

Huntington State Park



Utah State Parks

Overview

Huntington State Park is a local well-kept secret. Cinnamon-colored buttes provide a backdrop for this quiet desert oasis. Popular with locals, this warm-water reservoir is ideal for waterskiing, fishing, and crawdad catching. Huntington is a great weekend destination or a perfect picnic spot.



History

Huntington Reservoir was completed in 1966 as part of an Emery County irrigation and recreation project. The name of both the town and reservoir honors the three Huntington brothers, Oliver, William, and Dimick, who first explored this area in 1855. Dimick was an interpreter for the local Indians; William was famed as a scout and explorer, and Oliver was an official recorder for the unsuccessful Elk Mountain Mission to Moab. The town of Huntington was founded in 1877. Opened to the public as a state park in 1966.

Wildlife

Largemouth bass and bluegill are the most noteworthy fish in this warm-water lake. It is also a popular place to catch crawdads. Many migratory birds, specifically waterfowl, are sighted in this area. Waterskiers and other recreationists love the warm water, too.



Rentals and Facilities

The State Park has Standup Paddle Boards and Kids Kayak for rent. We rent equipment from Memorial Day to Labor Day on a first-come-first-served basis from 8:00 AM to 6:00 PM.

Facilities include 25 camp sites, numerous picnic sites, modern restrooms, showers, sewage disposal station, boat launching and a large covered group-use pavilion.



Geography

Nestled in the heart of Utah, this park showcases a captivating tapestry of geological features.

Sandstone cliffs and chiseled peaks are a spectacular backdrop to Huntington State Park, sculpted by the relentless forces of erosion and sedimentation. These striking formations are primarily composed of sedimentary rock, formed from ancient sand deposits that were once part of vast deserts and riverbeds. Over eons, these sands were compressed into rock and then lifted and tilted by tectonic forces, creating the dramatic cliffs and rugged peaks we see today.

The vibrant colors of the sandstone cliffs—ranging from deep reds to warm ochres—are the result of mineral oxidation and varying concentrations of iron oxide in the

rock. As rain and wind have carved their way through these layers, they've sculpted intricate patterns and dramatic formations.

In addition to the cliffs, the park features a variety of geological formations including mesas, buttes, and pinnacles, each telling a unique part of the region's geological tale.



Things To Do

Fishing

Huntington State Park offers excellent fishing opportunities in its picturesque reservoir, where anglers can catch a variety of fish including rainbow trout and catfish. The peaceful setting and well-stocked waters make it a great spot for both novice and experienced fishermen.



Bird Watching

The park is a haven for bird watchers, featuring diverse habitats that attract species such as eagles, ospreys, and various waterfowl. Bring binoculars and a field guide to enjoy spotting and identifying the wide range of birds that inhabit the area.

Kayaking

The reservoir's calm waters are ideal for kayaking, providing a serene way to explore the scenic surroundings and enjoy the natural beauty of the park. Rentals

are available, and the gentle paddling experience is perfect for both beginners and seasoned kayakers.

Hiking

There are several trails in the park that cater to different skill levels, offering beautiful views of the reservoir and surrounding landscapes. Hiking these trails provides a great way to experience the park's natural beauty and enjoy some outdoor exercise. Huntington Park's elevation is 5,840 feet.

Picnicking

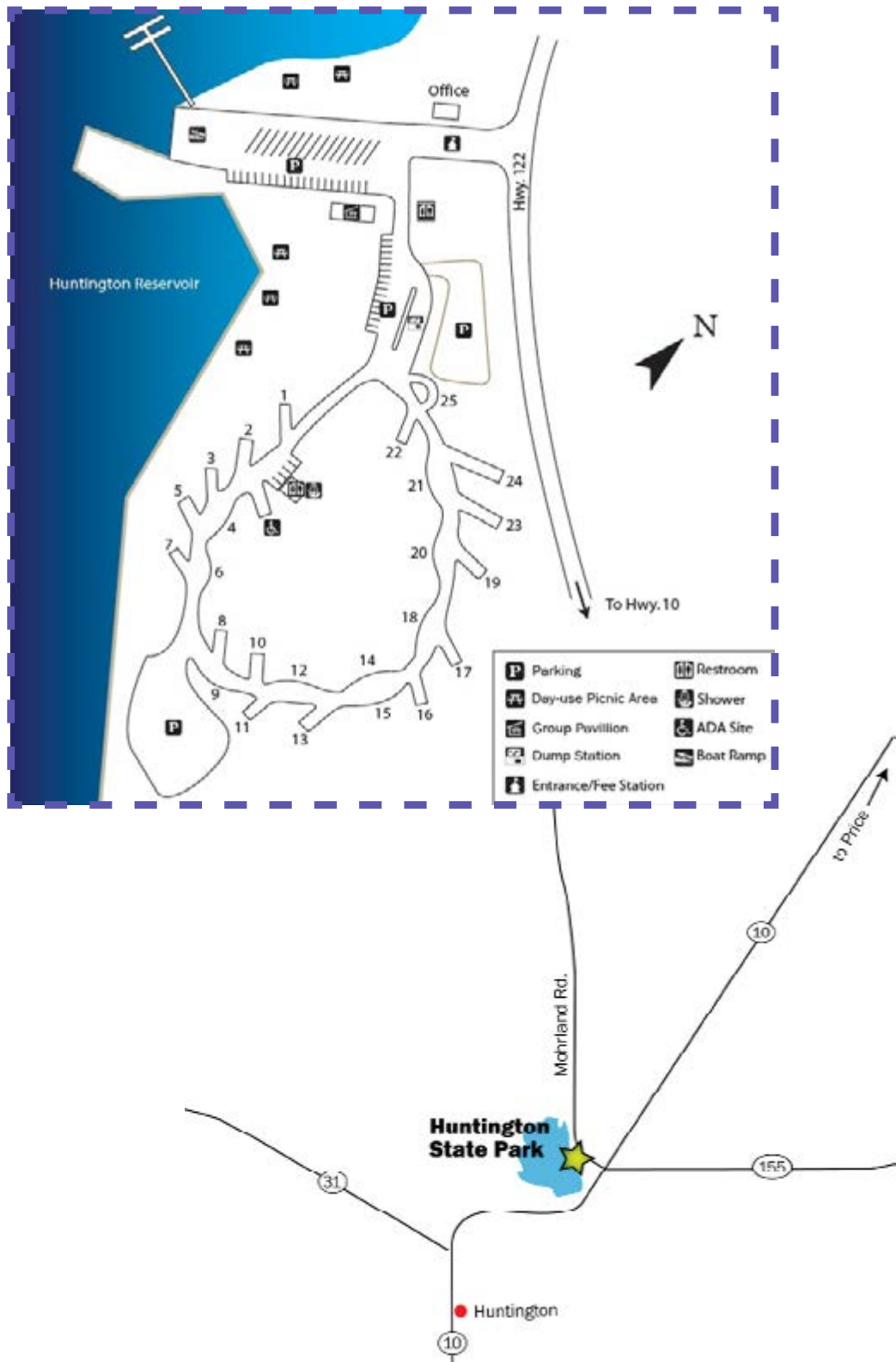
With designated picnic areas equipped with tables and grills, Huntington State Park is a great spot for a relaxing meal amidst nature. Enjoy a family picnic or a quiet lunch while taking in the scenic views of the reservoir and the surrounding hills.

Camping

The park features 25 well-maintained campgrounds with amenities like fire rings and restrooms. Spending the night under the stars at Huntington State Park allows for a full immersion in the tranquility of nature.

Directions

From Salt Lake City: Take Interstate 15 south to State Road 6 (Exit 261). Take State Road 6 southeast to State Road 10 (Exit 241). Travel 19 miles south on State Road 10 to the park.



Park Guidelines

Please observe the following park regulations to ensure everyone's visit is pleasant.

Camping – Camp only in designated areas. Each permit covers one vehicle and any attached recreational equipment. There is an extra fee for additional vehicles or camping equipment. Up to eight people are allowed in a campsite. Boat ramp and picnic areas are for day-use only.

Fires – Campfires may be built in specified areas only and gathering firewood is prohibited.

Fireworks – Fireworks or firecrackers are prohibited in state parks.

Pets – Pets are allowed in state parks, but must be on a maximum six-foot leash. Service animals are the only animals admitted in park buildings. Pets are not permitted on developed beaches. For safety and courtesy, please keep pets under control and clean up after them.

Off-highway vehicles – Contact park personnel for nearby riding opportunities.

Parking – Park only in designated parking areas.

Plants and animals – All plants, animals, minerals and other natural features in state parks are protected. It is unlawful to remove, alter or destroy them.

Speed limit – The speed limit within all park areas is 15 m.p.h.

Wastewater – It is unlawful to dump or drain water from campers or trailers onto the ground or into lakes and streams. A sanitary disposal station is provided for registered campers.

Vandalism – It is unlawful to mutilate or deface any natural or constructed feature or structure. Please help keep our parks beautiful.

Accidents – Please report accidents or suspicious activities to a ranger.

Permits – A Special Use Permit is required for all special events and commercial or professional filming and photography.

Quiet hours – 10 p.m. to 7 a.m.



Your park fees provide for the care, protection and enhancement of this park.

Operating Hours:

Summer: 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. Winter: 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Open year-round with holiday closures on Christmas and Thanksgiving.

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To enhance the quality of life of Utahns and visitors by preserving and providing natural, cultural, and recreational resources for the enjoyment, education, and inspiration of this and future generations.