

Rueter-Hess Reservoir Recreation

Where there is a body of water in the State of Colorado, people will come! Rueter-Hess Reservoir was completed in 2012 as a drinking water storage vessel for the District and multiple partners. When filled, the reservoir will have a capacity of 75,000 acre feet (AF) of water and encompass 1,170 acres. Water quality is the Board of Director's number one goal.

The District, along with the Towns of Parker & Castle Rock, the cities of Castle Pines and Lone Tree, and Douglas County signed an Intergovernmental Agreement in 2015 creating the "Rueter-Hess Recreation Authority" organizing a collaborative partnership with the ending goal being that of creating a recreational destination at the reservoir. As milestones are reached, press releases will be sent out and updates provided at RHRecreation.org.



*Renewable, sustainable, long-term water resources.
A vital investment for our future!*

Who We Are

Parker Water and Sanitation District (PWSD), established in 1962, provides water and wastewater services for the Town of Parker and portions of unincorporated Douglas County, Colorado. In the near future, PWSD will also serve parts of Lone Tree and Castle Pines. Currently, the primary water source for our community is Denver Basin groundwater, which is a non-renewable water source that is depleting throughout Colorado. PWSD is investing in regional, long term water supply projects to provide a secure water future for our customers. Projects, such as the Rueter-Hess Reservoir and our highly efficient reclaimed water system, will help ensure we have enough water resources to support our families now and in the future. They will also help maintain and enhance property values and our quality of life.

The Vision

At a 2015 Board meeting, PWSD Directors expressed their support of a recreation program at the Reservoir. They envision a "tranquil and serene" environment to support the natural beauty of the site, as well as preserving the wildlife.

To Schedule a Site Tour: pwsd.org/tour



The Recreation Authority Board launched a public engagement process in 2016 to develop the Rueter-Hess Reservoir Recreation Master Plan (completed 2017). Focus now has been turned to budgeting for capital projects, including general infrastructure (restrooms, parking, roads), as well as future trails, the incline, fishing, and more! However, Programs & Events are going on now!

For more information: RHRecreation.org

The Plan