NATIONAL PARKS AND NATIONAL MONUMENTS

ROCKY MOUNTAIN NATIONAL PARK is the vacation center for thousands of Colorado's visitors. Embracing 405 square miles of rugged beauty, the Park contains 14 massive peaks, including Longs peak, 14,255 feet high. Trail Ridge Road through the park is one of America's outstanding mountain highways. A fee of $1, good for the season, is charged by the U. S. Government. Estes Park village, at the eastern entrance, is reached via U.S. 34 and Highways 7 and 66. From the West the park is reached via U.S. 40 to Granby, then via U.S. 34 through Grand Lake. This region is the location of the Grand Lake-Big Thompson water diversion project on which the U. S. Bureau of Reclamation ultimately will expend $128,000,000.

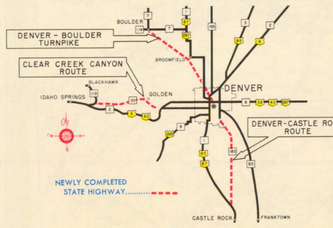
INFORMATION FOR MOTORISTS

COLORADO'S HARD-SURFACED HIGHWAYS total more than 5,500 miles (shown in red on highway map), and there are over 5,000 miles of gravel-surfaced highways (shown in yellow). Colorado's State Highway System of 12,400 miles is thirteenth largest in the Nation. The Colorado Department of Highways maintains 4,000 miles of main highways which comprise the Primary Federal-Aid System. These roads, which include 17 mountain passes, are kept open throughout the year. The State's 63 counties maintain the remainder of the State Highway System. Highways in the National Parks, built by the U. S. Public Roads Administration, are maintained by the National Park Service.

SPEED LIMITS — On open highways, 60 miles per hour; on open mountain highways, 40 miles per hour; on winding mountain highways and blind curves, 20 miles per hour, or as posted.

TO ALL MOTORISTS: On some construction projects slight delays are unavoidable. Follow instructions to slow down and drive carefully through construction or repair jobs. Highway building will never be completed in Colorado or in any other state, and the motoring public is asked to be patient with the road-builders. Today's construction job means a safer highway in future years.

Major Highway Projects Near Denver



COLORADO NATIONAL MONUMENT, a half hour's drive west of Grand Junction, is a high-walled mesa overlooking the Colorado River.

GREAT SAND DUNES NATIONAL MONUMENT contains 46,034 acres of vari-colored sand, a thousand feet high, just west of the Sangre de Cristo mountains. It is reached via State Highways 17 and 50 from Alamosa.

MESA VERDE NATIONAL PARK in Southwestern Colorado is the largest tract of land in the United States set aside for its antiquities. The huge cliffs that rise abruptly 2,000 feet to a mesa dominating Montezuma Valley, contain canons in which are hidden the deserted villages of a by-gone race, the Cliff Dwellers. They inhabited the area as early as 700 A.D. and as late as 1276 A.D., but their fate is shrouded in mystery. Park entrance fee is $1 per car. Lodge, cabin accommodations and meals are available in the Park. Cliff Dweller ruins are easily accessible over excellent roads or trails. The adjacent area includes the Southern Ute Indian Reservation.

DINOSAUR NATIONAL MONUMENT, in northwestern Colorado and northeastern Utah, contains great beds of dinosaurs. These can be reached by a local road leading from U.S. 40 at Jensen, Utah.

BLACK CANNON NATIONAL MONUMENT, near Montrose, embraces a 10-mile strip of the most spectacular section of the canon cut through the granite by the Gunnison River. The canon may be viewed by a local road leading from U.S. 50 a few miles east of Montrose, or from a local road leading from State Highway 92, near Crawford.

YUCCA HOUSE NATIONAL MONUMENT, southwest of Cortez, contains ruins of the Cliff Dwellers which are of great archaeological value.

HOVENWEEP NATIONAL MONUMENT, on the Utah border west of Cortez, contains groups of ancient cliff dwellings.

AS YOU DRIVE, observe the white and yellow center-stripes on curves and hills — keep in the right-hand lane and do not pass the car ahead while yellow line is in your lane. "Curve," "Safe Speed" and other caution signs are placed along the highways for your guidance and protection . . . Carburetors adjusted for low altitude driving must be adjusted again, in some cases, for the higher altitudes in Colorado . . . When stopping for any purpose, park on the shoulder of the highway outside the line of traffic . . . Avoid accidents — drive at a moderate speed and enjoy Colorado's mountain vistas and scenery.

State Patrol Officer Is Motorists' Friend

THE MAN IN THE DISTINCTIVE FRENCH-GRAY is one of 176 uniformed officers of the State Patrol who keep watch on Colorado's highways. His purpose is to make your trip safer. Feel free to consult him.

COLORADO'S HIGHEST PEAKS

Mt. Elbert	14,431	Mt. Yale	14,202
Mt. Harvard	14,417	El Diente	14,200
Mt. Massive	14,413	Mt. Princeton	14,200
Blanca Peak	14,363	Crestone Needle	14,191
La Plata Peak	14,361	Mt. Eolus	14,083
Uncompahgre Peak	14,306	Sunlight Peak	14,059
Crestone Peak	14,291	Handies Peak	14,058
Mt. Lincoln	14,284	Mt. Wilson	14,058
Grays Peak	14,274	Mt. Bierstadt	14,060
Torrey's Peak	14,264	Mt. Sherman	14,036
Mt. Evans	14,260	Mt. Bierstadt	14,060
Castle Peak	14,255	Mt. Sherman	14,037
Longs Peak	14,255	Mt. Democrat	14,042
Quandary Peak	14,253	Capitol Peak	14,130
Mt. Antero	14,241	Capitol Peak	14,100
Shavano Peak	14,229	Pyramid Peak	14,018
		Mt. Columbia	14,084
		Wilson Peak	14,017
		Handies Peak	14,013
		Grizzly Peak	14,004
		North Maroon Peak	14,000
		Torrey's Peak	14,000

FIFTY-TWO COLORADO PEAKS, all but 15 of the 67 highest in all North America—are 14,000 feet high or more. The State has 830 other peaks more than 11,000 feet in altitude.

NATIONAL FORESTS • SCENIC AREAS • SPECIAL EVENTS

COLORADO'S MOUNTAIN REGION includes 12 National Forests containing 13,697,257 acres administered by the U. S. Forest Service. These National Forests (shown in green outlines on State Highway map) include areas set aside by the Federal Government for the protection of water resources of cities and irrigated farming land, for the conservation of timber, and for the development of these great forest resources for all the people in perpetuity. Game refuges, administered by Colorado's Game and Fish Department, are established for the conservation of elk, deer, mountain sheep, beaver and wild turkeys. Only request made of visitors in the forest areas is that they respect property and be cautious with their campfires, matches and cigarettes.

THOUSANDS OF SPORTSMEN visit Colorado each year to fish and hunt. Hundreds of tons of trout are placed annually in the streams and lakes by Colorado's Game and Fish Department Season, May 25 to October 31 . . . Deer are plentiful, the annual crop being about 20,000 head. Open season for deer and elk is in October. Write Colorado Game & Fish Department, Denver, for information as to license fees.

THE DENVER MOUNTAIN PARKS AREA, a 15-minute drive west from Denver, is a great recreation area in both summer and winter. Short scenic drives include: Lookout Mountain, the grave of "Buffalo Bill" Cody and Pahaska Tepee, a museum of his trophies; Red Rocks and open-air amphitheater; Bear Creek Canon and Evergreen; mining districts of Idaho Springs, Georgetown, Silver Plume, Blackhawk and Central City; and the drive via Echo Lake to summit of Mount Evans . . . In Denver a few of the many points to visit include: Colorado Museum of Natural History and the Zoo, in City Park; night lighting on City Park lake; State Capitol (mountain view from dome) and State Historical Museum near by; U. S. Army Air School at Lowry Field; Stapleton Airport; Civic Center, and the U. S. Mint.

THE PIKES PEAK REGION, centering around Colorado Springs and Manitou, has long been an outstanding vacation area. Every kind of recreation is available. Thrilling scenic drives include Pikes Peak highway (a toll road); Garden of the Gods; Rampart Range, Woodland Park and Ute Pass; Gold Camp highway to the mining towns of Cripple Creek and Victor; Palmer Park; Seven Falls; Cheyenne Mountain with its Will Rogers Shrine and Mountain zoo.

SOUTHWEST FROM PUEBLO, via Highway 76 or Highway 165 through Rye, is a great vacation area in San Isabel National Forest . . . The industrial city of Pueblo is known as the "Steel City of the West" and is Colorado's second city in population.

GRAND MESA, near Grand Junction and Delta, is a two-mile high tableland of vast extent (largest flat-topped mountain in U.S.) that overlooks the fertile valleys.

MINERAL HOT SPRINGS, many of them of high curative qualities, are located on every highway route through Colorado's mountains . . . The largest group is at Steamboat Springs, on U.S. 40. Others on Route 40 are located at Idaho Springs and at Hot Sulphur Springs. The famed pool at Glenwood Springs is on U.S. 6 and 24. The springs at Manitou, at Hartsel, and the Cottonwood and Mount Princeton Springs near Buena Vista are all on or adjacent to U.S. 24. Others are located at Canon City and Salida, on U.S. 50; Pagosa Springs, on U.S. 160; Ouray, Trimble and Pinkerton Springs, on U.S. 550; Poncha Springs, on U.S. 285; and Waunita Hot Springs, near Gunnison.

ROOSEVELT NATIONAL FOREST embraces the great mountain region of north-central Colorado adjacent to Boulder, Longmont, Loveland and Fort Collins. A wide variety of scenery and all types of recreation are available, including the Arapahoe Glacier area.

THE STATE FLOWER is the mountain Columbine. The State seal carries the latin words "Nil Sine Numine" (Nothing without Providence) . . . The State flag consists of a large red C, with its inside circle colored a golden yellow, and three horizontal stripes, one white, two blue. Blue is for the skies, gold for the sunshine, white for snow-capped mountains, and red for Spanish interpretation of "Colorado" . . . State bird is the lark bunting.

ENTERTAINMENT EVENTS OF SPECIAL INTEREST

JULY — Each Thursday night, Square Dancing in Acacia Park, Colorado Springs, and each Wednesday night, in Canon City; each Monday, Wednesday and Friday, Chuck Wagon Dinner, Colorado Springs; 3, 4) Night Ski Jump and Rodeo, Steamboat Springs; Sagebrush Rodeo and Race Meet (50th Anniversary) Brush; 4) Elk's Lodge Fireworks Display, Lamar; Silver Peaks Stampede, Cortez; Water Carnival, Ouray; 4-5) Shavano Days of '49, Salida; Celebration, Longmont; Rodeo, Greeley; Rodeo, Meeker; 5) Mountain Circus Day, Estes Park; 13) Amateur Rodeo, Colorado Springs; 17-23) Fine Arts Festival, Greeley; 18-20) Junior League Horse Show, Colorado Springs; Cattlemen's Days Celebration, Gunnison; Arabian Horse Show, Greeley; 25-31) Pikes Peak Open Tournament, Colorado Springs; 30-31) San Luis Valley Ski-Hi Stampede, Monte Vista.

AUGUST — 1) "Howdy Day," Fort Morgan; San Luis Valley Ski-Hi Stampede, Monte Vista; 1-3) Spanish Trails Fiesta, Durango; 1-4) State Semi-Pro Baseball Tournament, Burlington; 2-3) Roof-Top Rodeo, Estes Park; 3) America the Beautiful Day, Colorado Springs; 5-9) Pikes Peak or Bust Rodeo, Colorado Springs; 9) Square Dance Festival, Steamboat Springs; 11-13) Weld County Junior Fair, Greeley; 14-16) Kit Carson County Fair, Burlington; 14-17) Fremont County Junior Fair and Amateur Rodeo, Canon City; 16-17) Annual Celebration, Buena Vista; 20-24) Ice Revue of 1952, Colorado Springs; 21-23) County Fair, Boulder; 22-23) Bent County Junior Fair, Las Animas; 27-29) Hi-Boy Stampede Rodeo, Montrose; Logan County Fair and Rodeo, Sterling; 28-30) Arapahoe County Fair, Englewood; Lincoln County Free Fair and Rodeo, Hugo; 30-31) Prowers County Free Fair, Stockshow and Rodeo, Lamar; 31) Roundup, Trinidad; National 40th Engineers Re-Union, Canon City.

SEPTEMBER — 1) Windsor Harvest Festival, Windsor; Flapjack Day, Berthoud; Pikes Peak Hill Climb, Colorado Springs; Trinidad Roundup, Trinidad; Labor Day Celebration, Dolores; Ouray County Fair and Rodeo, Ridgway; Peach Week, Grand Junction; 2-4) Arkansas Valley Fair and Watermelon Day, Rocky Ford; 81 Pioneer Day, Florence; 8-12) State Fair, Pueblo; 15) Englewood Day, Englewood; 19-20) Annual Fall Festival, Ault; 25-27) Montezuma County Fair, Cortez; Corn Festival, Haxtun; 28) Aspencade, Steamboat Springs.

OCTOBER — 3-5) Holly Fair and Rodeo, Holly; La Plata County Fair, Durango; 4) Apple Day, Penrose; 9-11) San Luis Valley Livestock and Seed Show, Del Norte; 24-25) Bent County Harvest Show, Las Animas.

DECEMBER — 2) Coronation "Miss Merry Christmas," Lamar; 20) Children's Christmas Party, Holly; 29) Cowboy's Ball, Lamar.

FEBRUARY — 14-15) Winter Carnival, Steamboat Springs.

HORSE RACING — Denver, July 11, and July 17 through Sept. 20th, except Sundays and Mondays, and Labor Day, Sept. 1. Brush, May 24, 30, 31, and June 6, 7, 13 and 14.

DOG RACING — Denver, June 20 through Aug. 28, except Sundays. Colorado Springs, July 10 through Sept. 29, except on Sundays. Pueblo, June 16 through August 23, except Sundays.

MOUNTAIN PASSES ON COLORADO HIGHWAYS

○ Indicates passes kept open throughout the year.

◒ Passes closed in winter during excessive storms or because of hazardous conditions. Inquire locally before driving passes in winter. Put on chains when advised to do so.

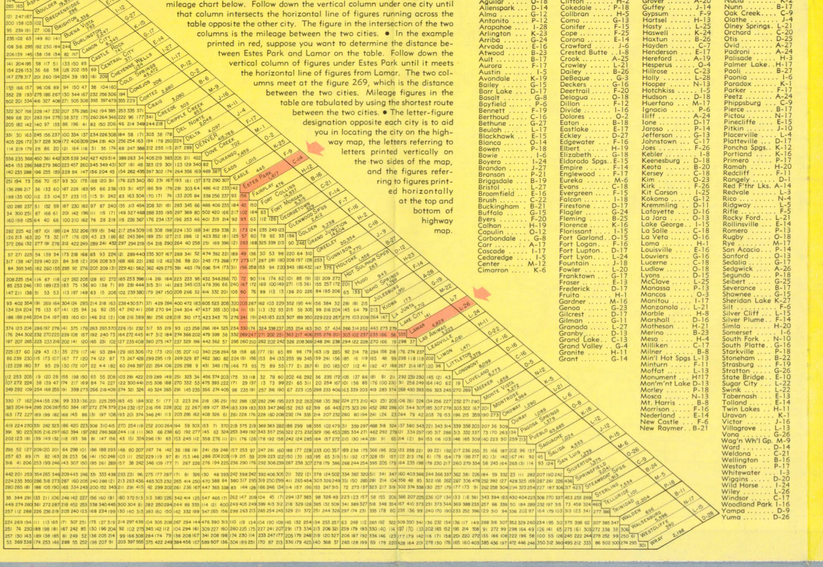
● Passes closed to winter travel.

	Location on Map	Elevation Feet	Highway
○ Berthoud Pass	E-13	11,314	U.S. 40
○ Rabbit Ears Pass	C-10	9,680	U.S. 40
○ Muddy Creek Pass	C-13	9,346	U.S. 40
○ Trout Creek Pass	H-13	9,346	U.S. 24-285
○ Tennessee Pass	G-11	10,424	U.S. 24
○ Monarch Pass	J-11	11,312	U.S. 50
○ Wolf Creek Pass	O-9	10,850	U.S. 160
○ Trail Ridge, High Pt.	C-13	12,183	U.S. 34 in Rocky Mt'n Nat'l Park
○ Fall River Pass	C-13	11,797	
○ Vail Pass	F-13	10,603	U.S. 6
○ Ralston Pass	P-19	7,834	U.S. 85, 87
◒ Red Mountain Pass	M-6	11,018	U.S. 550
○ Molas Divide	N-6	10,000	U.S. 550
○ Wolf Creek Pass	O-9	10,850	U.S. 160
○ Poncha Pass	K-11	9,010	U.S. 285
○ Fremont Pass	G-12	11,318	Colo. 91
○ Hoosier Pass	G-12	11,541	Colo. 9
● Cochetopa Pass	L-10	10,032	Colo. 114
● Kebler Pass	J-8	10,000	Colo. 135
● Spring Creek Pass	M-8	10,901	Colo. 149
● Slumgullion Pass	M-8	11,361	Colo. 149

MILEAGE TABLE

AND KEY TO LOCATIONS OF TOWNS IN COLORADO NOT LISTED IN MILEAGE TABLE

TO FIND THE MILEAGE BETWEEN TWO CITIES: Find the two cities on the mileage chart below. Follow down the vertical column under one city until that column intersects the horizontal line of figures running across the table opposite the other city. The figure in the intersection of the two columns is the mileage between the two cities. ● In the example printed in red, suppose you want to determine the distance between Estes Park and Lamar on the table. Follow down the vertical column of figures under Estes Park until it meets the horizontal line of figures from Lamar. The two columns meet at the figure 269, which is the distance between the two cities. Mileage figures in the table are tabulated by using the shortest route between the two cities. ● The letter-figure designation opposite each city is to aid you in locating the city on the highway map, the letters referring to letters printed vertically on the two sides of the map, and the figures referring to figures printed horizontally at the top and bottom of the highway map.



Agate	G-21	Clark	B-9	Green Mt Falls	J-16	Norwood	L-3
Aguilar	O-18	Clifton	H-20	Greenwood	K-19	Nucla	K-2
Alamosark	D-14	Cokedale	P-18	Guffey	J-14	Nunn	B-17
Alma	G-12	Colfaxan	M-5	Gypsum	F-9	Oak Creek	C-9
Antonito	P-12	Como	G-13	Hartsel	H-13	Olathe	J-4
Arapahoe	I-28	Conifer	H-15	Hasty	L-23	Ophir Springs	L-21
Arlington	K-23	Cope	F-25	Haswell	K-24	Orchard	C-22
Arriba	E-23	Cornish	B-20	Haxtun	A-25	Otis	C-20
Arvada	E-16	Crawford	J-6	Hayden	C-7	Ovid	A-22
Atwood	B-22	Crested Butte	I-8	Henderson	E-17	Padroni	A-24
Ault	A-17	Crook	A-20	Hereford	A-19	Palisade	M-11
Aurora	F-17	Crowley	L-21	Hesperus	O-4	Palmer Lake	H-17
Austin	L-9	Dacono	B-20	Hillrose	A-21	Paoli	A-23
Avondale	K-19	DeBeque	G-8	Holly	K-28	Paonia	K-7
Avon	F-9	Deckers	H-15	Holyoke	A-26	Parker	F-17
Barr Lake	G-15	Deertrail	D-20	Hotchkiss	J-5	Peetz	A-24
Basalt	G-8	Delagua	O-18	Hudson	D-18	Phippsburg	A-24
Bayfield	O-3	Dillon	F-12	Huerfano	M-17	Pierce	B-17
Bennett	F-19	Divide	L-16	Ignacio	P-6	Pinecliffe	J-16
Berthoud	C-19	Dolores	O-6	Ilex	K-23	Pinecliffe	K-15
Bethune	K-23	Dotsero	F-7	Iona	N-12	Pitkin	J-10
Big Sandy	E-25	Dumont	H-17	Jefferson	J-13	Placerville	K-9
Blackhawk	E-15	Durango	O-5	Johnstown	C-17	Platteville	D-17
Blanca	O-14	Edgewater	F-16	Joes	K-25	Plainfield Spgs.	K-21
Bowen	P-18	Elbert	H-19	Kebler	I-8	Portland	K-18
Bowie	I-6	Elizabeth	G-18	Kersey	C-18	Powderhorn	M-13
Boyero	K-27	Empire	F-14	Kiowa	E-20	Pritchett	M-28
Brandon	L-27	Englewood	F-17	Kersey	C-18	Redcliff	F-11
Brandon	P-21	Erie	C-18	Kim	P-26	Ridgway	D-7
Breckenridge	G-13	Eureka	M-5	Kirk	F-26	Red Wing Lks.	A-14
Bristol	L-27	Evans	C-18	Kit Carson	C-22	Rico	N-5
Broomfield	E-16	Evergreen	G-15	Kremmling	F-10	Ridgway	D-7
Brush	C-22	Fairplay	I-15	Lakeside	E-17	Rifle	K-9
Buckingham	E-25	Falcon	D-19	Lamar	M-28	Rocky Ford	L-24
Buena Vista	I-13	Farisita	N-17	Las Animas	N-26	Rollinsville	E-14
Buford	F-20	Fleming	B-25	La Jara	O-13	Romero	O-18
Burlington	H-29	Florence	J-19	La Salle	C-18	Rye	M-18
Capulin	O-12	Florissant	I-15	La Veta	N-16	Salida	I-13
Carbondale	G-8	Fort Garland	O-13	Lewis	M-5	Sanford	O-13
Carr	A-17	Fort Logan	F-17	Louisville	E-16	San Acacio	P-14
Cascade	E-17	Fort Lyon	M-26	Lucerne	C-18	Sanford	O-13
Castle Rock	J-19	Fountain	J-18	Lucerne	C-18	Sedalia	G-17
Cedaredge	K-8	Fowler	L-23	Lyons	E-15	Segundo	P-18
Center	M-12	Frankstown	G-17	Lyons	D-25	Seibert	K-27
Cheraw	K-26	Franktown	H-17	Maher	E-17	Severance	B-17
		Frederick	E-18	Mancos	O-3	Shawnee	G-15
		Fruita	H-1	Manitou	M-16	Sheridan Lake	L-27
		Gardner	A-16	Manzanola	L-21	Silt	F-9
		Genoa	G-23	Marshall	E-16	Silver Cliff	I-19
		Gilcrest	C-19	Marshdale	E-16	Silver Plume	J-14
		Gilman	G-11	Matheson	H-21	Simla	H-20
		Glendevey	G-17	Maybell	B-23	Somerset	K-7
		Granby	G-13	Mead	D-18	South Park	N-10
		Grand Lake	C-13	Meeker	H-7	South Platte	E-17
		Granite	H-11	Meredith	H-17	Starkville	P-18
		Grant	G-16	Milner	B-8	Steamboat Spgs.	C-10
				Minturn	I-11	Strasburg	E-19
				Moffat	L-13	Stratton	G-20
				Monument	H-17	Table Bridge	J-16
				Morin'nt Lake	D-13	Sugar City	L-22
				Morley	E-18	Swink	M-24
				Mosca	N-18	Tabernash	E-14
				Mt. Morris	E-16	Telluride	O-4
				Morrison	F-16	Twin Lakes	H-11
				Nederland	E-14	Uravan	K-1
				New Castle	F-9	Vail	F-13
				New Raymer	B-21	Villagrove	L-25
						Virginia	M-9
						Wagon Wh'l Gp	M-9
						Ward	D-14
						Weldona	C-21
						Wellington	B-16
						Weston	L-27
						Whitewater	L-3
						Wiggins	B-19
						Wild Horse	I-26
						Wiley	L-26
						Windsor	C-17
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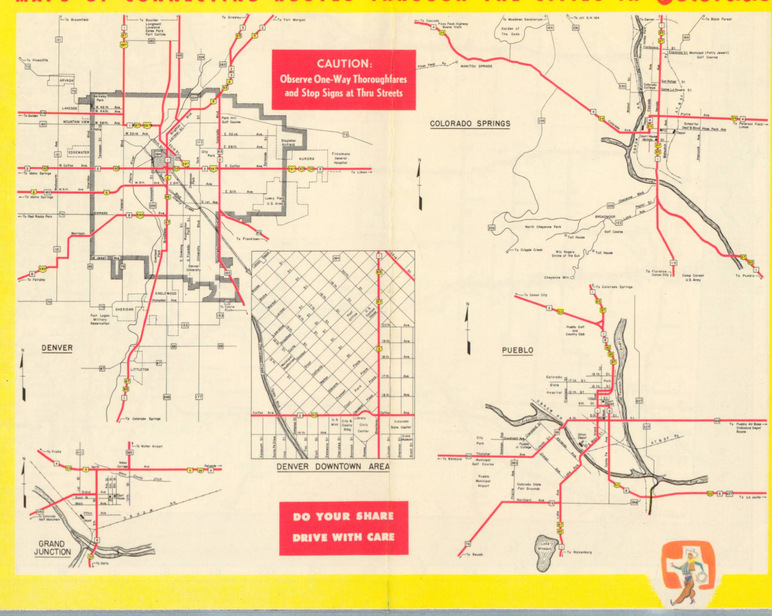
MAPS OF CONNECTING ROUTES THROUGH THE CITIES IN Colorado



Historical Highlights

1541-1776: Spaniards, from the south, including Coronado and Escalante, explored southern and western Colorado.

1803: U. S. acquired most of eastern Colorado from France thru Louisiana Purchase.

1806-1860: U. S. Army officers — Pike, Long, Fremont, Gunnison, Macomb, Simpson and Reynolds — explored Colorado; trailers, trappers and frontiersmen, including Kit Carson, Jim Baker, Jim Bridger, Bent Brothers, St. Vrain, Dick Wootton, Ashley, Robidoux and Vasquez, operated in this area.

1848: Mexico ceded to U. S. great portion of Colorado not included in Louisiana Purchase.

1858-1859: Gold discoveries on Cherry Creek, near present Denver, and at Idaho Springs, and Central City, precipitated the rush of gold-seekers, emigrants and adventurers to the Rockies.

1861: Colorado Territory established; population 25,371. Denver chosen capital, 1867.

1876: Colorado admitted to the Union as 38th state; also known as "Centennial State."

1860-1900: Era of feverish activity in the "Rockies"; fortunes made and lost; mining towns budded, blossomed and faded; many miles of mountain railroads built. Coal mining industry developed.

1900-1930: Metal mining operations leveled off; agricultural, livestock and industrial activities further developed.

1920-1941: Many miles of mountain railroads abandoned; state system of highways developed and improved routes built to all sections of Colorado.

1941-1945: The War years. Over 100,000 Coloradans entered the Armed Forces. Industry, agriculture and mining stepped up production for the needs of war.

1945-1952: Period of greatest increase in population, industrial expansion and resources development begins, along with State's largest road-building program.

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