

History of Friends of Roxborough State Park (FoRSP)

- Friends of Roxborough SP was formed in 1994 with the mission of protecting the boundaries of the new Roxborough State Park, which was established in 1975, and opened to regular public access in 1987. FoRSP, one of the first Friends organizations associated with a Colorado State Park, was registered as a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization in 1995.
- When it opened, Roxborough State Park consisted of 15,23 acres. In the succeeding years, the park was expanded to its present 3,400 acres, through the acquisition of other surrounding properties which were slated for residential and commercial development.
- The FoRSP was a significant participant in fund-raising through donation campaigns, grant applications, and item sales. FRSP directly raised and contributed over \$500,000 toward the expansion of the original park through the acquisition and incorporation of adjacent properties.
- FoRSP was also instrumental in the negotiations for land acquisitions through exchanges and purchases. Among the most significant additions to the Roxborough State Park was the purchase of the Southdowns tract, which extends approximately from the present-day park entrance for 1.5 miles to the original park boundary where the entry road passes through the Dakota Hogback formation.

Land Acquisitions supported by FoRSP, expanding Roxborough State Park:

- Southdowns – \$100K from FoRSP
- South Stonehenge ~ \$125K from FoRSP
- Nelson Ranch – \$100K from FoRSP
- Barych Lots – \$90K from FoRSP
- Goodwin Parcel – \$100K from FoRSP

Friends of Roxborough State Park is a registered 501(c)(3) non-profit,
EIN 84-1338909, in the State of Colorado: 20083005386.

Contemporary FoRSP Projects & Programs

In recent years the mission of the Friends of Roxborough SP has been primarily focused on supporting nature education programs, providing visitor amenities and resources, supporting park volunteer programs with supplies and funding, and assisting park staff with projects, tasks and maintenance of the historic structures.

Projects and programs supported by the FoRSP include:

- Education Pavilion - funded and managed the installation of a 20x40. ft. covered pavilion structure dedicated to educational programs and other group events (2025).
- Replacement and installation of new interpretive signs (on-going).
- National Natural Landmark designation plaque - traffic circle (2025)
- Shade Sail canopy covering the Visitor Center Patio area (\$42K in 2021).
- Volunteer Legacy Garden construction (\$23K in 2021).
- Visitor Center auditorium - installed a digital audio / visual system replacing antiquated projection system (\$4K in 2022).
- Leave No Trace - continuing support of training programs, purchase of educational materials, annual membership, 2017 to present.
- Purchase of memorial benches & plaques (18 total since 2022).
- Wildflower garden plants and materials (annual).
- Rox Ride - vehicle purchase (\$13K in 2014 - \$8K from FRSP & \$5K from the Colorado Parks Foundation), plus annual maintenance costs.
- Support of Volunteer and Volunteer Naturalist training programs and activities.
- Repairs and maintenance of Persse Place (on-going).

FoRSP 2026 focus areas:

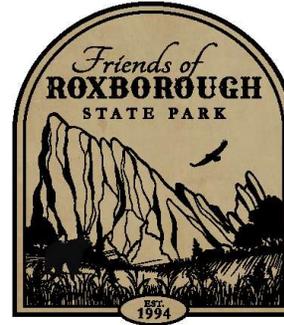
- Provide support to nature education public programs organized and conducted by Park staff and by Volunteer Naturalists.
- Support Volunteer Naturalist training and enrichment programs at Roxborough State Park.
- Continue to support projects to enhance, maintain, and preserve historic structures in the Park, particularly the Persse Place and Sundance Ranch, as well as developing and providing educational and interpretive materials, signs, and exhibits.

The mission of the Friends of Roxborough State Park is to protect and preserve the unique natural and cultural resources of Roxborough State Park by providing and managing financial resources and partnering with park staff and volunteers to educate the public, enhance the visitor experience, and support future strategic land acquisitions. .



Our Vision:

“The Friends of Roxborough State Park will provide financial resources and advocacy to help Colorado Parks and Wildlife and Roxborough State Park steward the protection of the unique natural and cultural resources of the park by providing high quality interpretive education, enhancing the visitor experience, and protecting its boundaries. By enabling these actions, the Friends of Roxborough State Park will partner with the park staff and like-minded groups to serve the people of Colorado and all visitors, to maintain Roxborough State Park as a premier site for environmental education and resource stewardship, and to ensure that Roxborough remains an irreplaceable treasure within the Colorado State Park system for the benefit of future generations”.



Friends of Roxborough State Park

Membership & Contributions Form

www.friendsofroxboroughstatepark.org

Yes! Please sign me up as a member
(___ new, or ___ renewing)
of the **Friends of Roxborough State Park**

Annual Membership Categories

- Individual/ Family Partner \$30
- Roxborough State Park/ CPW Volunteers \$25
- Community Partner (Non-profit or public entities) \$200
- Corporate Partner (For-profit organizations) \$500

Member Benefits: All members receive:

- Roxborough State Park Naturalist Guidebook
- Periodic newsletters
- Periodic members-only activities
- Invitation to annual membership meetings
- On request, participation in our regular board meetings., and
- *The satisfaction of knowing you are helping to protect and preserve the cultural and natural resources of Roxborough State Park*

Community and Corporate partners will be offered exclusive programs and activities and will be acknowledged on our website.

Please indicate here if you would like to make an added contribution to support a specific project or fund sponsored by FoRSP. (Please email us if you have any questions at: friendsRSPsec@gmail.com)

\$ ___ General Fund	Name: _____
\$ ___ Educational Pavilion Fund	Address: _____
\$ ___ Barbara Fritts Scholarship Fund	City: _____
\$ ___ Persse Place Restoration Fund	State: _____ Zip: _____
\$ ___ Leave-No-Trace Program	Email: _____
\$ ___ other _____	Phone: _____



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