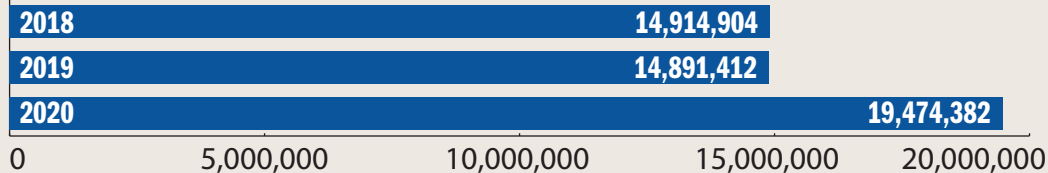


COLORADO STATE PARKS ARE EXPERIENCING A BOOM



Visitation to Colorado State Parks has grown regionally and statewide. Here's a look at the numbers from 2018-2020 in Colorado and around Mesa County.

Annual visitation



MESA COUNTY



Island Acres

2018: 112,105

2019: 119,577

2020: 108,384

Highline

2018: 180,728

2019: 172,046

2020: 207,683

Vega

2018: 213,045

2019: 212,740

2020: 246,363

Corn Lake

2018: 113,243

2019: 111,165

2020: 107,967

Fruita Section

2018: 216,002

2019: 221,967

2020: 219,432

REGIONAL STATE PARKS

Ridgway

2018: 426,735

2019: 490,712

2020: 585,951

Rifle Falls

2018: 123,221

2019: 123,323

2020: 141,553

Rifle Gap

2018: 314,765

2019: 271,478

2020: 294,877

Crawford

2018: 108,418

2019: 137,983

2020: 132,980

6-YEAR AVERAGE 2009-2014

Vega – 185,271

Highline – 154,687

Island Acres – 84,031

Corn, Fruita section – unavailable

Ridgway – 331,064

Crawford – 126,218

Rifle Gap – 215,098

Rifle Falls – 87,937

Source: Colorado Parks and Wildlife

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