

CHATFIELD CONSTRUCTION AND REOPENING NEWS

North Boat Ramp at Chatfield State Park opened on Sunday, April 1

As part of the Chatfield Storage Reallocation Project, an important regional water supply endeavor, the leadership team at Chatfield State Park is pleased to announce that the north boat ramp opened for public use on Sunday morning, April 1st. The opening of the north boat ramp is a key milestone for the park, the public, and the water supply project.

Chatfield State Park Manager, Scott Roush, said "We recognize just how important the boat ramps are to public users during the boating season. We're very excited to say that the new facilities will provide all of the amenities and parking areas that are as good as the old ones and meet today's codes and standards."

The rebuilding of the entire north boat ramp day-use area represents just one piece of the overall water storage project to accommodate higher water levels in the reservoir. While the increased water storage wouldn't occur until spring of 2020 at the earliest, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, who owns and operates Chatfield Dam, required all recreational modifications and environmental mitigation to be complete prior to allowing storage of additional water.



The Chatfield Reservoir Mitigation Company (CRMC), a non-profit umbrella organization consisting of eight separate entities, is responsible for the financing and implementation of the project. Randy Ray, President of the Company, commented "The opening of the new boat ramp brings us one step closer to having a fully functioning State park while also making room for more water. Agricultural producers in northern Colorado and growing cities along the Front Range will benefit greatly."

The north boat ramp is open for business including a new access road, ample parking for vehicles and trailers, inspection stations for aquatic nuisance species, ramp space at two locations, and courtesy docks that can accommodate up to eight boat launches at one time. Concrete Express, Inc. was the prime contractor responsible for the work at the north boat ramp, which was completed on time and within budget. The public should be aware that additional work at the north boat ramp, including trails, shelters, picnic tables, and landscaping, will be completed after April 1st.

A significant amount of construction work around the park is ongoing. For additional information regarding the Chatfield Storage Reallocation Project, such as construction updates, closures, history, newsletters, and supporting documents, please visit www.chatfieldreallocation.org. For information about Chatfield State Park or boat inspections, please visit <http://cpw.state.co.us/placestogo/Parks/Chatfield>.

Construction Schedule Updates

CRMC, in collaboration with the project's contractors and Chatfield State Park, have updated the anticipated schedule for the remaining areas impacted by construction work. The schedule revisions account for some delays and accelerations due to a variety of construction-related factors. Based on extensive analysis of construction productivity, the revised reopening dates are more accurate and should provide visitors with a better idea of what will be accessible while construction continues.

The CRMC participants remain committed to reopening recreation areas as soon as possible, while ensuring construction is conducted safely and efficiently.

North Boat Ramp

The North Boat Ramp reopened on April 1, 2018, right on schedule with the original anticipated reopening date.

Massey Draw Day Use Area

Massey Draw is currently on track to reopen by May 1, 2018.

Eagle Cove

Eagle Cove is anticipated to reopen by May 15, 2018.

Balloon Launch / Deer Creek Day Use Area

Originally anticipated to reopen by May 25, 2018, both Balloon Launch and Deer Creek Day Use Area are ahead of schedule and are anticipated to reopen by May 1, 2018.

Temporary Detour and West Entrance

Chatfield State Park's West Entrance off Wadsworth Boulevard has remained open during construction. A temporary detour has been put in place to allow for construction of the new alignment between the West Entrance and the Perimeter Road. This detour will allow visitors to still access the Park's facilities on the north side, including the Dog Off Leash Area, Dam Overlook, and North Boat Ramp. Completion of the West Entrance realignment is scheduled for May 1, 2018.

Perimeter Road (Swim Beach to Kingfisher Day Use Area)

A high priority for CRMC and Chatfield State Park is to reopen the Perimeter Road for use during the Summer 2018 season. Construction is currently on track to have the Perimeter Road reopened by May 25, 2018.

Swim Beach

One original goal for CRMC and Chatfield State Park was to have the Swim Beach reopened by Memorial Weekend 2018. Unfortunately, due to unforeseen construction-related circumstances, the Swim Beach will not reopen for the 2018 Summer Season. It is an unfortunate schedule change and our team apologizes for any inconvenience this may cause.

Jamison Day Use Area

Originally scheduled to reopen May 25, 2018, Jamison's reopening has been delayed to July 2, 2018.

Catfish Flats Day Use Area

Initially scheduled to reopen by August 15, 2018, Catfish Flats is anticipated to reopen ahead of schedule by July 27, 2018.

Fox Run Day Use Area

Fox Run is tracking on schedule to reopen by July 27, 2018.

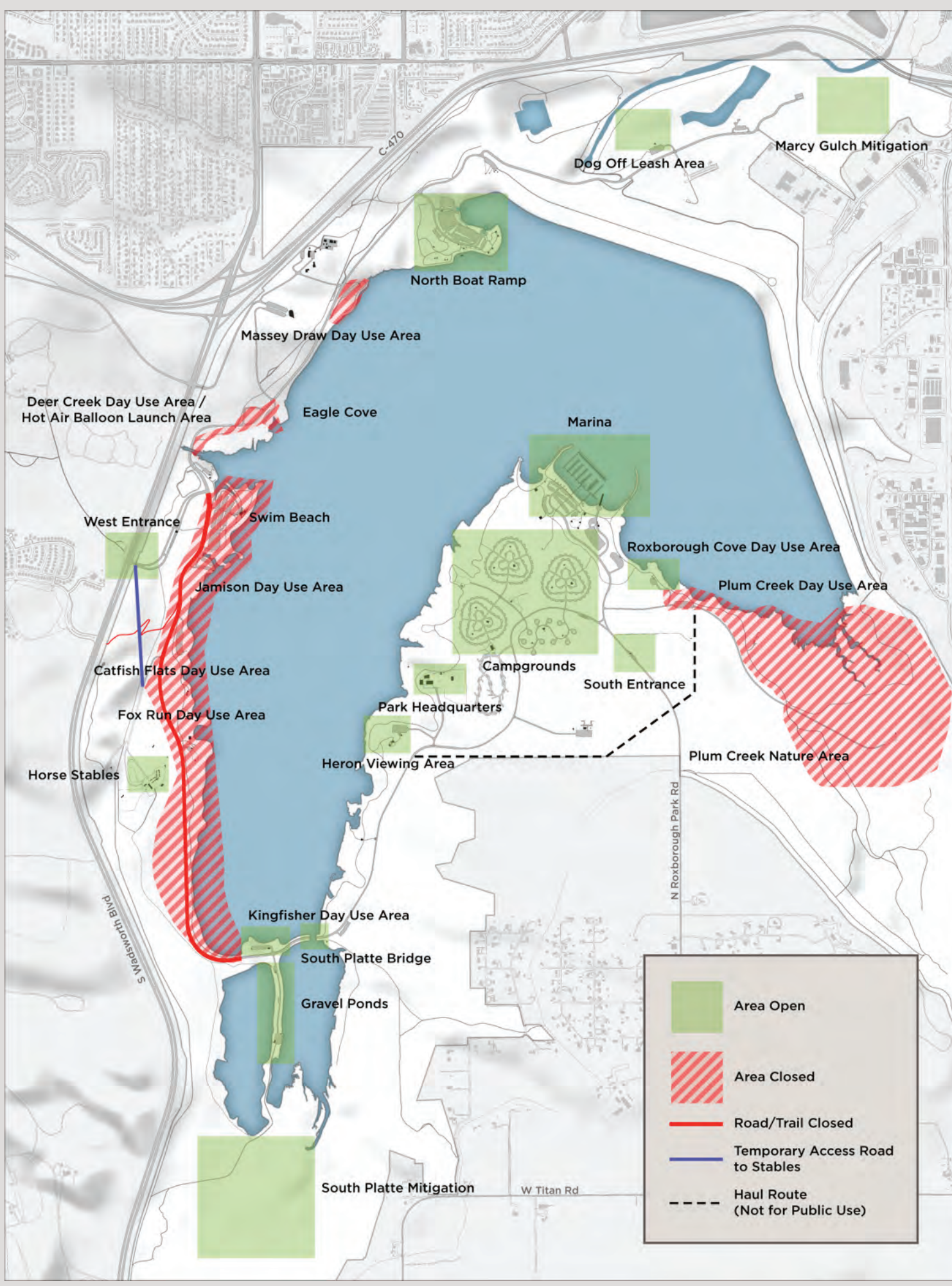
Trails

While most trails impacted by Season 1 closures are anticipated to reopen by May 25, 2018, some portions may be closed within specific day use areas, depending on work being performed. Utility relocations may also temporarily impact trails as work progresses.

Additional Recreation Areas

Construction work around Chatfield State Park will continue beyond the areas listed above during Season 2, which will begin after Labor Day Weekend of 2018. Areas such as the Marina, Roxborough Cove, Kingfisher, and the Gravel Pond will be closed temporarily to accommodate the anticipated work. Construction schedule updates for work in Season 2 will be posted as soon as possible once more accurate information is available for the public.

Please continue to visit <https://chatfieldreallocation.org/construction/> for regularly updated information on construction activities and closures.



For questions, contact us at info@chatfieldreallocation.org.

For detailed information on the Chatfield Storage Reallocation project, or to view the project video, please go to our website www.chatfieldreallocation.org.

Follow us on:

