

Newsletter

Town of Oak Creek

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Happenings



OAK CREEK WINTERFEST

 March 1st ~ 5:30-7:00pm

**FREE ICE SKATING, COCOA & CIDER
PLUS... FREE HOT DOGS, CHILI &
CHICKEN NOODLE SOUP**

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Bank of the San Juans

March 2nd ~ 10:00-11:30am 

CARDBORD RACES on Moffat Ave.

 March 2nd ~ Noon-2:00pm

**ADULT BROOMBALL GAME
at the OAK CREEK ICE RINK**

News from Stagecoach State Park



Hey Oak Creek, it's Ranger Craig checking in from Stagecoach. There have been a few articles in the Steamboat Pilot and Today but I wanted to reach out and make sure everyone has the most accurate information as it pertains to Stagecoach State Park and some of the changes we are implementing at Stagecoach and other state parks in the area.

Back in May, Gov. Hickenlooper signed into law the Hunting, Fishing and Parks Future Generations Act granting the Colorado Parks & Wildlife (CPW) Commission the authority to increase license and park pass fees to address projected shortfalls on both the parks and the wildlife side of the agency. The CPW Commission followed this up in November, 2018 with approval of increases to park passes, and fishing and hunting licenses. In addition to the information provided below, I encourage you to go to the CPW Website or call the Park office with specific questions. From the CPW Website:

- Colorado State Parks used to receive almost 30% of operating dollars from the state general fund but since 2010, state parks have not received funding from state general tax dollars except occasional small amounts (less than one percent of the budget) for special projects. The loss of general funds resulted in reduced park programs and cuts to the number of full-time and temporary staff.
- At present, CPW faces significant financial challenges: increasing operational costs, changes to minimum wage and temporary benefits, additional vendor and technology costs, property maintenance needs, etc. Increases to park fees and products will help the agency face its financial challenges, while providing continued services to a growing number of park visitors.
- While the Commission had the authority to increase park fees, it could not exercise them because CPW had reached a total cap on park revenue (set in law). With the passage of the Future Generations Act (SB 18-143), the revenue cap was removed and the Commission now has the authority to raise park pass fees by no more than \$1 annually on all daily park passes and by no more than \$10 per year on annual park passes. All other park products/fees can now be adjusted as necessary without any cap.
- Colorado State Park fees were last increased for camping in 2015 and in 2010 for daily and annual passes.

Another part of this Act is that legislators wanted to encourage a "Pay to Play" philosophy, where folks walking or biking into state parks should be paying also. This will have an impact on Stagecoach State Park. Effective January 1st, 2019, a Walk In Pass is now available at self-serve stations around the Park. This is for those people that walk or bike in from town, the Stagecoach Community or illegally park on the county roads around the Park. This is a \$4 per person pass for those people that don't have an Annual Pass. If you have an Annual Pass, bring the receipt or take a picture of your Annual Pass so when contacted you have something to show the ranger or gate attendant.

I truly hope the residents of Oak Creek, Phippsburg and Yampa understand that the park staff has made it priority to be involved in and support our local communities. We love supporting and working with your Town staff and all of you as residents. Just a couple of examples are the many hours we assist with hosting as well as in-Town events and programs put on by the Town's Parks & Recreation Department with the After School and Full Friday programs. We also recently hosted a large fishing tournament where \$2500 was donated to the SOROCO School District and many businesses saw increased traffic and sales over that weekend due to folks coming into South Routt for the tournament. We hope and look forward to expanding on these partnerships, so don't hesitate reach out to the park or Town staff if you have ideas.

While there is MUCH more to the story, space is limited. Want to know more? Please feel free to call the Park office at (970) 736-2436 or check out our website at <https://cpw.state.co.us/placestogo/Parks/stagecoach>.

Examples of some of the new fees (full list is available on our website):

- Daily Park Pass: \$8 • Annual Parks Pass: \$80 • Hangtag (Transferable Pass): \$120 • Walk In Pass: \$4 •
- Resident Fishing License: \$33 •

Oak Creek Ice Rink

FEBRUARY SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

(Public Skate times indicate when The Hut will be open. The ice rink is always open pending hockey schedule.)

27-Sunday 10am-2pm Public Skate 3-7pm Stick & Puck	28-Monday 4-5pm Learn to Skate 6-9pm Men's League	29-Tuesday 5-7:30pm Hockey practice	30-Wednesday 4-5pm Learn to skate 5-6pm PS 6-8pm Stick & Puck	31-Thursday 5-7:30pm Hockey practice	1-Friday 6pm Family Hockey 8pm Adult Hockey Drop-in	2-Saturday 10a-5pm ADULT HOCKEY 6-8pm Public Skate
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Rent the rink for your special event. 846-2083, Info@oakcreekicerink.com

Information and hockey schedule www.oakcreekicerink.com



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SoRoCo Troop 57210

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