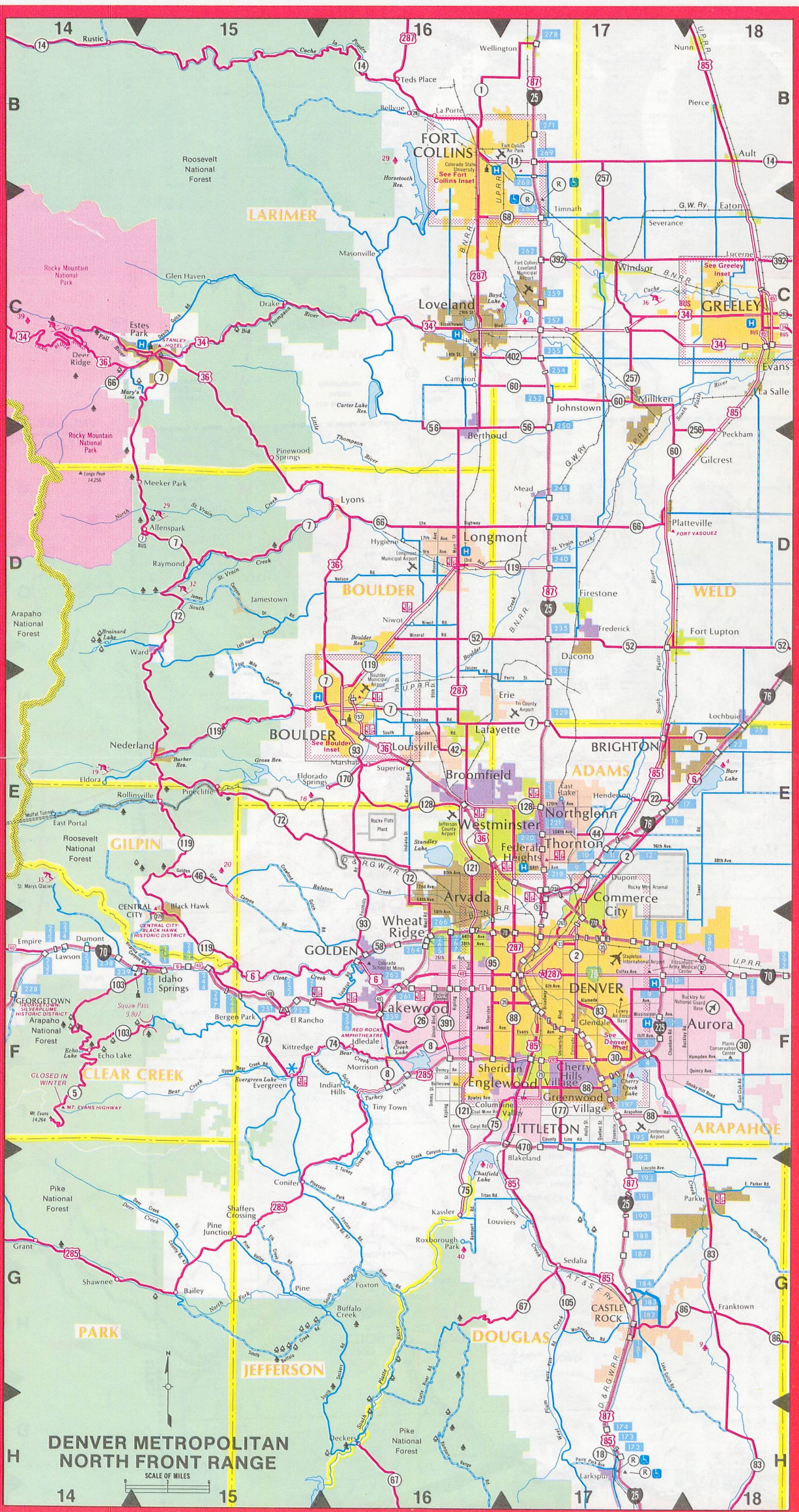
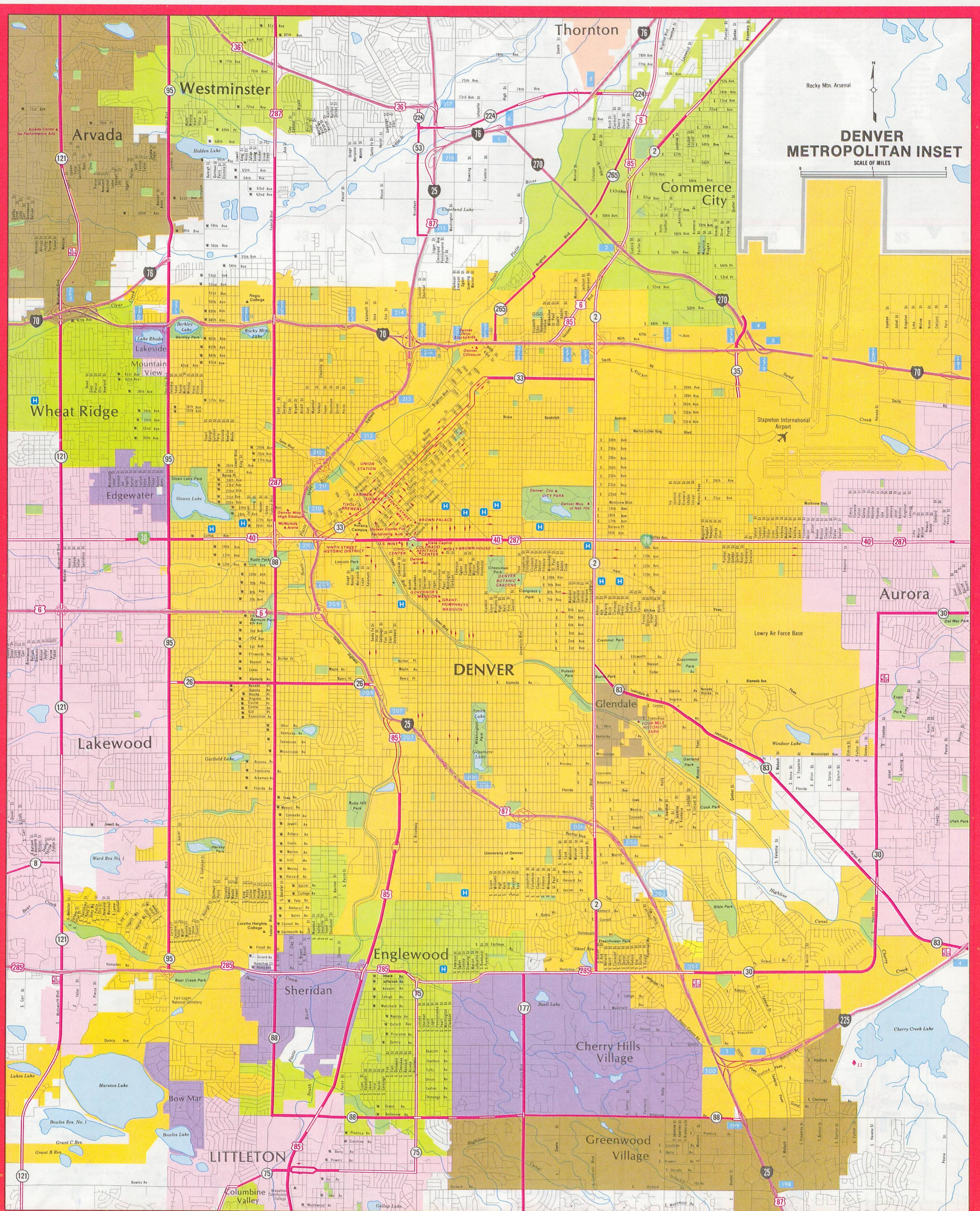
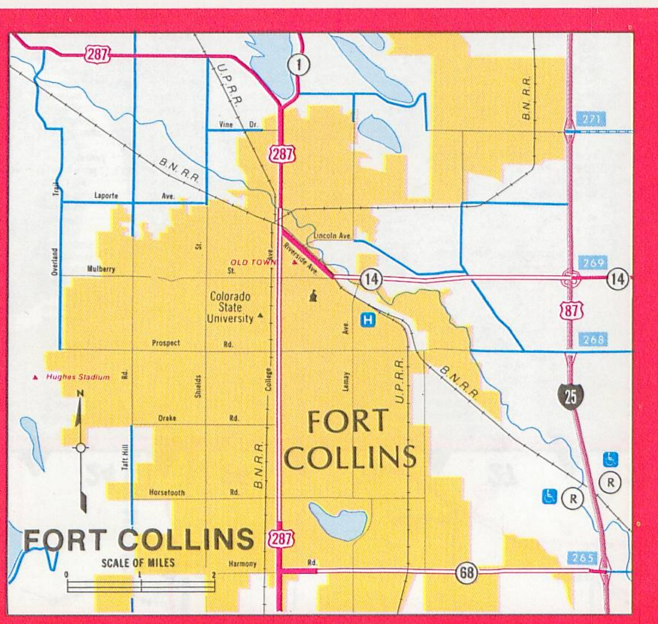
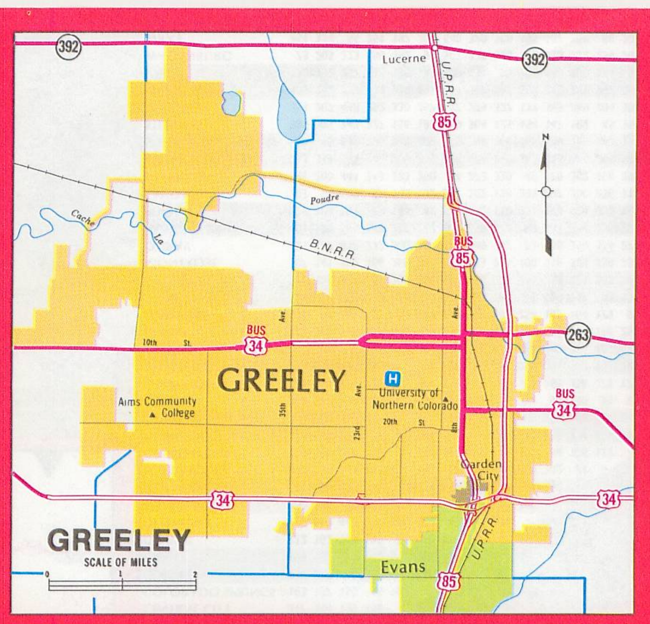
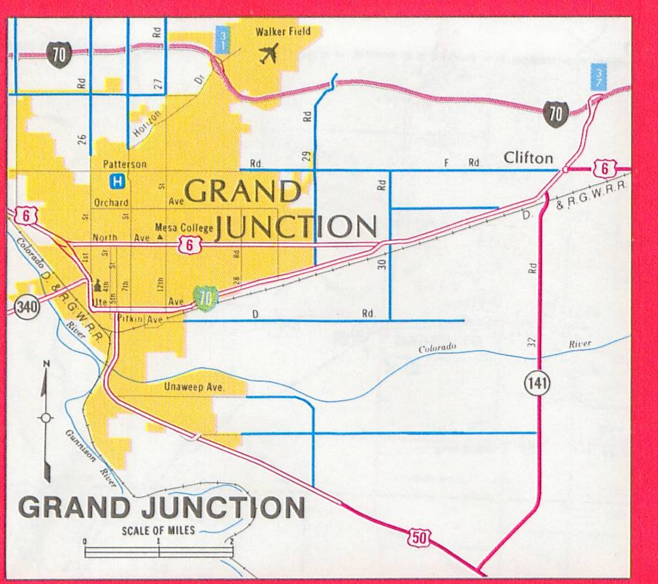
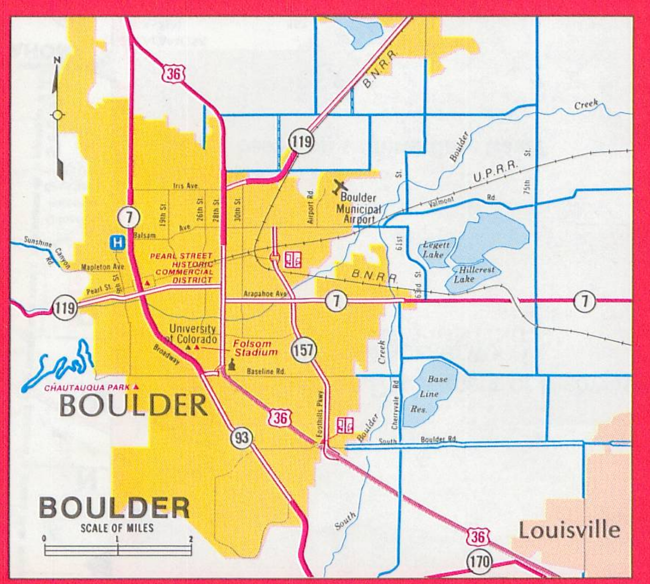


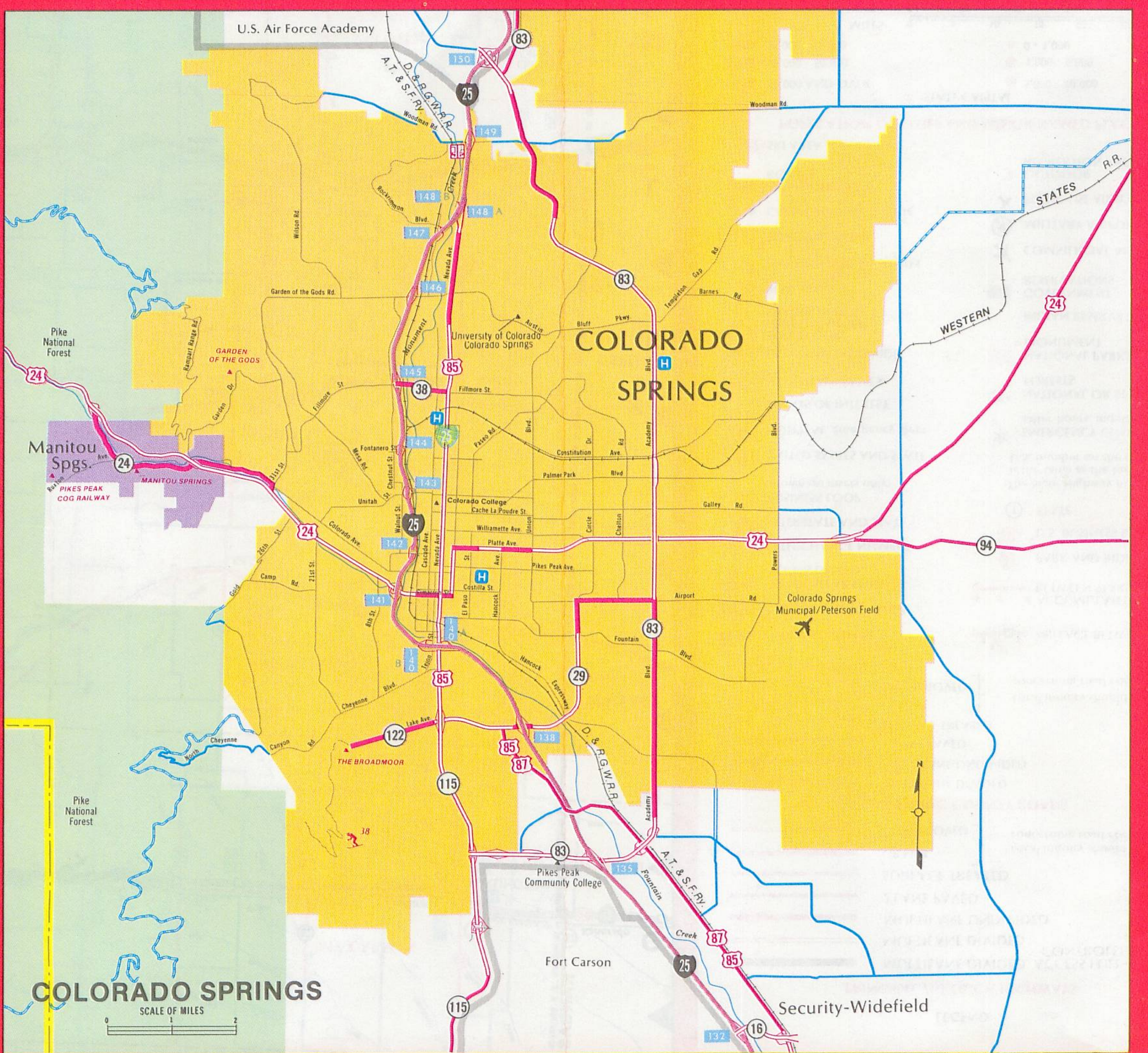










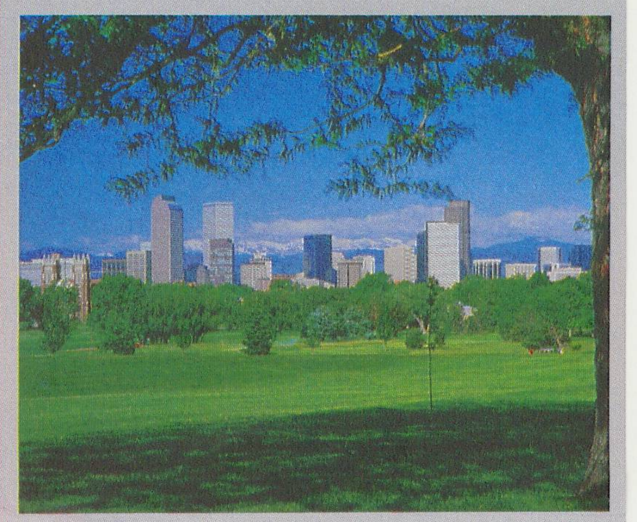


USEFUL INFORMATION

COLORADO STATE PATROL
Road and Weather Information

Locale	Emergency	Road/Weather
Denver metro	(303) 239-4501	
Major highways throughout Colorado		(303) 639-1234
Major highways within 2-hr drive time from Denver		(303) 639-1111
Alamosa	(719) 589-5807	(719) 589-9024
Burlington	(719) 346-8703	(719) 346-8778
Canon City	(719) 275-1558	(719) 275-1637
Colorado Springs	(719) 635-3581	(719) 635-7623
Cortez	911 or (303) 565-8454	(303) 565-4511
Craig	(303) 824-6501	(303) 824-4765
Durango	(303) 247-4722	(303) 247-3355 or (303) 247-0930
Frisco	(303) 668-3133	(303) 668-3133
Fort Collins	(303) 484-4020	(303) 482-2222
Glenwood Springs	(303) 945-6198	(303) 945-2222
Greeley	(303) 350-2200	(303) 356-7420
Grand Junction	(303) 245-7911	(303) 245-8800
Hot Sulphur Springs	(303) 725-3393	(303) 725-3393
Lamar/La Junta	(719) 336-3444	(719) 336-4326
Limon	(719) 775-2354	(719) 775-2000
Montrose	(303) 249-9611	(303) 249-9363
Pueblo	(719) 544-2424	(719) 545-8520
Sterling	911 or (303) 522-4693	(303) 522-4848
Trinidad	(719) 846-2227	(719) 846-9262

SNOW TIRES OR CHAINS frequently are required for use during winter storms or when roads are icy or snow covered. **FOUR-WHEEL DRIVE VEHICLES** with adequate tires for the existing conditions also are acceptable. Colorado State Patrol troopers, highway maintenance persons or regulatory signs may inform motorists when these requirements are in effect.



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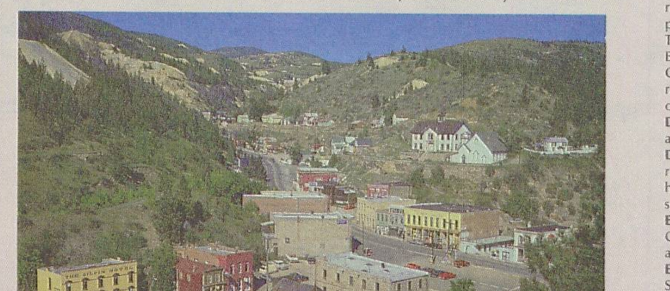
POINTS OF INTEREST IN COLORADO ▲

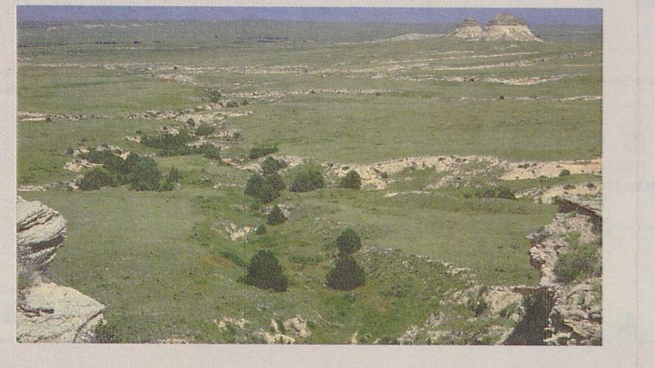
ALAMOSA - ***Adams State College Museum*** - Collections of Southwestern and San Luis Valley art and artifacts O-13
ANTONITO - ***Cumbres and Toltec Scenic Railway*** - Narrow-gauge railroad linking Colorado and New Mexico P-13
ASPEN - ***Independence Pass*** - This historic pass through the Rockies is the highest automobile pass in the state. At 12,095 feet, it offers an outstanding view of the Sawatch Peaks east of the Continental Divide. ***Red Onion/The Brick Saloon*** - This 1892 saloon, originally known simply as the "New Brick", is significant for its elegant Victorian Commercial style design. On the interior, the original tile floor and large bar and backbar have been retained. ***Smuggler Mine*** - This mine helped form the basis for the founding of Aspen and was one of the top ten silver mines in the U.S. during the 1880s H-9
BOULDER - ***Chautauqua Park*** (The Colorado Chautauqua) - Established in 1898, it is the only remaining Chautauqua west of the Mississippi. ***Pearl Street Historic Commercial District*** - Now a pedestrian mall, the district is the heart of downtown Boulder. ***University of Colorado Museum*** - Collections include fossils, minerals, Colorado butterflies and Indian artifacts D-16
BRECKENRIDGE - A Victorian mining town dating from 1859; the mining and skiing industries now prosper here G-13
BURLINGTON - ***Kit Carson Carousel*** - This carousel, dating from 1905, is the oldest working carousel in Colorado. The Monster Military Band Organ is the only one of its kind still operating G-28
CANON CITY AREA - A well-preserved regional commercial center dating from the late 19th century. ***Royal Gorge Bridge*** - Built in 1929, this bridge is the world's highest suspension bridge at 1,200 feet above the Arkansas River K-16
CENTRAL CITY & BLACK HAWK - Massive amounts of gold were discovered in the area in 1859 which led to the development of Colorado's first major mining district known as "the richest square mile on earth." The two mining towns retain their "Old West" flavor F-14

Town of Black Hawk - photo courtesy **Ronald Ruhoff**



COKEDALE - The community is a well-preserved early 20th century coal company town. It was founded in 1906 by the American Smelting and Refining Company P-18
COLORADO SPRINGS - ***Boulder Crescent Place Historic District*** - This unique collection of five turn-of-the-century residences is noted for the Victorian and Dutch Colonial styles of architecture. ***The Broadmoor.*** This historic hotel is one of Colorado Springs' most noted landmarks. ***Colorado Springs Fine Arts Center.*** Noted Spanish Colonial and Native American collections. ***Fort Carson Museum of the Army of the West.*** Military memorabilia dating from the Revolutionary War through the Viet Nam War era. ***Garden of the Gods.*** 300 million-year old rock formations are located in this city park on more than 1,300 acres of land. ***Manitou Springs*** - This historic resort spa was founded in 1872. ***McAllister House*** - The 1873 home of Major Henry McAllister, prominent political and civic leader. ***Miramount Castle*** - This Victorian "French Chateau" was built by Father Jean Baptiste Francolon in the 1890s. ***Old Colorado City Historic District*** - The last remaining vestige of the city's historic commercial district dating to the 1880s. ***Pikes Peak*** - Named after the explorer Zebulon Pike, Pikes Peak is the most noted of Colorado's mountains. The spectacular view from the 14,110 foot summit inspired Katherine Lee Bates to write her poem, "America the Beautiful." Accessible by car. ***Pikes Peak COG Railway*** - The highest COG railway in the world. ***U.S. Air Force Academy*** - On nearly 18,000 acres of land in the foothills of the Rockies, the Air Force Academy is one of the three military academies in the United States. ***White House Ranch Historic Site.*** (originally named Chambers Ranch) - Dating from 1874, this historic living ranch/museum reflects one of the best examples of early mission style architecture I-17
CORTEZ - ***Lowry Ruins*** - Fine example of prehistoric pueblo ruins, noted for its painted mural within the kiva O-2
CRESTED BUTTE - Located in a picturesque mountain setting, Crested Butte is a designated National Historic District that charmingly reflects its origin as a gold and coal mining town I-9
CRIPPLE CREEK & VICTOR - Towns founded in the 1890s, this area is one of the state's most famous historic gold mining districts J-16
DENVER - ***Brown Palace*** - One of Denver's most famous landmarks, this premier hotel was built in 1892 and features an impressive lobby atrium. ***City Park*** - Denver's largest park, it includes the ***Denver Zoo*** and the ***Denver Museum of Natural History. Civic Center*** - The complex includes parks, gardens, monuments, the ***Denver Art Museum*** and city and state office buildings such as the ***State Capitol*** and the Denver City and County Building. ***Colorado History Museum*** - Colorado and Western history colorfully displayed through dioramas, artifacts, photographs, mining equipment and other exhibits. ***Denver Botanic Gardens*** - Open year around, the Botanic Gardens is on 18 acres and features a wide variety of plants. The conservatory houses tropical and subtropical plants. ***Four-Mile Historic Park*** - The park is composed of a complex of buildings that represents the early settlement period in Colorado history. ***Governor's Mansion*** - (Cheesman-Boettcher Mansion) Built in 1908, the residence is associated with important figures in Colorado history. It now serves as the Governor's Mansion. Open for tours. ***Grant-Humphreys Mansion Museum*** - This elaborate mansion is noted for its architecture and its history. It was built for James B. Grant, Colorado's third and youngest governor. ***Historic Navarre*** - Built in 1880, this fine structure began as a school and later became a gambling hall, a brothel, a restaurant and most recently the home of the ***Museum of Western Art. Larimer Square*** - Denver's best known historic commercial block, Larimer Square was proclaimed in 1971 as the city's first landmark preservation district. ***Molly Brown House*** - The home was built for the "Unsinkable Molly Brown" and is now a museum. ***Ninth Street Historic District*** - The district consists of Victorian homes now part of the Auraria College Campus. ***Pearce-McAllister Cottage Museum*** - A charming colonial revival cottage was built in 1899. It contains its original McAllister furnishings, dating from the 1920s, and is home to the ***Denver Museum of Miniatures, Dolls and Toys. Red Rocks Park and Amphitheatre.*** Set among spectacular 400 foot high red rock formations is one of America's finest natural open-air amphitheatres. ***Sixteenth Street Mall*** - The pedestrian mall is the focal point for downtown Denver. ***Temple Emanuel*** - (Pearl Street Center) Temple Emmanuel is the only synagogue in Denver and Colorado designed in the Eastern-Islamic style. Built in 1899, it is now a performing arts center. ***Tivoli Brewery.*** Built by the Milwaukee Brewery Company, the historic brewery complex now houses shops, restaurants and theaters. ***Union Station*** - The railroad depot is one of Denver's important historic landmarks. ***U.S. Mint*** - The largest depository of gold outside of Fort Knox, the mint produces more than 5 billion coins a year F-17
DOLORES - ***McPhee Reservoir Recreation Area*** - Camping, fishing, hunting, and boating use on 4,470 acres of water and 50 miles of shoreline at an elevation of 6,924 feet O-3
DURANGO - ***Durango and Silverton Narrow-Gauge Railroad*** - Historic, steam powered narrow-gauge railroad through spectacular mountain valleys. ***Million Dollar Highway*** - This 111 mile-long mountain highway is known for its spectacular scenery and for the gold ore used in some of its original gravel surfacing P-5
EADS - ***Sand Creek Massacre*** - The massacre at Sand Creek was on a bitterly cold November 29, 1864. Colonel John Chivington led the "Bloodless Third" regiment of the Colorado Volunteer Militia into an attack against the Arapaho and Cheyenne Indians encamped along the creek I-27
ESTES PARK - ***Stanley Hotel*** - The historic hotel was built by F.O. Stanley, famous inventor of the Stanley Steamer. ***Trail Ridge Road*** - It is the highest, continuous highway in the United States, extending 37.9 miles through ***Rocky Mountain National Park.*** There are 15 miles of the road above timberline, the highest point at which is 12,183 feet C-14
FORT COLLINS - ***Old Town*** - This restored historic district was the Fort Collins commercial core in the late 19th century B-16

Pawnee Buttes - photo courtesy **Ronald Ruhoff**



FORT GARLAND - The adobe fort, now a museum, was established in 1858 to protect settlers in the San Luis Valley O-15
FORT MORGAN - ***Sherman Street Historic District*** - This district is significant for the architectural styles represented which were popular during the period of development from 1886-1926 .... D-21
GEORGETOWN & SILVER PLUME - These historic towns are located in the oldest silver mining region in Colorado. This area is the location of the ***Georgetown Loop Historic Mining and Railroad Park. Hamill House*** - Built in 1867, this Victorian house became a symbol of the mining success of William Hamill. ***Hotel de Paris*** - The 1875 hotel, now a museum, built by Frenchman Louis DuPuy F-14
GLENWOOD SPRINGS - The town is noted for its natural, hot mineral springs flowing from limestone formations. The historic resort also has one of the world's largest outdoor hot mineral water swimming pools. The notorious "Doc" Holliday died in Glenwood Springs, hoping in vain that the natural hot mineral springs would restore his health. ***Glenwood Canyon*** - The Colorado River cuts through sedimentary rock and granite to provide a scenic 15 mile drive along Interstate 70 .... G-7
GOLDEN - ***Colorado School of Mines Geology Museum*** - Exhibits on Colorado mining, mineralogy and paleontology F-16
GREELEY - ***Meeker Memorial Museum*** - The 1870 two-story adobe home of Greeley founder, Nathan Cook Meeker C-18
GUNNISON - ***Clarence Hurst Museum, Western State College*** - Southwestern archaeological collection K-9
IDAHO SPRINGS AREA - A superb collection of late Victorian structures still stands on this site of Colorado's first major placer gold discovery. ***Mt. Evans Highway*** - The highest highway in the United States leads to the summit of Mt. Evans at 14,264 feet F-14
LAKE CITY - Years ago Lake City was one of Colorado's busiest mining centers and is now a National Historic District M-7
LA VETA - ***Francisco Plaza*** - Built in 1862, this plaza is significant as the first dwelling in Cuchara Valley and is one of the oldest remaining structures in south central Colorado O-17
LEADVILLE AREA - The town, built almost two miles above sea level, is Colorado's most famous silver mining camp. It was the home of legendary H.A.W. Tabor and his beautiful wife, Baby Doe. ***Healy House/Dexter Cabin*** - An elegant 1890s boarding house and a rough-hewn log cabin with a richly appointed interior H-12
LONGMONT - ***Dickens Opera House*** - Built in 1881-1882, this historic building is one of the oldest and most architecturally significant commercial buildings in the city D-16
MONTROSE - ***Ute Indian Museum*** - The full and rich history of Colorado's Ute Indians, exhibited through artifacts and dioramas K-5
OURAY - Known as the "Switzerland of American," Ouray began as an important supply center for the San Juan Mountain mining district M-6
PLATTEVILLE - ***Fort Vasquez Museum*** - The fort is a reconstruction of an adobe fur-trading post built about 1835 by mountain men Louis Vasquez and Andrew Sublette D-17
PUEBLO - Home of the ***Colorado State Fair*** held in August of each year. ***El Pueblo Museum*** - Exhibits on Southern Colorado and Pueblo County, including a full sized replica of Fort Pueblo. ***Rosemount*** - Now a house museum, this impressive stone mansion was the home of John A. Thatcher, famous Colorado business magnate. ***Union Avenue*** - Developed in the late 1800s, the area represents the most intact historic commercial district in Pueblo K-18
REDSTONE - Built by John Cleveland Osgood, who owned coal land throughout the state. Osgood decided to create the ideal mining community. Home of the historic Redstone Inn H-8
ST. ELMO - This well-preserved ghost mining town once had a population of about 2,000 during the mining boom of the late 1800s J-11
SALIDA - A significant example of a major turn-of-the-century railroad center. Distribution center for neighboring agricultural and mining communities J-13
SANFORD - ***Pike's Stockade*** - Reconstruction of the stockade built by Lt. Zebulon Pike during the winter of 1806-07 .... P-13
SILVERTON - This historic mining town is a terminus of the ***Durango and Silverton Narrow-Gauge Railroad*** M-6
STERLING - ***Summit Springs Battlefield*** - The Battle of Summit Springs was between Cheyenne Dog Soldiers led by Chief Tall Bull and the U.S. Cavalry. This major battle between the U.S. and Indians on the Eastern Plains took place on July 10, 1869 .... B-24
TELLURIDE - Settled by prospectors in search of both gold and silver, Telluride is designated as a National Historic Landmark M-5
TRINIDAD - Located on the mountain branch of the Santa Fe Trail, this historic district was an important 19th century commercial center. Illustrating the history of the town and region are the ***Pioneer Museum,*** the ***Bloom House Museum,*** a three-story mansion, and the ***Baca House Museum,*** a two-story adobe building. ***Ludlow Monument*** - The monument is at the location of nationally known coal industry labor battles which took place in 1913-14 .... P-19

SKI AREAS

	Area	Down Hill	Cross Country	Map Key
1	Arapahoe Basin	X		F-13
2	Aspen Highlands	X		H-9
3	Aspen Mountain	X		H-9
4	Bear Pole Ranch		X	C-9
5	Beaver Creek	X	X	F-10
6	Breckenridge	X	X	G-12
7	Buttermilk	X		H-9
8	C-Lazy U Ranch		X	D-13
9	Chapman Hill	X		O-5
10	Clark Store		X	B-9
11	Conejos Ranch Ski Touring Center		X	P-12
12	Conquistador	X		L-15
13	Copper Mountain Resort	X	X	G-12
14	Cranor Hill	X		J-9
15	Creede Ski Area	X		M-9
16	Crested Butte Mountain Resort	X	X	J-9
17	Cuchara Valley Resort	X		O-16
18	Diamond J Guest Ranch		X	G-10
19	Eldora	X	X	F-14
20	Frisco Cross Country		X	F-13
21	Geneva Basin	X		F-14
22	Grand Lake Touring		X	D-13
23	Home Ranch		X	B-9
24	Howelsen Hill	X	X	C-9
25	Kendall Mountain	X		N-6
26	Keystone/North Peak	X		F-13
27	Lake City	X		M-8
28	Latigo Ranch		X	D-11
29	Lazy H Ranch		X	D-15
30	Loveland Basin and Valley	X		F-13
31	Monarch	X		J-11
32	Peaceful Valley Ski Touring		X	D-15
33	Powderhorn	X		H-4
34	Purgatory	X		N-5
35	St. Mary's Glacier	X		F-14
36	Sharktooth	X		C-17
37	SilverCreek	X		E-13
38	Ski Broadmoor	X		J-17
39	Ski Cooper	X	X	G-11
40	Ski Estes Park	X		C-14
41	Ski Idlewild	X	X	E-14
42	Ski Sugarite	X		P-19
43	Snowmass Ski Area	X		H-9
44	Soda Springs		X	D-13
45	Steamboat Ski Area, Steamboat Touring Center	X	X	C-9
46	Ski Sunlight	X		G-7
47	Tamarron	X		O-5
48	Telluride	X	X	M-5
49	Timberline		X	F-13
50	Vail	X	X	F-11
51	Vista Verde Touring Ranch		X	B-9
52	Waunita Hot Springs		X	K-10
53	Winter Park Resort	X	X	E-14
54	Wolf Creek	X		O-10
55	YMCA of the Rockies		X	E-13

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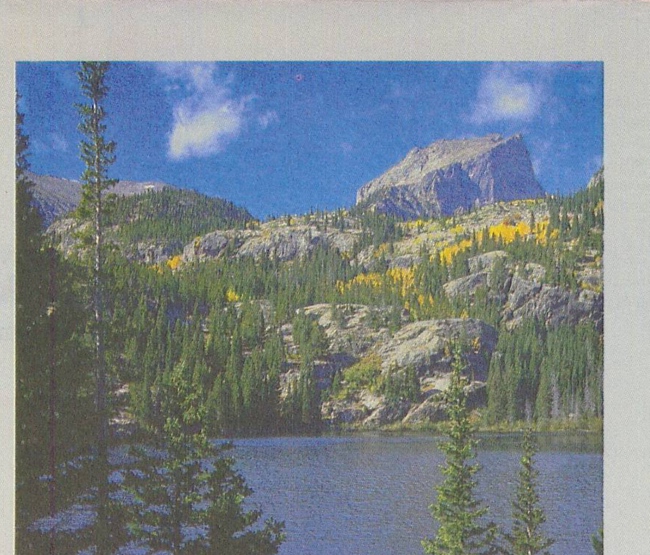

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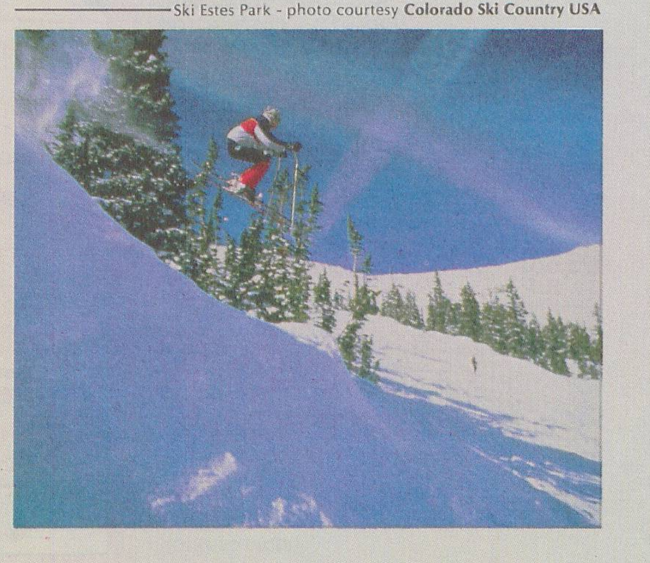

Ski Estes Park - photo courtesy **Colorado Ski Country USA**

NATIONAL PARKS AND MONUMENTS

BENT'S OLD FORT - Reconstructed, after careful archaeological research, 1830s fur-trading fort, built by the Bent brothers. It was a major commercial stop along the historic Santa Fe Trail. The fort has been refurbished with period reproductions, antiques and artifacts excavated at the fort site L-23
BLACK CANYON OF THE GUNNISON NATIONAL MONUMENT - This is one of the most spectacular, steep-walled canyons in North America with a 2,000 foot chasm cut by the Gunnison River over a span of two million years I-6
COLORADO NATIONAL MONUMENT - The forces of nature have sculpted this land filled with sheer-walled canyons, magnificent monoliths, and uniquely shaped spires and columns H-2
CURECANTI NATIONAL RECREATION AREA - Over 60 miles long, this area includes Blue Mesa Reservoir (the largest body of water in Colorado) and two other lakes K-8
DINOSAUR NATIONAL MONUMENT - The 211,085 acres of the monument offer some of the best sandstone canyon scenery, along with a world-famous fossil quarry B-1
FLORISSANT FOSSIL BEDS NATIONAL MONUMENT - A massive volcanic eruption 35 million years ago buried a large lake and the surrounding countryside, preserving some of America's finest insect, plant and fish fossils. Large fossil tree trunks and stumps have also been preserved here I-16
GREAT SAND DUNES NATIONAL MONUMENT - Covering more than 565 square miles, the monument has towering mountains of sand more than 1,000 feet high N-14
HOVENWEEP NATIONAL MONUMENT - Unique stone masonry towers line canyon heads within the six separate and remote clusters of dwellings built at the climax of the Pueblo Indian culture nine hundred years ago O-1
MESA VERDE NATIONAL PARK - The 52,000 acre park contains over 4,000 archaeological sites dating back thousands of years, including more than 600 cliff dwellings that line the canyon walls. There are five spectacular walking tours open to the public P-3
ROCKY MOUNTAIN NATIONAL PARK - Colorado's largest national park, with streams, valleys and mountain lakes, has 65 peaks more than 10,000 feet above sea level, and 16 peaks over 12,000 feet above sea level C-14

COLORADO MOUNTAIN PEAKS (14,000 feet high or more)

Peak	Height	Key	Peak	Height	Key
Mt. Elbert	14,433	H-11	Mt. Sneffels	14,150	M-5
Mt. Massive	14,421	H-11	Mt. Democrat	14,148	G-12
Mt. Harvard	14,420	I-11	Capitol Peak	14,130	H-8
Blanca Peak	14,345	N-15	Pikes Peak	14,110	I-16
LaPlata Peak	14,336	I-11	Snowmass Mountain	14,092	H-8
Uncompahgre Peak	14,309	L-7	Mt. Eolus	14,083	N-6
Crestone Peak	14,294	M-14	Windom Peak	14,082	N-6
Mt. Lincoln	14,286	G-12	Challenger Point	14,080	M-14
Grays Peak	14,270	F-13	Mt. Columbia	14,073	I-11
Mt. Antero	14,269	J-12	Culebra Peak	14,069	P-16
Torreys Peak	14,267	F-14	Missouri Mountain	14,067	I-11
Castle Peak	14,265	I-9	Humboldt Peak	14,064	M-14
Quandary Peak	14,265	G-12	Mt. Bierstadt	14,060	F-14
Mt. Evans	14,264	F-14	Sunlight Peak	14,059	N-6
Longs Peak	14,256	D-14	Handies Peak	14,048	M-7
Mt. Wilson	14,246	M-5	Mt. Lindsey	14,042	N-15
Mt. Shavano	14,229	J-12	Little Bear Peak	14,037	N-15
Mt. Belford	14,197	I-11	Mt. Sherman	14,036	H-12
Mt. Princeton	14,197	J-12	Redcloud Peak	14,034	M-7
Mt. Yale	14,196	I-11	Pyramid Peak	14,018	H-9
Crestone Needle	14,191	M-14	Wilson Peak	14,017	M-5
Mt. Bross	14,172	G-12	Wetterhorn Peak	14,017	L-7
Kit Carson Peak	14,165	M-14	North Maroon Peak	14,014	H-9
El Diente Peak	14,159	M-5	San Luis Peak	14,014	M-9
Maroon Peak	14,156	H-9	Huron Peak	14,005	I-11
Tabeguache Mtn.	14,155	J-11	Mt. of the Holy Cross	14,005	G-11
Mt. Oxford	14,153	J-11	Sunshine Peak	14,001	M-7

Source: The Colorado Mountain Club