

Dear Friends,

Greetings from **Denver, Colorado.**

We just have to tell you about a phenomenal RV park in the Denver, Colorado, area. It's called **Cherry Creek State Park** and it's so much more than an exceptional RV park. Tomorrow morning, we are headed for **Las Vegas, Nevada**, after almost two weeks at Cherry Creek State Park. We came here from the Black Hills of South Dakota with the intention of staying about six days. We had a two day annuity class to attend and a tax client seriously in need of our help. Well, one tax client led to a few more so we just stayed around a little longer. (We expect to arrive in Vegas October 19 or 20.)

The weather here has been generally quite nice with pleasant days and cool nights. Well, except for the day it snowed. We certainly were not expecting that, but it started at about breakfast and continued all day.



**Our car at 8:00 in the morning.**

But back to a description of this unusual park. First of all, the RV parking is very nice. Nice long pull-thrus with water, sewer, and 50 amp power. You can have a spot deep in the trees or be out in the open like us. We like to be in the open so our satellite dishes have an unobstructed view of the southern sky. In addition to parking for large motorhomes, there are plenty of sites for smaller RVs and even tents.



Our rig in an 80 foot pull-thru at Cherry Creek S.P.

But, what else is in this unusual park? How about a lovely lake? Yes, there is a lake here complete with a marina, boating, waterskiing, jet skiing, swimming, and fishing.



Cherry Creek Lake.

If you look at the above picture of the lake carefully, you will see the buildings of downtown Denver in the background. The park is actually in the town of **Aurora**, which is basically a suburb of Denver. It's quite a shock to find this beautiful, wooded park surrounded by freeways and heavy traffic. It's truly an oasis surrounded by city density.



**The lake also has a marina and a yacht club.**

In addition to a beautiful lake, how about horseback riding? In addition to that, there are miles of hiking and bicycle trails. Plus many other specialized activities. We were surprised to see the most beautiful radio controlled airplane field we have ever seen.



**Model airplane field.**

The picture doesn't show it well, but the model field has a serious, wide and long, asphalt runway. The pilots have picnic tables and shade shelters. This is a first rate facility.

If you're a fan of archery, you're all set as the park has a formal archery area.

But now the best part for us. The park has a full service family shooting area. Shooting in a state park? You bet and well developed at that. There is a pro shop where you can rent a wide variety of firearms. Many kinds of pistols, rifles, and shotguns. Today was a special day in that they were renting out .50 caliber rifles and a .50 caliber machine gun. We didn't catch the rental fees, but we do know that a single .50 caliber round goes for \$5.50. Back in the realm of sanity, you can rent a shotgun all day for \$20.



**Shotgun trap range.**

The shotgun area has quite a few clay pigeon throwers, many dedicated trap stations, and even sporting clays. At the moment there is no skeet, but we would bet that it is coming.



**Walkway to the enclosed rifle and pistol bays.**

We thought we had died and gone to heaven. Well developed shooting ranges that are open 7 days a week. Well, as you can see, this park has a lot to offer, but there's a price. The pricing scheme for large RVs is a bit unusual. We paid \$24 per day for our very nice pull-thru site. Now when you rent an RV site, you expect to be able to park your RV on it. That's just common sense. But this is a government facility and hence, common sense doesn't apply. When you bring your motorhome in, that's another \$9 per day. If you tow your car in and don't drive, it's free. If you drive your car in, it's also \$9 a day. So to park our motorhome and car, the total was \$42 per day. Oh yeah, to register for the site on the Internet was another \$10.

Well, as we said, this is an amazing park with incredible amenities, but there is a price to pay.

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Until next time, home is where we park it.

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