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Hanging Lake shuttle reservations for 2020 peak season available February 1

GLENWOOD SPRINGS, CO – Permit reservations to visit Hanging Lake for the 2020 shuttle season will be available for purchase on February 1 at www.visitglenwood.com/hanginglake. Reservations can be made online with a credit card or by calling 970-384-6309. Reservations can also be made in-person starting on May 1 at the Hanging Lake Welcome Center located at 110 Wulfsohn Road in Glenwood Springs, next to the Glenwood Springs Community Center.

The 2020 shuttle season will largely remain unchanged following successful operations in the 2019 season. Permit reservations to visit Hanging Lake will remain \$12 per person during the May 1 – October 31 shuttle season. Those wishing to bike/hike to Hanging Lake still need to make a reservation for a permit online or by phone. For Frequently Asked Questions and how to be prepared to visit Hanging Lake [click here](#).

There were 2,188 shuttles that transported 75,102 hikers to Hanging Lake in the 2019 season. The White River National Forest’s Hanging Lake Visitor Use Management Plan set management direction for the area in 2018. The Forest is happy to report that the first year of implementation is meeting the objectives of the plan to better protect the natural resources, help manage congestion and visitor conflict, enhance visitor safety, improve visitor’s experiences, as well as support local tourism.

Forest Supervisor Scott Fitzwilliams stated, “The partnership between the City of Glenwood Springs and Forest Service has produced benefits for the public far beyond what either of us could do individually. We look forward to continuing the partnership into the future.”

Overall, visitors to Hanging Lake experienced less crowding on the trail and at the lake with 93% of survey respondents reporting the trail was not overcrowded. There was also a decrease in emergency service calls to the area from 38 visits in 2018 to only 3 visits in 2019. The reservation process and Welcome

Center check-in aim to educate each user on trail safety and etiquette to protect the individual hiker and this National Natural Landmark.

“This is truly the first partnership of its kind and it has produced great results. We look forward to continuing this partnership to protect and preserve Hanging Lake for the upcoming peak season and for years to come,” commented Glenwood Springs Mayor Jonathan Godes.

Permits are still required for all individuals who wish to hike Hanging Lake during the off-peak season (November 1 – April 30) for \$10 and can be purchased online or by phone. The parking lot at the Hanging Lake rest area will remain open until May 1 when the shuttle season begins. The trail and parking lot are monitored each day during the off season by the Forest Service and H2O Ventures staff.

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