

Rockport State Park



Utah State Parks

Explore first-rate, year-round recreation at this northern Utah destination. During summer, fish, boat or water ski on Rockport Reservoir or hike and watch a variety of wildlife. Tent, yurt or RV camp in one of five developed and primitive campgrounds. During winter, ice fish, cross-country ski and access nearby snowmobile trails.



Park History

The Rockport area was established in 1860 and named for the rock fort built to protect settlers from American Indian rebellions. Approximately 200 people lived there until the land was purchased by the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation for construction of the Wanship Dam in 1957. In 1966, Rockport State Park was created. Today Rockport Reservoir holds more than 500 surface acres of water and is a popular destination for many outdoor enthusiasts.



The Old Church was originally built in 1892 and was located above the dam along the Weber River. When the dam was completed in 1956 and the Weber River started to back up to create Rockport Reservoir, the Old Church was relocated to its present location. The building sat vacant for many years and fell into disrepair until 2005 when a full restoration began. Today, the Old Church



is on the Summit County Historical Registry. The building is a charming venue for weddings, dances, or other special events.

Facilities

Camp overnight in a developed campground with modern restrooms, showers, and water and electrical hookups. Primitive campgrounds offer vault toilets, drinking water, tables, grills and shelters. Boat-in sites are available, please contact the park for special regulations. Group camping and day-use areas are available for family reunions and other group outings. Day-use areas provide shelters, tables and grills.



Water Activities

Wakeboard, water ski, canoe or paddle on three miles of cool mountain waters. Rockport is a popular destination for anglers fishing for bass, perch, and rainbow trout. During winter, ice fishing for perch has become a tradition for many.



Plants and Animals

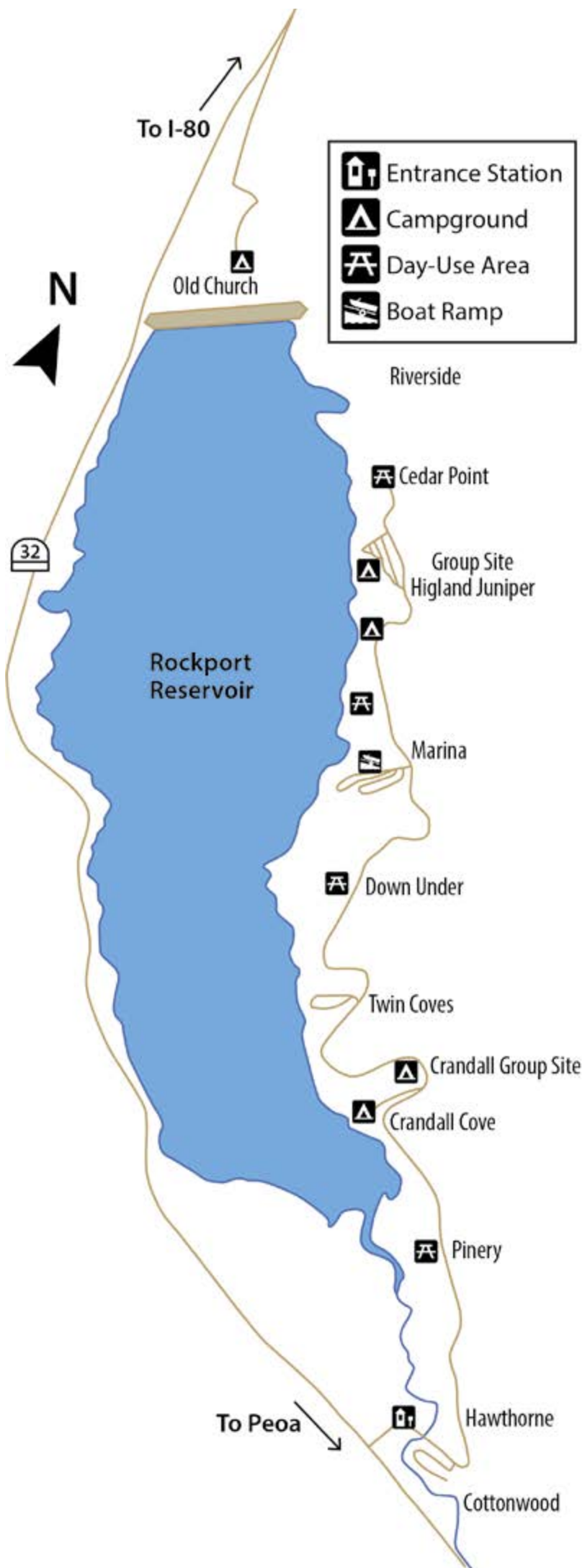
Juniper trees and sagebrush dominate the hillsides at Rockport. In spring and summer, cacti, native grasses and wildflowers can be found scattered throughout the park. Cottonwood and willow trees grow near the water and serve as habitat for many birds.

Bird watching is a popular activity at Rockport. Western grebes, Canada geese, whistling swans, great blue herons, numerous duck species, red tail hawks, great horned owls and golden and bald eagles may be sighted within and around the park.

Rockport is home to many species of wildlife including mule deer, jackrabbits, yellow-bellied marmots, badgers, raccoons and squirrels. Elk, moose, coyote, black bear, bobcat and cougar live in the area, but are seldom seen.

Hiking and Biking

The two-mile Lakeview Trail starts at the Down Under Day-Use Area and travels north to Juniper Campground. It is an easy trail ideal for hiking and mountain biking. Mule deer, birds and other small animals are commonly seen along the trail. A geocache is hidden along the trail and GPS coordinates can be found on the back of the Lakeview Trail sign located at the Down Under DayUse Area parking lot.



Park Guidelines

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

Camping – Camp only in designated campgrounds. Only one camp unit (camper, trailer, or tent) and one additional vehicle are permitted at each campsite. Up to eight people are allowed in each site. Boat ramp and picnic areas are for day-use only.

Fires – Campfires may be built in specified areas.



Most developed campsites provide camp stoves or charcoal facilities. Gathering firewood is prohibited. Picnickers and campers should bring appropriate fuel or purchase firewood from the concession service.

Fireworks – Unless authorized by the park manager, explosives, fireworks or firecrackers are prohibited.

Off-highway vehicles – Off-highway vehicle riding is not permitted in the park. Contact park personnel for nearby riding areas.

Pets – Pets are allowed in most Utah state parks but should be on a maximum six-foot leash. Service animals are the only animals admitted in park buildings. For safety and courtesy, please keep pets under control and clean up after them.



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.

Roads – Vehicles must remain on established roads.

Speed limit – The speed limit is 25 mph unless otherwise posted. The speed limit in campgrounds, marinas, and day-use areas is 5 mph.

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

Wastewater – It is unlawful to dump or drain wastewater from campers or trailers onto the ground. Most developed parks provide utility sinks and/or sanitary disposal stations.

Quiet hours – To ensure a pleasant stay for everyone, quiet hours are 10 p.m. to 7 a.m. Please turn off generators and audio devices. All noise should be kept to a minimum.

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

Operating Hours

6:00 A.M. – 10:00 P.M.

16-hour access year-round

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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.