

Colorado Springs Area Tourism

Cave of the Winds

Approx. 20-25 minutes from World Arena

<http://www.caveofthewinds.com/>

Each year two out of every three visitors to Cave of the Winds have been here before and nearly all say they will come back again. We hope you will try our hospitality for yourself while you are visiting the Pikes Peak Region. We invite you and your family to enjoy the perfect combination of relaxation, recreation, history and natural beauty blended to create a mountain full of good times and great memories!

Century after century, water persisted against rock, leaving behind a crystalline trail. As stone gave way to space, a cave was born. Cave of the Winds is an underground mansion of rooms and passages, decorated with limestone stalactites and flowstone curtains. Jewels of nature that took centuries to form are preserved in the spectacular sights at Cave of the Winds. Nestled among the foothills of Colorado's Rocky Mountains this magnificent cavern system and scenic canyon chronicle over 200 million years of geological history. Informative guides lead you through one of three distinct caverns systems explaining their formations and their history as one of Colorado's premier attractions. Bring your camera!

Pricing:

Adults \$18

Children (Ages 6 through 11) \$9

Children 5 years and younger are FREE

Hours: tours daily, leaving approximately every 30 minutes. The last tour leaves at 4:30 p.m.

Address:

Cave of the Winds

100 Cave of the Winds Road

Manitou Springs, CO 80829

(719) 685-5444

Directions:

From I-25 in Colorado Springs, take Exit 141. Go west on Highway 24 for six miles. The entrance to Cave of the Winds is on the right. Parking is plentiful and free

Cheyenne Mountain State Park

Approx. 35-45 minutes from the World Arena

<http://parks.state.co.us/Parks/cheyennemountain/Pages/CheyenneMountainHome.aspx>

You don't have to go far to get away. Colorado's newest state park is nestled in the landscape that inspired the song, "America the Beautiful." Enter this park and marvel at the mountains above and the Colorado Springs skyline below.

Meander and explore amidst nature's diversity with prairie-to-peak eco-systems and 20 miles of hiking and biking trails. Stop by the visitor center for information, a little shopping, and educational exhibits or just to relax by the stone fireplace and the wall of windows.

We have an amazing 1680 acres to explore. Years of thoughtful planning went into the park and visitors can now enjoy recreational opportunities year round. The park offers top-notch environmental education programs, trail exploration and picnicking. The campgrounds are open, as well as the Prairie Skipper Group Event Facility.

Stretch your legs after a long winter with a hike in the park. Refresh your mind and spirit and observe the first signs of spring. The park is open year round and the Visitor Center is open 9am-4pm daily except holidays and mandatory furlough days.

PRICING:

Parks Passes

Daily: \$6, per vehicle

DIRECTIONS:

I-25 exit #135, South Academy, head west on South Academy past Pikes Peak Community College, continue west to Highway 115, turn left (south) on 115 to the first stop light south of Academy (also the light for Fort Carson Gate 1), the park entrance is to the west. Go west and follow the road into the park. Look for state highways signs directing you to Cheyenne Mountain State Park.

Cheyenne Mountain Zoo

Approx. 10 minutes from World Arena

<http://www.cmzoo.org/>

No visit to the Pikes Peak region is complete without a trip to the Cheyenne Mountain Zoo - America's *only* mountain zoo! Experience unforgettable adventures combining breathtaking mountain scenery with more than 700 animals from around the world, including the opportunity to hand-feed our magnificent giraffe herd (the largest of any zoo in the world!)

All of your favorites are here at the Cheyenne Mountain Zoo: from giraffes and lions to monkeys, penguins, hippos and bears. It's also a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to see more than 30 endangered species like the Amur tiger and lowland gorilla.

Come nose-to-nose with great apes, ride the 1920's historic carousel, enjoy the children's petting zoo and play area, and see the most spectacular views of Colorado Springs all in one place: The Cheyenne Mountain Zoo! .

Admission Prices:

Adults 12 to 64: \$14.25

Seniors 65+: \$12.25

Children 3 to 11: \$7.25 (2 and under: Free)

Group Info:

Special group rates: \$12.00 adults, \$5.50 children (3-11) and \$10.00 seniors (65+). These rates are valid for groups consisting of a minimum of 15 paid admissions per. Call for reservations or information 719-633-9925, ext. 111 or email info@cmzoo.org Accept Visa, Master Card, American Express, Discover

Hours of Operation:

9 a.m. – 5 p.m. (last admission at 4 p.m.)

Address:

4250 Cheyenne Mountain Zoo Road
Colorado Springs, CO 80906-5755
(719) 475-9555

Directions : From Interstate 25, take exit 138 (Circle Drive).

Go west to The Broadmoor Hotel.

Turn right at the hotel and follow the signs to Cheyenne Mountain Zoo.

CRIPPLE CREEK: COLORADO MOUNTAIN CHARM & CASINO'S

Approx. 1 hour from World Arena

<http://www.cripple-creek.co.us/>

The historic town of Cripple Creek, Colorado sits on the southwest slopes of majestic Pikes Peak in the Colorado Rockies. More than 100 years ago this charming community attracted tens of thousands of gold-seekers to its hillsides in search of their fortunes. The gold mines are a part of Cripple Creek's colorful history, and today, visitors can choose from a wide variety of rich and wonderful experiences here. There are Casino's for those who like to gamble.

DIRECTIONS:

Take US 24 West (exit 141) off I-25 towards MANITOU SPRINGS/PIKES PEAK/WOODLAND PARK, Turn Left onto W. Cimmaron/US24 and drive approx. 24 miles, Turn left onto CO-67 and drive approx. 18 miles. You will drive right into Cripple Creek.

Colorado Wolf and Wildlife Center

Approx. 1 hour away from World Arena

<http://www.wolfeducation.org/Main/Main.html>

Approximately, 1 hour west from Colorado Springs in a town called Divide, come walk with one of our experienced and knowledgeable guides, and learn why it is important to preserve our diminishing wildlife -- not only for their existence but ours as well. Our personalized, ONE-HOUR WALKING TOURS through the sanctuary are fun and educational. We guarantee an up-close view of the beautiful, majestic and elusive wolf. We consider ourselves not only a sanctuary for animals but for people too! Tours last between 60-75 minutes on average. Please arrive at least 15 minutes prior to your tour time.

Some of the stories regarding our animals' rescues are illustrative and not always pleasant. We do not "sugar coat" or hide truths of things that often times happen to animals in captivity or otherwise. We will always respect our visitors by not getting demonstrative or too graphic in detail, but please consider if you are ready for your children to learn about the fur industry, canned hunts or other abusive situations that animals end up in. Our focus is conservation, education and preservation.

Hours of operation:

Tuesday through Sunday at 10am, 12pm, and 2pm.

PRICING: ALL TOURS BY RESERVATION ONLY

\$10 PER ADULT

\$7 PER CHILD(12 & under)

A Visa, Mastercard or Discover card is required to secure your reservation. Space per tour is limited

Address:

Colorado Wolf and Wildlife Center,
Divide, CO 80814
719-687-9741

Directions:

FROM COLORADO SPRINGS ... 1 HOUR DRIVE

Heading west on U.S. Hwy. 24 (for approx. 26 miles) you will go through Woodland Park and come to a small town called Divide. There will be a stop light in the center of town. Head straight or west for 1.5 miles where you will see a BLUE state directional sign that says COLORADO WOLF AND WILDLIFE CENTER with an arrow that is telling you to turn left. Immediately after, you will see a GREEN state sign that says TWIN ROCKS ROAD. Make that left onto CR 42 Twin Rocks Road and travel exactly 1.5 miles. The wolf center is on the right with a wolf statue on a large bolder.

Landmarks prior to the Twin Rocks Road turn off on left side of Hwy 24 as you are heading west: Sherwood Forest Estates · Crescent Cabins · Big red barn building.

Florissant Fossil Beds National Monument

Approx. 1 hour away from World Arena

<http://www.nps.gov/FLFO/index.htm>

Beneath a grassy mountain valley in central Colorado lies one of the richest and most diverse fossil deposits in the world. Petrified redwood stumps up to 14 feet wide and thousands of detailed fossils of insects and plants reveal the story of a very different, prehistoric Colorado. Florissant Fossil Beds National Monument can be a great place to visit any time of the year. During the summer there are a variety of ranger led programs such as interpretive talks and ranger guided walks.

Throughout the year there are a variety of self-guided hikes and over 14 miles of hiking trails. The junior ranger program is also available year round for younger visitors. A typical visit to Florissant Fossil Beds National Monument is about 1.5 - 2 hours. We recommend that all visitors begin their visit at the visitor center.

ENTRANCE FEES :

IMPORTANT!!! Fees and passes can only be purchased with CASH or CHECK. No credit or debit cards.

Individuals: \$3.00 (Good for 7 Days) age 16 and older. Under 16 is free.

Hours:

9:00 AM - 5:00 PM

DIRECTIONS:

Visitors traveling north/south on I-25: Exit at US 24 West, travel 35 miles to town of Florissant, then follow signs two miles south to the visitor center on Teller County 1.

Garden of the Gods Visitor & Nature Center

Approx. 20 minutes away from World Arena

<http://www.gardenofgods.com>

Explore Colorado Springs' paradise in one magical stop. Garden of the Gods Park is a registered National Natural Landmark. Imagine dramatic views, 300' towering sandstone rock formations against a backdrop of snow-capped Pikes Peak and brilliant blue skies. This world class Visitor Center is the most visited attraction in the region with a NEW, exciting, 14 minute, HD show: "How Did Those Red Rocks Get There?". Delight in one of Colorado's most photographed views while eating in our glassed in cafe or from our terrace overlooking Pikes Peak and Garden of the Gods. The Garden of the Gods Park, is a Registered National Natural Landmark in Colorado Springs.

Rates & Hours:

Both the Park and Visitor Center are Free and open to the public. The park is open from 5am – 9pm, Visitor Center is open 9am – 5pm.

Address:

1805 N 30th Street (at Gateway Rd.)
Colorado Springs, CO 80904
719.634.6666

Directions:

From I-25, exit 146, (Garden of the Gods Rd.) west 2.5 miles left on 30th St. The Visitor & Nature Center will be on the left.

Manitou Cliff Dwellings

Approx. 15-20 minutes away from World Arena

<http://www.cliffdwellingsmuseum.com/>

The Manitou Cliff Dwellings is a rare historical treasure. Preserved under a protective red sandstone overhang, authentic Anasazi cliff dwellings, built more than 700 years ago, await you here. There are no "Do Not Touch" signs. You are free to touch and even go inside these fascinating architectural remnants of an American Indian culture that roamed the Four Corners area of the Southwest from 1200 B.C. to A.D. 1300.

The Manitou Cliff Dwellings is located in Manitou Springs, Colorado, at the foot of Pikes Peak, the mountain that provided the inspiration for the writing of *America the Beautiful*. The dwellings are open seven days a week, year round, except for Christmas Day and Thanksgiving. During the summer months, Native American Indians - descendants of the Ancient Ones - demonstrate their living culture through traditional dances handed down from generation to generation.

Next to the cliff dwellings is a three-story Pueblo-style building that houses the Anasazi museum and a Southwestern gift shop. This structure was faithfully designed and constructed in the architectural style of the Pueblo Indians, descendants of the Anasazi.

Our outdoor archaeological and natural history preserve includes reproductions of a stone mesa-top building and an Anasazi baking oven. A nature walk with well-labeled native flowers, herbs, trees and other plants connects the cliff dwellings and the Pueblo structure.

It's easy to spend a whole day at the Manitou Cliff Dwellings, and you needn't go hungry. From June through August a snack bar and picnic patio are open to meet your food and drink needs.

Take a trip into America's past. Plan to visit the Manitou Cliff Dwellings soon. Arrange for a school tour or hold a special event here. Check our website for special savings. Until you can visit us in person, please feel free to explore the Manitou Cliff Dwellings and the world of the Anasazi on this Web site.

Rates:

Adults (12 and over) - \$9.50 + Tax
Children (7-11) - \$7.50 + Tax
Children (6 & under) - Free
Seniors (60 plus) - \$8.50 + Tax
People in wheelchairs and
anyone over 100 - Free

For groups of 10 or more:

Adults (12 and over) - \$8.50 + Tax
Children - \$6.50 + Tax

Hours:

9 A.M. to 5 P.M.

Address:

Manitou Cliff Dwellings Museum
10 Cliff Dwellings Rd, Manitou Springs, Colorado 80829
719-685-5242 / 800-354-9971

Directions:

From Colorado Springs on I-25, take Exit 141 (near downtown Colorado Springs) and go west towards the mountains on U.S. Highway 24 and go five miles. Turn right into the entrance, marked by billboards and state highway signs.

Pikes Peak America's Mountain

Entrance approx. 20 -25 minutes away from World Arena

<http://www.springsgov.com/SectionIndex.aspx?SectionID=18>

The most visited mountain in North America and the second most visited mountain in the world behind Japan's Mount Fuji, Pikes Peak forms a stunning backdrop for Colorado Springs and the Garden of the Gods. At an altitude of 14,110 feet above sea level, Pikes Peak is the 31st highest peak out of 54 Colorado peaks. It is the farthest east of the big peaks in the Rocky Mountain chain, which contributed to its early fame among explorers, pioneers and immigrants and made it the symbol of the 1859 Gold Rush to Colorado with the slogan, "Pikes Peak or Bust". The 8.9 mile Cog Railway started operating year round in 2007 weather permitting.

Over a half million people reach the summit house every year by the Pikes Peak Highway, Barr Trail or the Pikes Peak Cog Railway. The 19-mile Pikes Peak Highway, paved part of the way, is open year round, weather permitting. Barr Trail is the longest of any trails leading to the top of the 54 mountains in Colorado that are over 14,000 feet, and offers the greatest base-to-summit elevation gain in the state: 7,400 feet. About 15,000 people a year attempt to climb Pikes Peak on foot. The 13-mile trail begins at the base of Pikes Peak in Manitou Springs.

Driving Tips: 2 hour round trip - Use lower gears - 1/2 tank of fuel

Rates:

Adults (16 and over): \$10 per person

Children (6-15): \$4

Carload Rate (up to 5 people): \$35 per car

Additional adults: \$7 per person

Additional children: \$2 per child

We accept Visa and Mastercard

Hours of Operation:

Gates open 9am 3pm Summit closes at 4pm

Address:

Pikes Peak - America's Mountain

10 Miles West on Hwy. 24

Cascade, CO 80809

719-385-Peak

Directions:

West bound, Hwy 24 approximately 10 miles from I-25 until you reach a stop light. Follow sign to Piked Peak Highway, North Pole exit. Keep to the left at the "Y". Go through Tole Gate.

Pikes Peak Cog Railway Co.

Approx. 15 minutes away from World Arena

<http://cograilway.com/>

Pikes Peak was first "discovered" by Lieutenant Zebulon Pike in 1806. He not only failed to reach the top but also wrote, "man might never walk on its summit". But in 1820, Edwin James did indeed set foot there, and in 1858, Julia Holmes became the first woman to scale its heights. As a symbol of the West and the Gold Rush, "Pikes Peak or Bust!" became the cry of countless travelers, and the mountain gained fame when Katharine Lee Bates was inspired to write "America the Beautiful" from its summit.

Today, the passenger on the Pikes Peak Cog Railway can experience all of the natural beauty that inspired that song while making the ascent in comfort and style. But it wasn't always this easy! When Zalmon G. Simmons (of Simmons Mattress fame and fortune) rode to the top of Pikes Peak on the back of a mule in the early 1880's, he declared the beauty awesome but the journey awful, and he set about making the mountain accessible by rail. Despite the difficult task of heavy labor in the thin atmosphere, the imposing terrain and harsh weather conditions, the railway was completed on October 20, 1890. Due to spring snows, the first passengers, a Denver church choir, reached the summit on June 30, 1891.

From the opening of the line until the 1950's, steam locomotives were used to transport riders, but steam was gradually replaced by diesel between 1939 and 1957. Since 1965, Swiss-made railcars, made exclusively for the Cog Railway, have been in use. These modern trains meet the rigid safety requirements of the Swiss Bureau of Transport.

Since 1891, the Cog Railway has transported millions of people along the nine-mile track. This epic journey begins by climbing through steep canyons filled with cascading streams and gigantic boulders. The vistas slowly open to encompass seas of quaking aspen and towering mountains. As the train winds its way above timberline, an unparalleled view of Manitou Springs and Colorado Springs stretches eastward into the Great Plains. Westward, as far as the eye can see, the snow-capped Continental Divide fills the horizon! Traveling at eight miles an hour, the trains give photographers and sightseers ample time to take in the magnificent panoramas.

Once on the summit, passengers may refresh themselves in the spacious Summit House which includes a curio shop, lobby and information desk and a concession counter for light meals. At the Manitou Station, there is a newly remodeled gift shop, the Steamer Stop Shop, which specializes in unique railroad Pikes Peak and Colorado related curios and clothing. Some carry Cog Railway's custom logo and designs. A miniature Cog train winds its way through the store.

Also at the Manitou Station is the Cog Wheel Café, serving sandwiches, hot dogs, breakfast items and hot and cold drinks. One can purchase a box lunch there to take aboard the train, or enjoy a meal on the patio before or after the trip

3 hour 15 min. trip to summit of Pikes Peak, 14,110-ft., 360-degree views, wildlife, cascading streams.

Rates:

Jan 1-March 31, 2010

Adults: \$31.50 Children: (ages 3-12) \$17.50

April 1-Dec 31, 2010

Adults: \$33.00 Children: (ages 3-12) \$18.00

Group Info: Pre-payment required 2 weeks in advance, group seated together, no standing or waiting in line.

Group Rates: (25 or more in group, MUST PRE-PAY 2 WEEKS IN ADVANCE)

Thru March 31st, 2010

Adults: \$26.50 Children (age 3-12) \$15.50

April 1-Dec 31, 2010

Adults: \$27.00 Children (age 3-12) \$16.00

Please note: No outside food or beverages are allowed on the train. You may order "box lunches" at time of reservation

Address:

Pikes Peak Cog Railway Company

515 Ruxton Avenue

Manitou Springs, CO 80829

(719) 685-5401

Directions:

Take exit #141 (US 24) off I-25, go west (toward mountains) on US 24 four miles to Manitou Ave. (Manitou Springs) exit. Go west on Manitou Ave. one and one-half miles to Ruxton Ave. Turn left (PLEASE NOTICE THE MOUNTAIN MAN SHOP WHICH DENOTES RUXTON AVE.) and go to top of Ruxton Ave., three-quarters of a mile.

Royal Gorge Bridge and Park

Approx. 1 hour from World Arena

<http://www.royalgorgebridge.com/>

There's a place in Colorado where looking down is even more breathtaking than looking up. The Royal Gorge Bridge & Park is like nothing else — the awe-inspiring spectacle of man and nature meeting each other halfway – and that's before we even talk about the rides, entertainment and attractions. The views are magnificent and the rides are thrilling. Open year-round. Don't miss it!

The Royal Gorge Bridge & Park is a one-of-a-kind place for your family and friends to make memories that will last a lifetime! More than 360 acres and 21 rides, shows and attractions for you to explore. Experience the awe-inspiring panoramic views of the Gorge from the world's highest Suspension Bridge that hangs 1,053 feet high and spans a quarter mile across the canyon! Take a ride on the world's longest single-span Aerial Tram or the steepest Incline Railway on the planet. Or if you're seeking a real thrill, fly over the Gorge on the Royal Rush Skycoaster®.

Children young and old alike will love our antique carousel, the Silver Rock Railway, petting zoo with burro rides and our Wapiti Western Wildlife Park® with white American Bison, Big Horn Sheep and Rocky Mountain Elk.

Everyone will enjoy our Plaza Theatre with historical display, great gift shops and restaurants. Outdoor lovers will enjoy the opportunity to camp, hike and bike the breathtaking scenic trails.

A journey across the Royal Gorge Bridge is undoubtedly the high point of any Colorado vacation. And one you'll want to experience again and again.

Rates:

Adults: \$24 Children (4-11): \$19.00 Seniors (age 60+): \$21.00

Buy one admission ticket at full price and get the second 1/2 off from **October 5, 2009 to April 23, 2010!** Admission includes aerial tramway, incline railway, Plaza Theatre and Historical Display and wildlife park

Address:

Royal Gorge Bridge & Park
4218 County Road 3A
Cañon City, CO 81215
Phone: 719-275-7507 or 1-888-333-5597

Directions:

About 45 Minutes from Colorado Springs. See Website for Map.

Royal Gorge Route Railroad

Approx. 1 hour away from World Arena

<https://www.royalgorgeroute.com>

Watch the majestic beauty of the Royal Gorge unfold aboard the Historic Royal Gorge Route Railroad. Ride a great train on an epic adventure along the tumbling waters of the legendary Arkansas River deep within the granite cliffs of the Royal Gorge. Classes of service hark back to a time when travel was an elegant and leisurely affair, which has earned the Royal Gorge Route Railway its reputation as the premier excursion railroad in the country. About 45 miles away from Colorado Springs.

Rates:

\$33 to \$99 (see website for specific class rates)

Hours of Operation:

Weekend Departures Only: 12:30pm (Sat & Sun)

Address:

Royal Gorge Route Railway
401 Water Street
Canon City, CO 81212
888-724-5748 Ex 180
719-276-4000

Directions:

Cañon City is located at the mouth of the Royal Gorge in the foothills of the Rockies, 45 miles southwest of Colorado Springs and 36 miles west of Pueblo, Colorado. The Arkansas River extends the entire 60-mile length of the Fremont County and flows through the City of Cañon City. See website for map.

SEVEN FALLS

Approx. 15-20 minutes away from World Arena

<http://www.sevenfalls.com/home/index.cfm>

Seven Falls is located in a natural box canyon. It is the only waterfall in Colorado listed in the National Geographic list of International waterfalls.

The one-mile drive winds along South Cheyenne Creek between steep cliffs covered with pines that at the narrowest are only 44 feet with interesting rock formations.

The falls are best viewed from the Eagle's Nest Observation platform – accessed by the mountain elevator located inside the mountain.

One can also take the 224-step stairway.

Behind you the prairies extend for 1,000s of dry miles to the east. Ahead the foothill's jut up abruptly - green and rocky. As you head west streams between verdant slopes appear, dividing the foothills into canyons. Enter South Cheyenne Canyon – only five minutes from the very civilized Broadmoor Hotel – and you find yourself immediately surrounded and dwarfed by towering granite walls.

At the pillar of Hercules the walls are but 40 feet wide and over 700 feet high. Following the small stream you travel only one mile before coming to a sudden very wet end – the Seven Falls – cascading sharply down the pink granite.

Admission Hours and Rates:

9:00am – 5:15pm

Adult: \$9.25 Children (6-15): \$5.75

Accept: Master Card, Visa, American Express, Discover, Cash & Traveler's Checks

Address:

Seven Falls Co.

2850 S. Cheyenne Canyon Road

Colorado Springs, Colorado 80906

Phone: (719) 632-0765

Fax: (719) 632-0781

Location:

15 minutes from Downtown Colorado Springs; 5 minutes behind the Broadmoor Hotel.

Directions:

West on Cheyenne Boulevard Just minutes from Downtown Colorado Springs

World Figure Skating Hall of Fame and Museum

Approx 5 minutes from World Arena

The museum displays all kinds of skating history, skating facts, costumes, medals, skates, videos, and even an Olympic torch.

World Figure Skating Hall of Fame and Museum
20 1st Street
Colorado Springs, CO 80906
(719) 635-5200

Directions: Venetucci Blvd northwest to Lake Ave, turn Left, to 2nd street, turn Right to Elm Street and turn Left. Elm Street turns slightly left and becomes 1st St. Museum on Left.

U.S. Olympic Training Center

Approx. 15 minutes from World Arena

<http://www.teamusa.org/>

The U.S. Olympic Complex is the headquarters for the U.S. Olympic Committee administration and the Olympic Training Center programs. FREE guided tours are conducted annually - beginning at the Visitor Center. This \$8-million facility also includes the U.S. Olympic Hall of Fame, a 225-seat auditorium, interactive kiosks, memorabilia displays, an indoor/outdoor café area, the U.S. Olympic Spirit Store, and much more.

Rates:

FREE guided tours include a 12-minute film and 45-minute walking tour of the complex.

Address:

US Olympic Training Center
1 Olympic Plaza
Colorado Springs, CO 80909 –
(719) 578-4500
1-888-659-8687

Directions:

Use Google Map

United States Air Force Academy

Approx. 25 minutes from World Arena

<http://www.usafa.af.mil/information/visitors/>

The Barry Goldwater Visitor Center offers information about the Academy and exhibits on cadet life and Academy history. The 35,000-square-foot facility has a theater featuring a 14-minute Tlm about the Academy every half-hour, a snack bar and gift shop. A 1/3-mile nature trail from the Visitor Center leads to the Cadet Chapel.

Rates and hours of operation:

Free Admission and The Academy is open to visitors daily, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. The Visitor Center is open daily, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Address:

Air Force Academy
2346 Academy Dr.
USAFA, CO 80840
719-333-2025

Directions:

Day. Visitors to the Air Force Academy may enter through either the North Gate, which can be accessed from Exit 156B on Interstate 25, 14 miles north of downtown Colorado Springs, or from the South Gate, which can be accessed from Exit 150 on Interstate 25.

DENVER AREA TOURISM

Heritage Square

Approx. 1 hour 35 min from World Arena in Denver Area

www.heritagesquare.info

www.hsmusichall.com

Nestled at the base of the foothills, just south of Golden on Highway 40, Heritage Square is a unique, delightful replica of a Western village with Victorian architecture and provides an affordable, fun experience for the whole family. We feature a unique array of shops.

The music hall is a Victorian style theater that first opened its doors on June 1st, 1988. Over the years, our patrons have come to appreciate our Dinner Theatre for its fun filled evening of great food and family entertainment. From comedy adaptations of well known literary works, to classic 19th century melodramas, to musical comedy revues that span the decades, we offer a dinner theater of experienced designed to put a smile on your face and a song in your heart. A typical performance finds our cast breaking from script to include audience members as part of our play. Whether you're someone who likes to be part of the action, or someone who enjoys seeing friends become part of our show - the Music Hall is the place to be for a memorable night out!

Prices: Free Admission (except for Music Hall)

Hours:

Saturday: 11am – 6pm

Sunday: 12pm – 6pm

Address:

Heritage Square
18301 W Colfax Ave.
Golden, CO 80401
303-277-0040

Directions: From I-25 going north, take C-470 West/North until you come to the I-70 Junction. Take the I-70 West Exit (The Ramp will Circle Around) and continue up the I-70 hill towards the mountains. Take the first Exit, Exit 259 then turn right (North) for 1/2 of a mile. You will then see a big Heritage Square sign, turn left into the parking lot. We are located within the Heritage Square Complex.

Butterfly Pavilion

Approx. 1 hour & 30 min from World Arena, North of Denver

www.butterflies.org

To the north of Denver on the way to Boulder lies this fascinating tropical forest in a conservatory home to over 1,200 free-flying butterflies. The insect center contains exotic specimens from around the world as well as local varieties, with some available for touching and up-close examinations. Sure to fascinate the kids are the giant robotic insects and other interactive exhibits.

Pricing:

Adults: \$8.50

Children: (2-12) \$5.50

Hours: 9:00 am – 5:00 pm

Address:

6252 West 104th Avenue

Westminster, CO 80020, USA

303 469 5441

Directions: I-25 North toward Denver to Hwy 36 West toward Westminster/Boulder. Exit 104th Ave. Turn right. They are located on the corner of 104th and Westminster Blvd. Parking lot entrance located off Westminster Blvd.

Colorado State Capital Building

Approx. 1 hr 30 min from World Arena in Denver

<http://www.colorado.gov/dpa/doit/archives/cap/contents.htm>

Colorado's impressive State Capitol was completed in 1886 and features a stunning 24 carat gold plated dome, the top of which (after a 93 step climb) offers spectacular views of the Rockies. The inside boasts a unique rose colored Colorado onyx, while other features include murals, portraits of past US presidents, temporary exhibits, carved statues and brilliant stained glass windows.

Pricing: Free

Hours: Monday to Friday - 7:00am to 5:30pm

Address:

200 East Colfax Avenue
Denver, CO 80203, USA
303 866 2604

Directions: Take I-25 North toward Denver, exit #207A - Lincoln St/Broadway and turn Right onto Lincoln St, Turn Right on E. 12th ave, turn Left onto Sherman St

Denver Botanic Gardens

Approx. 1 hr & 30 minutes from World Arena in Denver

www.denverbotanicgardens.org

The Denver Botanic Gardens contain a diverse range of plant species from a variety of climates, including the desert, plains and alpine regions from around the globe. The gardens offer visitors a chance to wander through an authentic Japanese garden, a herb garden, a fragrance garden and even a 'romantic garden' modeled on the artwork of Monet. The tropical conservatory at the Denver Botanic Gardens is also popular, full of colorful flowering plants as well as plants used for a variety of purposes, such as for dyes, building materials and medicines.

Pricing:

Adults: \$11.50

Children: (4-15) \$8.00

Group Rates: (10 or more) Adults: \$9.50/Children: \$6.50

Hours: 9:00 am – 5:00 pm

Address:

1005 York Street

Denver, CO 80206-3014, USA

303 331 4010

Directions: Take I-25 North toward Denver, exit #204 Colorado Blvd turn Right, Turn left at Cherry Creek Dr S, turn right at S. University Blvd, Continue onto Josephine St, Turn left at E 11th Ave, turn left onto York St.

Denver Museum of Science & Nature

Approx. 1 hr & 30 minutes from World Arena in Denver

www.dmns.org

One of the city's biggest draw cards, this complex sets out ambitiously to present the history of life on earth and the formation of the universe, with innovative exhibits designed for both the young and old. Popular attractions at the Museum of Nature and Science include the state-of-the-art Gates Planetarium, Prehistoric Journey, Space Odyssey, Hall of Life, a pair of Egyptian mummies, an IMAX theater and numerous world famous dioramas.

Hours: 9:00am – 5pm

Admission:

Adult: \$11 - \$25.50

Children: (3-18) \$6 - \$16

Address:

2001 Colorado Boulevard
Denver, CO 80205-5798, USA
303 322 7009

Directions: Take I-25 north to Denver, exit #204 Colorado Blvd, Turn right. Make a u-turn at E-23rd Street. Museum on the right.

Denver Zoo

Approx. 1 hr & 30 minutes from World Arena in Denver

www.denverzoo.org

Denver Zoo is an impressive and innovative facility that is home to some 4,000 animals, many of them endangered, and a range of spacious habitats that give visitors the chance to see animals in their natural environment as much as possible. Popular attractions at these zoological gardens include Predator Ridge, an area that recreates the African Savannah, and a painted rhino; while the zoo is also well-known for its conservation efforts.

Pricing:

Adults: \$12.00

Children: (3-11) \$7.00

Hours: 9:00am to 5:00pm

Address:

2300 Steele Street

City Park

Denver, CO 80205-4899, USA

303 331 4100

Directions: Take I-25 North to Colorado Boulevard (exit #204). Go north on Colorado Boulevard for 5 miles to 23rd Avenue and turn left (west). The main entrance is on 23rd Avenue about 1/2 mile down on the left (south).

Dinosaur Ridge

Approx. 1 hr & 40 minutes from World Arena in Denver.

www.dinoridge.org

Dinosaur Ridge is the site of important dinosaur fossil discoveries made in the late 19th century and remains one of the world's best known fossil localities. Famous dinosaur skeletons, such as the stegosaurus and the allosaurus were discovered here, as well as distinct dinosaur tracks, called trace fossils. The site enjoys National Natural Landmark status and remains a Mecca for dinosaur enthusiasts, students, researchers and the general public.

Pricing: Donations Welcome

Hours: Monday to Saturday - 9:00am to 5:00pm, Sunday - 11:00am to 5:00pm

Address:

6831 West Alameda Parkway
Morrison, CO 80465, USA
303 697 3466

Directions: Take I-25 North toward Denver, Take C-470 North (some signs say west) past the Morrison Rd exit to the Alameda Parkway exit. Turn left onto Alameda Parkway, continuing about a half mile until you see a large Dinosaur Ridge sign (shaped like an Allosaurus) at the entrance.

Red Rocks Amphitheatre

Approx. 1 hr & 40 minutes from World Arena in Denver

www.redrocksonline.com

Located 15 miles / 24 km west of Denver is this stunning naturally formed amphitheater in the foothills of the Rocky Mountains. High red sandstone walls complemented by the lights of Denver in the distance, make the Red Rocks Amphitheater one of the country's best and most spectacular concert venues, which has been host to performances by some of history's greatest musicians and the world's best orchestras. The park is also a popular hiking destination, with impressive scenery.

Pricing: free, charge may apply for concerts or events

Address:

16351 County Road 93
Morrison, CO 80465, USA
303 295 4444

Directions: Red Rocks Amphitheatre is located in Red Rocks Park near Morrison, Colorado, 15 miles west of Denver. Coming from Downtown, take I-70 west to exit 259, turn left at the bottom of the Morrison exit ramp, cruise on downhill 1.5 miles to the Red Rocks Park entrance. Coming from south Denver, take C-470 to the Morrison exit, turn west and follow the signs to the Park entrances. *Here's a tip to avoid some traffic:* You can also exit C-470 at Highway 285. Take it west to Highway 8 and then come north to the Amphitheatre!

U.S. Mint

Approx. 1 hour & 30 minutes from World Arena in Denver

http://www.usmint.gov/about_the_mint/mint_facilities/index.cfm?action=DV_facilities

The US Mint, in downtown Denver, was opened in 1863 and is one of only two in the country where visitors can actually watch coins being produced. There is a self-guided tour with informative signs and great views of the minting process; while scheduled tours need to be booked in advance through congressional representatives, as security measures have increased over the last few years. Uncertainty remains as to whether walk-in visitors will be allowed in the future.

Pricing: Free

Hours: Monday – 9:00am to 3:00pm, Tuesday to Friday - 8:00am to 3:00pm

Address:

320 West Colfax Avenue
Denver, CO 80204-2693, USA
303 405 4761

Directions: The United States Mint at Denver is at 320 West Colfax Avenue. Going either north or south on I-25, take the Colfax Avenue exit and go east on West Colfax, away from the mountains, you should see the gold dome of the State Capitol to the east. The United States Mint is 1.5 miles east on the right hand side of the street between Delaware and Cherokee Streets.

Wings Over the Rockies Museum

Approx. 1 hr & 30 minutes from World Arena in Denver

www.wingsmuseum.org

What was once the Lowry Air Force Base is now an excellent museum documenting aviation and military history. Over 40 planes and spacecraft are on display, including antique biplanes, an F-14 Tomcat, the Freedom space module and one of only two B-1A bombers in existence, as well as WWII military uniforms and a full size X-Wing prop from Star Wars.

Pricing:

Adults: 13 - 64 - \$9.00

Seniors: 65 and over - \$8.00

Children: 4 through 12 - \$6.00

Children under 4 admitted free when accompanied by parent

Hours: Monday to Saturday - 10:00am to 5:00pm, Sunday - noon to 5:00pm

Address:

711 East Academy Boulevard

Denver, CO 80230, USA

303 360 5360

Directions: Take I-25 North, Exit #201/Hampton Ave, turn Left on S. Monaco Pkwy, Slight Right on E. 1st Ave, Turn Right on Quince Ct/Roslyn St, Continue onto Academy Bl/E. Academy Pkwy. Museum on the left.

Molly Brown House

Approx. 1 hour & 30 minutes from World Arena in Denver

www.mollybrown.org

The Molly Brown House is a beautiful Victorian house built in 1889 and the home of 'unsinkable' Molly Brown from 1894 to 1932. Molly Brown became a national heroine after the sinking of the Titanic in 1912 when she helped a group of immigrant women to safety. The house is now open to visitors and boasts lovely furnishings, artworks and temporary exhibits. Museum tour tickets are available in the Carriage House Museum Store. All tours of the Museum are guided and last approximately 45 minutes. Tours start every 30 minutes and begin on the hour and half hour. Please note that some tour times each day may be sold out or unavailable.

Tour Pricing:

\$8.00 for adults (13-64)

\$6.00 for seniors (65+)

\$4.00 for children (6-12)

Hours:

Tuesday - Saturday: first tour begins at 10:00 a.m., last tour begins at 3:30 p.m.

Sunday: first tour begins at 12:00 p.m., last tour begins at 3:30 p.m

Address:

1340 Pennsylvania St.

Denver. CO 80203, USA

303.832.4092

Directions: Take I-25 North toward Denver, Exit Colfax Ave (Exit 287), turn Right to Grant Street and turn Right. Take 1st left onto E. 14th Ave. Turn Right onto Pennsylvania. Molly Browns house on the left.

Denver Art Museum

Approx. 1 hour & 30 minutes from World Arena in Denver

www.denverartmuseum.org

The Denver Art Museum, founded in 1893, is home to numerous galleries showcasing a wide range of work from Asian, African and pre-Columbian to architecture and design, modern European and American paintings, and Spanish Colonial. It is especially noted for its exhaustive collection of Native American art consisting of 16,000 pieces from over 100 tribes, making it one of the best collections of its kind in the USA.

Pricing:

Adults & Sr.	\$14	\$22
Youth (6-17)	\$ 7	\$15
Child (0-5)	Free	Free

Hours: Weds: 10:00 - 9:00pm, Tues. to Sat: 10:00am - 5:00pm, Sun: Noon - 5:00pm

Address:

100 West 14th Avenue
Denver, CO 80204-2788, USA
303 640 2793

Directions: Drive north on I-25 to the Lincoln-Broadway exit (207). Go north on Lincoln and turn left at 12th Avenue. The Civic Center parking garage is two blocks ahead, just past Broadway

Colorado History Museum

www.coloradohistory.org/hist_sites/chm/chm_geninfo.htm

Visitors to this comprehensive museum are greeted with a spectacular mural at the front, while inside you'll find interesting exhibits documenting Colorado's history, ranging from buffalo hunters, gold miners and gunslingers to wagon trains, railroads and fearless explorers. An exhaustive collection of photographs, news clippings and artifacts complements an impressive model of 19th-century Denver can also be found at the Colorado History Museum.

Pricing: charge, discounts available for seniors, students and children, children under six free

Hours: Monday to Saturday - 10:00am to 5:00pm, Sunday - noon to 5:00pm

Address:

1300 Broadway
Denver, CO 80203, USA
303 866 3670

Directions: Take I-25 North toward Denver, Exit #210A, Colfax Ave and keep right at the fork to go on I-70 BL E/W. Colfax Ave/US-287 E/US – 40E, Turn slight Right onto Broadway.

Coors Brewery

Approx. 1 hr and 45 min from World Arena north of Denver in Golden.

www.colorado-for-free.com/FreeThingsToDoColorado/Coors.htm

After a day of rock climbing at North Table Mountain (a.k.a. "Golden Cliffs"), riding a bike along Golden's bike paths, hiking the trails of White Ranch Park, or just driving around to places in metro-Denver, how about a cold one (or three)? Take a tour at one of Colorado's best-known companies, Coors, and enjoy up to 3 free samples of their variety of beer products (if you are over 21), or complimentary soft drinks if you are younger or prefer something non-alcoholic.

More than 250,000 people take this popular free tour each year. Participation is on a first-come, first-served basis; no reservations are taken. Your audio tour device will guide you through the main steps of the brewing process at the world's largest brewery at a single site.

The tour takes 35 minutes; allow additional time to enjoy your 3 beer samples, to browse the gift shop, and sober up before you drive.

Hours: Thurs. to Monday: 10 AM - 4 PM Sunday: Noon - 4 PM Sundays

Rates: Free

Address:

MillerCoors
13th and Ford Streets
Golden, CO 80401
866-812-2337 (toll free)
303-277-2337 (303-227-BEER)
303-277-2552 (Large Groups or Special Needs/Handicap)

Directions: Take I-25 North toward Denver to C470 (exit 194) toward Grand Junction. Merge onto US-6W/W 6th Ave via the exit on the Left. Turn slight Right onto 19th street, turn Left onto Ford. Location on 13th and Ford St.

Colorado Railroad Museum

www.coloradorailroadmuseum.org

The mission of the Colorado Railroad Museum is to acquire, preserve and exhibit to the general public, railroad equipment, artifacts, paper records, books, art work and photographs emphasizing Rocky Mountain area railroads, to explain and interpret the role of railroads in the history of this region from the 1860's to the present by means of exhibits, a reference library, educational programs, publications and information sharing with other historical groups. Furthermore to provide incentives that will enhance interest in railroads and railroading history.

Depot Museum

A replica of an 1880s-style depot, the Museum building houses thousands of rare old photographs, artifacts and documents illustrating the colorful histories of the railroads which have served the state for over 125 years. An outstanding book and gift shop features hundreds of railroad books and videos, as well as magazines, posters, jewelry and other memorabilia.

The Museum is located just east of Golden, Colorado, at a point where Clear Creek flows between North and South Table Mountains. Display tracks, complete with rare three-way stub switches and century-old switch stands, hold many historic narrow and standard gauge locomotives and cars. The Museum building, based in exterior design on standard station construction of the 1880s, houses the largest known collection of historic records, mementos, artifacts, and pictures of Colorado railroads.

Pricing:

We offer a discount of 15% off regular admission prices for any adult tour group of 20 or more.
Regular Rates: Adults: \$8

Hours: The Museum is open year round, daily from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Group tours may be scheduled in advance for specific dates and times throughout the year with enough notice. Call +1 303-279-4591

Address:

Colorado Railroad Museum
17155 W. 44th Avenue
Golden, CO 80403
800-365-6263

Forney Museum of Transportation

www.forneymuseum.org

The Forney Transportation Museum is a one-of-a-kind collection of over 500 exhibits relating to historical transportation. It began with antique cars, but soon expanded to include vehicles of all kinds. Some of these are familiar, while others spark the imagination.

Pricing:

Adults: \$8

Children (3-15): \$4

Hours: Monday-Saturday 10:00am – 4pm

Address:

4303 Brighton Boulevard

Denver, CO 80216

Tel: +1 303 297 1113

Directions:

East on I-70 from I-25; take the Brighton Blvd exit; go south (southwest) to 43rd Avenue.

Things further from Denver if you have more time...

West of Denver, using I-70:

Idaho Springs area (35 minutes west of Denver)

- **Argo Mine & Mill** <http://www.historicargotours.com/>

The Tunnel: In 1893 construction of the Argo Tunnel Began. It would be 17 years before it would reach Central City, over 4.5 miles away. The tunnel would provide water drainage, ventilation and economical transportation of the gold bearing ore from the many mines it would intersect along the way.

The Mill: The Argo Mill was constructed to process the gold bearing ore from these mines. When completed, the Argo would be the largest mill of its type in the world. The mill processed over 100 million dollars of gold ore at the old time prices of \$18.00 to \$35.00 per ounce and stands today as a memorial to the hard rock miners of the day when **GOLD WAS KING!**

- Groups (25 or more people): Adults - \$11.50, Children (<12) - \$7
Group reservations: <http://www.historicargotours.com/reservations.html>
or call +1 303 567-2421 or +1 303 567 2354
Open Daily: 09:00-18:00, last tour at 16:30.
Winter Tours subject to weather. Call +1 303 567 2421 to confirm we are open.
- Argo Gold Mill and Museum
P.O. Box 1990
Idaho Springs, CO 80452

- **Echo Lake/Mt Evans** www.mountevans.com

The Mt. Evans road is still closed for the season, but you should be able to visit Echo Lake and the Echo Lake Lodge. (<http://mountevans.com/Mount-Evans-AreasEchoLakeLodge.HTML>) Echo Lake Lodge (built in 1926) can be found at the entrance to Mount Evans some 14 miles from Idaho Springs (Interstate 70) and 14 miles from the summit. It is the only place between Idaho Springs on Highway 70 and Mount Evans where you can find an excellent meal, water & other hiking needs and Mount Evans collectibles and souvenirs.

Original dining room has excellent food from the best hamburgers to Mountain Trout. Barbara Day is famous for her home made pies and after a hard day shooting (with a camera) on Mount Evans, I find them hard to resist particularly with a scoop of ice cream.

- **Hours:** 9:00 am to 4:00 pm

Northwest of Denver, using I-36

Boulder

- **National Center for Atmospheric Research (NCAR)** <http://www.ncar.ucar.edu>
NCAR sits nestled against Boulder, Colorado's famous Flatirons and the foothills to the Rocky Mountains. NCAR welcomes the public seven days a week to its Visitor Center, which offers educational [exhibits](#), a daily noon [tour](#), and a tour by cell phone. The cafeteria is open Monday through Friday, where art exhibitions change on a monthly basis. The Tree Plaza can be a pleasant place to enjoy a picnic. The [Walter Orr Roberts Weather Trail](#) and other scenic trails of varying difficulty can be accessed directly from the parking lot. Special public events are offered throughout the year, as are pre-arranged tours and [field trips](#) for schools, camps, clubs, and other groups of all ages and abilities.
 - Field trips typically require anywhere from an hour for our youngest visitors to a half day or longer for those at the college level or beyond. However, we can adapt field trips to meet the time limitations of all groups. Most K-8th grade field trips last from two to four hours, depending on whether the group is staying for lunch and/or including a hike on the Walter Orr Roberts Weather Trail or Mesa Trail. At a minimum, we recommend a two-hour visit for groups with students 5 to 12 years old so that they have adequate time for a Science Learning Lab, guided tour, and exploration of the NCAR exhibits. **Please call 303.497.1174 to schedule.**
 - *Pricing: Free*
 - *Hours: Weekdays: 8 - 5 pm; Weekends: 9 - 4 pm; Holidays: 9 - 4 pm*
 - *1850 Table Mesa Drive, Boulder, CO 80305*
- **National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST)** <http://www.boulder.nist.gov>
Although many people don't realize it, the NIST Boulder Laboratories make possible many technologies that are commonplace in everyday life. Just a few examples include:
 - **Time:** Watches, computer clocks, and other timekeeping devices are often linked to the world's most accurate atomic clock at the NIST Boulder Laboratories. NIST official time is disseminated to such devices several billion times each day, and is used to time-stamp hundreds of billions of dollars worth of financial transactions conducted every business day. NIST Boulder precision time standards also underpin telecommunications systems, GPS positioning and navigation, electric power distribution, and TV and radio broadcasts.
 - **Lasers:** The performance of lasers used for everything from surgery to DVD players to making computer chips is assured by NIST Boulder measurements and standards.
 - **Materials:** From the atomic scale to the largest man-made structures, materials research and measurements at NIST Boulder help computer chips, medical devices, pipelines, and bridges work better and more reliably.

NIST Boulder and the University of Colorado jointly operate JILA, a world leader in atomic, molecular, and optical physics and precision measurement. JILA is home to two NIST Nobel laureates and one NIST MacArthur "Genius Award" winner.

 - Those wishing to take a tour must contact James Burrus (303-497-4789; jburrus@boulder.nist.gov) to make required security arrangements.
- **Chautauqua Historic District** <http://www.chautauqua.com/>
The Colorado Chautauqua is located in southwest Boulder, at the foot of Green Mountain. Chautauqua's grounds, cottages and public buildings comprise the Chautauqua Park Historic District, an area of 40 acres bordered on 3 sides by City of Boulder Open Space and Mountain Parks land. The historic district has a spectacular national setting at the base of the Flatirons, some of the dramatic massive uplifts along the foothills of the Rocky Mountains. The district contains the Auditorium, the

Dining Hall, the Community House, Missions House Lodge, Columbine Lodge, the Academic Hall, more than 100 cottages and landscaped parks.

- Tours are available for groups by appointment. For scheduling please contact Bert Farin at bert@chautauqua.com or +1 303-952-1623
- Colorado Chautauqua Association
900 Baseline Road
Boulder, CO 80302

Rocky Mountain National Park

www.nps.gov/romo

www.RockyMountainNationalPark.com

Catch the glint of Rocky's many facets: the brief morning alpenglow on a peak, a glimpse of a wary wild creature in the brush, the sun sparkling in a stream, the glory of a mountain sunset, the solitude of a trail less traveled, the splendor of the starscape free of man-made light, the exhilaration of looking over the clouds, the uplift of birdsong from the branches, the haunting night music of howling coyotes and bugling elk.

Ancient upheavals, volcanic eruptions and glacial scouring cut and carved great diversity and incredible beauty into this multi-faceted gem, Rocky Mountain National Park, fittingly set midst Roosevelt and Arapaho National Forests and Colorado State Forest.

The altitude from 7,500 to 14,259 feet slices through montane, sub-alpine and alpine zones. A drive up Trail Ridge Road takes you to the Arctic Circle ecologically; yet you're only 2 hours from Denver.

The Continental Divide splits the Park into east and west sides. Less than an hour's drive from I-25 or I-70, Rocky is open and accessible year-round, 24 x 7, but winter snow closes US 34 over the Divide.

Rocky Mountain National Park are always open. Trail Ridge Road closes winter.

Cost of Admission: \$10 per person, or \$20 per vehicle for a week's pass. (Cash only)

Tour Schedule: See www.RockyMountainNationalPark.com for guided tours, hikes and climbs.

Directions: From Denver take I-25 north to US 36 through Boulder to Estes Park. In Estes Park, take US 34 to the Fall River entrance to Rocky Mountain National Park or US 36 to the south entrance to the park or CO 7 to the eastern edge of the park.