



Off the Beaten Path in Colorado Adventurer's Bucket List

Unique locations to inspire and celebrate

Outdoor Recreation on Federal Lands

Hike | Climb: Conquer one of Colorado's [54 Fourteeners](#). These dramatic, southern Rocky Mountains reach 14,000 feet and beyond.

Bike: Mountain bike the [Zippity Do Da Trail](#) in Fruita. Don't let the name fool you! Ranked "very difficult," it's a leg-burner.

Fossils: Visit the [Quarry Exhibit Hall](#) in [Dinosaur National Monument](#) to view about 1,500 dinosaur bones from the Jurassic period including: Allosaurus, Apatosaurus, Camarasaurus, Diplodocus and Stegosaurus among many others.

Heritage: A [UNESCO World Heritage](#) site since 1978, explore the landscapes of [Mesa Verde National Park](#) and learn about the ancient cultural traditions of Native American tribes as you tour some of the best preserved archeological sites and cliff dwellings in the U.S.

Water: Blue Mesa Reservoir is the largest body of water in Colorado with nearly 100 miles of shoreline. Try your hand at [fishing](#), as well as other [water sports](#).

Whitewater Rafting: Discover where the desert edge meets the colorful beauty of the Yampa River in Dinosaur National Monument. Apply for the highly coveted [Yampa and Gates of Lodore, Green River Lottery](#) private permits or plan a day trip along the Yampa using a [guide](#).

Fall Foliage: Pack your picnic basket because late September is full-on fall foliage in the [White River National Forest](#)! The Maroon Bells, two of the most photographed peaks in North America, are even more photogenic when the aspen leaves are dressed in golden yellows.

Known For

- 54 Fourteeners (peaks over 14,000 feet)
- Variety of Outdoor Recreation
- Dramatic Mountain Scenery



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