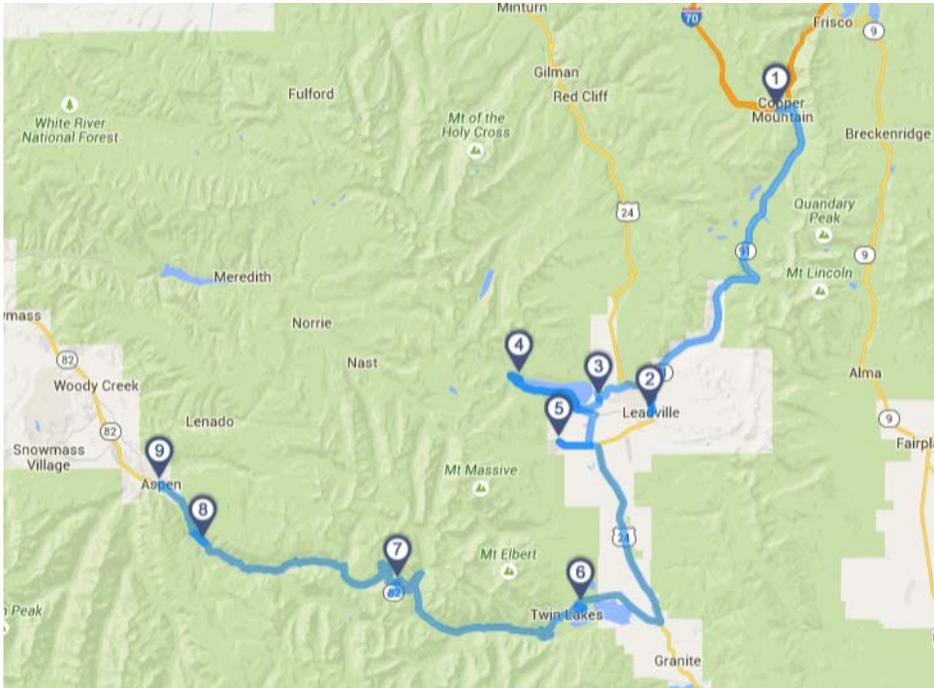




## Road Trippin' in Colorado

Following the USA Pro Challenge Cycling Routes



### STAGE 3

**Copper Mountain Ski Area to Aspen**  
(101 miles/163 km)

About half of Stage 3 takes place above 10,000 feet, making the high-elevation scenery an amazing backdrop for this challenging route.

#### KEY POINTS OF INTEREST

- Copper Mountain Ski Resort
- Leadville, the highest incorporated city in the USA at 10,152 feet/3,094 meters.
- Beautiful Turquoise Lake
- Colorado's two highest peaks Mount Massive and Elbert
- Independence Pass, one of the highest paved roads in North America at 12,095 feet/3,686 meters
- Stunning Aspen

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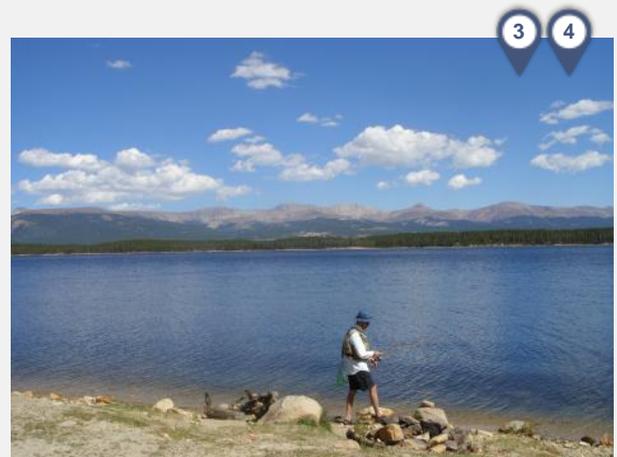
We've created road trip itineraries to show you how you can discover iconic landmarks, great camping and amazing landscapes along the cycling routes of the USA Pro Challenge where the pro riders battle in the high altitudes of Colorado. Build your own adventure here: [Build a Trip](#).

### High Elevation Sightseeing, Riding, Camping, Fishing, Climbing, Relaxing.....

Cruise through [Leadville](#), the highest city in the USA on your way to [Turquoise Lake](#). Racers will ride around the lake, which has 300 campsites, two boat-launch ramps and is great for fishing. [May Queen](#) campground is located on the far western shore.



San Isabel National Forest, near Leadville  
(Quentin Schappa/Share the Experience)



San Isabel National Forest, Turquoise Lake  
(Bureau of Reclamation)

## Colorado's Peaks and Passes

Mount Massive and Mount Elbert are Colorado's highest peaks at 14,421 feet/4,395 meters and 14,443 feet/4,402 meters respectively. This stage provides a view of these magnificent peaks and even a chance to climb a 14er. Gentle slopes leading to the summit of [Mount Massive](#) make this peak *relatively* easy to climb, although climbing any 14er is certainly a challenge.



San Isabel National Forest, view from Mt. Massive  
(Ryan Beastofthefield/Share the Experience)



San Isabel National Forest at Independence Pass  
(Barb Matulionis/Share the Experience)

## Scenic Campgrounds

[White Star campground](#) is sandwiched between the Twin Lakes Reservoir and Mt. Elbert. The [Continental Divide National Scenic Trail](#)—which spans from the Mexico to Canadian borders—passes by this campground and is ideal for hiking or mountain biking. The [Difficult Campground](#) is about five miles from Aspen is nestled in trees and sits river's edge. There are 48 campsites in this area with plenty of amenities.



Pike and San Isabel National Forest  
White Star Campground



White River National Forest  
Difficult Campground