STAUNTON STATE PARK
TRACK CHAIR PROGRAM
MAKING STATE PARK TRAILS ACCESSIBLE TO ALL

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STAUNTON STATE PARK

- 6 miles S of Conifer on HWY 285
- Triangled between Evergreen, Conifer and Bailey
TO DATE OVERVIEW

- Program began May 27th 2017
- 120 Track Chair participant visitors have “hiked” approximately 350 miles.
- Visitors from all over Colorado
- Out of state visitors are planning vacations to the area based on the park’s Track Chair availability.
Disabilities range from physically unable to hike distance, Multiple Sclerosis, Paralysis, Blind

Age:
- 5 to 94 years old
- Average age 54

Trip begin time
- 10 am

Return time
- 2pm

Set backs:
- Weather
- Dr. Appointments
- Caregiver schedule conflicts
HOW THE PROGRAM CAME TO FRUITION

- May 2016
  - Friends of Staunton receive grant from Partners in the Outdoors Conference to assist in providing fishing opportunity to disabled
  - Fishing In Staunton's Heart FISH - is born
  - HILLS Group Golden is first recipient
    - Healthy Independent Leisure and Lifestyles
    - Funds provided, transportation to Staunton, lunch and transportation home
August 2015
- Passing of Mark Madsen
  - Long time Neighbor of Staunton
  - In lieu of flowers or gifts, the family made donations to Friends of Staunton to support Accessibility

August 2016
- Friends Fundraising event
  - Anonymous donors
  - Friends and family
  - ($40k in one weekend)
- Park Management coordinates work with the State AG’s office:
  - Liability waivers
  - Signs and limitations
  - ADA compliance concerns
- Staunton staff collaborates on internal process
  - Policies:
    - Staff or Volunteer associated with park will accompany user on all trips.
- Volunteer roles and responsibilities
  - Volunteer team training
- Committees were formed!!
  - Accessibility fund spending committee
  - State park staff committee
  - Training committee
October 2016

- Arrival of first purchased chair
- Staff and Friends of Staunton worked with Take Action Mobility and TrakFab
- Friends Of Staunton handed over keys during ceremony.
UNIMAGINABLE CONSIDERATIONS

- Does anyone else do a similar program?
  - We invented the wheel!!
- How and when do we operate this program?
- What trails do users “hike” on?
- Reservations
- Signs
- Transferring from vehicle to personal chair to Track chair
- Extra gear needed for the chairs and trips
- Check in and check out lists
- Restructuring of committee members
TRACKCHAIR ACKNOWLEDGEMENT AND AGREEMENT

I, ___________________________(print name), acknowledge and agree that use of this Trackchair is for mobility impaired persons and that it is only permitted to be operated on the following trails: Davis Ponds, Staunton Ranch Trail, Bugling Elk Trail, Lion Back Trail, Old Mill Trail, Borderline Trail, Chase Meadow Trail, and designated portions of Mason Creek Trail, identified by trails signs and on the trail map.

I have completed an orientation regarding the instructions for operation of the Trackchair. I have also read, understand and shall follow the safety instructions and warnings:

- Only one person on Trackchair at a time;
- Turn off the power when not moving;
- Know the limits of the Trackchair;
- Do not navigate Trackchair on more than a 20 degree slope;
- The Trackchair will climb an incline high enough to tip over;
- Failure to know limits can cause personal injury or equipment damage; and
- Always have an able-bodied person close enough to help out in need.

If I use this Trackchair beyond its intended purpose, contrary to the safety instructions, or in any location not specifically permitted by this Trackchair Acknowledgement and Agreement, I do so at my own risk, and I will be responsible for any and all bodily injuries to myself or others, including injuries or death resulting from falls, collisions, or overturning the Trackchair due to rough, steep, or uneven terrain or other hazards, and damages to the Trackchair.

__________________________  __________________________
Signature                          Date

__________________________  __________________________
Signature of Parent or Guardian    Date

(if individual using chair is under 18)
I would like to thank the Friends of Staunton for my daughter's and my experience today. I am so glad. I have been going to the Staunton and love being there. This is the third time I have been there and I love it. The people are so friendly and I love being there. I love the nature and it is so peaceful.

Today I went to the Staunton State Park and I saw a man using a Track Chair. He was smiling and he looked so happy. I asked him about the chair and he told me about the benefits of using it. He said it is great for people with disabilities and he recommended it to me. I am so grateful to him for sharing his experience.

I would love to try one of these chairs. I think it would be an amazing experience. I would love to see more people using them and enjoying the outdoors.

Thank you so much for the opportunity to try the Track Chair.
TRACK CHAIR TRAIL MAP
Construction complete July 2017
Includes accessible:
- Group Picnic area
- Walkway to fishing access
- Fishing pier

Davis ponds trail (hiking only)
- Most accessible trail on the park
What made these tracks?

These were made from our new track chairs! You may see these on part of the Mason Creek, Staunton Ranch and Davis Ponds trails. Staunton State Park has a new “hiking” program open to visitors with disabilities.

For more information, visit www.cpw.state.co.us/placetogo/parks/Staunton
SUPPORT FROM FRIENDS OF STAUNTON STATE PARK

- Purchase of the chairs ($12-$13K each)
- Supplies and Materials
- Brochures
- Marketing
- Hiking guides
- Trailer
- Trailer Graphics
- Future support
- Continual program support
  - Maintenance
  - Fill in hiking support
  - Trainings
Weather and user comfort
  - Program Dates May 20th-October 31st
- Operates on Fridays, Saturdays & Sundays
- Online reservation system / Up to date availability calendar.
- Maintenance to date - Very minimal replaced lower wheels with a harder plastic due to chipping (warranty)
- Batteries
  - Most maintenance work can be done by staff
    - Action Track chair has been super supportive and readily available.
- Purchased a separate phone line
- Created Staunton.trackchair@state.co.us
Currently run by a Seasonal Ranger and our GOCO/Ed Coordinator

Each trip dependent upon a volunteer to lead the trip

- Organize transfer
- Sign waivers
- Take photos
- Assist with operations of the chair
  - Attendant control device
- Maintain communications with Staff
- Watch for changing weather

Possible funding from Friends of Staunton State Park to hire a seasonal position to run TC program. (2018)
Staunton State Park
Track Chair Program

For reservations call 303-838-7975 or Email: Staunton.trackchair@state.co.us

“We Support our Veterans with Disabilities”

Made Possible by
Friends of Staunton State Park
Mark Madsen Accessibility Fund
www.friendsofstauntonstatepark.org
Friends of Staunton State Park

Please Support Our Community Partners
ColoraTrailersInc.com
TRACK CHAIR STORAGE AND MEETING LOCATION
FUTURE LOCATION
Participant/Visitor Feedback – Overwhelmingly positive!

Volunteer Feedback – Minor issues with heavy weekend traffic (Bikes and Horses) and track chairs trying to give R.O.W.

Craig Hospital extremely excited to have a designated trail system to use their fleet of track chairs on, as well as CPW’s vision to provide accessibility to quality trails to all.
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