

# Visit US!

## *America's Great Outdoors - Colorado*

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#### America's Public Lands

Travelers know Denver as the first stop on a trip to the Colorado Rocky Mountains, and a great place for all things outdoors. Colorado is also home to a fascinating history, including bygone mining towns and colorful characters such as Chief Ouray, Buffalo Bill and Molly Brown. Public lands abound in Colorado. In fact, there is so much here, it may be hard to decide where to start. Let us guide you on your journey!



#### What's Your Interest?

##### Outdoor Adventures and Nature

- **Denver Museum of Science and Nature**  
Experience the natural wonders of Colorado, earth and the universe.
- **Denver Botanic Gardens** Near downtown.  
Celebrate Denver's identity and unique geography.
- **Rocky Mountain National Park (80 miles/128K from Denver)** One of the most visited national parks, yet with miles of less-traveled trails. Scenery and wildlife abound.
- **Rocky Mountain Arsenal National Wildlife Refuge (Denver)** Minutes from Denver and open year round, this once toxic piece of land is now a thriving wildlife habitat and birder's paradise.
- **White River National Forest (100 miles/160K from Denver)** Visit the Birthplace of Wilderness, the Maroon Bells, and iconic ski resorts like Vail and Aspen.
- **Great Sand Dunes National Park (200 miles/320K from Denver)** The tallest sand dunes in North America, surrounded by jagged mountain peaks. Try sand surfing.
- **Pike and San Isabel National Forests and Colorado Springs Area (70-100 miles/112-160K from Denver)** The Pike-San Isabel is home to famous Pikes Peak, and more "14ers" than any other of Colorado's National Forests. While in the Colorado Springs area, see the Garden of the Gods—a registered National Natural Landmark, the US Air Force Academy, and Florissant Fossil Beds National Monument.
- **Arapaho and Roosevelt National Forests (50-80 miles/80K-128K from Denver)** Drive the Mount Evans Scenic Byway, hike Grays and Torreys Peaks, recreate in Summit County
- **Southwest Colorado (400+ miles/645+K from Denver)** On the way to Mesa Verde National Park, your itinerary might include Black Canyon of the Gunnison National Park and Curecanti, Ouray, Silverton, and the San Juan National Forest.

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## History & Culture

- **History Colorado Center (Denver)** Packed with mining, Native American and Wild West exhibitions, this brand new museum opens April 28th.
- **Molly Brown House (Denver)** State history and fascinating story of Molly Brown's life.
- **Georgetown National Historic Landmark District (45 miles/72K from Denver)** Try a walking tour, or the loop railroad. From Georgetown, drive Guanella Pass Scenic Byway in the Arapaho National Forest.
- **Littleton Museum (10 miles/16K from Denver)** Minutes from Denver and often called one of the top ten local history museums in the U.S., this museum has two living history farms.
- **Pawnee Pioneer Trail (100 miles/160K from Denver)** Short-grass prairie and rugged, remote scenic byway of the Pawnee National Grassland.

- **National Center for Atmospheric Research (25 miles/40K from Denver)** Stop by the NCAR center in Boulder and learn how scientists track and study weather patterns worldwide.

### If you have 1 or 2 days

- **Immediate Denver Area** History Colorado Center, Molly Brown House, Denver Botanic Garden, Museum of Science & Nature, Littleton Museum, Rocky Mountain Arsenal National Wildlife Refuge.
- **Denver Mountain Parks** Drive to nearby iconic landscapes within the Denver Mountain Parks system. Areas such as Red Rocks Park, Lookout Mountain Park, or the Buffalo Bill Museum and Grave.

### If you have 2 to 3 days

- Rocky Mountain National Park
- Arapaho and Roosevelt National Forests
- White River National Forest
- Rocky Mountain Arsenal National Wildlife Refuge

### If you have 4 days or longer

- Pike and San Isabel National Forest and Colorado Springs
- Great Sand Dunes National Park
- Southwest Colorado
- Mesa Verde National Park, Ouray, San Juan National Forest, Durango, Silverton

