require help to transfer, their caregiver will be required to accompany the individual on the hike and to bring those items that the individual may require.

A suggested checklist will be provided at the time of the reservation. Also, a state park pass for the vehicle

Staunton State Park Track-Chair Program



Continuing the Healthy Legacy
of the Staunton Family...



is required and can be purchased here, email: Staunton.trackchair@co-eds-7972.

Three trails designated for the program are approximately two to five miles long.



DAVIS PONDS TRAIL (3.25-MILE LOOP)

(Highlighted on map in green)

The Davis Ponds Trail is a 3.25-mile loop. It rolls and wends through a coniferous forest and aspen meadows with multiple intermittent stream crossings. It takes you to the Davis fishing ponds where you will find a covered picnic area with an accessible rest room.



MASON CREEK (2.5-MILE ROUND TRIP)

(Highlighted on map in orange)

Mason Creek Trail is a 2.5-mile loop trail that takes you through a coniferous forest, past open meadows with old stone house ruins and ends at a pull-off area alongside Mason Creek with benches—a perfect spot for a break, or family picnic.



STAUNTON RANCH TRAIL (1.5-MILE ROUND TRIP)

(Highlighted on map in purple)

The Staunton Ranch Trail is a 1.5-mile round trip that rolls through coniferous forests and aspen meadows with views of Lake Hood and Pikes Peak and terraces near the Clinton's Brook. At this point there are benches to accommodate a break or family picnic, before leaving around and beginning your journey back.

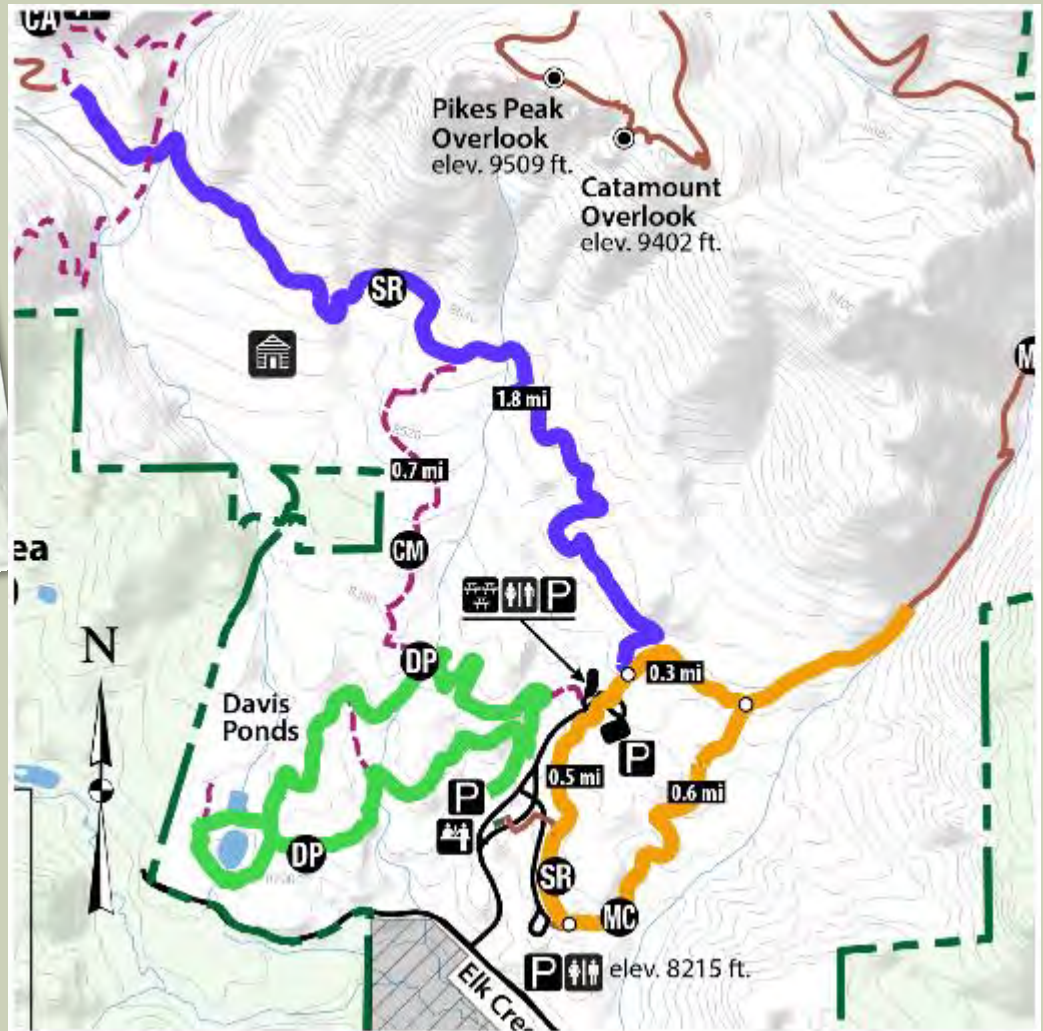
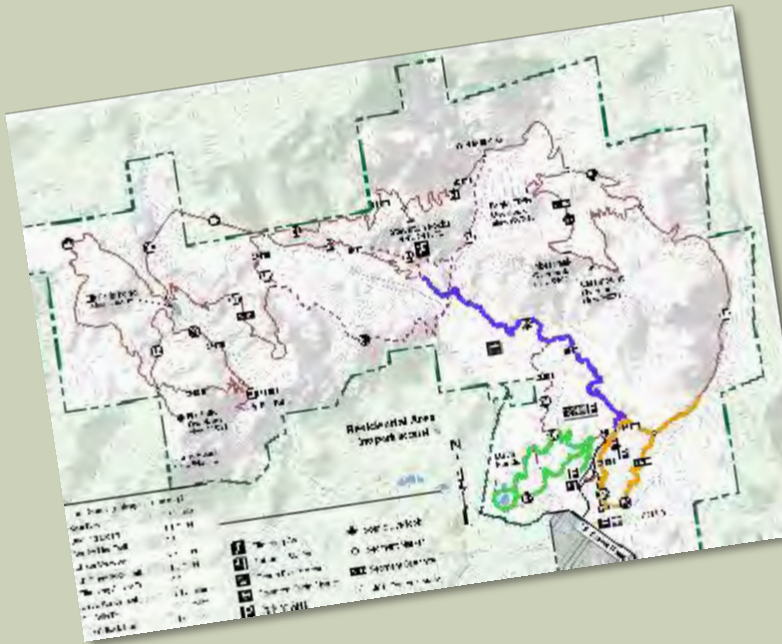


Accessibility for All...

The goal of Staunton's track-chair program is to provide the means for those who do not have the mobility to hike the trails and to provide the opportunity to share the outdoor experience with friends. The Action Trackchairs® have been designed with simplicity of operation and stability for safety. All participants will submit a questionnaire with their address and special needs before the hike. A trained Staunton volunteer will demonstrate the use of the track chair. Please fill out the form! A park volunteer will also be on the hike and will have the ability to control the chair with an emergency control should the need arise.

Participants' caregivers are required for individuals with special medical needs or to aid in transfer. A checklist will be provided at the time of reservation to ensure a great time in the outdoors is had by all!

TRACK CHAIR TRAIL MAP



DAVIS PONDS RECREATION AREA

- Construction complete July 2017
- Includes accessible:
 - Group Picnic area
 - Walkway to fishing access
 - Fishing pier
- Davis ponds trail (hiking only)
 - Most accessible trail on the park



TRACK CHAIR SIGNS

What made these tracks?



These were made from our new track chairs! You may see these on part of the Mason Creek, Staunton Ranch and Davis Ponds trails.

Staunton State Park has a new “hiking” program open to visitors with disabilities.

For more information, visit www.cpw.state.co.us/placestogo/parks/Staunton



SUPPORT FROM FRIENDS OF STAUNTON STATE PARK

- Purchase of the chairs (\$12-\$13K each)
- Supplies and Materials
- Brochures
- Marketing
- Hiking guides
- Trailer
- Trailer Graphics
- Future support
- Continual program support
 - Maintenance
 - Fill in hiking support
 - Trainings

OPERATIONAL CONSIDERATIONS

- Weather and user comfort
 - Program Dates May 20th-October 31st
- Operates on Fridays, Saturdays & Sundays
- Online reservation system / Up to date availability calendar.
- Maintenance to date - Very minimal replaced lower wheels with a harder plastic due to chipping (warranty)
- Batteries
- Most maintenance work can be done by staff
 - Action Track chair has been super supportive and readily available.
- Purchased a separate phone line
- Created Staunton.trackchair@state.co.us

TRACK CHAIR GRAND UNVEILING



May 27, 2017

Cindy Christenson and Lisa Willman

STAFFING AND VOLUNTEERS

- Currently run by a Seasonal Ranger and our GOCO/Ed Coordinator
- Each trip dependent upon a volunteer to lead the trip
 - Organize transfer
 - Sign waivers
 - Take photos
 - Assist with operations of the chair
 - Attendant control device
 - Maintain communications with Staff
 - Watch for changing weather
- Possible funding from Friends of Staunton State Park to hire a seasonal position to run TC program. (2018)

ONLINE SYSTEM

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Track Chair Availability Calendar

Reserve A Track Chair

DISCLAIMER

All track chair reservations are tentative, and are subject to cancellation by park staff for any reason including inclement weather. Due to the inherent risks involved with operation of the track chair, pets and service animals may not accompany track chair operators on park trails while operating or otherwise using the track chair. If you require assistance with operation of the track chair, chair to chair transfer, or other medical or personal issues, you must be accompanied by a qualified caregiver, relative or friend that can provide necessary assistance.

For detailed information to help prepare you for your Track Chair experience at Staunton State Park, please view the [Track Chair Information](#) page.

CLICK HERE
TO RESERVE A
TRACK CHAIR

The calendar is to view **track chair availability only**. Please [click here](#) to make reservation.

Track Chair Availability

Today September 2017						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
27 Chair 1 Reserved Chair 2 Reserved	28 No Availability	29 No Availability	30 No Availability	31 No Availability	Sep 1 Chair 1 /reserved Chair 2 Reserved	2 Chair 1 Reserved Chair 2 Reserved
3 Chair 1 Reserved Chair 2 reserved	4 No Availability	5 No Availability	6 No Availability	7 No Availability	8 Chair 1 Chair 2 Reserved	9 Chair 1 reserved Chair 2 reserved

Staunton Track Chair Reservation Form

THANK YOU FOR YOUR INTEREST IN THE STAUNTON STATE PARK TRACK CHAIR PROGRAM. WITHIN 9-11 DAYS OF SUBMITTING THIS FORM YOU WILL RECEIVE AN EMAIL CONFIRMING YOUR RESERVATION.

* Required

Email address *

YOU ANSWER

Participants First Name

YOU ANSWER

Participants Last Name *

YOU ANSWER

Trip Date and Time Requested Track chairs are reservable and operate on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays. *

Reservations must be made at least 7 days prior to requested trip date. We strongly recommend a 10:00am start time. Chairs operate from May 20th - October 31st (weather dependent).

DATE

mm/dd/yyyy

TIME

: AM

Alternate Trip Date and Time Requested *

Reservations must be made at least 7 days prior to requested trip date. We strongly recommend a 10:00am start time. Chairs operate from May 20th - October 31st (weather dependent).

DATE

mm/dd/yyyy

TIME

: AM

STAUNTON TRACK CHAIR TRAIL SYSTEM MAP



TRACK CHAIR STORAGE TRAILER



TRACK CHAIR STORAGE AND MEETING LOCATION



FUTURE LOCATION



FEEDBACK

- **Participant/Visitor Feedback – Overwhelmingly positive!**
- **Volunteer Feedback – Minor issues with heavy weekend traffic (Bikes and Horses) and track chairs trying to give R.O.W.**
- **Craig Hospital extremely excited to have a designated trail system to use their fleet of track chairs on, as well as CPW's vision to provide accessibility to quality trails to all.**

DATA COLLECTED

TC RESERVATIONS SPREADSHEET TRACKING ☆ ♻️

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Timestamp

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- Any questions?

