The Chatfield Stables is located on the old ranch site in what is now part of Chatfield State Park. It offers a timeless experience for leisurely horseback exploration of the nearby trails and streams.

The Stables are open for business all year round.

The Stables provide rental horses for trail rides and boarding facilities that are open to the public. Tack sheds and hitch rails are also provided, along with a covered pavilion for group picnics. Natural surface equestrian trails are accessed from the stables. The staff offers wrangler-guided horseback riding throughout the Park.

Bob Hantschel, owner of the Stables, says, "Enjoy a true Colorado trail ride at Chatfield Stables. Our scenic trails are sure to delight any rider. Lots of trails in thousands of acres. With the Platte River running through, we have water features and views of the foothills along the many miles of prairie and forest trails."

Bob also commented that "Our horses are great for all experience levels. We have raised many of them since they were little foals; they love their job and do it well. We have approximately 50 horses, each one has a name and special personality. Feel free to visit our horses, there is always someone near the fences waiting to be pet. Or, to learn more about the horses just call us at the stables and we will tell you about them."

Riding the trails within Chatfield State Park is an honor to follow the long-term history of the land, the streams, and the local lifestyle.

Available near the Manor House is a view of the old ranch land, located at the confluence of Plum Creek and the South Platte River. Riders could easily view stream paths, which were outlined with trees as they rode through waving grass. A few historic photos of the old ranch land are on display at the Manor House in Highlands Ranch. Otherwise, most of the images available today show the lake and the trees that have grown up around Chatfield Reservoir was constructed on this land.

Although the State Park is experiencing major construction activities related to the Chatfield Storage Reallocation Project, the Horse Stables are open and will remain open during the winter season.

The Stables will not be directly impacted by environmental mitigation or recreation modification work and will not be closed as part of this construction project. We did not have to move any trees when the Stables were built in the 1970's, the same area open now. Next, needed was the elevations of the South Plum Creek and the South Platte River. Rocks and gravel were removed from new pizza lines to accommodate the trails. New elevation produced resulted increased elevation to accommodate higher water levels and to provide a like-kind experience. Natural surface materials available along the new trail alignment will be used to the fullest extent possible.

Directions during construction:
Enter Chatfield State Park through the Wadsworth Blvd entrance located 1 mile south of C-470. This is the only entrance available to access the Stables. Go directly to the west entrance station to purchase a day pass or to display an annual parks pass, then make a U-turn to head back towards Wadsworth. Prior to exiting the park, make another U-turn and take an immediate right onto the dirt road (marked with an orange sign) located near the yellow gates.

We encourage visitors to enjoy their own special events at the Chatfield Stables. Consider scheduling a hayride, or reserving the on-site pavilion for a birthday party, which can include pony rides or a trail ride. Call 303-933-3636 to plan your event, or send an email to chatfieldstables@yahoo.com. In 2013, Chatfield Stables was named "Best of the Best" by Colorado Community Newspapers.

For questions, please call us toll free at 1-855-387-4660 or 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.