

Situated in Pleasant Valley on the Wasatch Plateau, Scofield State Park is a popular destination for boating, fishing, and camping. Boating facilities and two developed campgrounds enhance recreation on and around the 2,800-acre Scofield Reservoir. At an elevation of 7,616 feet, Scofield State Park's facilities are located along State Route 96, just 10 miles southwest of the Colton Junction.

The park is open from May through October. The campgrounds are closed during the winter months.

Special Features

Three state-operated facilities are available for recreationists:

Mountain View - Located six miles north of the town of Scofield and near the dam, provides a grand view of the reservoir with towering mountains in the background. Facilities include a 34-unit campground, drinking water, modern rest rooms, hot showers, group-use pavilion, fish cleaning and sewage disposal stations, and boat ramp. Each campsite has a picnic table, barbecue grill, and parking area.

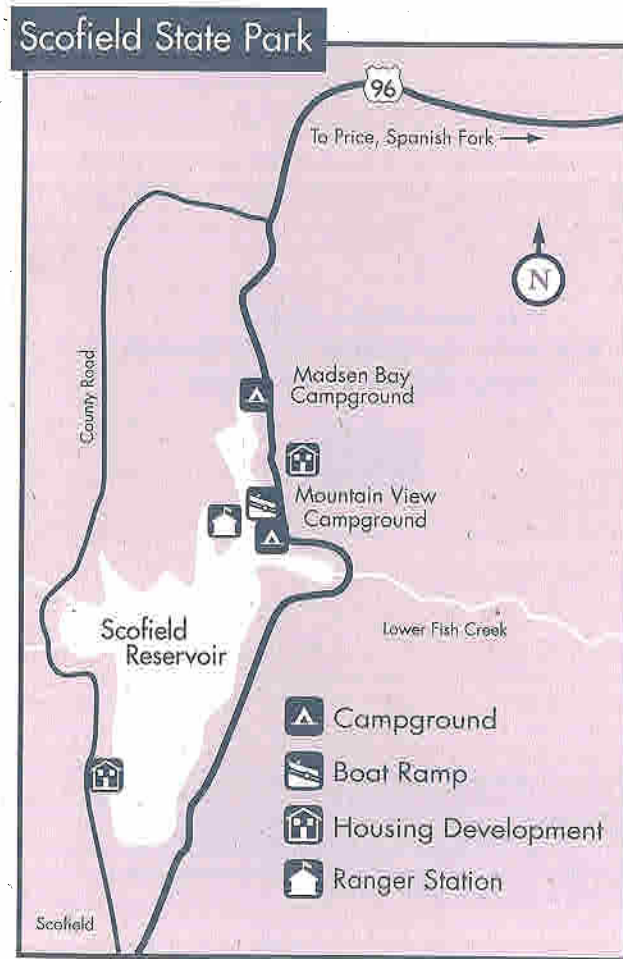
Madsen Bay - Located on the north end of the reservoir. Facilities include a 36-unit campground, drinking water, modern rest rooms, boat ramp, docks, parking lot, and sanitary disposal and fish cleaning stations.

Lakeside - This day-use area, provides modern rest rooms, group-use pavilion, grills, and boat loading and fishing platform for the physically challenged.

Things to Do

A host of water-related activities await you at Scofield State Park. Two boat launching ramps provide access for all types of watercraft. Camping, hiking, picnicking, waterskiing, swimming, photography, and watching wildlife are popular activities.

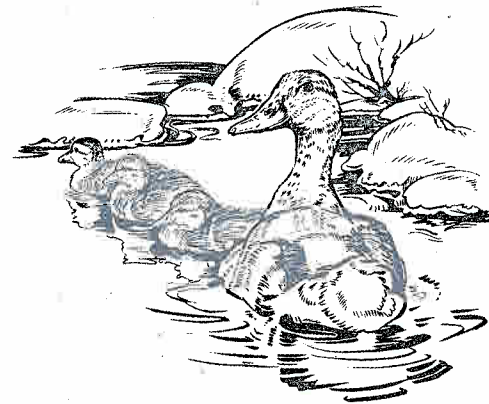
Scofield Reservoir is one of Utah's prime year-round fisheries. Cool waters are ideal for rainbow and cutthroat trout. Below Scofield Dam, a footbridge leads to hiking and fishing areas along Lower Fish Creek.



The Manti-LaSal National Forest offers opportunities for hiking, mountain biking, off-highway vehicles and horseback riding. During winter, the area is a base for snowmobiling and cross-country skiing in the spectacular mountains surrounding the park.

Plants and Animals

Pinion, juniper, quaking aspen, oak, elderberry, sagebrush, rabbit brush, willow, and a variety of summer wildflowers dominate the area. Scofield is home to many mammals, birds, and reptiles. You are likely to see cottontail rabbits, mule deer, gophers, elk, ravens, eagles, mallard ducks, and Canadian geese.



History

Settlers came to Pleasant Valley in the 1870s because of large tracts of grazing land. Forest industry developed in the adjacent mountains. Scofield was named after General Charles W. Scofield, a timber contractor who became president of the state's first coal mining company.

Mining peaked in the early 1920s when Scofield had 12 stores, 13 saloons, four large hotels, a post office, and a population of more than 6,000 residents. Today, less than 100 people reside in the town.



Scofield always will be remembered for one of the most serious mine disasters in United States history. On May 1, 1900, the No. 4 mine in Winter Quarters Canyon exploded and claimed the lives of 199 men. Because there were not enough caskets in Utah to bury the dead, additional caskets had to be ordered from Denver. The tombstones in the cemetery on the hill east of town give testimony of the tragedy.

Scofield valley has experienced at least four separate dam efforts. In the early 1940s, the existing earth-filled dam was completed. It is 128 feet high and backs more than 73,600 acre-feet of water.

Reservations

Reservations are available for group-use and individual campsites. Reservations may be made a minimum of three days in advance of arrival date and up to 16 weeks in advance from park departure date.

To make a reservation, call 322-3770 within Salt Lake City or toll-free 1 (800) 322-3770. Reservations are not required but are advised, especially on weekends and holidays. Unreserved sites are available on a first-come, first-served basis.

User Fees

Day-use and camping fees are charged. Additional fees are charged for reservations and extra vehicles.

Guidelines

Please observe these park regulations to ensure that 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.

Fires - No ground fires are allowed. The developed campsites provide camp stoves or charcoal facilities. Firewood is not available at the park. Picnickers and campers should bring appropriate fuel.

Pets - Pets are allowed in most Utah state parks but should be on a maximum six-foot leash. Seeing Eye dogs are the only animals admitted in park buildings. Pets are not permitted on developed beaches or in lakes and streams. Please keep your pets under control, and be sure to pick 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.

Firearms - Possession or use of firearms, traps or other devices capable of launching a projectile that can immobilize, injure or kill a person or animal, or damage property is prohibited unless the weapon or device is 1) unloaded and packed away to prevent its use, 2) being used in the legal pursuit of wildlife or 3) being used by authorized enforcement officers in the performance of official duties.

Fireworks - Unless authorized by the park manager, explosives, fireworks or firecrackers are prohibited in state parks.

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

Waste water - It is unlawful to dump or drain waste water from campers or trailers onto the ground or into lakes and streams. Most developed state parks provide utility sinks and/or sanitary disposal stations.

Quiet hours - 10:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m.

Address inquiries to:

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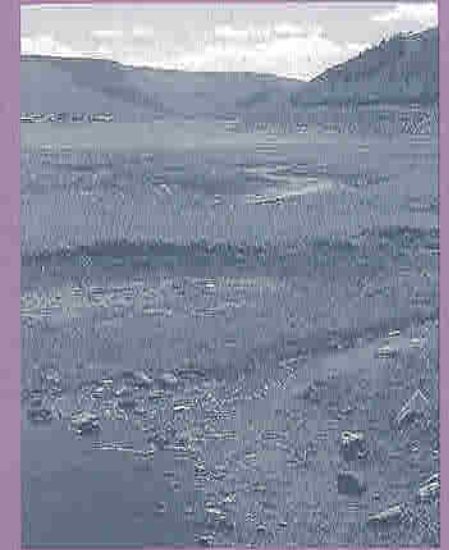
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