

Bike to the top of the world on the Mount Evans Scenic Byway. photo - U.S. Forest Service

Pawnee Pioneer Trails, located on Colorado's northeastern high plains between the agricultural towns of Sterling, Fort Morgan and Ault. The 125-mile route gives the visitor a chance to experience the timeless grasslands and the Pawnee Buttes.



Sailing on Sterling Reservoir is just one of many recreational opportunities along the Pawnee Pioneer Trails. photo - Jeff Andrew

	Туре	Area Name	Map Key	7	ype	Area Name	Map Key
1	NWR	Alamosa	0-13	27	SP	Highline*	H-1
2	DW	Antero	1-13	28	NM	Hovenweep	0-1
3	NRA	Arapaho	D-13	29	SP	Island Acres*	H-3
4	NWR	Arapahoe	B-12	30	SP	Jackson*	C-20
5	RA	Arkansas*		31	RA	Lake Hasty	L-25
		Headwaters	J-13	32	SP	Lathrop*	N-17
6	SP	Barbour Pond	s* D-17	33	SP	Lory*	B-16
7	SP	Barr Lake*	E-18	34	SP	Mancos*	
8	NHS	Bent's Old For	tL-23	35	NP	Mesa Verde	P-3
9	NM	Black Canyon		36	DW	Miramonte	M-3
		the Gunnison.	J-6	37	NWR	Monte Vista	0-12
10	SP	Bonny*	F-28	38	SP	Mueller*	I-16
11	SP	Boyd Lake*	C-17	39	SP	Navajo*	P-8
12	NWR	Browns Park	A-1	40	SP	Paonia*	1-7
13	SP	Castlewood		41	SP	Pearl Lake*	
		Canyon*	G-18	42	SP	Picnic Rock*	B-16
14	SP	Chatfield*		43	SP	Pueblo*	K-17
15	SP	Cherry Creek*	F-17	44	DW	Ramah	
16	NM	Colorado	H-2	45	SP	Ridgway*	L-5
17	SP	Crawford*	J-6	46	SP	Rifle Falls*	F-6
18	NRA	Curecanti	K-8	47	SP	Rifle Gap*	F-6
19	NM	Dinosaur	B-1	48	NP	Rocky Mount	ain C-14
20	SP	Eldorado		49	SP	Roxborough*	G-16
		Canyon*	E-15	50	SP	Spinney	
21	SP	Eleven-Mile*	I-15			Mountain*	H-16
22	D W	Flagler	G-25	51	SP	Stagecoach*.	C-9
23	NM	Florissant		52	RA	State Forest*.	B-12
		Fossil Beds	I-16	53	SP	Steamboat La	ake*A-9
24	SP	Golden Gate		54	SP	Sweitzer Lake	e* J-5
		Canyon*	F-15	55	SP	Sylvan Lake*	G-10
25	NM	Great Sand		56	DW	Tarryall	
		Dunes	N-14	57	SP	Trinidad*	P-18

26 SP	Harvey Gap*F-6	58 SP	Vega*H-6	Quandary Peak Mt. Evans Longs Peak	
	Division of Wildlife	NRA N	ational Recreation Area	Mt. Wilson Mt. Shavano	

N M National Monument SP State Park NWR National Wildlife Refuge * Further information regarding Colorado's state parks or recreation areas Crestone Needle is available by calling the Colorado Division of Parks and Recreation at Mt. Bross

Campsite Reservations Call (303) 671-4500. Colorado boasts a wide range of commercial campgrounds. For further information on commercial campgrounds, call or write: Colorado Association of Campgrounds, Cabins and Lodges 5101 Pennsylvania Ave., Boulder, Colorado 80303, (303) 499-9343

Christmas Market, Georgetown photo - Jack Olson

The Flat Tops Trail, connects the towns of Meeker and Yampa. Scenic beauty is the main character of this 75-mile route, with rolling hills, hay meadows, deep canyons, and forested slopes of the Flat Top Mountains offering a visually unique



Spring wildflowers on Ripple Creek Pass, as seen from the Flat Tops Trail. photo - Jack Olson

The West Elk Loop, between Carbondale, Hotchkiss, Gunnison and Crested Butte. This 205 mile route provides spectacular views along the north rim of the Black Canyon, fields of alpine wildflowers, and pastoral settings of the Crystal and

SCENIC AND HISTORIC BYWAYS

considered to have exceptional scenic, historic, ecological and cultural value, as Scenic and Historic Byways. These

roads are marked by distinctive highway signs featuring a blue columbine, and are highlighted on this map.

Most of these roads are paved, but some are not, and a few require four-wheel-drive vehicles.

The Gold Belt Tour, a 122-mile route following

the historic Florence and Cripple Creek Railroad grade through Phantom Canyon; the Shelf Road,

providing access to the Garden Park Fossil Area; and

the High Park Road with scenic views of Pikes Peak.

The Gold Belt Tour follows old railroad lines which played an

important role in the development of the mining district

around Cripple Creek and Victor. photo - Jack Olson

The Guanella Pass Byway, between the

historic towns of Georgetown and Grant. The 22-mile

route provides panoramic views from the 11,669-foot

mountain pass of the surrounding area, abundant

wildlife and remnants of the historic mining era.

Portions of this route require four-wheel-drive

vehicles.

The San Juan Skyway, situated in the spectacular San Juan Mountains of southwest Colorado. This 232-mile route encompasses the nationally renowned Million Dollar Highway, often called the most scenic

Scenic Byway signs direct travelers along the San Juan Skyway near Telluride. photo courtesy of the CSHBC.

drive in America.

The Highway of Legends, 75 miles linking

Trinidad, La Veta, and Walsenburg. The magnificent

Sangre de Cristo Mountains provide a spectacular backdrop for the southwestern architecture which reflects Colorado's earliest Hispanic influences.

Volcanic activity formed many of the geological features along the Highway of Legends, including the great dikes of the Spanish Peaks near La Veta. photo - Jeff Andrew

.......14,421 H-11 Capitol Peak14,130 H-8 14,420 I-11 Pikes Peak 14,110 I-16

... 14,345 N-15 Snowmass Mountain 14,092 H-8

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......14.148 G-12

..........14.080 M-14

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COLORADO MOUNTAIN PEAKS 14,000 feet high or more

..14,433 H-11 Mt. Democrat

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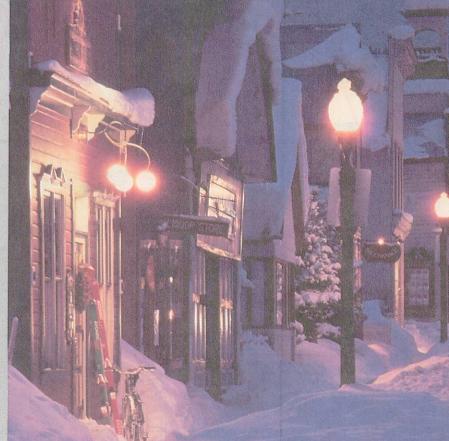
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The picturesque town of Crested Butte, on the West Elk Loop, is famous for both its history and Victorian architectural character. Photo courtesy of the Crested Butte Mountain Resort.

blend of distinctive cultures.

Los Caminos Antiguos, between Fort Garland

and Cumbres Pass. This 96-mile byway explores the

rich heritage of Colorado's San Luis Valley and its

The Shrine of the Stations of the Cross is found along the

The Grand Mesa Byway, between I-70 and

Cedaredge. The spectacular 63-mile route begins in

the scenic Plateau River Canyon, then climbs

through forests and meadows full of wildflowers, to

offer panoramic views from the top of Grand Mesa.

In the wintertime skiers are treated to breathtaking scenery

photo - Hughes Martin, courtesy Powderhorn Ski Resort.

along the Grand Mesa Byway.

Los Caminos Antiguos Scenic Byway, in San Luis.

photo - Jack Olson

The Alpine Loop Byway, connecting the towns of Lake City, Ouray, and Silverton. The 63-mile route winds its way to an elevation of 12,800 feet, crossing Engineer and Cinnamon Passes among five of Colorado's spectacular "fourteeners." Portions of this route require four-wheel-drive.



Portions of the Alpine Loop require four wheel drive vehicles, but it provides access to spectacular high mountain scenery. photo - Ron Ruhoff

The Peak-to-Peak Byway, between Estes Park and Black Hawk. Less than an hour's drive from Denver, this 55-mile route offers numerous

recreational opportunities and relics from the late

Mountain vistas outline Glacier Lake, which sits off the Peak

The Unaweep/Tabeguache Byway, between

passes through the distinctive Unaweep Canyon,

Unaweep Canyon from the Taylor Quarry Overlook on the

Unaweep/Tabeguache Scenic Byway.

photo courtesy of the CSHBC.

onto the high plains of the Colorado Plateau.

Whitewater and Placerville. The 138-mile byway

to Peak Byway on Highway 72, between Raymond and

Nederland. photo - Ann Duncan

1800s mining boom days.

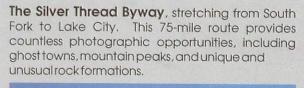


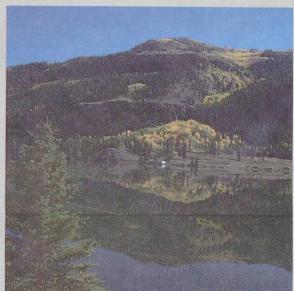
South Platte River Trail, travels between

Julesburg and Ovid. The 14-mile route closely

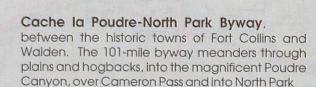
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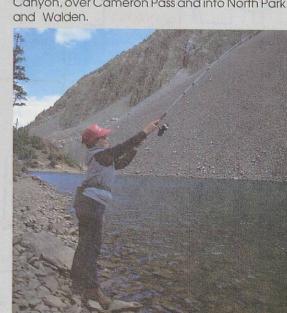
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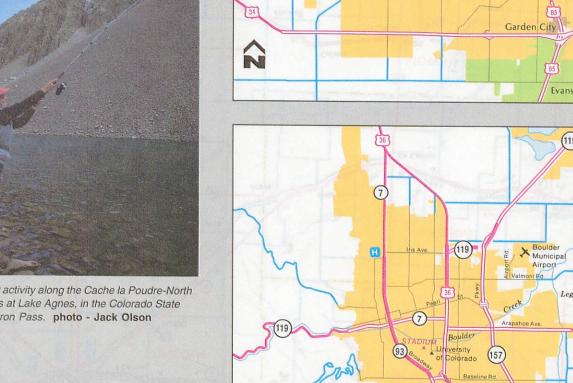
The Silver Thread Scenic Byway provides a spectacular view of Lake San Cristobal, Colorado's second largest natural lake. photo - Jack Olson



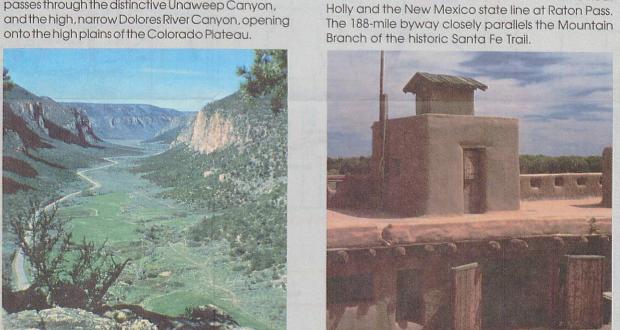


Fishing is a popular activity along the Cache la Poudre-North Park byway such as at Lake Agnes, in the Colorado State

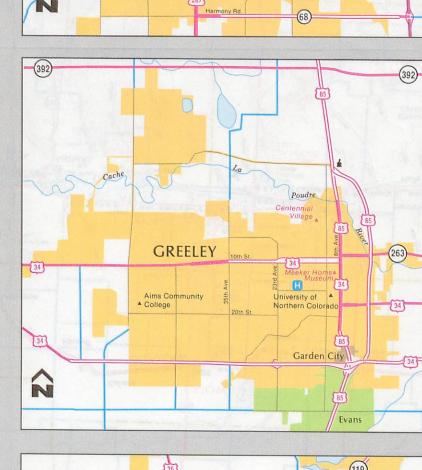
Santa Fe Trail, between the Kansas state line near



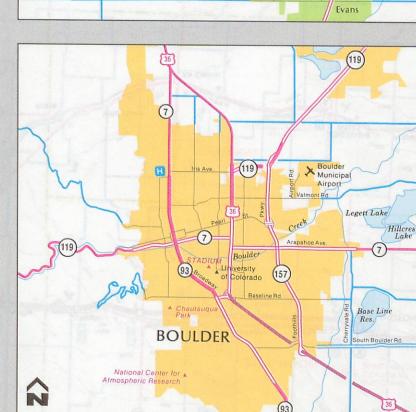
Forest, near Cameron Pass. photo - Jack Olson

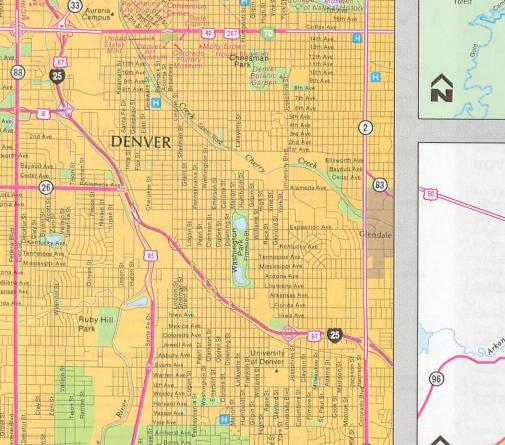


A visit to Bent's Old Fort, located on the Santa Fe Trail near Las Animas, provides a look at life at the famous trading post. photo - Jeff Andrew



GRAND JUNCTION





volcanic eruption 35 million years ago buried a large lake and the surrounding

GREAT SAND DUNES NATIONAL MONUMENT - Covering more than

565 square miles, the monument has towering mountains of sand more than

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..............0-1

MESA VERDE NATIONAL PARK - The 52,000 acre park contains over

4,000 archaeological sites, some dating back thousands of years. More than

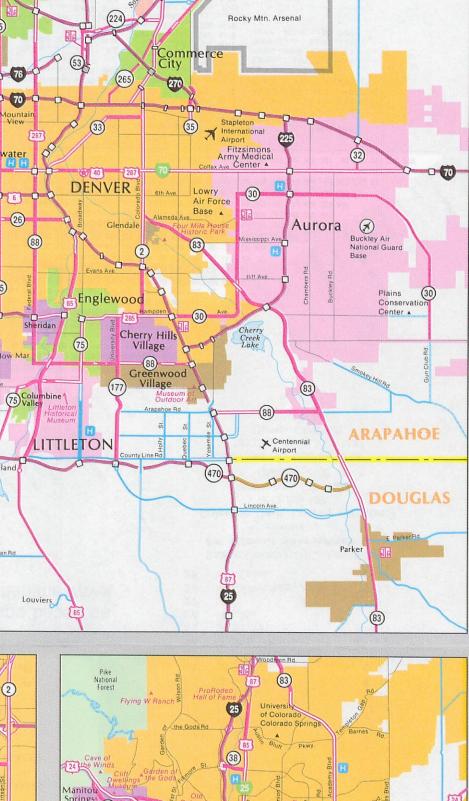
600 cliff dwellings line the canyon walls. There are five spectacular walking

ROCKY MOUNTAIN NATIONAL PARK - Colorado's largest national

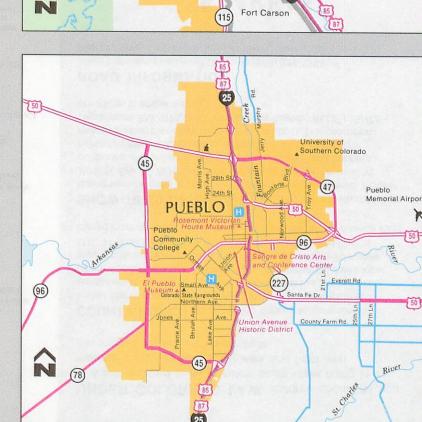
Large fossil tree trunks and stumps have also been

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tours open to the public...



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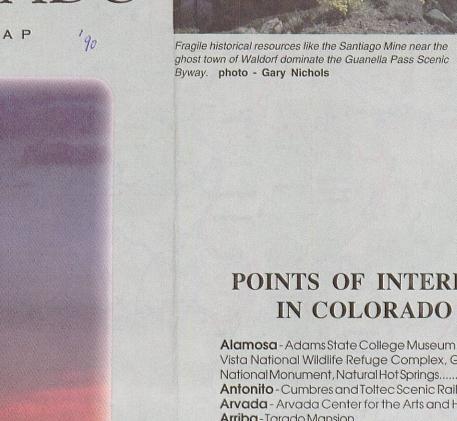


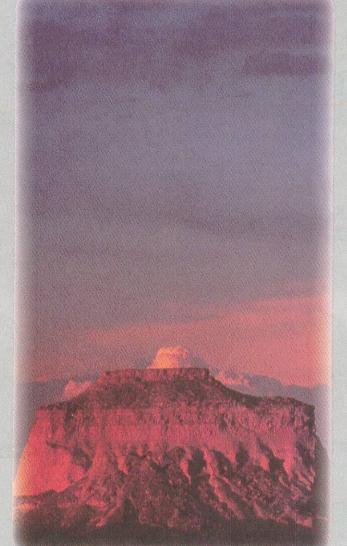
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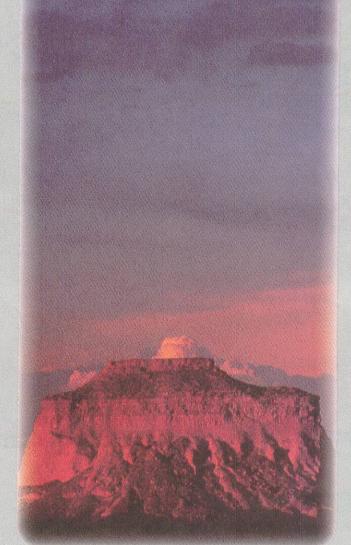
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STATE MAP







Pawnee Buttes, Raymer photo - Jeff Andrew

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POINTS OF INTEREST IN COLORADO

Alamosa - Adams State College Museum, Alamosa/Monte Vista National Wildlife Refuge Complex, Great Sand Dunes National Monument, Natural Hot Springs......O-13 Arvada - Arvada Center for the Arts and Humanities F-16 Arriba-Tarado Mansion... Aspen - Ashcroft Ghost Town, Independence Ghost Town, Smuggler Mine, Wheeler Opera House Black Hawk - Black Hawk and Central City Narrow Gauge Railroad, Little Colonel Mine, Peak-to-Peak Highway......E-15 Boulder - Chautauqua Park, National Center for Atmospheric Research, Henderson Museum......D-16 Breckenridge - National Historic District, Summit County Historical Society Museum..... Buena Vista - Brown's Canyon, Hot Springs, St. Elmo Ghost Burlington - Kit Carson County Carousel, Old Town G-28 Canon City - BLM National Backcountry Byway Gold Belt Tour, Colorado Territorial Prison Museum, National Historic District, Royal Gorge Bridge (world's highest suspension Central City - Black Hawk and Central City Narrow Gauge Railroad, Central City Opera House, Lost Gold Mine, National Historic District, Peak-to-Peak Highway.....

Colorado City - Cuerno Verde Historic Battle Site (1779), Colorado Springs - Cheyenne Mountain Zoo, Colorado Springs Fine Arts Center, Flying W Ranch, Fort Carson Museum of the Army of the West, Garden of the Gods, McAllister House Museum, Old Colorado City National Historic District, Pikes Peak (14,110 foot National Historic Landmark), Pioneer Museum, ProRodeo Hall of Fame and Museum of the American Cowboy, United States Air Force Academy, Western Museum of Mining and Industry, White House Ranch Historic Site, Will Rogers Shrine of the Sun, World Figure Skating Hall of Fame and Museum Cortez-Crow Canyon Archaeological Center, Four Corners Area Monument, Lowry Ruin National Historic Landmark, Hovenweep National Monument, Mesa Verde National Park, San Juan Skyway Historic Byway ... Creede-Wheeler Geologic Area Crested Butte - National Historic District Cripple Creek - Cripple Creek/Victor Narrow Gauge Railroad, Imperial Hotel, Mollie Kathleen Gold Mine, National Historic District, Gold Belt Tour.... Cuchara-Highway of Legends Byway.... Delta - Fort Uncompaghre Living History Museum,

Cheyenne Wells - Eastern Colorado Historical Society

Dinosaur-Dinosaur National Monument.... Englewood - Museum of Outdoor Art..... Mountain National Park)... Evergreen - Hiwan Homeland Museum..... Fairplay - South Park City... Fort Garland-Fort Garland Museum.....

Denver-Black American West Museum, Byers-Evans House, Children's Museum, Colorado Convention Center, Colorado History Museum, Colorado State Capitol, Denver Art Museum, Denver Botanic Gardens, Denver Museum of Natural History Denver Performing Arts Complex, Denver Zoo, Four-Mile House Historic Park, Governor's Mansion, Grant-Humphreys Mansion, Larimer Square National Historic District, Molly Brown House Museum, Museum of Western Art, Ninth Street Historic District, National Western Stock Show Complex, Pearce-McAllister Cottage (Denver Museum of Dolls. Miniatures and Toys), United States Mint.....F-17 Dolores - Anasazi Heritage Center, San Juan Skyway. O-3 **Durango** - Durango and Silverton Narrow Gauge Railroad,

Eads - Sand Creek Massacre Site (1864)......K-26 Estes Park - Peak-to-Peak Highway, Rocky Mountain National Park, Stanley Hotel, Trail Ridge Road (highest continuous road in the United States, located in Rocky Florissant - Florissant Fossil Beds National Monument...I-15

Fort Collins - Anheuser Busch Brewery, Old Town National Fort Morgan - Fort Morgan Museum, Overland Trail....D-21 Georgetown - Georgetown Loop Narrow Gauge Railroad La Junta - Bent's Old Fort National Historic Site, Comanche

NATIONAL PARKS AND MONUMENTS FLORRISANT FOSSIL BEDS NATIONAL MONUMENT - A massive TinyTown.... countryside, preserving some of America's finest insect, plant and fish fossils.

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 refurnished 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

COLORADO NATIONAL MONUMENT - The forces of nature have sculpted this land filled with sheer-walled canyons, magnificent monoliths,H-2 CURECANTI NATIONAL RECREATION AREA - Over 60 miles long, this area includes Blue Mesa Reservoir (the largest body of water in Colorado) DINOSAUR NATIONAL MONUMENT - The 211,085 acres of the monu-

ment offersome of the best sandstone canyon scenery, along with a world
10,000 feet above sea level, and 78 peaks over 12,000 feet above sea

and Historic Mining Park, Guanella Pass Road, Hamill House Museum, Hotel de Paris Museum, National Historic Glenwood Springs - Doc Holliday's Grave, Hot Springs Golden - Adolph Coors Brewery, Buffalo Bill's Grave and Museum, Colorado Railroad Museum, Geology Museum (Colorado School of Mines), Mother Cabrini Shrine, National Earthquake Center, Rocky Mountain Quilt Museum......F-16 Grand Junction - Colorado National Monument, Cross Orchards Living History Farm, Dinosaur Valley Museum, Grand Mesa, Museum of Western Colorado, Western Colorado Centerforthe Arts, Unaweep/Tabeguache Scenic Grand Lake - Rocky Mountain National Park......D-13 Grant - Wilderness On Wheels (forest access for the disabled).... Greeley - Centennial Village, Meeker Home Museum, Pawnee National Grasslands..... Gunnison - Curecanti National Recreation Area, Clarence

Hurst Museum (Western State College) Hot Sulphur Springs - Hot Springs..... Idaho Springs - Argo Mine and Mill, Indian Springs Hot Springs, Mount Evans Highway, National Historic District, Ignacio-Southern Ute Reservation... Julesburg-Fort Sedgwick Depot Museum......A-28 La Jara-Pike's Stockade......O-13

National Grasslands, Koshare Indian Museum and Kiva, Santa La Veta - Fort Francisco Museum, Highway of Lake City - Alpine Four Wheel Drive Loop, Hinsdale County Museum, National Historic District, Silver Thread Byway.M-7 Lakewood-Belmar Museum.... Lamar-Big Timbers Museum.... Las Animas - Kit Carson Museum.... Leadville - Healy House and Dexter Cabin Museum, Matchless Mine, National Historic District, National Mining Hall of Fame and Museum, Tabor Opera House......H-12 Limon - Cadillac and Lake City/Limon Twilight Limited Train.... Littleton - Littleton Historical Museum..... Longmont - Dickens Opera House, Pioneer Museum...D-16 Manassa-Jack Dempsey Museum.....P-13 Mancos-San Juan Skyway..... Manitou Springs - Cave of the Winds, Manitou Cliff Dwellings Museum, Manitou and Pikes Peak Cog Railway, Miramont Castle, National Historic District, Hot Springs.....1-17

Marble - Marble Quarry.....

Morrison - Red Rocks Natural Amphitheater,

Meeker-White River Museum......E-5 Monte Vista - Monte Vista/Alamosa National Wildlife Montrose - Black Canyon of the Gunnison National Monument, Curecanti National Recreation Area, Montrose Historical Museum, Ute Indian Museum......K-5

Norwood-Unaweep/Tabeguache Scenic BywayL-3 Ouray - Hot Springs, National Historic District, San Juan Skyway, Alpine Four Wheel Drive Loop..... Ovid-Pony Express Route Monument..... Pagosa Springs - Chimney Rock Archaeological Area, Platteville - Fort Vasquez Museum.... Pueblo - Colorado State Fair each August, Colorado State Hospital Museum, El Pueblo Museum, Rosemount Victorian House Museum, Sangre de Cristo Arts and Conference Center, Union Avenue Historic District.... Rangely - Dinosaur National Monument.... Redstone - Redstone Castle...... Ridgway - Orvis Hot Springs, San Juan Skyway.....L-6 Salida - Hot Springs, National Historic District, Salida San Luis - Oldest Incorporated town in Colorado, San Luis Museum, Stations of the Cross Trail and Shrine.....P-15 Silver Plume - National Historic District..... Silverton - Alpine Four Wheel Drive Loop, Durango and Silverton Narrow Gauge Railroad, Million Dollar Highway, National Historic District, San Juan Skyway..... South Fork - Silver Thread Scenic Byway..... Steamboat Springs - Hot Springs, Tread of Pioneers Museum... Sterling - Living Trees of Sterling Tree Sculptures, National Historic District, Overland Trail/Logan County Museum, Pawnee National Grasslands, Summit Springs Battlefield.... Towaoc - Ute Mountain Ute Reservation..... Trinidad - A.R. Mitchell Museum of Western Art, Baca House, Bloom House and Pioneer Museum, Cokedale National Historic District, Comanche National Grasslands, Corazon de Trinidad National Historic District, Highway of Legends, Ludlow Massacre Monument..... Vail - Colorado Ski Museum/Ski Hall of Fame...... Victor - Cripple Creek/Victor Narrow Gauge

Source: Colorado Tourism Board

Walsenburg-Highway of Legends......

Wray - Beecher Island Battleground......

State Forest.....

Woodland Park - Ute Pass Historical Museum 1-16

Walden - Arapaho National Wildlife Refuge, Colorado