

## Become a Friend of Staunton State Park or Make a Donation...

Your contribution helps the Friends of Staunton State Park fund important projects and programs that preserve, promote and protect Staunton State Park. We have set up the Mark Madsen Accessibility Fund for donations specific to the Track-Chair Program.

To make a tax-deductible donation now, please fill out and return this form together with your check made out to:

**Friends of Staunton State Park**  
PO Box 695, Pine, CO 80470  
email: [info@friendsofstaunton.org](mailto:info@friendsofstaunton.org)

Or make an online donation on our website:  
[www.friendsofstauntonstatepark.org](http://www.friendsofstauntonstatepark.org)

### Annual Membership:

- Individual.....\$30 per year
- Family.....\$50 per year
- Corporate.....\$300 per year

### I want to support Friends of Staunton State Park by making a donation at the following level:

- Old Mill.....Bronze \$100 to \$299
- Staunton Rocks.....Silver \$300 to \$599
- Elk Falls.....Gold \$600-\$999
- Lions Head.....Platinum \$1,000+

### I want to donate to the Mark Madsen Accessibility Fund:

- Amount..... \$ \_\_\_\_\_

The information below will be used only for Friends of Staunton State Park communications:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

## Your donations will be used to support Staunton State Park in the following ways:

### Accessibility

Supporting the Track-Chair program allows visitors with disabilities to “hike” designated trails and enjoy the outdoors with friends and family.

### Recreation

Support new trail construction and maintenance, rock climbing, and fishing.

### Historical Preservation

Restoration & preservation of historical buildings.

### Interpretation and Educational Programs

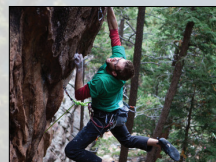
Provide supplies and materials to enhance and support programs.

### Safety Equipment

Radios, AEDs, and Karts for emergency transport.

### Environmental Protection

Provide funds for fire mitigation and to control noxious weeds in the park.



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# FRIENDS OF STAUNTON STATE PARK

PRESERVING...  
PROMOTING...  
PROTECTING...

*“One of the crown jewels of  
Colorado State Parks”*

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 Friends of Staunton State Park

The park is the legacy of Frances H. Staunton whose parents were doctors and homesteaded the site around the turn of the century. Frances' mother, Dr. Rachael Staunton, treated the local population that needed care as well as patients with tuberculosis.

The Staunton Ranch is the heart of the park. The park's history of human uses includes ranching, the Staunton family retreat, a turn-of-the-20th century saw mill, and a sportsman's club.



Elk Falls

Dramatic Elk Falls drops nearly 100 feet into North Elk Creek and spectacular Lions Head stands tall as the park's rock sentry. Staunton State Park is a mosaic of low

grasslands, rocky foothills, soaring granite cliffs, and lush stream corridors. From high grassy meadows at 8,100 feet to soaring granite cliffs over 10,000 feet, the park's geology, soils, water features, and climate create a rich variety of habitats.



Lions Head shrouded in a morning mist

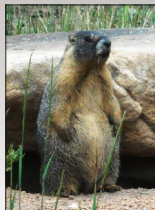


Bull Elk

Grazing elk and mule deer favor the aspen and conifer forests. Montane grasslands are a tapestry of native wildflowers and grasses. Wet meadow systems support abundant plant and wildlife communities.

Depending on the season, visitors may see yellow-bellied marmots, tuffed-ear Abert squirrels, coyotes, or wild turkeys.

(Excerpts from Colorado Parks & Wildlife Staunton State Park brochure [www.cpw.state.co.us](http://www.cpw.state.co.us))



Yellow-bellied marmot

## PRESERVING...

In 1986 Frances Staunton donated the initial 1,720 acres of her parents' homestead to the State of Colorado. The original cabin remains



Rachael Staunton at the historic cabin now part of Staunton State Park. circa 1928.

in the park and has been accepted into the National Register of Historic Places.

Other historic cabins include the Blaine, Richardson, Brola, and Policeman cabins. Your donation to the Friends of Staunton will help preserve these historical structures for future generations to enjoy.

## PROMOTING...

Year-round activities include fishing clinics, nature hikes, environmental education, and Jr. Ranger Programs. Your donation helps fund these activities for young and old alike.



Fishing at Davis Ponds



Educational Programs



Junior Rangers

## PROTECTING...

Staunton State Park is home to a rare plant species, the budding monkeyflower. With help from the Friends' donations these delicate plants can be protected and studied.



Budding monkeyflower

The imperiled Peregrin falcon has been found nesting in the rocky cliffs near Lions Head.



Imperiled Peregrin Falcon

Funds from the Friends will be used to purchase viewing equipment to study these amazing birds and to protect their habitat. Other activities sponsored by the Friends include

land acquisitions, weed control and fire mitigation – protecting the land and animals as Frances Staunton envisioned.



Visitors with Track Chair

## ACCESSIBILITY...

Staunton State Park is the first Colorado State Park to offer a Track-Chair Program so that our visitors with disabilities can "hike" our designated trails with their friends and family and enjoy the outdoors. Friends of Staunton raised funds for the program and donated two track chairs and a trailer to Staunton State Park, continuing the healing legacy of Drs. Rachael and Archibald Staunton.

## Friends of Staunton State Park

Our mission is working in partnership with others to preserve, promote and protect the wildlife, natural beauty and historic legacy of Staunton State Park for current and future generations.

Friends of Staunton State Park was incorporated in 2012 as a Colorado Nonprofit corporation and has been granted 501(c)(3) designation by the IRS.