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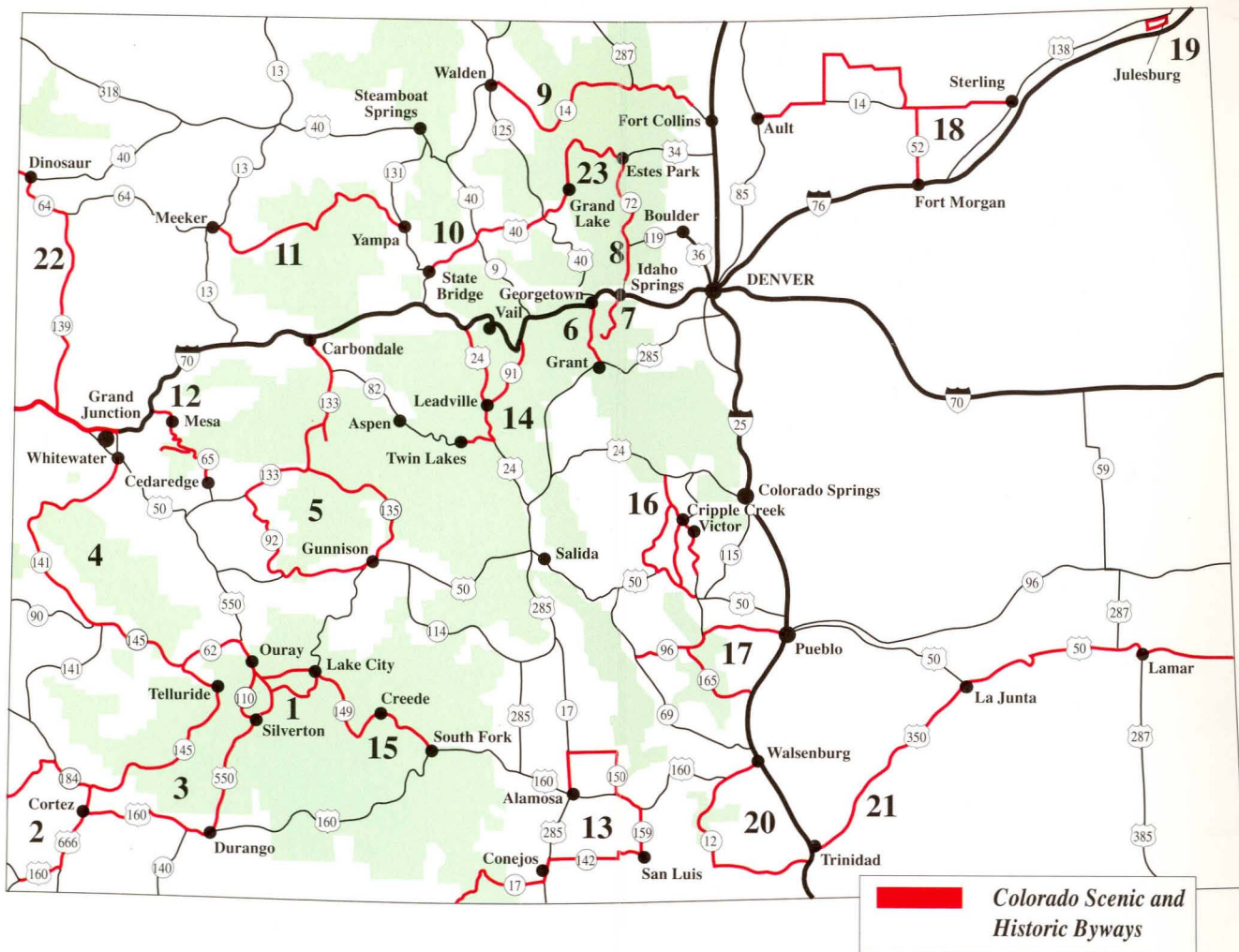
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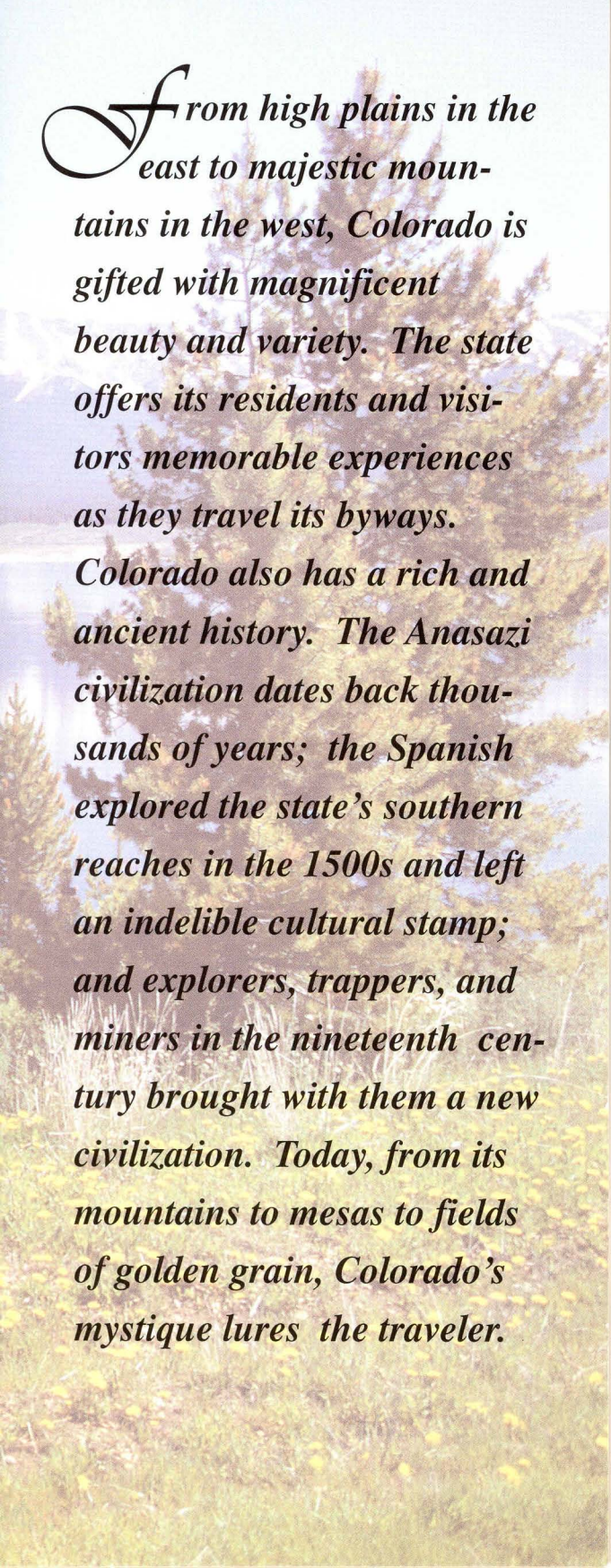
The Colorado Scenic and Historic Byways program is a statewide partnership intended to provide recreational, educational, and economic benefits to Coloradans and visitors. This system of outstanding touring routes in Colorado affords the traveler interpretation and identification of key points of interest and services while providing for the protection of significant resources.

Scenic and Historic Byways are nominated by local partnership groups and

designated by the Colorado Scenic and Historic Byways Commission for their exceptional scenic, historic, cultural, recreational, and natural features.



The columbine is Colorado's state flower. The Colorado Scenic and Historic Byways Commission has adopted the columbine as its logo. As you tour the Byways, the columbine signs will identify your route.



From high plains in the east to majestic mountains in the west, Colorado is gifted with magnificent beauty and variety. The state offers its residents and visitors memorable experiences as they travel its byways.

Colorado also has a rich and ancient history. The Anasazi civilization dates back thousands of years; the Spanish explored the state's southern reaches in the 1500s and left an indelible cultural stamp; and explorers, trappers, and miners in the nineteenth century brought with them a new civilization. Today, from its mountains to mesas to fields of golden grain, Colorado's mystique lures the traveler.



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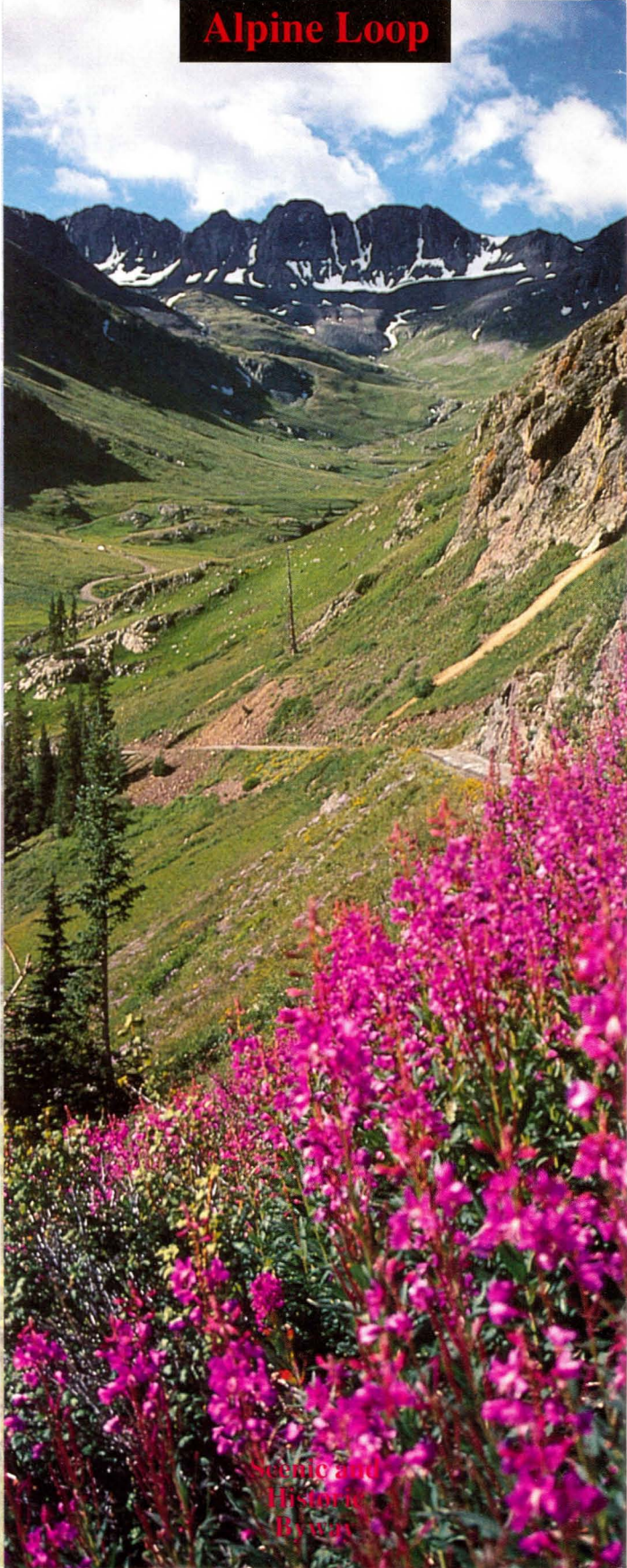
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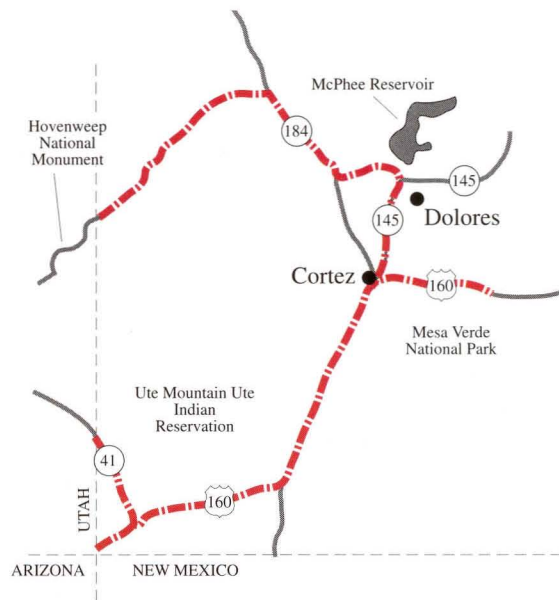
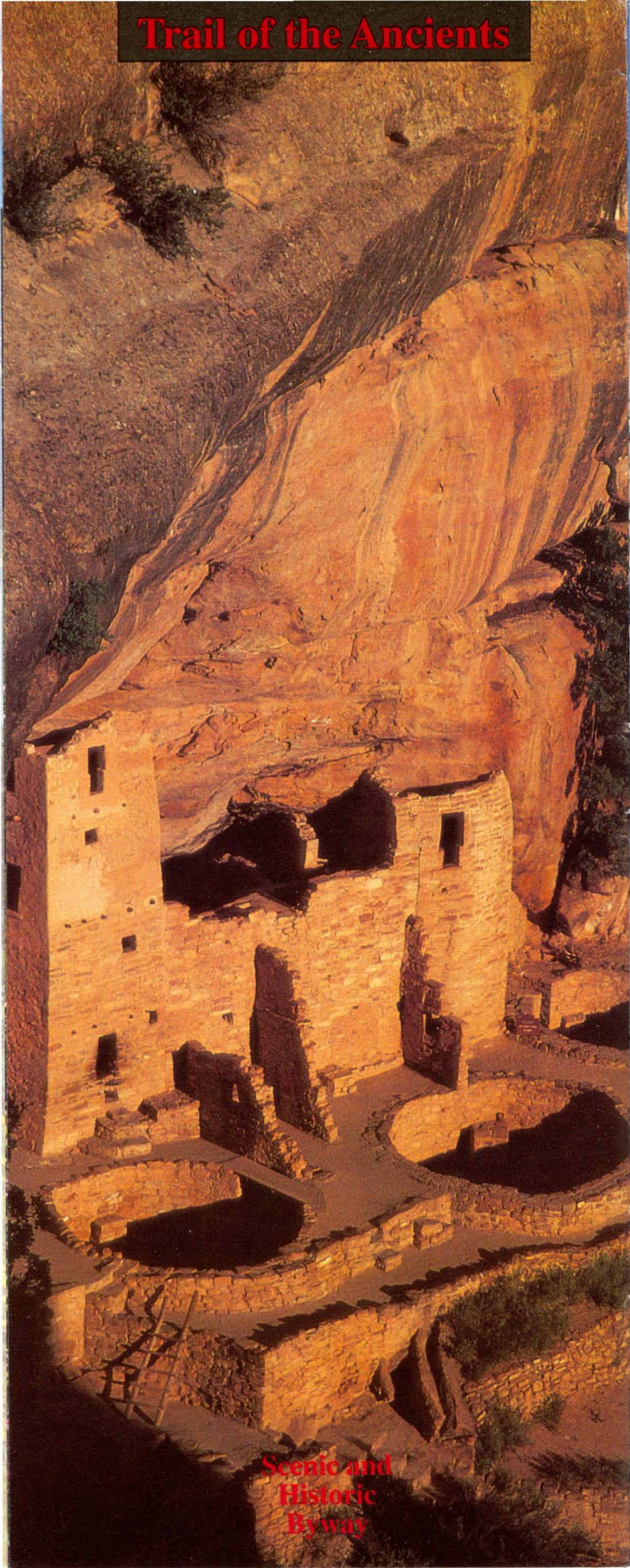
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The Alpine Loop leaves pavement and people behind, crossing the remote, rugged, spectacular heart of the San Juan Mountains. It's demanding—the two 12,000-foot passes (Cinnamon and Engineer) require a high-clearance 4-wheel-drive vehicle—but the well-prepared motorist reaps unparalleled rewards: pristine mountain views, hiking and biking trails, great camping opportunities, and ample solitude. These rocky roads were first used by 19th-century miners, who carted their ore off to Silverton, Ouray, and Lake City in mule-drawn wagons. Spend an afternoon exploring abandoned townsites, structures, and other former mining haunts—if you want to commune with ghosts of Colorado's rich past.

Length: 63 miles **Driving time:** 4 to 6 hours **Special considerations:** Bring full tank of gas, extra food/water; roads can be muddy; closed in winter **Special features:** 7 ghost towns, 2 high alpine passes, BLM/USFS wilderness areas **Contact:** BLM-Gunnison Resource Area, 216 N. Colorado, Gunnison CO 81230 / (970) 641-0471

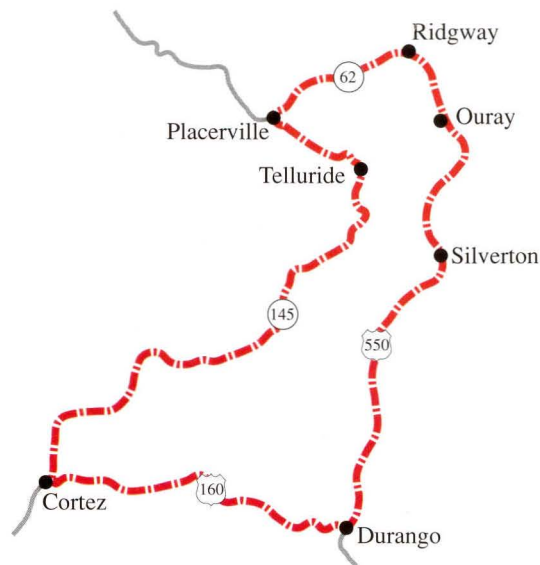


The Anasazi—the “Ancient Ones” to the later Navajo—guarded their secrets closely. We know they dominated the Colorado Plateau for hundreds of years, yet basic questions about them—who they were, how they lived, what they believed—remain less than fully resolved. This 114-mile route across the broken, arid terrain of their former civilization is heavily laden with clues: cliff dwellings, rock art, pottery shards. Hovenweep National Monument and Mesa Verde National Park both contain dense clusters of Anasazi remains, and the Anasazi Heritage Center in Dolores offers background and interpretive information. One branch of the byway leads to the Four Corners Area, connecting with Utah’s Trail of the Ancients byway.

Length: 114 miles **Driving time:** 3 hours

Special considerations: Some gravel surfaces, muddy when wet **Special features:** Mesa Verde National Park, Hovenweep National Monument, Anasazi Heritage Center, Ute Mountain Ute Tribal Park **Contact:** Anasazi Heritage Center, 27501 Highway 184, Dolores CO 81323 / (970) 882-4811

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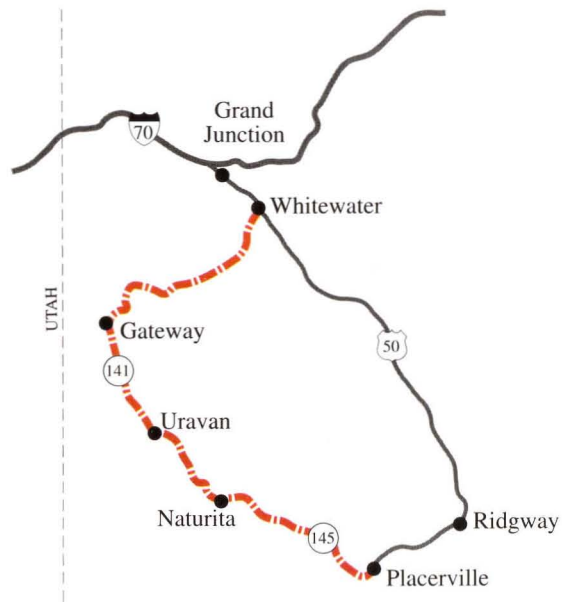


If byways could claim royal lineage, this one would probably rule them all. Start with the major towns along the route—Durango, a well-preserved descendant of the Old West; picturesque Telluride, renowned for world-class skiing and film, jazz, and bluegrass festivals; and Silverton and Ouray, Victorian jewels tucked in deep alpine valleys. Add another crown—Mesa Verde National Park, home to one of the densest collections of prehistoric ruins in the U.S.—and five million acres of undisturbed national forest. Then there are the roads themselves, snaking through the woods in the shadow of impressive 14,000-foot peaks. The segment from Ouray to Silverton is called the “Million Dollar Highway.” But you can’t put a price tag on this experience.

Length: 236 miles **Driving time:** 6 hours

Special considerations: Bring a camera; inquire about road conditions during winter **Special features:** Nationally designated as an “All American Road”, Mesa Verde National Park, Anasazi Heritage Center, four wilderness areas **Contact:** San Juan National Forest, 15 Burnett Court, Durango, CO 81301 / (970)247-4874

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Unaweep Canyon knifes through the soft red sandstone of the Uncompahgre Plateau all the way to Precambrian times. Ancient rivers silted the rock away, exposing hundreds of millions of years of the geologic record (including fossils of dinosaurs and early amphibians). Other secrets of the earth were ferreted out by miners with picks and shovels. The canyon witnessed a copper boom around the turn of the century; decades later, the U.S. Army processed ore from nearby Uravan to produce the uranium used in the first atomic bombs. Above all, this ageless desert region offers sheer scenic wonder—striated cliffs towering a thousand feet overhead, raging streams, and boundless skies.

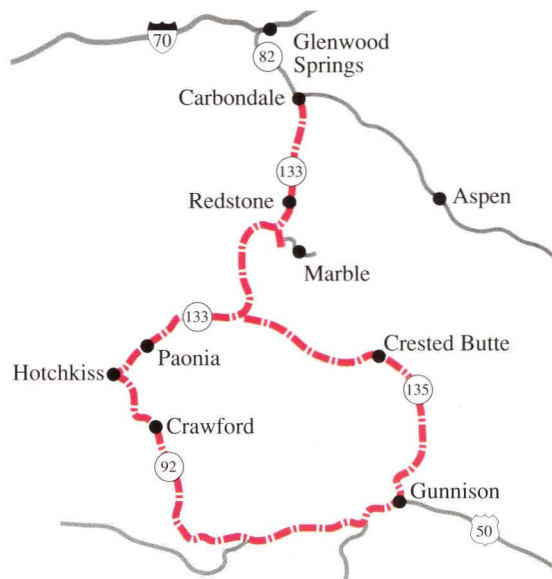
Length: 133 miles **Driving time:** 3 hours

Special considerations: Bring full tank of gas, food, and water; long intervals between service stops

Special features: San Miguel River Environmental Area, Unaweep Seep, Dolores and San Miguel Rivers **Contact:** Bureau of Land Management, Montrose District Office, 2465 S. Townsend, Montrose CO 81401 / (970) 249-6047

West Elk Loop

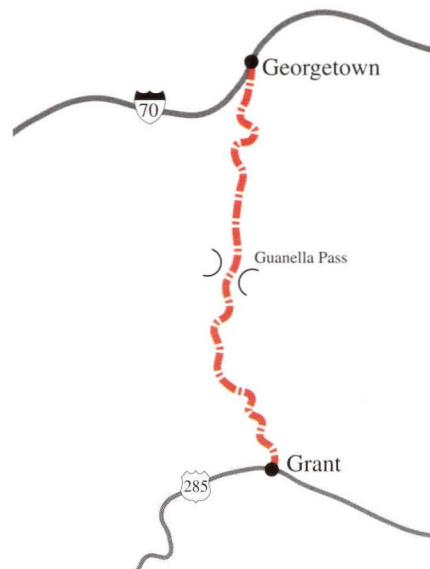
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The twin summits of Mount Sopris and the incomparable Black Canyon of the Gunnison anchor the ends of the West Elk Loop. This magnificent landscape has been home to uncounted generations of Native Americans, most recently the Utes. White settlers originally came in search of minerals and stayed to farm and ranch. The coke ovens at Redstone bear witness to the toil that built the communities of today. Carbondale, Hotchkiss, Crawford, Gunnison, Crested Butte, and other towns offer a slice of Colorado's rich history, varied lifestyles, and natural beauty. The route gives access to the White River and Gunnison National Forests, the Black Canyon of the Gunnison National Monument, Curecanti National Recreational Area, and Crawford and Paonia State Parks.

Length: 205 miles **Driving time:** 6 to 8 hours **Special considerations:** 31-mile gravel section over Kebler Pass closed in winter **Special features:** Black Canyon of the Gunnison, Blue Mesa Reservoir **Contact:** U.S. Forest Service, P.O. Box 309, Carbondale CO 81623 / (970) 963-2266

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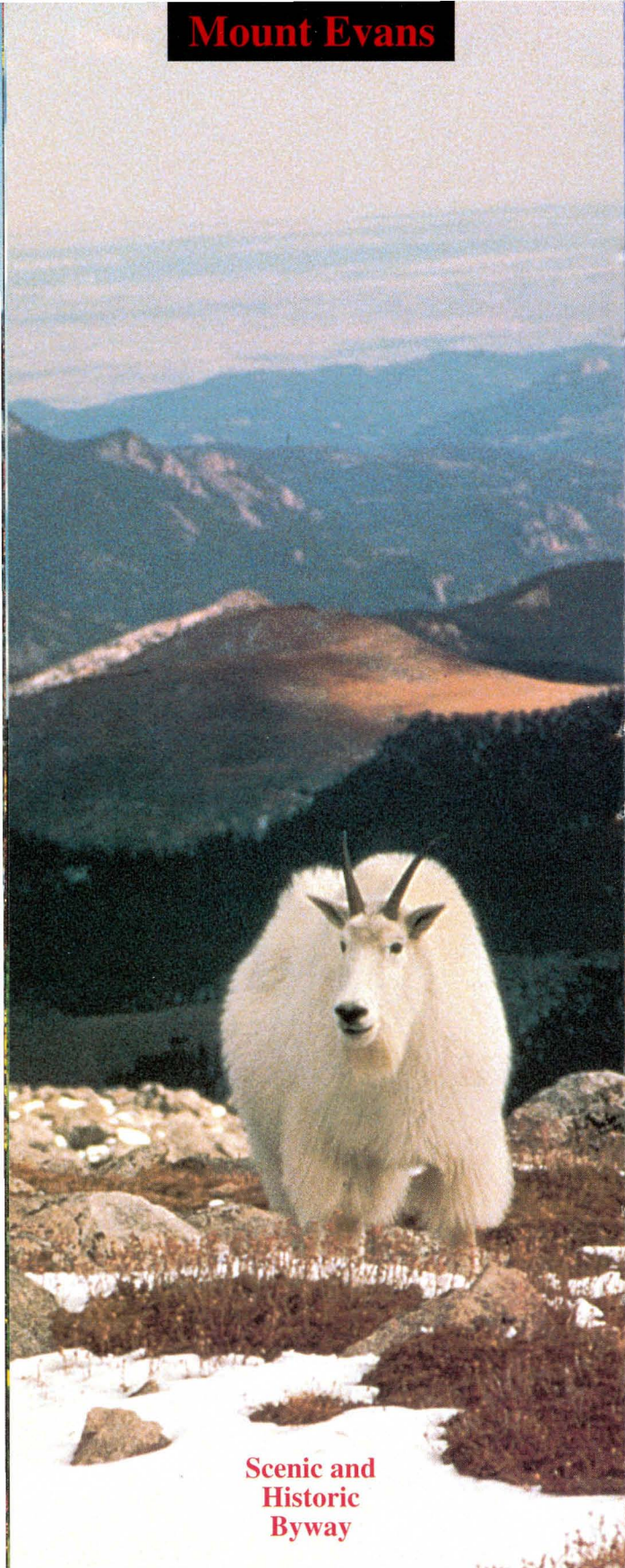


For a quick study in Rocky Mountain ecosystems, you could hardly find better instruction than here. This well-settled road leaps the steep divide between the South Platte and Clear Creek watersheds, passing through a succession of distinct environments. The lower elevations are green and wet, thick stands of spruce, fir, aspen, and pine rising along cascading creeks. Higher up, the streams snake through broad meadows, succoring thirsty mammals, nesting birds, and the industrious beaver. The road crests well above timberline, where every spring the grasses and flowers stubbornly renew, and the fragile tundra thaws and blossoms. This old logging and mining area flanked by Mounts Bierstadt and Evans boasts two of the state's best-preserved Victorian towns, Georgetown and Silver Plume.

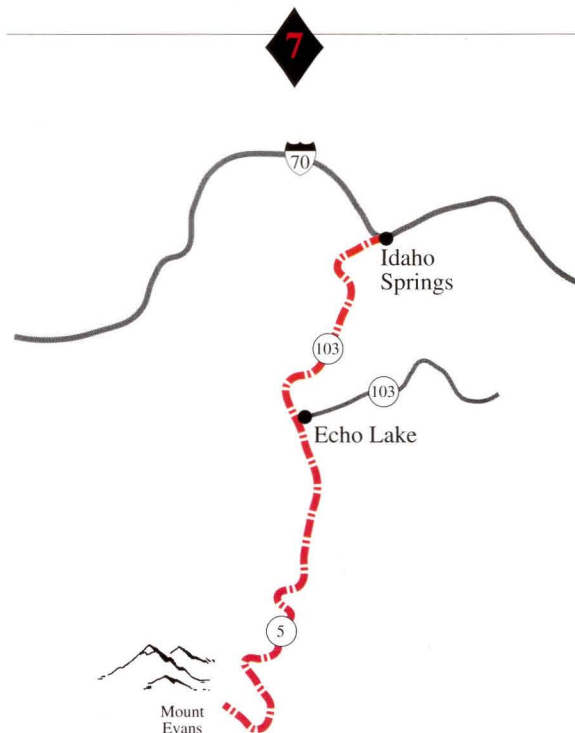
Length: 22 miles **Driving time:** 1 hour **Special considerations:** Variable road conditions; popular for fall-color viewing **Special features:** Georgetown Loop Historic Mining and Railroad Park **Contact:** Clear Creek County Tourism Board, P.O. Box 100, Idaho Springs CO 80476 / (303) 567-0607

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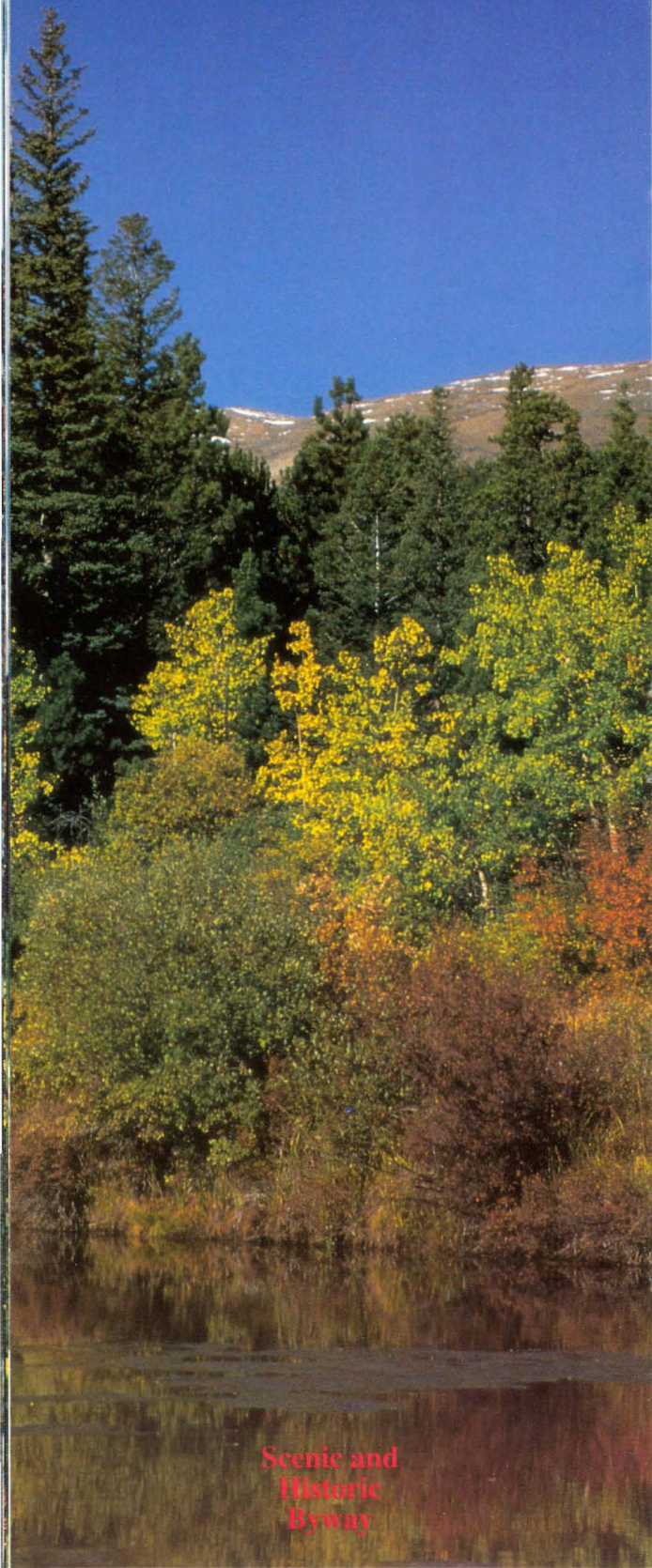


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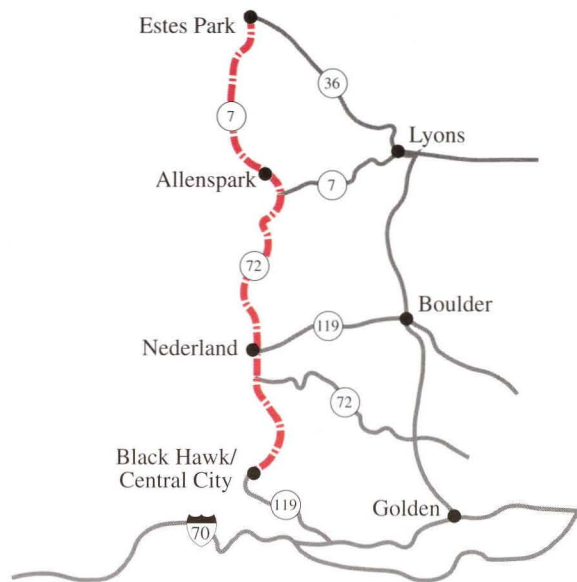


The Mount Evans Scenic Byway climbs more than 7,000 feet in just 28 miles, reaching an altitude of 14,264 feet. At the summit you'll enjoy the big picture—the entire Front Range sprawls at your feet—but don't overlook the details. This highest of Rocky Mountain highs brings you to the rarefied world above timberline, a singular amalgam of hardy wildflowers, lichens and grasses, furry mammals like pikas and marmots, rock-jumping mountain goats, and alpine lakes. This is perhaps the best place in Colorado to catch a glimpse of the stately bighorn sheep. The weather is volatile—be prepared for wind, rain, lightning, snow, and hail any day of the year.

Length: 28 miles (one way) **Driving time:** 1 hour (one way) **Special considerations:** Bring warm clothing, sunscreen; summit open Memorial Day through Labor Day only **Special features:** Highest paved road in North America **Contact:** USFS—Clear Creek Ranger District, P.O. Box 3307, Idaho Springs CO 80452 / (303) 567-2901



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Welcome to the showcase of the Front Range. Less than an hour from Denver, Boulder, or Fort Collins, this 55-mile-long route provides matchless views of the Continental Divide and its timbered approaches. The string of popular attractions along the way—Rocky Mountain National Park, Golden Gate Canyon State Park, Arapaho and Roosevelt National Forests, the Indian Peaks Wilderness Area, Eldora Ski Resort—combine recreation with nature preservation. The gravel roads criss-crossing the main highway lead to high-country lakes, trailheads, campgrounds, the Moffat Tunnel’s east portal, and ghost towns at Hesse and Apex. Established in 1918, this is Colorado’s oldest scenic byway.

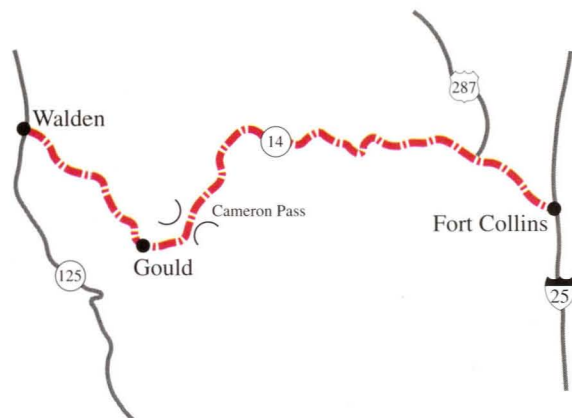
Length: 55 miles **Driving time:** 80 minutes
Special features: Rocky Mountain National Park, Golden Gate Canyon State Park, Arapaho and Roosevelt National Forests, the Indian Peaks Wilderness Area, Eldora Ski Resort **Contact:** Boulder Convention & Visitor’s Bureau, 2440 Pearl Street, Boulder CO 80302 / (303) 442-2911

Cache la Poudre—North Park



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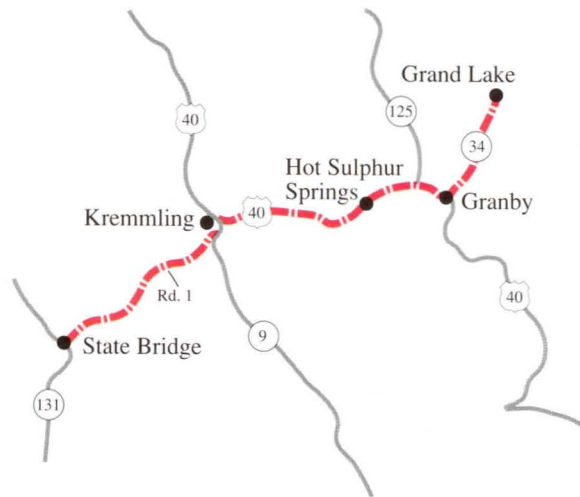
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This byway links Fort Collins with verdant North Park, a quiet, bowl-shaped valley just west of the Continental Divide. The road runs through the Cache la Poudre River canyon, once a useful transit corridor for Native Americans and, later, white explorers. Today's visitors lean more toward recreation; whitewater boaters and anglers love the Poudre, Colorado's only federally designated National Wild and Scenic River. At 10,276-foot Cameron Pass the highway intercepts Colorado State Forest, a 70,000-acre preserve of glaciated mountains and evergreen thickets. North Park, once a favorite bison grazing ground, remains heavily populated with deer, antelope, elk, moose, beaver, and coyote; migrating waterfowl flock to the Arapaho National Wildlife Refuge.

Length: 101 miles **Driving time:** 3 hours

Special considerations: Watch for livestock crossing road, commercial trucks (semis), heavy summer traffic **Special features:** Roosevelt National Forest, Colorado State Forest, outstanding fishing **Contact:** Arapaho and Roosevelt NF, Estes-Poudre Ranger District, 1311 S. College Ave., Fort Collins CO 80526 / (970) 498-2719



Downstream the Colorado is a mighty river irrigating and providing power to the Southwestern United States. But up here, at its source, it is no different from dozens of other Rocky Mountain waterways, a clear brook tumbling across greenish meadows and down cramped redrock gorges. This stretch between Grand Lake and State Bridge offers first-class fishing, canoeing, and rafting, along with plenty of quiet spaces where you can sit on the banks and contemplate. The route begins at Grand Lake, an old resort town on the shores of Colorado's largest natural lake, and ends on a gravel road through spectacular Upper Gore Canyon.

Length: 80 miles **Driving Time:** 2 hours

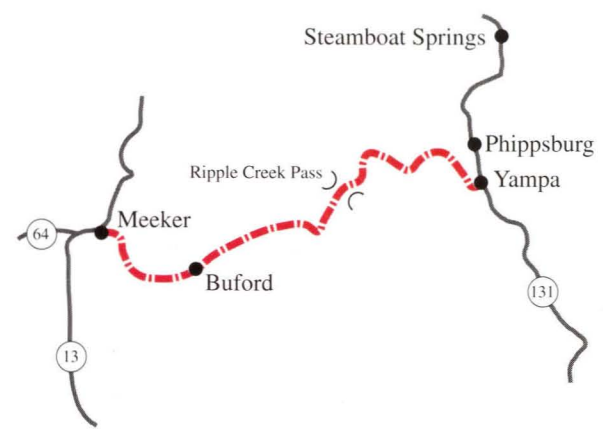
Special considerations: Between Kremmling and State Bridge has gravel surface and limited visitor services

Special features: Rocky Mountain National Park, Arapaho National Recreation Area **Contact:** Grand County Historical Association, P.O. Box 165, Hot Sulphur Springs CO 80451 / (970) 725-3939

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This byway cuts through the heart of the original White River Plateau Timberland Reserve, set aside in the late 19th century as the second unit of what eventually became the National Forest system. Two decades later, in a foreshadowing of the 1964 Wilderness Act, development of any kind was banned around Trapper's Lake (the "Cradle of Wilderness"). The area's longstanding history of preservation and multiple-use land management makes for pristine scenery and superlative wildlife viewing. Yet this remains very much a "working" byway, dotted with active mines, ranches, and timber-producing woodlands. Meeker and Yampa, the route's two endpoints, embody the rugged individualism that lies at the heart of western lore.

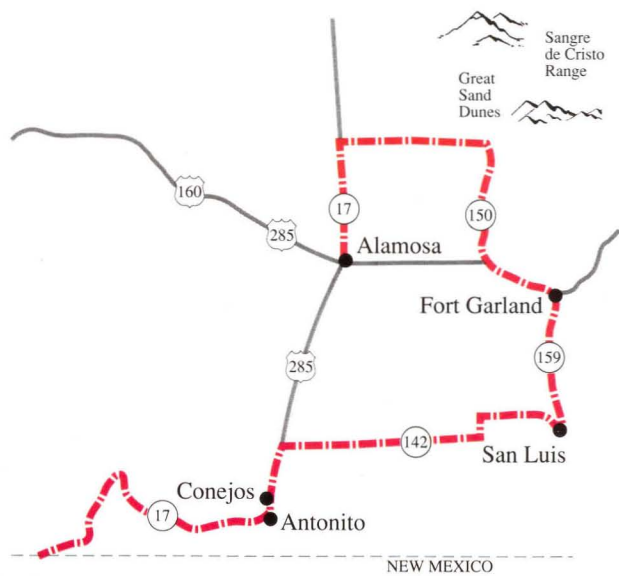
Length: 82 miles **Driving time:** 2 hours
Special considerations: Fill tank in Yampa, Buford, or Meeker; roads muddy when wet **Special features:** White River National Forest, Flat Tops Wilderness Area
Contact: USFS—Yampa Ranger District, P.O. Box 7, 300 Roselawn, Yampa CO 80483 / (970) 638-4516



From I-70, the Byway climbs through the picturesque canyon of Plateau Creek to cool evergreen forests 11,000 feet above sea level. Standing atop the Grand Mesa at Land's End Overlook, one might easily feel like an eagle, soaring over a landscape of unusual beauty. Emerald-green fields carpet this playground in the sky, which offers an abundance of fishing, hiking, and mountain biking. Glistening blankets of snow dress the Grand Mesa in winter for snowshoeing, skiing, and snowmobiling. Porcupines, mountain lions, coyotes, red fox, elk, and deer thrive here, and more than 300 stream-fed lakes swarm with rainbow, cutthroat, and brook trout. For those seeking a higher plane of being, this 63-mile route offers a truly transcendent experience.

Length: 63 miles **Driving time:** 2 hours **Special considerations:** Services between Cedaredge and Mesa are limited; spur road to Land's End closed in winter. **Special features:** Designated as a National Scenic Byway, Grand Mesa National Forest, Powderhorn Ski Area **Contact:** Grand Mesa Byway Association, P.O. Box 122, Cedaredge CO 81413 / 800-436-3041

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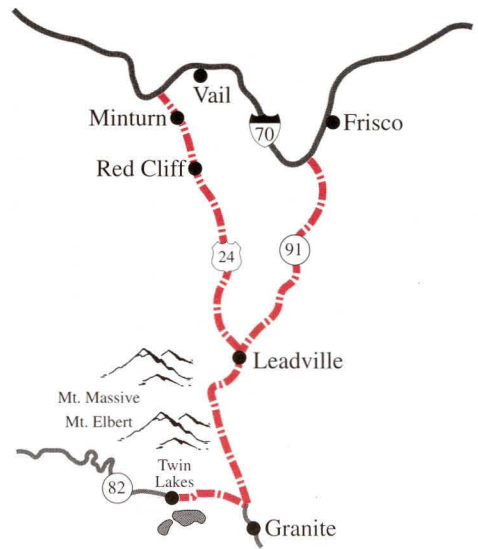
The Great Sand Dunes are one of nature's most painstaking creations. Hundreds of feet high and more than a thousand miles from the nearest ocean beach, these drifting dunes accumulated over the eons as winds swept sand against the west face of the Sangre de Cristo Range. That slow, determined process reflects the spirit of the San Luis Valley—an enormous, sun-baked flat between the Sangres and the San Juan foothills. Life here would not seem to have changed much since the 1600s, when Spain cast its claim over this region. *Los caminos antiguos* take you to Colorado's oldest surviving community (San Luis, 1851), its oldest church (Our Lady of Guadalupe, in Conejos), and one of its first military posts (Fort Garland). Drive, explore, take your time—there's plenty of it to spare.

Length: 129 miles **Driving time:** 3 hours

Special considerations: Accessible year-round

Special features: Great Sand Dunes National Monument, Cumbres/Toltec Scenic Railroad, Fort Garland Museum, San Luis Lakes State Park and Stations of the Cross Shrine in San Luis. **Contact:** Byway Administrator, P.O. Box 86, Fort Garland, CO 81122 / (719) 379-0034 or Fort Garland Museum & Visitor's Center, (719) 379-3512

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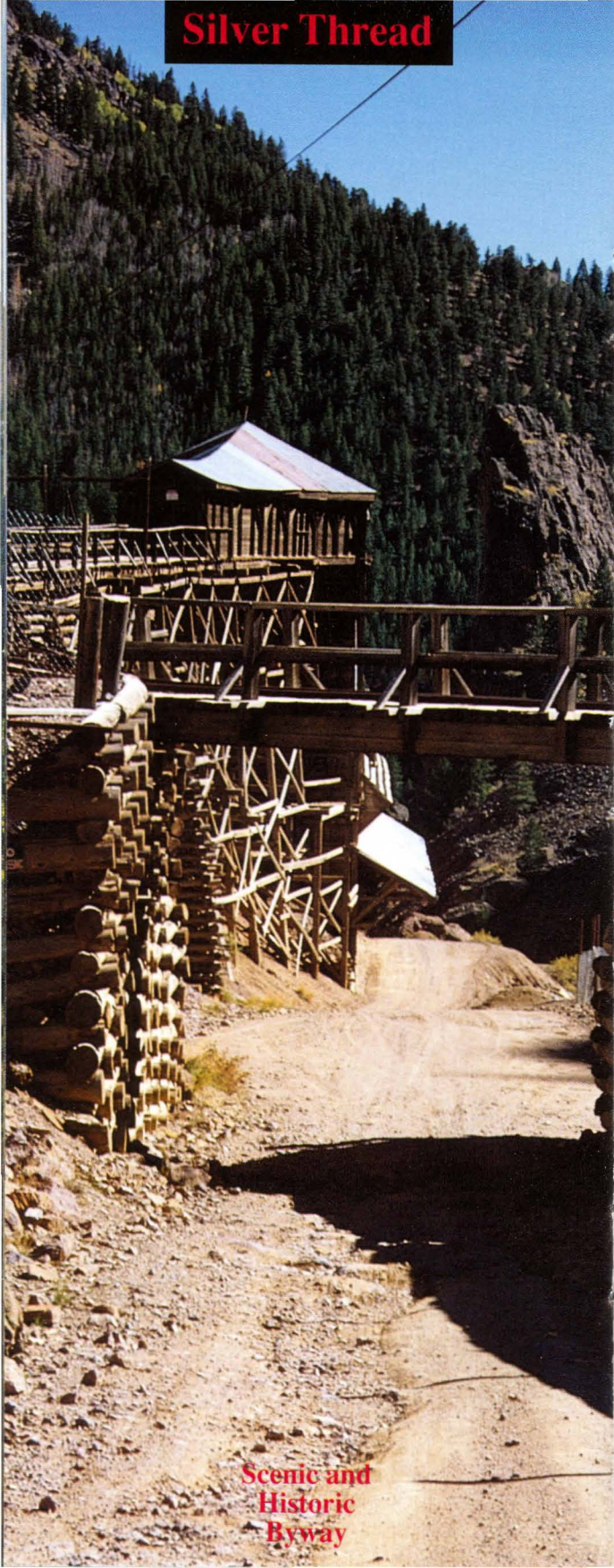


At 10,200 feet, Leadville is the highest incorporated community in the United States. Yet in this setting, surrounded on all sides by 14,000-foot behemoths, the city occupies the *lowlands*. South of town, Colorado's two loftiest mountains—Elbert and Massive—stand side by side like Jupiter and Saturn. The colossal peaks of this area yielded fortunes of like proportions in the 19th century, as miners pulled millions of dollars' worth of minerals from the ground. The luckiest of them, Horace Tabor, became one of the titans of Colorado's silver industry. This 82-mile route crosses the Continental Divide twice and traces the Arkansas River nearly to its source in the vicinity of Fremont Pass. The small communities of Redcliff, Minturn, and Twin Lakes add charm.

Length: 75 miles **Driving time:** 2 hours

Special considerations: Use normal winter precautions
Special features: Designated as a National Scenic Byway, Tennessee and Fremont passes; Arkansas Headwaters State Recreation Area; Pike, Arapaho, White River National Forests **Contact:** Greater Leadville Area Chamber of Commerce, P.O. Box 861, Leadville CO 80461 / (719) 486-3900 / 800-933-3901

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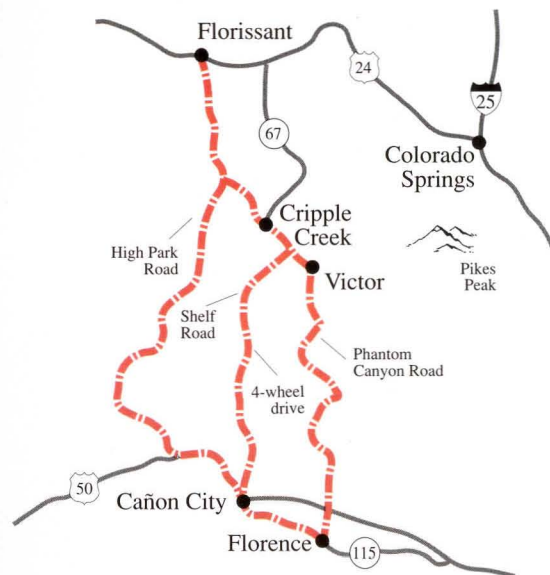
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The colorful old mining camps of the Silver Thread offer history, scenic beauty, and a heavy dose of authenticity. The heights around Creede and Lake City remain strewn with abandoned mining structures, most of them accessible via rugged backcountry roads. Between the two towns, Highway 149 shadows the upper reaches of the Rio Grande, serving up a bounty of natural wonders—sparkling North Clear Creek Falls, the Slumgullion earth slide, and the shark-like fin of Uncompahgre Peak. These mountains can be unforgiving: In 1848 explorer John C. Frémont lost a third of his men—and a quarter of a century later the infamous Alfred Packer cannibalized his companions—in two ill-fated winter expeditions.

Length: 75 miles **Driving time:** 2 hours

Special features: Collier State Wildlife Area, Rio Grande National Forest **Contact:** Creede Chamber of Commerce, P.O. Box 580, Creede CO 81130 / (719) 658-2374



In the early 1890s the mining towns in the shadow of Pikes Peak enjoyed the greatest gold boom the state has ever known. This 131-mile circuit tours historic Cripple Creek, Florence, McCourt, Adelaide, Wilbur, Victor, and other former gold camps. The roads are narrow and rugged in places—one stretch of the Shelf Road clings to a canyon wall 200 feet above the stream bed—but the payoff comes in the outstanding scenery: majestic Pikes Peak, the unspoiled Beaver Creek Wilderness Study Area, spectacular Royal Gorge, and miles of high-country beauty. Two significant fossil areas—Florissant Fossil Beds National Monument and Garden Park Dinosaur Fossil Area—lie along the route.

Length: 131 miles **Driving time:** 5 hours

Special considerations: Phantom Canyon and Upper Shelf roads have rough, gravel surfaces; avoid in wet weather; 4WD recommended on Upper Shelf; no vehicles over 25 feet long on Phantom Canyon Road **Special features:** Royal Gorge Bridge, Mueller State Park, Florissant Fossil Beds National Monument **Contact:** BLM-Royal Gorge Resource Area, 3170 East Main St., Cañon City CO 81212 / (719) 269-8500

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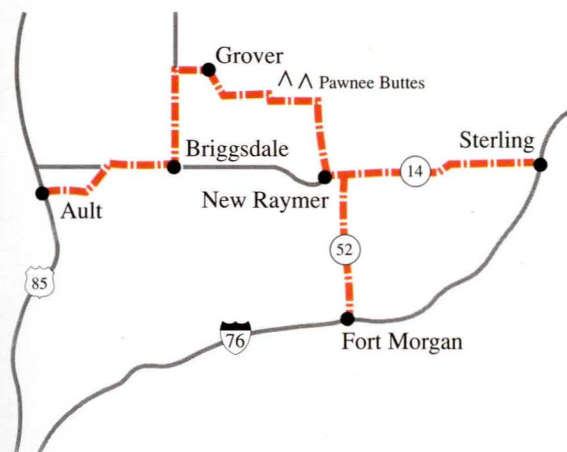


The name of the byway sums it up perfectly. This old frontier zone south of the Arkansas River marked the intersection of Native American, Spanish, French, and American territories. Thousands left their footsteps in this much-traveled corridor—first the Ute Indians, then Spanish and American explorers, and finally traders, fur trappers, homesteaders, ranchers, and gold prospectors. Those bygone travelers viewed the same snow-capped mountains, jagged canyons, carpeted meadows, and aspen-covered hillsides that we marvel at today, and the signs of their passage remain. Historic buildings line the route, bearing witness to long-lost cattle empires, mining operations, and Victorian towns. Let this be your pathway to adventure.

Length: 103 miles **Driving time:** 3½ hours

Special features: Designated as a National Scenic Byway, San Isabel National Forest, Lake Pueblo State Park, El Pueblo Museum (Pueblo) **Contact:** El Pueblo Museum (719) 583-0453, Old Westcliff Schoolhouse (719) 783-2699

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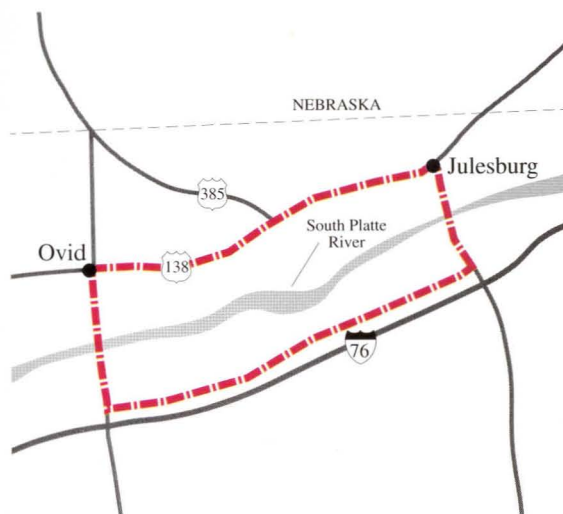


This byway traverses the rugged Colorado Piedmont, a wide-open region anchored by the towering Pawnee Buttes. The landscape provides refuge for coyotes, prairie dogs, rattlesnakes, pronghorn antelope, and hundreds of bird species. Travelers can imagine how the shortgrass prairie appeared to Native Americans many centuries ago, and to the frontiersmen, cattle ranchers, and homesteaders who followed. Nineteenth-century settlers endured the hardships of wind, drought, and isolation; railroad towns sprang up, flourished, and declined. The communities that remain are as tough and resilient as the land they occupy, hardy symbols of America's pioneering spirit.

Length: 128 miles **Driving time:** 3 hours

Special considerations: Start with full tank of gas; avoid gravel roads between Grover and New Raymer in heavy rain or snow **Special features:** Pawnee National Grassland; Pawnee Buttes **Contact:** USFS-Pawnee National Grasslands, 660 "O" Street, Greeley CO 80631/ (970) 353-5004

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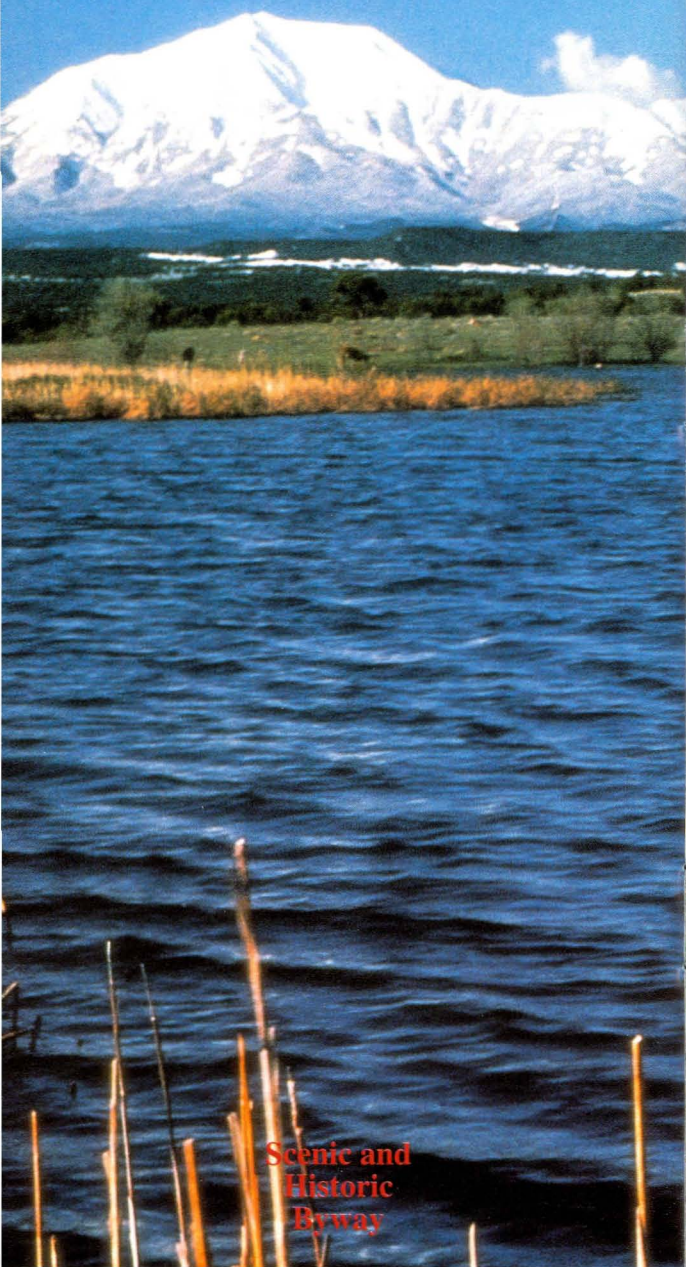


Although the shortest of Colorado's 23 byways, the South Platte River Trail is long on history. In the nineteenth century it lay on the main route westward, and was used by tens of thousands of pioneers lured by the promise of wealth, land, and freedom. Beginning at the Colorado Welcome Center, this 19-mile loop features interpretive signage at the original Julesburg townsite, the location of Colorado's only Pony Express home station, and Fort Sedgwick, established in 1864 to protect the trail and telegraph line. Additional markers commemorate the other three Julesburg townsites, the Transcontinental Railroad, and the Lincoln Highway, the first coast-to-coast automobile road in the United States.

Length: 19 miles **Driving time:** 30 minutes

Special considerations: Accessible year-round

Special features: Colorado Welcome Center, Fort Sedgwick, Pony Express, Watchable Wildlife and Julesburg 1 through 4 **Contact:** Sedgwick County Economic Development, 114 East First Street, Julesburg CO 80737 / (970) 474-3504



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Did George Simpson really save Trinidad from marauding Utes by distracting them with taunts? Where is the lost gold vein that supposedly offered nuggets so rich a 19th-century prospector could live off one for a full year? And what fate befell Juan Humaña and his band of conquistadors, who disappeared near the Purgatoire River in 1594 and were never again seen alive? You may not find the answers on the Highway of Legends, but you will enjoy the dramatic settings that have inspired tall tales among Native American nomads, Spanish explorers, and Anglo and Hispanic settlers for hundreds of years. From the impenetrable heights of the Sangre de Cristos and Spanish Peaks to the ominous redrock abutments of the Dakota Wall and the Devil's Stairsteps, this land is truly larger than life.

Length: 82 miles **Driving time:** 2 hours

Special considerations: Bring a camera and a guidebook to the region's geology **Special features:** Geological formations, Trinidad State Park, Spanish Peaks, Lathrop State Park **Contact:** Trinidad Welcome Center, 309 Nevada Ave., Trinidad CO 81082/(719) 846-9512



On a clear spring day, a sharp observer can still discern the wagon-wheel ruts of the Santa Fe Trail winding their way across the prairie. The cultural legacies of this historic trade route, which saw its heaviest use between the 1820s and 1870s, remain just as distinct. The byway, which comprises a 188-mile portion of the trail, traverses one of the last strongholds of the nomadic Plains Indians and one of the first footholds of Anglo-American pioneers, who began homesteading along the Arkansas River in the 1860s. The Mountain Branch of the trail traveled through what is today Trinidad and crossed Raton Pass, a mountain gap used by Native Americans for centuries. The byway's midpoint is Bent's Old Fort, once a trading post and cultural melting pot, now a National Historic Site.

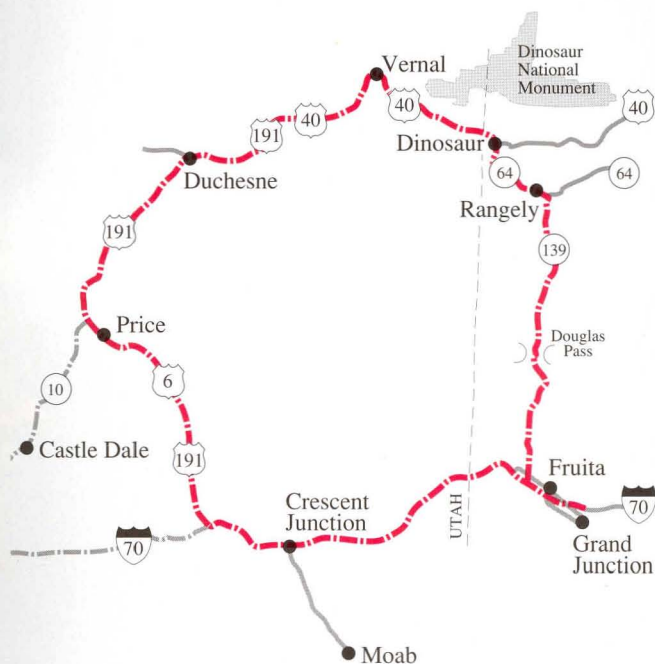
Length: 184 miles **Driving time:** 4 hours

Special considerations: Good buys at fruit and vegetable stands **Special features:** Designated as a National Scenic Byway, Bent's Old Fort, Comanche National Grasslands, Trinidad History Museum (Trinidad) **Contact:** Trinidad/Las Animas Economic Development Ind., 309 Nevada Ave., Trinidad CO 81082 / (719) 846-9412

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Some of the world's most significant dinosaur fossil quarries and museums are clustered along this route, in the midst of a forbidding but stunningly beautiful landscape. The earth, fractured and stained, coughs up a rare collection of treasures. Ancient stone rises to the surface after eons underground; skeletons buried 100 million years ago now bleach in the desert sun. The byway traverses high mountains and barren plateaus, with stops at two national parks, two national monuments, and two great rivers of the West (the Colorado and Green). This dramatic maze of rocks and bones defies the imagination.

Length: 486 miles **Driving time:** 2-3 days **Special considerations:** Limited services on some stretches; carry extra water **Special features:** Dinosaur National Monument, Colorado National Monument **Contact:** Dinosaur Discovery Museum, 1-70 and Exit 19, Fruita, CO / 1-800-DIG-DINO or Dinosaur Land Travel Board, Vernal, UT / 1-800-477-5558



Soaring to an elevation of 12,183 feet, Trail Ridge Road seems to leave the earth behind. It slices through the heart of Rocky Mountain National Park, entering a world of rare alpine beauty. Distant peaks loom in all directions, while fragrant wildflowers blanket the tundra in mid-summer. Sharp-eyed observers can usually spy elk, bighorn sheep, and other wildlife traversing the meadows and crags. Higher than any paved through-road in the country, this cliff-hugging highway is as impressive for its engineering as for its stunning vistas. You can't find a road like this one anywhere outside of Colorado.

Length: 48 miles **Driving time:** 2 hours **Special considerations:** Open from about Memorial Day through mid-October; unpredictable weather; no fuel available **Special features:** Nationally designated as an "All American Road", Numerous overlooks and short hiking trails; Visitor Center at Fall River Pass **Contact:** Rocky Mountain National Park, Estes Park CO 80517 / 970-586-1399



X Features
● Limited Service

		Physical Character					Ecology					Recreational Resources						Historical Resources						Public Lands		Visitor Services											
		Plains	Mountain peaks/valleys	Canyons	Parks and plateaus	Foothills	Agricultural/ranch land	Prairie/grassland	High altitude parks/mesas/plateaus	Alpine tundra	Evergreen trees	Deciduous trees	Scrub woodland	Scenic viewing	Fall color viewing	Picnicking/camping	Hiking	Fishing	Boating	Bicycling	Wildlife viewing	Four-wheel driving	Native peoples	Mining/industry	Trails/transportation	Ethnic groups	Farming/ranching	Trade	Military	Mythic west	Extensive	Limited	Gas	Food	Lodging	Retail services	Outfitters, guides, tour operators
South West	Alpine Loop	X							X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X	X								X		X	X	X	X	X	
	Trail of the Ancients		X	X			X	X		X	X	X	X	X		X					X							X		X		●	●	●	●		
	San Juan Skyway	X		X				X	X	X	X		X	X	X	X				X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X		X	X	X	X	X
	Unaweep/Tabeguache		X	X			X	X		X	X	X		X			X	X	X	X	X		X	X		X	X			X		●	●	●	●		
	West Elk Loop	X						X		X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X		X		X	X	X	X	X	X	
North Central	Guanella Pass	X							X	X	X		X	X	X	X				X	X	X		X	X	X			X		X	X	X	X	X		
	Mount Evans	X							X	X	X		X	X		X				X	X		X	X	X			X		X	X	X	X	X			
	Peak to Peak	X							X	X	X		X	X		X				X	X		X	X	X	X	X		X		X	X	X	X			
	Cache la Poudre–North Park		X	X	X			X		X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X		X	X	X	X	X		X		●	X	X	●	X		
	Trail Ridge Road	X	X						X	X			X	X	X	X					X		X		X				X			●		●			
North West	Colorado River Headwaters	X				X				X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X		X		X		X	X	X			X		X	X	X	X	X	X	
	Flat Tops Trail			X				X	X	X			X	X	X	X	X				X	X		X	X			X		X		●	●	●	●	X	
	Grand Mesa		X	X			X		X	X			X	X	X	X	X	X				X		X	X			X		X		●	●	●	●	X	
	Dinosaur Diamond	X		X		X				X	X	X		X		X	X				X		X	X		X		X		X		X	X	X	X		
														X	X	X	X				X		X		X	X	X	X		X		X	X	X	X		
South Central	Los Caminos Antiguos			X		X	X					X	X			X	X			X		X		X	X	X	X	X		X		●	X	X	X		
	Top of the Rockies	X					X		X	X			X	X	X	X	X			X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X		X		X	X	X	X		
	Silver Thread	X					X		X	X			X	X	X	X	X			X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X		X		X	X	X	X	X	X
	Gold Belt Tour		X		X		X					X	X	X	X		X			X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X		X		X	X	X	X		
	Frontier Pathways	X			X		X		X	X			X	X	X	X					X		X		X	X			X		X		X	X	X		
North East	Pawnee Pioneer Trails	X				X	X						X			X				X		X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X		●	●	●	●		
	South Platte River Trail	X				X	X						X							X	X		X		X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X	X		
South East	Highway of Legends		X		X	X			X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X			X		X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X	X		
	Santa Fe Trail	X				X	X						X			X		X			X		X		X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X	X		