

Recreation Engineering and Planning

CLEAR CREEK WHITEWATER PARK
GOLDEN, CO

The Clear Creek Whitewater Park is a prime example of how our designs can impact an entire community. REP revitalized the Clear Creek by restoring and enhancing the natural riverbed. The course hosts large crowds for both international slalom races and pro rodeos. When not in use for competition, it serves as a training ground for athletes as well as recreational boaters, tubers, and waders. The project ties in with a river walk, a museum, and the downtown area. In addition, park construction facilitates late season, low water use. Long after other parks on the Front Range fall below minimum flows, visitors are able to enjoy the Clear Creek Whitewater Park thanks to the deep low-flow channel that also provides year round habitat and transport for numerous fish species.

In addition to the intangible benefits to the community, the Clear Creek Whitewater Park generates approximately \$1.8 million of revenue *per year* for the town of Golden in spite of the fact that the park is free and open access. This is a tremendous amount of revenue generated by a course that cost a mere \$170,000 to build.

- This park brings in more than \$1.8 million per year at an initial cost of \$170,000
- The Golden park has hosted International Slalom events, Freestyle events as well as local instructional, recreational and inflatable traffic
- Natural rock seating and native plantings host large crowds and are stunningly beautiful during low use days



COMPLETED:

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Whitewater Play park and improved fish habitat designed in Clear Creek to provide a recreational attraction for a variety of users as well as boost the local economy



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