

lue Sky Road) have seasonal closures EMERGENCY NUMBER: Star CSP (*277). This is a FREE cell phone call for reporting an emergency agressive drivers or drivers suspected of being unde e influence of alcohol or drugs, or for assistance. Under Colorado law, children under the age of 4 are required to be in safety seats when riding in a motor vehicle. In addition, drivers and front-seat passengers must wear safety belts.

Gale Rd

County Farm Rd

PUEBLO

State Summit Fairgrounds Arro

FOLL ROADS E-470 is a 47-mile beltway that loops around easter Denver from the C-470/I-25 interchange south of Denver to I-25 north of Denver at 157th Ave., passing hrough Aurora and by Denver International Airport The Northwest Pkwy. is 9.5 miles long and connects vith E-470 and I-25 at 157th Ave. It travels west to 96th St., where it turns into a local, four-lane road

allowing toll-free access to US 36 and State Hwy. 128 in Broomfield. www.northwestparkway.org

DINOSAUR (C-1)...US 40, 101 E. STEGOSAURUS · FORT COLLINS (B-16)...I-25 AT EXIT 268 • FRUITA (H-2)I-70 AT EXIT 19 JULESBURG (A-28).I-76 AT EXIT 180 LAMAR (L-26)US 50, 109 E. BEECH ST. SILVERTHORNE (F-12) I-70, 246 RAINBOW DR. TRINIDAD (P-19) I-25 AT EXIT 14

FOR CYCLISTS

From paved shoulders to shared roadways to off-road multi-use paths, there are many bicycling opportunities across Colorado. Most communities have bicycle ormation for their specific areas, and our bike-friendly Welcome Centers offer bicycle repair kits and tire pumps. Colorado Department of Transportation Bicycle & Pedestrian Programs: bicycleinfo@state.co.us, 303-757-9982

 When passing a bicyclist, motorized vehicles are required to provide three feet of clearance.

LIMATE & GEOGRAPHY Colorado can be divided into four areas from west to east: THE COLORADO PLATEAU: Known by most Coloradans as the Western Slope, the plateau is home to high mesas and cliffs. lush vallevs, whitewater rivers that cut through sandstone canyons and stratified rock walls. In the extreme southwest, the borders of Colorado, Arizona, New Mexico and Utah come together at one point to form the Four Corners. THE ROCKY MOUNTAINS: Made up of 13 distinct ranges and

58 peaks that exceed 14,000 feet (known as fourteeners). the mountains are literally Colorado's highest profile feature. The Continental Divide runs along the crests of the ranges; rivers and streams west of the divide flow to the Pacific Ocean, and east of the divide to the Gulf of Mexico. The headwaters of four major rivers are found here: the Colorado, Platte, Arkansas and Rio Grande.

ike. Because of the altitude, make sure sunscreen, lip balm and bottled water are also on your list year-round.

WINTER DRIVING

ravel/winter-driving.

Colorado is often a winter wonderland, but at times snow and ice can make driving conditions tricky, especially if you're not used to slick conditions. Some suggestions: Maintain a much slower speed, accelerate at a slower rate and remember that four-wheel drive does not mean four-wheel stop. Don't use cruise control when traveling in winter conditions

 Keep your gas tank more than half full and stow jumper cables, snow scrapers, windshield-

wiper fluid and extra blankets in your car. A new traction law may affect your winter drive. On portions of I-70 from September to May, all drivers must have winter-appropriate tires or traction equipmen that are adequate for snowy and icy conditions. Failure to do so could result in a fine. Find out if you're winter-ready at

onLaw and codot.go

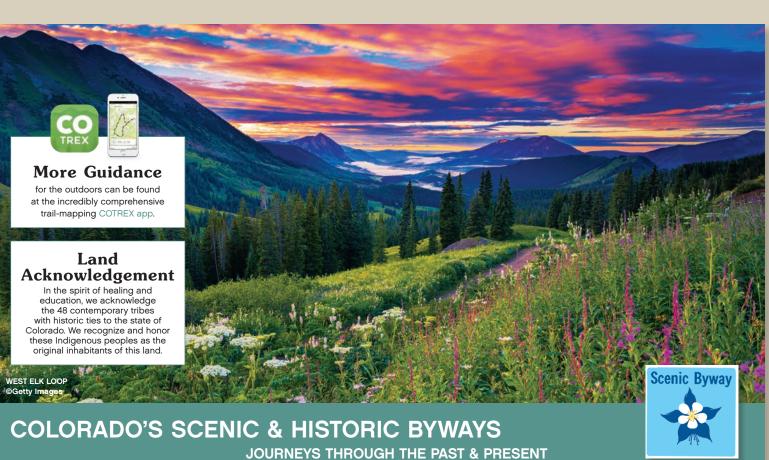
POPULATION: 5,773,714 ELEVATION: Highest – Mt. Elbert (14,433 feet)

owest - Arikaree River, at the CO/NE/KS border near Wray (3,315 feet) SIZE: Colorado is the 8th-largest state in the nation AREA: 103,794 mi2 of land, 453 mi2 of water, 104,247 total mi2 STATE CAPITAL: Denver

OLDEST TOWN: San Luis, 1851 NICKNAME: Centennial State - stems from Colorado being admitted to the Union in 1876. MOTTO: Nil Sine Numine — "Nothing Without Deity" STATE MAMMAL: Rocky Mountain Bighorn Sheep STATE BIRD: Lark Bunting STATE FISH: Greenback Cutthroat Trout STATE TREE: Colorado Blue Spruce STATE FLOWER: Blue Columbine

STATE REPTILE: Western Painted Turtle

FAMILY-FRIENDLY FISHING SITE	S
Brown fish signs on reverse-side map indicate family-friendly fishing spots.	
ELEVEN MILE STATE PARK	
LAKE JOHN	
BLUE MESA RESERVOIR	
RIDGWAY STATE PARK	L-{
RIFLE GAP STATE PARK	F-6
STEAMBOAT LAKE STATE PARK	
FRYINGPAN RIVER	
JACKSON LAKE STATE PARK	C-20
WILDLIFE REFUGES & AREAS	
Brown binocular signs on reverse-side map indicate viewing areas	
ARAPAHO NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE	B-12
BARR LAKE STATE PARK	INSE
BROWNS PARK NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE	
DAN NOBLE STATE WILDLIFE AREA	
GEORGETOWN WILDLIFE VIEWING STATION	
PAWNEE NATIONAL GRASSLAND &	U-12
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RAMAH STATE WILDLIFE AREA	H-2(
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SOUTH REPUBLICAN STATE WILDLIFE AREA	F-28
TARRYALL STATE WILDLIFE AREA	H-14
CHECK OUT COLORADOBIRDINGTRAILCOM. SEE REVERSE SIDE FOR STATE PARKS, NATIONAL PARKS AND OTHER NATURAL AREAS.	



The byways of Colorado connect the dots between historic sites and acres of majestic scenery that span from red-rock canyons to the peaks of the Rocky Mountains to sun-kissed prairie.

**ALPINE LOOP (M-7) of Lake City Ouray and Silverton PORTIONS

CACHE LA POUDRE - NORTH PARK (B-16) Travel alongside one of America's few Wild and Scenic Rivers and watch for grazing moose, granite canyon walls and historic landmarks. • Between the historic towns of Fort Collins and Walden. **COLLEGIATE PEAKS (H-11)

Buena Vista, Salida and Poncha Springs. **COLORADO RIVER HEADWATERS (C-13)* Trace the upper reaches of the Colorado River and gain insight into the mountain mer

DINOSAUR DIAMOND (H-2)* Hunt for fossils and footprints made by massive saurs and rock art left behind by the Fremont culture along sandstone canyons and mesas. • Grand Junction to Rangely over Douglas Pass, through Dinosaur into Utah; eturns to Colorado via I-70 to Grand Junction **FLAT TOPS TRAIL (D-9) Immerse yourself in the mountainous beauty that inspired the US government to preserve s wilderness areas in their raw states. • Connecting the towns of Meeker and Yampa FRONTIER PATHWAYS (K-18)*

Glimpse relics of frontier life along a route that climbs upward, with plants, animals and geology that change every 1,000 feet. • Between the city of Pueblo and the towns of Westcliffe and Colorado City. GOLD BELT TOUR (I-16)* ee petrified remains of life from 35 million years ago and find the history of "the greatest gold camp in the world." • Between Florissant, Cripple Creek, Victor, Florence and Cañon City. PORTIONS OF THIS ROUTE REQUIRE 4WD VEHICLES. **GRAND MESA (H-3)*

Journey atop the world's largest flattop mountain to see wide-open vistas and more than 300 of Mesa and Cedaredge

nal Parks

26 **National Monuments** Scenic & Historic Byways Nine spots have been preserved r spectacular beauty and histori One of the best ways to exp significance, so check these off orado's back roads is to h whether you're interested in fossils on one of our 26 byways, all of geology, ancient peoples or gold which connect the dots betwee historic sites and majestic scenery.

Scenic & Historic Railroads ee some of Colorado's wildest spot aboard one of our historic rail routes, many of which have fun themed trips, such as photo excursions,

ystery trains, dinner treks and

30 **Creative Districts** with galleries, artists in residence and special arts events have recent been designated Colorado Certified Creative Districts. CC

. KNOW BEFORE YOU GO Almost half of Colorado is public land. Learn about the area you

olan to visit before adventuring out so you can enjoy and hel protect the spaces we all share colorado's weather and scenic terrain is stunning but can change drastically. Check conditions befor ou depart, pack layers, sun protectior nd rain gear, wear approp footwear ... and enjoy your trip. Journey to places with minimal crowds to maximize your connection with the great outdoors. Have a backup plan in case the parking lot at your original destination is full. Pack reusable water bottles to stay hydrated, limit waste and save money

2. STICK TO TRAILS Embrace the adventure as intended by only walking on designated trails even if it's wet, muddy, slushy or icy. This will help avoid erosion and rotect the homes of local wildlife. Shortcuts and that perfect selfie can be tempting, but staying or the path will decrease your risk of njury and protect trailside plants.

Camping? Set up in one of thousand

Colorado. They boast some of the

most scenic views and protect the

of designated campsites in

Guide your 4WD over high-elevation 1880s roads past thick-with-wildflower meadows abandoned mines and ghost towns. • Connecting the towns OF THIS ROUTE REQUIRE 4WD VEHICLES.

Take this old stagecoach route through canyons carved by the Arkansas River and North merica's densest concentration of 14,000foot peaks. • Connecting the towns of Granite.

ranchers and thrill-seekers of the state's past Between Rocky Mountain National Park and State Bridge via Granby and Kremmling.

stream-fed lakes. • Between I-70, near the town

GUANELLA PASS (F-14) Tour the preserved silver-mining town of Georgetown before rising in elevation to raw alpine wilderness. Between the historic towns of Georgetown and Grant. **HIGHWAY OF LEGENDS (P-19)* Arc around the Spanish Peaks, where gold-seeking onquistadors, as well as Comanche, Pueblo

rinidad, La Veta, Walsenburg and Aguilar. **LARIAT LOOP (F-16)* Drive one of the first routes developed by the City of Denver to help Coloradans experience its ountain parks. · Connecting the towns of Golden, Morrison, Idledale, Kittredge and Evergreen. LOS CAMINOS ANTIGUOS (P-11) Drift through the San Luis Valley, a mystical basin of vast farmland, the rugged Sangre de Cristo Mountains and the Great Sand Dunes. • Between Cumbres Pass and the city of Alamosa via Antonito, San Luis and Great

and Tarahumara people once traveled. • Linking

Sand Dunes National Park and Preserve. MOUNT BLUE SKY (F-15) Travel the highest paved road in North America n a serpentine ride to the summit of 14,265-foot Mount Blue Sky. • Extends from Idaho Springs to the ummit of Mount Blue Sky and over to Bergen Park.

PAWNEE PIONEER TRAILS (B-24) aain some perspective on the history of the plains as you navigate what was once a thoroughfare for ambitious settlers, entrepreneurs and migrating bison. • Between the towns of Sterling, Fort Morgan, Grover and Ault.

PEAK TO PEAK (C-15) Skirt the Continental Divide, mining ghost towns, Victorian opulence and stunning views of Longs Peak. • Between Estes Park and Black Hawk.

SAN JUAN SKYWAY (P-5)* Behold the multihued San Juan Mountains as you travel through some of the state's most precious silver-boom towns. · Connects the communities of Durango, Silverton, Ouray, Ridgway, Telluride and Cortez.

**SANTA FE TRAIL (L-28)* Traverse the famed lifeline between Missouri and anta Fe in the footsteps of fortune-seekers like Wild Bill Hickok, Kit Carson and Zebulon Pike. Between the Kansas state line near Holly, CC

and the New Mexico state line at Raton Pass

VISIT COLORADO COM/RYWAYS FOR TRIP TIPS VIDEOS ITINERARIES AND MORE INFORMATION ON EACH BYWAY

IPAD USERS CAN DOWNLOAD A GUIDE TO COLORADO'S BYWAYS; SEARCH "COLORADO BYWAYS" IN THE APP STORE. YOU CAN ALSO VIEW THE GUIDE ONLINE AT COLORADO.COM/GUIDE

> **SILVER THREAD (N-10)* Roam through wonderfully isolated swatches of the San Juan Mountains, stopping to sample historic Main Streets and top-of-pass scenic overlooks. • Stretching from South Fork to Creede to Blue Mesa Reservoir via Lake City. SOUTH PLATTE RIVER TRAIL (A-28) Imagine the sounds of the galloping Pony

Express horses and Overland Trail settlers who rode along this South Platte River-guided course. • Runs between Julesburg and Ovid. **TOP OF THE ROCKIES (H-11)* Cross the Continental Divide three times on this

dramatic road that passes Colorado's two tallest peaks — Mount Elbert and Mount Massive. Connecting Leadville, Minturn and Copper Mountain and from Leadville to Aspen via Twin Lakes. TRACKS ACROSS THE BORDERS (P-5)

See how the newest byway follows the creation and development of the Denver & Rio Grande Railroad, the state's first and ultimately the nation's largest, narrow-gauge railroad system. • Durango to Ignacio, Arboles and south into New Mexico.

TRAIL OF THE ANCIENTS (P-1) Witness the centuries-old cliff dwellings and petroglyphs of the Ancestral Puebloans along the first byway designated for rchaeological significance. · Connecting the Utah state line near Hovenweep and the Four Corners through Cortez, CO.

**TRAIL RIDGE ROAD (C-14)* Make your way above treeline inside Rocky Mountain National Park along the skyscraping expanses of North America's highest paved through-road. • Within Rocky Mountain National Park.

UNAWEEP TABEGUACHE (I-3) Veer off the beaten path through some of the state's wildest lands, and look for remnants of those who tried to tame it with copper and uranium mines in the late 1800s. • Between Whitewater and Placerville.

**WEST ELK LOOP (G-8) Dip in and out of some of the state's lushest river valleys on some of its most scenic and lorful mountain passes. • Between Carbond Hotchkiss, Gunnison and Crested Butte.

*Also one of America's Byways **Electric-vehicle friendly



Fourteeners oradans don't miss a chance to brag about our most prominent features. Fifty-eight peaks in Colorado rise more than 14,000 feet above sea level — that's more than any other state

in the union. COLORADO

960 Wildlife Species Who will get the eagle-eye award for spotting a bighorn sheep, Colorado's state mammal? That's the true prize on a Colorado vacation, but there are 959 others to keep an eye out

CARE FOR COLORADO LEAVE NO TRACE PRINCIPLES landscapes. And remember to camp at least 200 feet from waterways

to leave space for wildlife. 3. LEAVE IT AS YOU FIND IT Enjoy discovering plants? Rocks? Historical and cultural items? Be sure to leave them as you found them so everyone car experience the joy of discovery.

Colorado has more than 2,000 different species of wildflowers, al with their own unique part to play in our ecosystem. Admire their beauty by taking a photo, not a flower. Cleaning boots, bike tires and water crafts before and after every outing not only makes your gear

last longer, it prevents the spread

of harmful invasive species. Colorado's trees give us beautiful leaf-peeping photos, shade on summer days, unmatched ski runs and of course, oxygen (which at this altitude, is a big help). But the smallest carving can kill or disfigure them.

4. TRASH THE TRASH Pack in the beautiful views by packing out the trash and leaving a place better than you found it. And make sure not to forget the peels and cores. Just because it's good for you

doesn't mean it's good for the wildlife

1,500 **Ghost Towns** Mysterious remnants of Colorado's 1800s Gold Rush are strewn about hill and dale. Walk once-bustling main streets and peek in dusty windows to imagine what life was



• No bathroom around? No worries. Be

repared with a disposable WAG bag

ound in most outdoor stores), and

conveniently pack out your waste. Alternatively, find privacy 70 steps from

water and the trail, dig a 6- to 8-inch

hole and then bury your business.

5. BE CAREFUL WITH FIRE

Build the perfect Colorado campfire

and avoid sparking a wildfire) by

small manageable and attended

When it's time to extinguish, make

touch to avoid reigniting a flame.

Buy or gather firewood locally; it'll save

you space in your car, plus it prevents

• Use care when smoking anything (and

of furry, scaly and feathered creatures.

To keep them — and you — safe,

make sure to keep you (and your

thumb, you're at a safe distance.

og's) distance. And if you're ever

unsure, follow the rule of thumb: If you

an cover the entire animal with your

we do mean anything) in Colorado's

dry climate. One of the biggest

introduction of any invasive species

allowed in the area. Then, keep them

first making sure campfires are

sure the embers are cold to the

like the destructive pine beetle.

more await at these parks in ever corner of the state (and all the space in between!). cpw.state.co.u 29 Hot Springs olorado's most popular and One of Co elaxing natural features is our steamy naturally heated hot springs. From

Miles of Rivers

fishing. COLORADO

State Parks

Home to the headwaters of sever

fishable waters for days. Discover

how gravity and sunshine conspir

Crystal-clear lakes, campsites wit

to make our state one of the best in

the nation for whitewater rafting and

najor rivers, Colorado has rapids and

· Everyone loves the smell of bacon (not just humans). So always store bear-proof lockers, canisters of

food, trash and anything with a scen secured vehicles. This will protect ou and prevent wildlife from being exposed to behavior changes. predators or even euthanas

7. SHARE OUR TRAILS & PARKS Everyone experiences and enjoys th outdoors in different ways. Be mindful of your group's noise level so everyone can appreciate our shared spaces. Yield to the uphill hiker and biker they need the momentum. Wheelchair users and equestrians always have the right of way.

COLORADO TOURISM OFFICE

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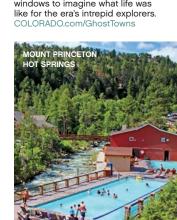








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luxurious resorts and spas to rustic hike-in hideaways, there's a mineralich pool waiting to soothe your soul

see-forever views, hiking trails that lace through the backcountry and