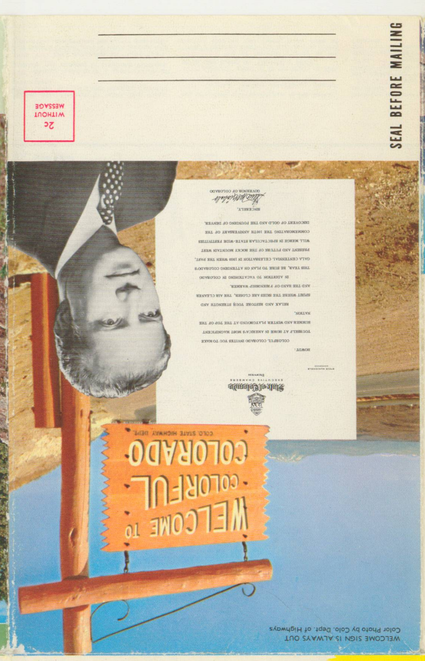

Colorado... *Summer and Winter Playground Amid the Grandeur of the Rockies*

THE WIDE OPEN SPACES are reached easily over Colorado's modern highways. The main roads comprise the State Highway System of over 8,300 miles, and almost all are on the Federal-aid System. In addition Colorado has approximately 62,500 miles of county roads and 4,400 miles of city streets. All the roads on the State Highway System and the County Connecting Roads (thin black bands) are shown on the *Highway Map* and the *Relief Map*. Colorado's main east-west highways cross from one to three mountain ranges, and side roads lead to every section of the state. The principal routes, through high-walled canons, across expansive valleys and over rugged mountains, are kept open to travel throughout the year by the Colorado Department of Highways, which constructs and maintains all roads on the State Highway System. County road crews construct and maintain roads on the County Highway System, and highways in the National Parks, built by the U.S. Bureau of Public Roads, are maintained by the National Park Service. State Highways cross 27 mountain passes, ranging from 8,000 to 12,000 feet in altitude, and 21 of these passes are kept open for year-around travel by the Department of Highways.

INTERSTATE SYSTEM HIGHWAYS in Colorado total 974 miles. These include US 87 from New Mexico to Wyoming, just east of the foothills; US 6 from Denver to the Nebraska line; US 40 from Denver to Limon and US 24 from Limon to Kansas and a route west from Denver to the Colorado-Utah line west of Grand Junction which has been approved by the U.S. Bureau of Public Roads to connect with US 91 at Cove Fort, Utah.

SUMMER AND WINTER PLAYGROUNDS, of seemingly limitless expanse, stretch out from the highways. Many of the 200 free camp grounds, adjacent to the State Highways, are nestled in pine-scented dells or beside trout-laden streams. Improved highways have opened up new opportunities for winter sports enthusiasts. Denver has been named the Skiing Capital of the Nation by the National Ski Assn. Unexcelled areas for skiing, tobogganing and skating are easily accessible by automobile over all-weather highways. Lodges, ski-tows and other facilities have been built at a number of winter resort centers, and add greatly to the popularity of snow and ice sports. Winter visitors to Colorado enjoy mild temperatures and sunshiny days in the lower altitudes, and within an hour's ride can be in a new world of great white mountains of imposing beauty in their mantles of snow.

EVERYONE TALKS ABOUT THE WEATHER, especially Colorado weather, because high temperatures here are not oppressive as are similar temperatures in areas of high humidity. Colorado's climate is dry, exhilarating and healthful. Summer nights are cool, refreshing and sleep-inducing. Winters are exceptionally mild, particularly in the cities and towns lying just east of the front range of mountains which serves as a protective barrier. The sun shines in Colorado more than 300 days each year. Annual precipitation varies from 7 to 26 inches in various sections of the State, with an average of 16.5 inches.

LODGING PLACES are easily found because good accommodations, hotels, motels, restaurants and other facilities are available in all Colorado cities. In the mountain resort areas, near spruce-bordered lakes and streams, are lodges, cabins and dude ranches, as well as campgrounds, trailer courts and places to pitch a tent. There are many fine specialized camps for boys and girls.

IF YOU GET HUNGRY, you may be interested to know that Colorado's high altitude celery, head lettuce, cantaloupes, peaches, cherries and other vegetables and fruits are widely known for their fine quality and excellent flavor. Colorado is at or near the top in quantity of sugar beets and beet sugar. Other important crops are wheat, corn, beans, barley, cabbage, hay and alfalfa. The grazing of cattle and sheep and the fattening of cattle for market is a major industry, as is the raising of hogs and poultry. The State's total farmland covers 38,000,000 acres, of which 3,000,000 are irrigated by waters from the Rockies. Great reclamation projects are being developed by the Federal Government to utilize more of the clear waters which tumble down from the hills for human consumption, irrigation and the production of hydro-electric power.

THESE ARE JUST A FEW REASONS Colorado's Universities and Colleges attract students from throughout the world. High educational standards combine with an unsurpassed setting for health and recreation in the great outdoors to provide a natural laboratory for many sciences. Summer sessions of these institutions are attended by thousands of graduate and under-graduate students who combine their studies with delightful vacations.

THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE ACADEMY, under construction on 17,000 acres lying against the foothills a short distance north of Colorado Springs, is designed to be one of the finest educational institutions in the nation.

PLACES AND EVENTS OF INTEREST are listed elsewhere in this folder. They include many entertainment features with a Western flavor, as well as AAA baseball and horse and dog racing dates.

AND REMEMBER THE CAMERA, because Colorful Colorado is a photographer's dream come true.

THE HIGHWAY MAP was prepared by the Planning and Research Division of the Colorado Department of Highways, and shows the 8,300 miles of the State Highway System plus about the same mileage of County connecting roads.

THE RELIEF MAP, prepared by Jeppesen & Co., Denver, shows Colorado as it would appear from 60 miles in the air and graphically illustrates the vast differences in topography.

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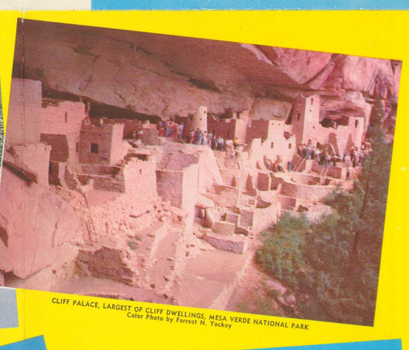
SWIMMING AT GRAND LAKE, ROCKY MOUNTAIN NATIONAL PARK
Color Photo by Clair E. Grosser


CLIFF PALACE, LARGEST OF CLIFF DWELLINGS, MESA VERDE NATIONAL PARK
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AUTUMN COLORS SET ASPENS AFLAME BESIDE THE SAN JUAN RANGE
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WINTER PARK, A FAVORITE SKI AREA IN DENVER'S MOUNTAIN PARKS
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TRAINED TRAIN HORSES CARRY VISITORS AMID GRANDEUR OF THE YULE AND ELK MOUNTAINS
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