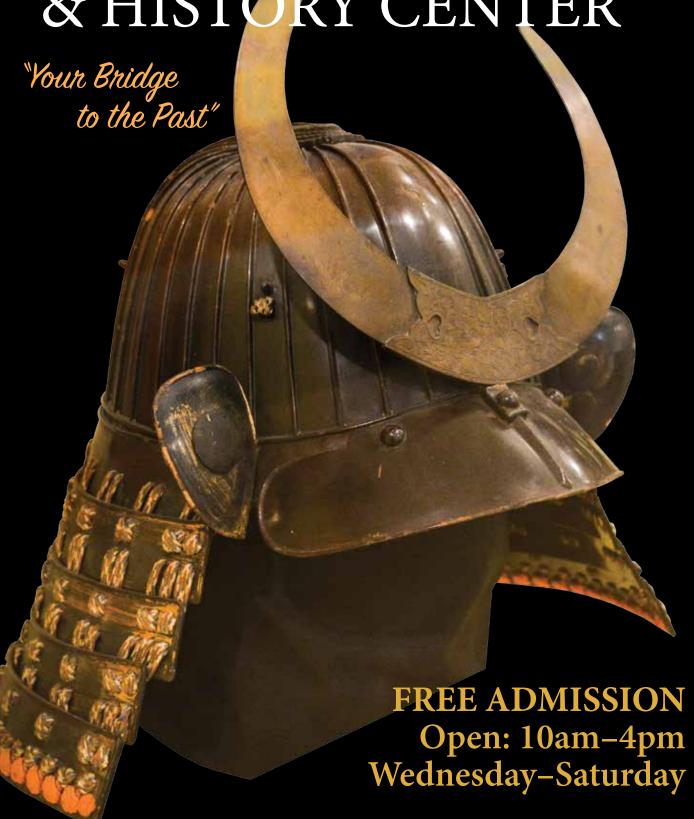




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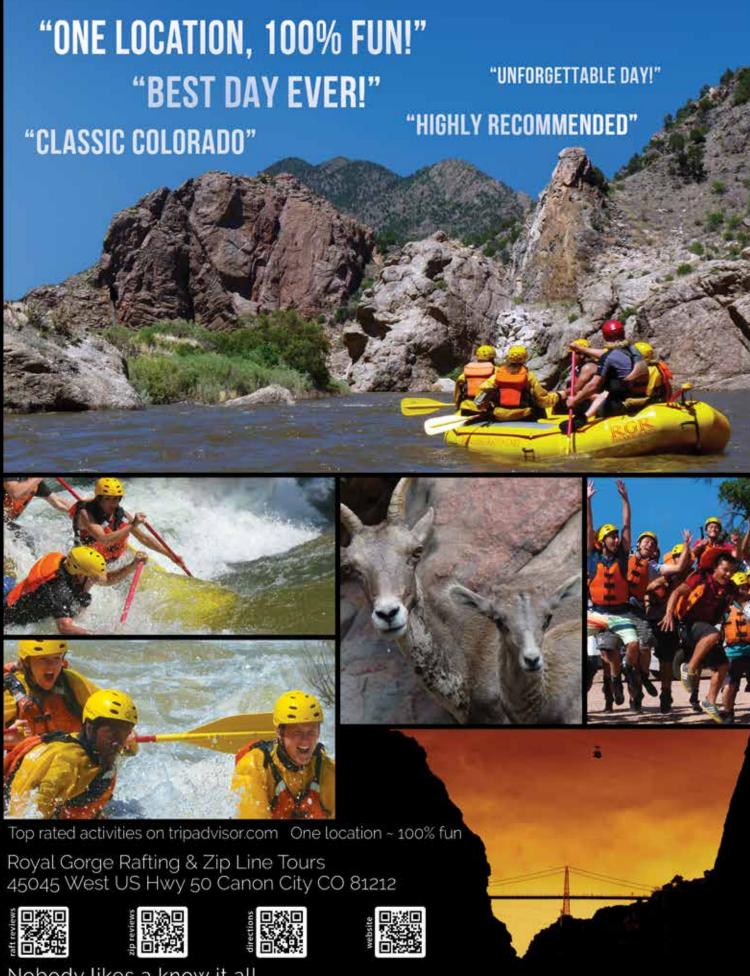




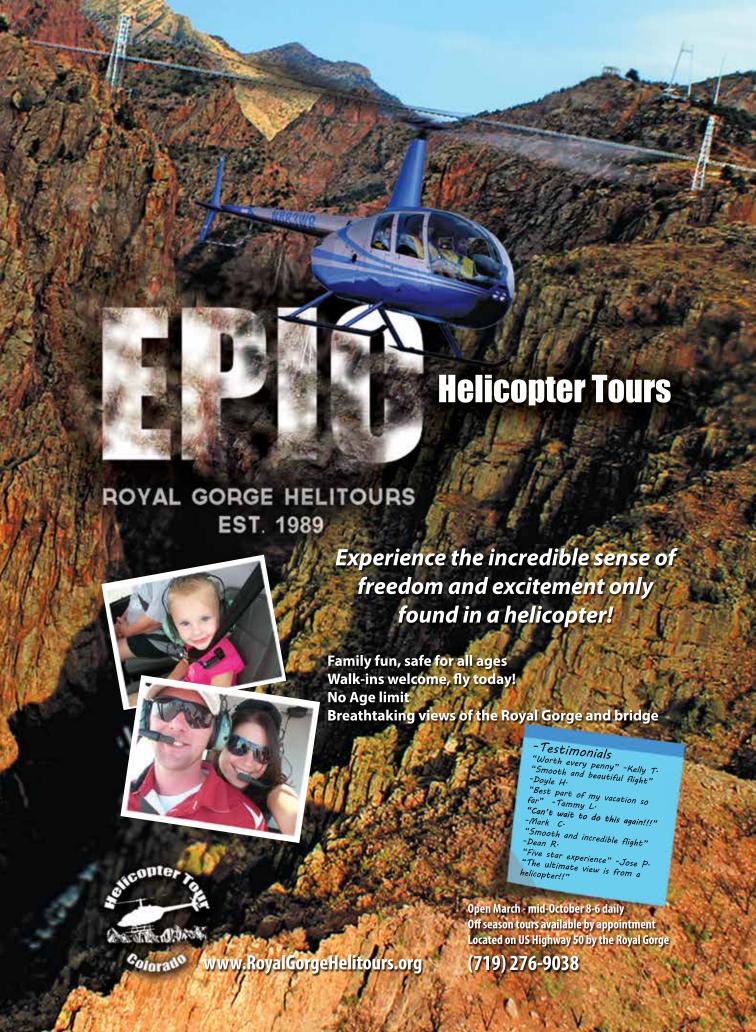
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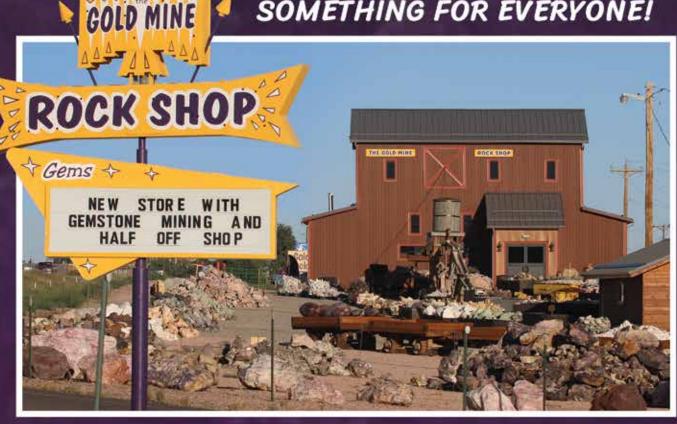
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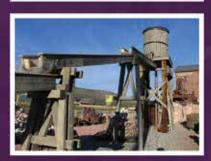
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Welcome to the Royal Gorge Region

If you are already in the Royal Gorge Region you've made a great choice among many beautiful and fun Colorado destinations. If you are just now considering a visit, we hope to see you soon. Base your Royal Gorge Region adventure in Cañon City, the "Climate Capital of Colorado"! We are warmer, dryer and sunnier than Colorado Springs and Denver. Close and convenient, but without the crowds and traffic that can overwhelm other popular destinations.

Families and visitors of all ages will find there are loads of options to enjoy the area's amazing scenery from your vehicle, aboard a historic train, or a guided jeep tour. Take in the sweeping mountain vistas from America's highest suspension bridge, nearly 1,000 feet (305 m) above the Royal Gorge, or from the deck of a beautifully appointed cabin, while you enjoy a glass of wine from our local, award-winning winery.

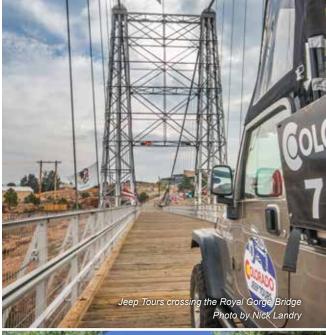
Many visitors consider the Arkansas River our finest natural asset. We are America's top destination for whitewater rafting, and anglers relish the fact it is the country's longest stretch of Gold Medal Trout water. Our trail networks offer something for every ability level, whether on foot or a bicycle. Up for a challenge? Check out mountain bike trails, or worldclass rock climbing. There is an exhilarating zipline across the gorge, plus classic and extreme courses above treetops and canyons.

Don't forget to visit the region's museums, history and heritage sites. Downtown Cañon City and Florence are both hidden gems offering quaint, locally-owned shops, farmer's markets, restaurants, breweries, and annual festivals. Learn about dinosaurs that roamed this land 150 million years ago through outstanding indoor and outdoor exhibits and interpretive trails. You will find our series of self-guided heritage tours a helpful resource for further discovery, with ideas on other things you can enjoy for free.

Plan more than a day to experience all the Royal Gorge Region has to offer. I recommend you spend at least a night, or more. Options include hotels, motels, cabins, B&B's, full service and forest campgrounds, or even glamping! We know you will enjoy your visit, and look forward to welcoming you to the attractions and activities that await in the Royal Gorge Region. Safe travels.

Steve Kaverman, Chairman

Fremont County Tourism Council









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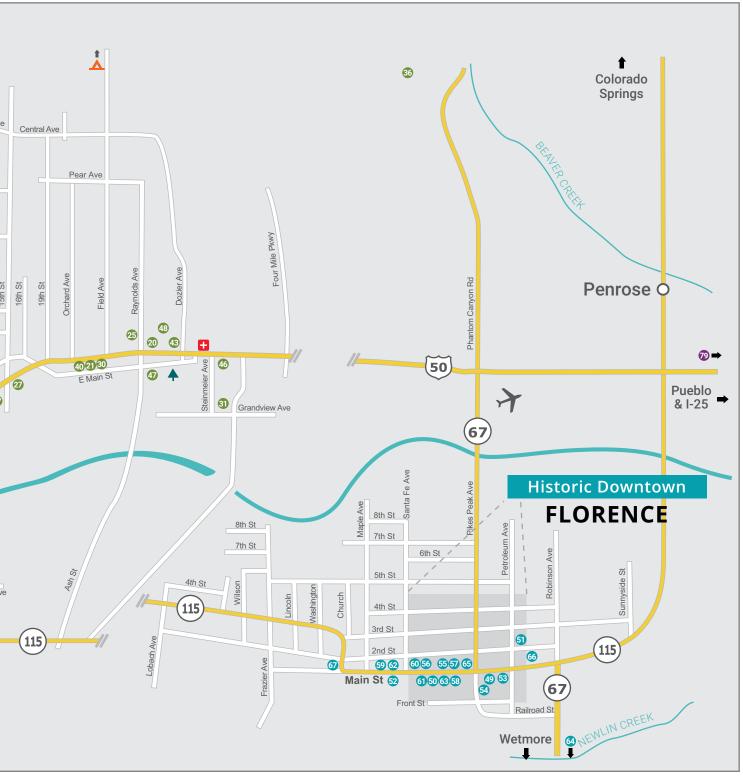
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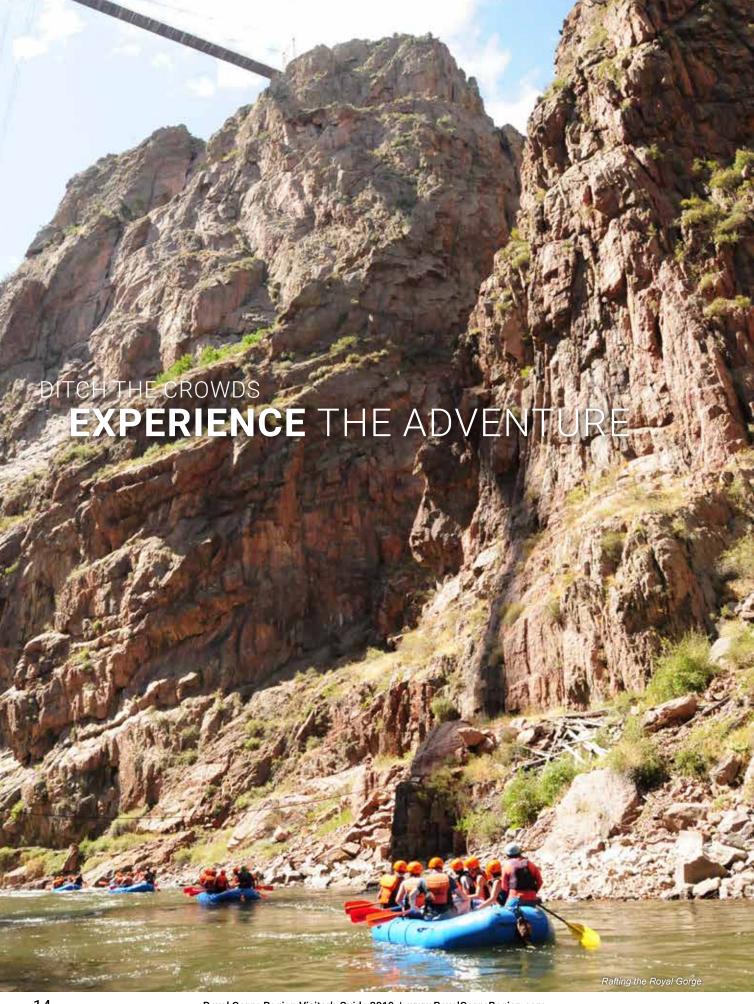
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Royal Gorge Region Activities

For those who want to experience real, rustic Colorado in all its bluebird-sky, whitewater, big adventure glory, the Royal Gorge Region is the perfect destination. Combine the striking natural landscape with year-round mild weather and laidback local vibe, and you've got the ideal Colorado vacation. From hiking and biking, to ATV rides and Gold-Medal fly fishing, your next adventure is waiting.

Feel the power of the Arkansas River on one of the country's most sought after whitewater rafting experiences as you paddle between the sheer rock walls of the Royal Gorge, or float the family-friendly Bighorn Sheep Canyon. The Arkansas is also home to some of the country's best fly fishing. Stop by a local outfitter for a guided outing.

High above the river, cross America's highest suspension bridge at the Royal Gorge Bridge & Park, where you can **zipline** and feel the free-fall rush of the Skycoaster (www.royalgorgebridge.com). Soar above the valley in a helicopter tour, or zip across the bridge on a thrilling Segway tour. Take to the trails on foot or on bike and journey into the backcountry of our beautiful region.

Climb aboard the Royal Gorge Route Railroad for an unbelievable journey through the steep and narrow 10-mile-long canyon. Be sure to visit the open-air car for wildlife viewing. Jeep and ATV tours are also available for scenic tours of the Gorge and surrounding areas.

After your adventures, browse the many art galleries along Main Street in both Cañon City and Florence. For a peek into local dinosaur, mining, and geologic history, peruse local museums including the Florence Pioneer Museum (www.florencepioneermuseum.org), and the Royal Gorge Regional Museum and History Center (www.rgmhc.org). Check out the local wineries beginning with The Winery at Holy Cross Abby (www.abbeywinery.com).

As you continue your journey, drive the scenic Gold Belt Tour, walk discovery trails, and search for fossils.

From the forest to the canyon, the rushing river to our charming Main Streets, the Royal Gorge Region promises to feed your spirit and create everlasting memories.



ACTIVITIES | Royal Gorge Bridge & Park





Royal Gorge Bridge & Park

The Royal Gorge Bridge & Park, one of Colorado's iconic and must-see attractions celebrates its 90th Anniversary in 2019. Known as America's Bridge in the heart of the Royal Gorge Region, visitors can walk across one of the world's highest suspension bridges and take in pure Colorado fun and scenery.

The park, including the Bridge and Visitor Center, is open year round. The Visitor Center with its mammoth deck overlooking the gorge is the perfect place to shop, dine, or just relax and enjoy the surroundings. Café 1230, provides breathtaking views while guests can enjoy a scrumptious meal, snack, or favorite brew. The Cafe's name stands for the number of planks on the bridge - 1,230.

World class attractions include new gondolas traversing 2,400 feet across the gorge. Tommy Knockerland, a children's play land, features a beautifully crafted carousel and climbing structures. Kids will enjoy the splash pad, wax hand store and sluice box during the summer months. Be sure to visit the park's Plaza Theater and Historical Expo to view the history of the park and in the summer months watch the birds of prey show.

For the daring, the Royal Gorge Cloudscraper by ZipRider flies guests a thousand feet over the river, or patrons can experience the World's Scariest Skycoaster sitting on the very edge of the gorge. Both rides are open mid-March to end of December (weather permitting.)

Entertainment abounds during the summer months where guests can enjoy bands and special entertainment. Thanksgiving and Christmas are special times of the year and the park is open for your Holiday entertainment.

The park has 90 years of rich history beginning with the spectacular undertaking of building the Royal Gorge Bridge in 1929 with good 'ol American ingenuity. Holding the title of the world's highest suspension bridge for over 7 decades, the bridge is the highest in America. In 2013 a wildfire destroyed 90 percent of the park and in only 14 months a new park was re-opened. The bridge sustained only minimal damage. The park will continue to grow in the coming years.

Check the website www.royalgorgebridge.com for events and updates for the 90th Celebration. The park is looking forward to another 90 years of spectacular!

Colorado Jeep Tours | ACTIVITIES

Guided Jeep Tours of Royal Gorge & Red Canyon

Enjoy amazing vistas and see places you can't access on your own while visiting the Royal Gorge and Red Canyon with Colorado Jeep Tours, located in Cañon City, about 45 minutes from Colorado Springs. This is the only company that offers tours of the region, driving you along the rim of the Royal Gorge and over the suspension bridge, 1,000 feet over the Arkansas River, normally reserved for pedestrians only.

Off-road jeep tours range from 3 hours to all day, and can be enjoyed by nearly anyone. Have little ones? No problem. Bring along a car seat and secure your child like you do in your own car. Traveling with your dog? Friendly pets can come along for the ride. Have mobility issues? The well-trained tour guides will make every effort to help you into the Jeep, and ensure your comfort and safety along the route.

Once seated in the covered, open-air Jeep with padded seats, you can sit back and relax. Colorado Jeep Tours off-road excursions are given by professional drivers, so you're free to admire the scenery, take pictures, and make memories with your family. Coming with a group? The custom Jeeps hold up to 10 people, so you can enjoy the experience more by riding together.

On your jeep tour, you will not only experience gorgeous views, you'll also learn fun facts, since the guides are knowledgeable about the area and will explain what you're seeing along the way. They are versed in a variety of topics including the old west, local history, plants and wildlife, geology, and even paleontology. Did you know Cañon City is known world-wide for its dinosaur quarries? Yep, sure is. In fact, several dinosaur fossils in the Smithsonian museum were found along these jeep routes.

Want to do more than jeep? Full day packages are available from Colorado Jeep Tours that combine a half day jeeping with other area attractions. New for 2019: Receive FREE admission to the Royal Gorge Bridge & Park when you take a Royal Gorge jeep tour! Packages are also available that include the Royal Gorge Railroad, whitewater rafting, zip lining over the gorge, and local Colorado wine tasting. Get more info and book any of these tours and packages by calling Colorado Jeep Tours at (719) 275-6339, or visit them online at www.ColoradoJeepTours.com or www.RoyalGorge.Info.

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ACTIVITIES | Rafting







Whitewater Rafting

WHITEWATER RAFTING

The Arkansas River is the fourth longest river in the United States, and within those 1,469 miles is a wealth of scenic and recreational opportunity. Kayakers, rafters, and stand-up paddlers will find a section that is perfect for every adventure level. For those with limited experience, you'll find plenty of whitewater outfitters ready to help you craft your perfect rafting experience.

UPPER BIGHORN SHEEP CANYON

This scenic stretch of river, located between Salida and Cañon City, is family-friendly. Rapids range from a calm float to small waves. Watch for bighorn sheep as you pass through the heart of southern Colorado's high desert environment.

BIGHORN SHEEP CANYON

Located before the start of the famed Royal Gorge, Bighorn Sheep Canyon is the perfect stretch for families and firsttime rafters looking for some waves and challenges. Tackle such rapids as Spikebuck, Five Points, and Shark's Tooth, class III rapids that will keep any paddler on their toes!

THE ROYAL GORGE

World-class whitewater in a stunning environment is the main draw for whitewater enthusiasts who flock to the Royal Gorge. Class III-V rapids challenge kayakers and rafters as they battle Sunshine Falls, Boateater, and other rapids sitting over 1,000 feet below the rim of the gorge and the famed Royal Gorge Bridge.

WHITEWATER KAYAK AND RECREATION PARK

Centennial Park features surf waves adjacent to the city's Centennial Park. Located on 3rd St., the park offers onlookers the chance to watch body surfers, kayakers, and others enjoy the play waves. At moderate water flows, there is a wading pool built into the river's edge. The park hosts the annual Royal Gorge Whitewater Festival in the last weekend in June. Kids and families will love the Splash Pad, which is a great way to cool off on a hot day.

Raft Masters | ACTIVITIES

Raft Trips & Packages in the Royal Gorge

For the best summer ride in Colorado plan on getting wet and enjoying some of the Royal Gorge Region's world-famous attractions with Raft Masters in Cañon City, only 45 miles southwest of Colorado Springs. Whether it's the relaxing sound of flowing water, the scenery, or the mild-to-wild thrill of world-class whitewater, the Arkansas River draws people from around the world to Raft Masters in the Royal Gorge region. With rapids that range from Class I to Class V there's a trip for everyone.

There is no better way experience the Royal Gorge Region than from the river itself. When deciding how to choose a raft trip, Raft Masters suggests choosing a trip based on the level of difficulty, the ages of the participants (particularly children), your physical condition, length of trip and the type of raft (paddle or paddle assist) you prefer. It is also recommended to ask an outfitter how long they have been in business (with the current owners), the trips they run, as well as any additional costs you might expect such as rental fees for additional equipment like wetsuits and boots.

Whitewater rafting trips are available at Raft Masters from March through October. Water levels fluctuate throughout this period, so depending on what type of experience you're looking for you should plan accordingly. Do you want the biggest waves and wettest rides? Then late May through June is best, when water levels are at their peak. In July water and air temperatures are rising and water levels are moderating, making for ideal rafting conditions. July is also the busiest month of the Colorado rafting season, and weekdays are generally less busy than weekends. August is warm and dry with lower water levels making for interesting rafting due to the technical challenge of the lower flows. Early and late season trips are relaxing-paced and uncrowded.

Do you want to do more than raft? Leave the planning to Raft Masters and experience Full-Day packages that combine a half day of rafting with other exceptional area attractions. Packages include Colorado Jeep Tours, the Royal Gorge Railroad, the Royal Gorge Bridge & Park, zip lining, ATV tours, skydiving, and more. Get more info and book any of these tours and packages by calling Raft Masters at (719) 275-6645, or visit them online at www.RaftMasters.com. The friendly staff at Raft Masters is ready to help you choose the right trip.

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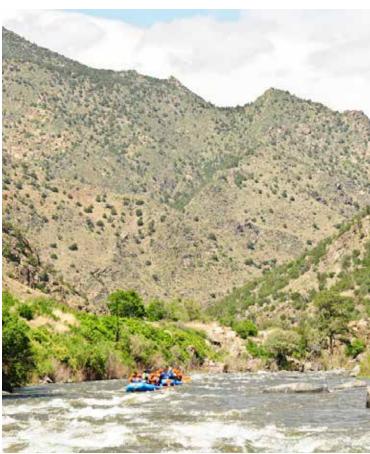






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Hiking & Biking the Royal Gorge Region

Add some adventure to your visit by heading out on the Royal Gorge Region's trails. From challenging singletrack bike rides to quiet riverside strolls, you'll find something for everyone in the area. Unique geology, wildflowers, and stunning views await!

ROYAL GORGE PARK:

The Royal Gorge Park trails offer incredible views of the Royal Gorge and the Sangre de Cristo Mountain Range. Trails range from relatively easy to advanced. The Canyon Rim Trail, including Elk Horn Loop, offers up breathtaking views, but be aware of exposed areas. East Ridge Campground connects to a multitude of trails, including S'Mores - a popular option for young bikers.

ARKANSAS RIVERWALK TRAIL:

The Riverwalk Trail runs through some of the most scenic parts of Cañon City. Along the 7-mile stretch of trail, you'll track the river's course through the city, passing farmland, cottonwood groves, and city parks. The Riverwalk Trail is mostly a flat, maintained trail that is open during all seasonsperfect for families and cruiser bike rides. Don't miss the historic tunnels on Tunnel Drive at the westernmost end of the trail.

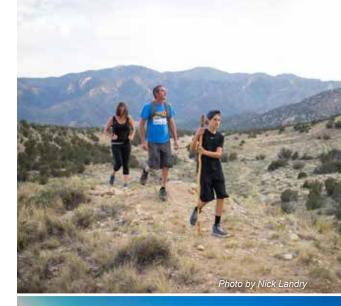
SOUTH CAÑON TRAILS:

From the Eagle Wing Trailhead near the Riverwalk, try Mutton Bustin' for an easy rike or walk. Those looking for a challenge (and inspiring views) can head up Hard Time to The Great Escape. This trail system connects to Cañon City's B.F. Rockafellar Park, commonly known as Ecology Park - a popular hiking destination.

OIL WELL FLATS:

One of the most popular and extensive trail systems in the area, Oil Well Flats includes 12 miles of singletrack trails. Cruise through high desert as you ascend Unconformity or Fire Canyon toward Island in the Sky for spectacular views of Cañon City and beyond to the Wet Mountains and the Sangre de Cristo range.

For complete maps and directions to trailheads, grab a free copy of FAR's Recreation & Trail Guide, available at the Cañon City Chamber of Commerce, Red Canyon Cycles (410 Main Street, Cañon City), and several other locations throughout the Royal Gorge Region. See www.joinfar.org/adventureguide for more information!









ATV/Four-Wheeling

The Royal Gorge Region has some of the best trails in Colorado for ATV and 4-wheel fun at the Texas Creek Recreation Area. Detailed maps are available at Cañon City Chamber of Commerce, and the Visitors Center Cabin.

Clearance varies on these routes, and the network links some ATV sections with 4-wheel drive. There are miles and miles of trails and tracks. Among the most popular 4-wheel drive routes are Bull Gulch (606), Fremont County Road 27 (27), Fernleaf Gulch Connector (6020) and Reese Gulch Bypass (6024). Popular with ATVers are East Arkansas River Overlook (6025), Cut Off (6036) and Tucker Trail (6035).

Always consult maps, check weather forecast in advance; and be aware of the BLM regulations.

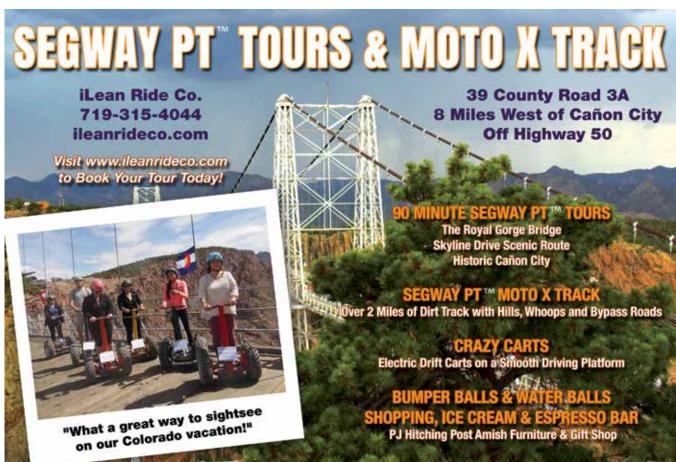
The Royal Gorge Region also has several guide services – a great idea for novice riders or folks unfamiliar with Rocky Mountain terrain. Visit the combined BLM/USFS regional office at 3028 E. Main Street, Cañon City for regulations, trail maps and other outdoor recreation information.

Rock Climbing

The Royal Gorge Region is no stranger to rock climbing. Boasting one of Colorado's largest sport climbing destinations, Shelf Road, the region is a year-round destination for rock climbers. With a wealth of cliff options at Shelf Road, you will find plenty of sunny or shady climbing areas at most of the climbing sites.

The lesser-known but still awe-inspiring Tanner Dome offers adventurers single and multi-pitch climbs as well as sport and traditional/mixed routes. You'll find the climbing area by heading south on Oak Creek Grade Road, and approach via the East Bear Gulch Trail. Please note: The Tanner Dome area is closed to climbing from April 1st to August 1st for peregrine falcon nesting.





SKYLINE DRIVE | Spectacular Views & Geological Wonders





Skyline Drive

Travel this one-way ridgetop for sweeping Royal Gorge Region vistas, spectacular geological wonders and along the way discover our unearthed dinosaur trackway.

THE HISTORY

During the early 1900s, local leaders devised a plan to build a road over the sharp Hogback west of Cañon City. The unprecedented scenic thoroughfare would gift visitors and residents dramatic Colorado views and allow them to practically touch the sky.

In 1905, around 60 inmates from the Colorado State Penitentiary were assigned to construct Skyline Drive. They finished in 1906 and the city council named designated vehicle days and horse-drawn carriage days to avoid conflicts along the narrow route.

THE DRIVE

Skyline Drive, a 2.5 mile (4 km) paved drive lies northwest of Cañon City. It travels along a narrow razorback ridge. The descent begins with a hairpin turn and winds down the eastern side of the hogback. Not for the timid driver, there are points where both sides of the roadway drop several hundred feet.

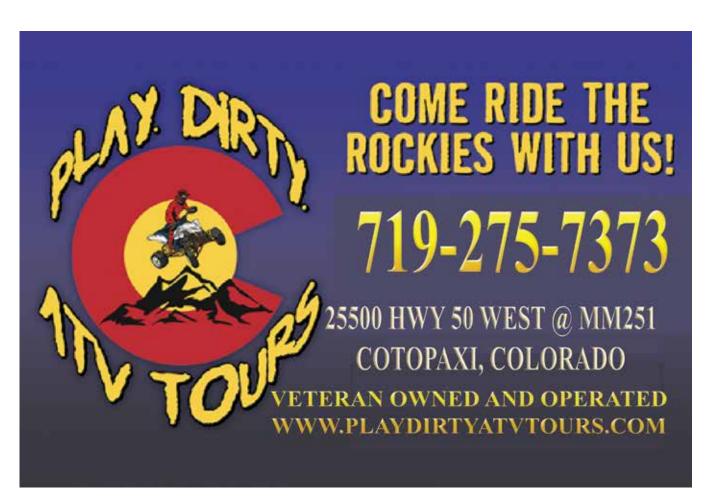
With stops, allow about one hour to explore Skyline Drive. The road is open daily during daylight hours and may close for inclement weather.

Directions: Head west of Cañon City on Highway 50 for two miles and turn right at the entrance to Skyline Drive, under the big stone archway. Take note of vehicle length restrictions.

SIGHTS ALONG THE WAY

Plenty of pullouts and parking areas make it easy to stop and enjoy the views overlooking Cañon City, Florence, Fremont Peak and the surrounding landscape. Stop to see the Gateway Arch, an entrance marker built by inmates in 1932 using a stone from all but 3 states in America.

Pull over near the top to view the interpretive panel and dinosaur footprint casts embedded in the cliff face. Local resident and paleontology student Bill Kurtz discovered the dinosaur trackway in 1999. Another great stop to pull over is at the Floral Avenue Trailhead on the eastern side of the hogbacks. Walk north along the Greenhorn Trail to view interpretive panels on the Western Interior Seaway that once covered the whole state of Colorado and see the evidence of an extinction event (Cenomanian –Turonian Extinction) that occurred 94 million years ago.





FOUR SEASONS | Spring, Summer, Fall and Winter





Four Seasons of Fremont County

The Royal Gorge Region enjoys a south-central Colorado sweet spot where mild temperatures grace the Arkansas River Valley and form an ideal year-round outdoor playground.

When the rest of the state is digging out from **Spring** snowstorms, area locals and visitors are hitting mountain biking and hiking trails. This is also a great time to visit museums and attractions like the Royal Gorge Dinosaur Experience and the Museum of Colorado Prisons or check out The Winery at Holy Cross Abbey. Get a jump on summer travelers and hit the Royal Gorge Bridge and Park to walk across one of the highest suspension bridges in the world, zipline over the canyon and brave the exhilarating Royal Rush Skycoaster.

Summer heats up with area outfitters launching boats into the Arkansas River for world-class whitewater rafting and kayaking, and a busy schedule of events. Hikers and bikers take to Skyline Drive and Cañon City's Royal Gorge Park trails, ATV and Jeep tours explore endless open space. See the valley's beauty from above on a helicopter or horseback tour.

As **Fall** rolls around, the desert-meets-mountain landscape radiates in reds, yellows and oranges. Autumn is the perfect time for a family stroll along the Arkansas Riverwalk Trail, antique shopping in Florence and wine tasting at the award-winning winery. In September, the Harvest Festival celebrates the region's rich agricultural heritage. Take a drive on the picturesque Gold Belt National Scenic Byway and cruise high above Cañon City on Skyline Drive's cliffside razorback ridge.

Resting at 5,332 feet—slightly higher than Denver—and tucked into the valley's protective bluffs, **Winter** in the Region tends to hover around a comfortable 50 to 60 degrees. Conditions remain ideal for fly-fishing, hunting, hiking, biking, rock climbing, golfing and even the occasional camping expedition. Though it operates year-round, the historic Royal Gorge Route Railroad's winter themed rides are a season must.

Gold Belt Scenic Byway

PHANTOM CANYON ROAD

Six miles east of Cañon City on U.S. 50, North on Hwy 67. Follow the route of the Florence & Cripple Creek Railroad.

SHELF ROAD

North on Raynolds out of Cañon City from U.S. 50. Right on Field Ave, Field Ave, which later Ys into Red Canyon Road, and later turns into Shelf Road

HIGH PARK ROAD

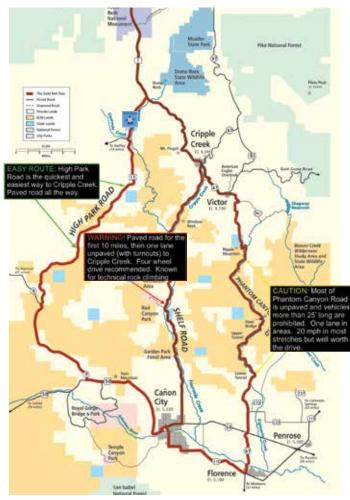
West of Cañon City to CO. 9. North on Hwy 9 for eight miles to High Park Road. East on High Park Road.

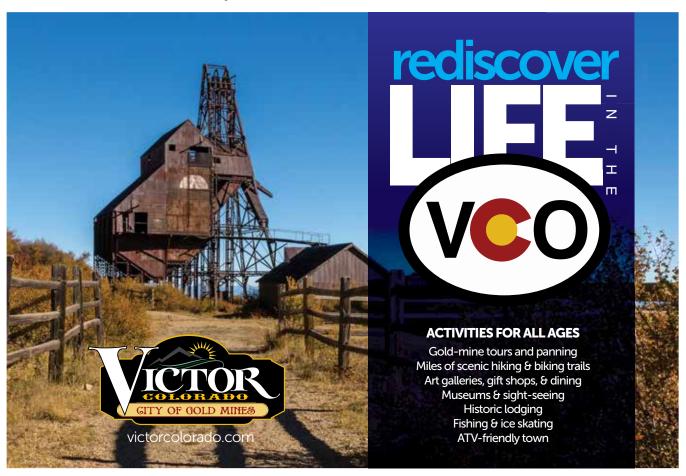
All roads lead to historic Cripple Creek. In its glory days Cripple Creek boasted two opera houses, 75 saloons, 8 newspapers and a stock exchange. Limited stakes gaming has revitalized the town with casinos, shops and restaurants, while maintaining its heritage. Cripple Creek even has its own donkey herd, descendants of the animals that once worked in the mines.

For more information visit:

RroyalGorgeRegion.com/gold-belt-national-scenic-byway

Note - This drive should not be taken at night due to hazards.





AGRICULTURE | Orchards, Farmers Markets, Wineries







Agricultural Heritage & Agritourism

With its mild temperature and rich soil, the Royal Gorge Region has been an agricultural hub since the 1860s, when Jesse Frazer planted Colorado's first apple tree, ultimately establishing the state's first orchard. Today, the region boasts farms, orchards, seasonal pumpkin patches, corn mazes, and bountiful vineyards, making it ideal for hosting farmers markets and agricultural tours.

A trip to the Cañon City farmers market (Tuesdays from 8am-1pm, June thru September) is a great way to enjoy fresh produce and homemade goods while supporting regional farmers and local businesses. Vendors typically sell seasonal produce, honey, bread, garden crafts, and body products, including hand-crafted soaps and oils.

Learn how to grow your own food at some of the local farms, which offer classes and events like Extending Your Growing Season, Grow & Use Culinary Herbs, and Building Healthy Soil. During the spring, some farms opens their doors and give visitors the opportunity to purchase plants and other farm-raised products.

In the fall, take your kids to the orchards for a field trip, where they learn about the cycles of apple trees, irrigation, how apples grow, and the bugs that crawl on them. Kids also pick apples, run through the orchard's one-of-a-kind corn maze, and sip on homemade apple cider. At special times throughout the year, hayrides and a farm stand are also available.

For adults wanting a relaxing afternoon, the Winery at Holy Cross Abbey is the place to be. Since 2002, the winery has been winning awards for its wine, while its showroom has become one of the largest and most successful in the state. Voted "Best Front Range Tasting Room" by the Colorado Vine, the Winery at Holy Cross Abbey has designed its tasting room to make your wine experience truly memorable.

The Winery at Holy Cross Abbey also hosts the annual Harvest Festival. Often considered the quintessential outing during Colorado's ideal time of year, this festival combines wine, artisans, food, and entertainment against Cañon City's gorgeous autumn backdrop.

Winery at Holy Cross Abbey | AGRICULTURE

The Winery at Holy Cross Abbey

Since July 2002, The Winery at Holy Cross Abbey has attracted visitors from all over the world. Located on the pastoral and serene grounds of the historic Holy Cross Abbey, nestled against the spectacular backdrop of the Wet Mountains, the winery and tasting room are shining examples of what draws visitors to Cañon City and Fremont County.

The tasting room is open daily all year. There is ample parking, and the beautiful tree-shaded park has picnic tables where you can enjoy lunch with a bottle of wine. The educated staff will guide visitors through a tasting of multi award-winning wines. The gift shop is filled with items from all over the world, as well as many items that are distinctively Colorado.

The winery is host to many events throughout the year, including Harvest Fest and Spring Wine Extravaganza. The annual benefit "Wine & Wings" features large owls, eagles and falcons from Nature's Educators in Sedalia, Colorado. Through partnerships with other local attractions, visitors can book a Raft+Wine or Jeep Tours+Wine experience. The FAR (Fremont Adventure Recreations) partnership that benefits our local trails inspired FARmmm To Table, a fun run and dinner that joined runners, wine, foodies, restaurants and local farms. The Royal Gorge Route will feature the winery on its May 18th dinner train.

A VIP Wine and Cheese tasting is offered from May 1st-August 15th. You can enjoy a wine and cheese tasting on the terrace that includes a private hostess and a sampling of all wines, including reserves. We have selected artisan cheeses, breads, fruit, chocolates and other delectables that best accompany each wine.

The Congregation Wine Club started four years ago and boasts over 500 members. Not a typical wine club, Congregation members receive a vintage tee and special offers throughout the year. "Members Only" VIP accommodations during Harvest Fest, special pricing on Spring Wine Extravaganza, free shipping, and other annual benefits make this a mustjoin wine club.

The winery is also a wonderful place for your gift shopping, as they can now ship wine to most states. Your gifts can be taken care of from start to finish. Check the winery's website for information on events, wines, awards, and to shop online at www.AbbeyWinery.com.

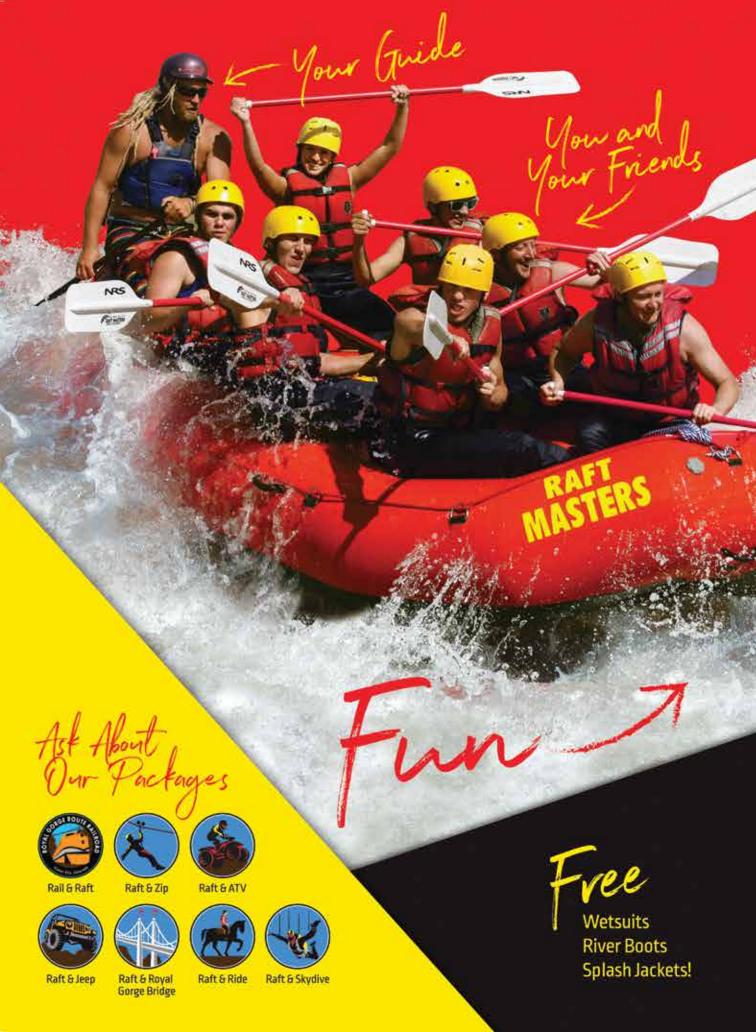
The tasting room is open Monday through Saturday from 10:00am until 6:00pm April 1st-December 31st and on Sundays from noon until 5:00pm. January through March the tasting room is open Monday through Saturday 10:00am to 5:00pm and Sunday from noon to 5:00pm. For more information call 877-422-9463 (HCA WINE) or visit them at www.AbbeyWinery.com.

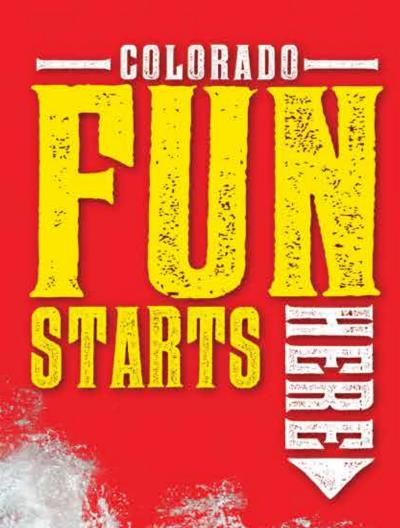
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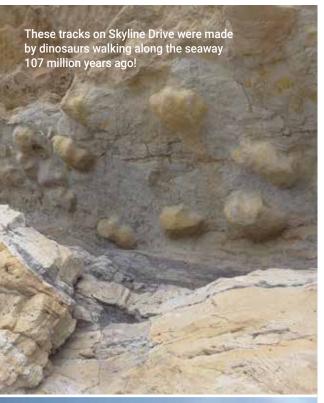


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GEOLOGY | Dinosaur and Fossil Finds





Geology: Dinosaur & Fossil Finds

View prehistoric tracks, walk discovery trails, search for fossils (never disturb or remove fossils) or visit the Royal Gorge Regional History Museum to see an outstanding display of fossils, dinosaur bones, and a complete Stegosaurus replica skeleton displayed as it was found in the ground in 1992.

ROYAL GORGE DINOSAUR EXPERIENCE

The Royal Gorge Dinosaur Experience provides an affordable, dynamic and high-value educational opportunity for kids of all ages and enables families to learn and recreate together on stunning property with views of the famed Royal Gorge Bridge and Colorado's stunning Sangre de Cristo mountain range. The state-of-the-art, 16,200 square-foot building houses a world-class collection of interactive displays, full-scale dinosaur fossil casts, real dinosaur fossils, entertaining guided tours of our exhibit halls, and outdoor skinned animatronic dinosaur exhibits and a multi-story ropes course to ensure a fine balance between science, learning, and good old-fashioned family fun. Visit www.DinoXP.com for more info.

GARDEN PARK FOSSIL AREA

Garden Park Fossil Area, located just north of Cañon City on Red Canyon Road, is a 2,700 acre-area that has produced significant dinosaur fossils for over 140 years. Some of the Jurassic fossils from this area are now at the Smithsonian National Museum of Natural History and the Peabody Museum at Yale University. Three stegosaurus skeletons, including Colorado's state fossil were excavated here. www.HandsOnTheLand.org/garden-park/

[Note: The Smithsonian Museum of Natural History Prehistoric Life exhibit is currently under major renovation and none of the fossils from Garden Park are displayed. exhibit is expected to reopen in June 2019.]

INDIAN SPRINGS TRACE FOSSIL SITE

The privately owned Indian Springs Trace Fossil Site is also designated by the National Park Service as a National Natural Landmark. Located just east of Cañon City on the private Thorson Family Ranch, the National Park Service designated it as a National Natural Landmark due to the importance of the Ordovician Period (485 to 443 million years ago) trace fossils found there. These traces fossils include tracks left by trilobites, fish, and other prehistoric marine creatures at the bottom of a shallow lagoon or sea. www.IndianSpringsRanchCampground.com

Fishing, Wildlife & Bird Watching

LEGENDARY FISHING

The Royal Gorge Region and its lands are home to an amazing variety of wildlife viewing opportunities. Keep your eyes open for **deer, bighorn sheep, bear, eagles** and other birds of prey.

Grab your binoculars and a field guide for some of the best bird watching in Colorado. Bird watchers will want to check out the large blue heron populations along County Road 69 and also along the Arkansas River. Buntings, Eagles, Kittiwakes, Goshawk, Kestrel, Woodpeckers, and Yellowthroat are also common in the region.

Cañon City's Riverwalk Trail follows the Arkansas River for more than seven miles, winding through wetlands, groves of cottonwoods and the parks. An early morning or evening stroll along the Riverwalk Trail provides great opportunities for bird watching and wildlife spotting.

GOLD MEDAL FLY FISHING

The **Arkansas River** is the longest Gold Medal River in North America, and attracts anglers from all over the world. With some of the highest trout densities of any freshwater watershed in the world, anglers can expect to see trophy size ranges of **Brown Trout, Rainbow Trout** and even the occasional **Cutthroat**. The Arkansas River is also known as a renowned dry fly fishery with large hatches from March through October.

The Arkansas River and surrounding drainages are year-round fisheries, however, anglers begin to flock to this area during the famed **Caddis Hatch** which begins the first week of April. This hatch begins in Canon City and moves to the headwater near Leadville over the course of several months. However, July through September can offer some of the best productivity of the year with heavy hatches and overall favorable conditions to wade or float the river.

RIVER RECREATION

Rafts and kayaks of every size float the beautiful **Arkansas River** from spring through summer and even into early fall. Some anglers fish from rafts and enjoy a thrilling ride through the rapids from Texas Creek to Parkdale and even through the gorge! A recreational raft trip is a good way to enjoy the river when the flows may be too swift for quality fishing. Check with local outfitters for guided fishing or rafting trips on the Arkansas River.







ARTS & CULTURE | Museums, Live Theater, Public Arts





Arts & Culture

First-time visitors are immediately struck by the mild climate and the breathtaking natural beauty of the Royal Gorge Region, but often it's the rich artistic expression and cultural diversity that brings people back.

LIVE THEATER

Musical and theater offerings are varied – from lavish stage productions presented by the Fremont Civic Theatre to solo and ensemble chamber recitals at the Fremont Center for the Arts and summer-long outdoor pop/jazz/bluegrass/eclectic musical performances in the park. In Florence, the Bell Tower presents varied concerts monthly. The historic Rialto Theater hosts periodic, and varied events throughout the year.

PUBLIC ART

Public art in the Royal Gorge Region is on display in downtown Cañon City. Macon Plaza, the pedestrian-only area on Macon Street between Fifth and Sixth Streets in front of the Fremont Center for the Arts includes a Sculpture Garden across from the recently restored Carnegie Library. Along Main Street you'll find over a dozen changing displays. The Florence Art Council has purchased and placed art throughout the downtown as well.

THE ROYAL GORGE REGIONAL MUSEUM & HISTORY CENTER

The Royal Gorge Regional Museum & History Center is the premier research facility for local historical information for Fremont County and the surrounding Royal Gorge Region. We are located in downtown Cañon City at 612 Royal Gorge Blvd., in the historic Municipal Building. Our Research Room has family and address files for a number of local residents, businesses, and homes. We also have other research materials such as historical photographs, local newspapers on microfilm, and area maps.

The museum is primarily located on the second floor of the historic Municipal Building with three separate galleries showcasing locally-found fossils, local artists and rotating exhibits like the current "Around the World in 80 Artifacts" exhibit. To round out the museum tour, 1860's Anson Rudd pioneer family cabin, the oldest residential structure in Cañon City, is open for visits behind the museum, weather permitting.

The Royal Gorge Regional Museum & History Center is open Wednesdays-Saturdays from 10am to 4pm. Visit us on the web at rgmhc.org. Like us on Facebook. Or give us a call at 719-269-9036.

Museums, Live Theater, Public Arts | ARTS & CULTURE

THE FREMONT CENTER FOR THE ARTS

The Fremont Center for the Arts (FCA) was founded in 1947 and has the distinction of being the oldest privately-run art center West of the Mississippi River. We are located in the heart of downtown Cañon City in the former 1931 Post Office building, which is listed in the National Register of Historic Places.

Our mission is to foster and enrich the cultural and economic health for the greater Fremont County region through partnerships, presentations, education, and preservation of the arts for present and future generations.

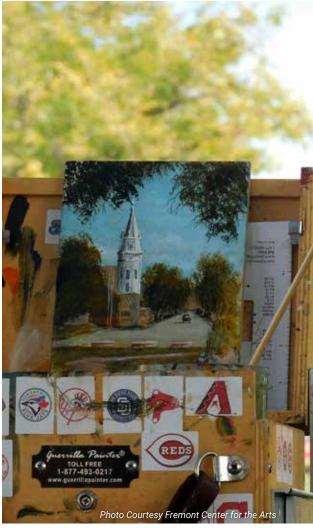
We offer interactive classes on subjects from figure drawing, creative writing, portraiture, matting and framing, ceramics, dance, and more.

Each month the main gallery show changes, offering artists of all levels an opportunity to display their works. Our permanent collection started in 1947 and continues today with over 300 fabulous pieces. The collection is constantly rotated throughout the building and speaks to the art culture of Fremont County.

MUSEUM OF COLORADO PRISONS

The Museum of Colorado Prisons is guite unique, located next door to the Colorado Territorial Correctional Facility, an operational prison which opened in 1871. The Museum of Colorado Prisons houses no inmates within its walls. Instead, the former Women's Correctional Facility contains 30-plus cells, each transformed into exhibits covering more than 140 years of the state's incarceration history. Displays encompass everything from confiscated contraband. inmate arts and crafts, original artifacts, and thousands of inmate records. Besides the audio tour or self-quided tour booklets (available in 4 languages), the museum invites visitors to participate in occasional events every year, such as nighttime ghost-hunting expeditions. Make the time to do time with us.





CALENDAR | 2019 Calendar of Events







2019 Calendar of Events

JANUARY

1 FAR Resolution Run | 5k and 10k www.ioinfar.org

1-31 Black & White Show (all Media)

Fremont County Arts www.fremontarts.org

4 First Friday

The first Friday of every month head down Main Street in Cañon City from 5:00 to 7:00 and check out all the stores that stay open late just for YOU! Music, food, art, and galleries!

FEBRUARY

1 First Friday

The first Friday of every month head down Main Street in Cañon City from 5:00 to 7:00 and check out all the stores that stay open late just for YOU! Music, food, art, and more!

1-28 Made from Clay/Plein Air Colours

Fremont County Arts www.fremontarts.org

9 17th Annual Chocolate Lover's Walk

Downtown Cañon City www.ccblossomfestival.com

9 Snow Queen 5K

Bringing women together during winter for health. www.joinfar.org

16 Sole Mates Fun Run

www.joinfar.org

MARCH

1 First Friday

The first Friday of every month head down Main Street in Cañon City from 5:00 to 7:00 and check out all the stores that stay open late just for YOU! Music, food, art, and galleries!

1-31 Sculpture

Fremont Center for the Arts www.fremontarts.org

3 Cajun Crawl

Fremont Community Foundation. Cañon City

APRII

1-31 Fremont Schools

Fremont Center for the Arts www.fremontarts.org

1-31 Fremont County Local's Appreciation Month

Half-priced season passes to Royal Gorge Bridge & Park for Fremont County residents. www.royalgorgebridge.com

5 First Friday

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20 FAR Release and Film Party

www.joinfar.org

21 Easter Sunrise Service

Sunrise service held at the Royal Gorge Bridge & Park. Free Event. www.royalgorgebridge.com

MAY

1-31 Blossom

Fremont Center for the Arts www.fremontarts.org

3 First Friday

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3-5 81st Annual Music & Blossom Festival

Parade, arts & crafts fair, food vendors, carnival, rodeo, and so much more. www.ccblossomfestival.com

3-5 Royal Gorge Pro Rodeo

Held at the Fremont Rodeo Grounds. 719-275-0437

2019 Calendar of Events | CALENDAR

4 runBlossom 5k and Half Marathon races

7:30 am Centennial Park www.runblossom.org

11 FAR Women's Mountain Bike Clinic

www.joinfar.org

18-19 Annual Highway 50 Yard Sale

19 Florence Merchants Car Show

www.florencecoloradocarshow.com

71th Annual Juried Blossom Fine Art Exhibit & Sale

Fremont Center for the Arts, $505\,\text{Macon}$, 719-275-2790,

www.fremontarts.org

36th Annual Antique & Special Interest Car Show

Royal Gorge Chapter VMCCA. Held on the Abbey grounds. www.canoncity.com

25-27 Memorial Day Weekend Celebration

Daily Entertainment at Royal Gorge Bridge & Park.

www.royalgorgebridge.com

JUNE

1-30 Photograpy/Linda Carlson

Fremont Center for the Arts www.fremontarts.org

4, 11, 18, 25 Cañon City Farmers' Market

Tuesdays (8-1) at Veterans Park. Local Farmers, Bakers, Artisans & Nonprofits gather weekly to connect with the community & visitors.

7 First Friday

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21-22 Royal Gorge Whitewater Festival

Fremont Community Foundation, Cañon City Chamber of Commerce Foundation, Inc. & WKRP

www.royalgorgewhitewaterfestival.com

29 FAR Summer Social

www.joinfar.org

JULY

1-31 Justin Reddick/Matthew Taylor

Fremont Center for the Arts www.fremontarts.org

2,9, 16, 23, 30 Cañon City Farmers' Market

Tuesdays (8-1) at Veterans Park. Local Farmers, Bakers, Artisans & Nonprofits gather weekly to connect with the community & visitors.

4 Florence Annual 4th of July Wet/Dry Parade

4 Cañon City Fireworks

4-6 Fourth of July Celebration

Daily Entertainment at Royal Gorge Bridge & Park. www.royalgorgebridge.com

5 First Friday

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6 Flashback on Main Street

Fremont Community Foundation - Canon City

27 Run the Rim, 5k & 10k trail

Run/race with stunning views of the Royal Gorge. wwwjoinfar.org.

27 - Aug. 3 Fremont County Fair

Fremont County Fairgrounds in Cañon City. www.fremontcountyfair.org

AUGUST

1-31 Recycle

Fremont Center for the Arts www.fremontarts.org

2 First Friday

The first Friday of every month head down Main Street in Cañon City from 5:00 to 7:00 and check out all the stores that stay open late just for YOU! Music, food, art, and galleries! Jazz Downtown located at Macon Plaza, 6:30 – 8:00 pm

6, 13, 20, 27 Cañon City Farmers' Market

Tuesdays (8-1) at Veterans Park. Local Farmers, Bakers, Artisans & Nonprofits gather weekly to connect with the community & visitors.

14 - Sept. 30 Abbey 8th Annual Religious Art Show

Held at the Abbey

17 FARm to Table Relay

5k relay combined with an after-run lunch! www.joinfar.org

SFPTFMBFR

1 Royal 50 Mountain Bike Race

www.joinfar.org

1-30 Spoke Art (FAR)/Starpoint (All Media)

Fremont Center for the Arts www.fremontarts.org

Aug. 30 - Sept. 1 & 2 Labor Day Weekend Celebration

Daily Entertainment at the Royal Gorge Bridge & Park. www.royalgorgebridge.com

3, 10, 17, 24 Cañon City Farmers' Market

Tuesdays (8-1) at Veterans Park. Local Farmers, Bakers, Artisans & Nonprofits gather weekly to connect with the community & visitors.

6 First Friday

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20-22 Florence Pioneer Days

Florence celebrates its Pioneer Days.

27-28 Junktique in Florence

www.junktiqueshowandmarket.com

28-29 Harvest Festival

Held at the Winery at Holy Cross Abbey Wine, music, art and food! 719-276-5191

Mid Sept - Oct. Fremont County Fall Heritage Days

OCTOBER

1-31 Pets

Fremont Center for the Arts www.fremontarts.org

4 First Friday

The first Friday of every month head down Main Street in Cañon City from 5:00 to 7:00. Music, food, art, and galleries!

5-6 Rim to Rim Royal Gorge Races

A 5k and 10k race through the park and finishing on the Royal Gorge Bridge. www.rimtorimroyalgorge.com

TBD Penrose Apple Days

TBD Sons of Italy Spaghetti Dinner

Florence Elk Lodge. 719-429-6667

19 Boo at the Bridge

Entertainment and trick-or-treat at the Royal Gorge Bridge & Park www.royalgorgebridge.com

26 Spooktacular & Trunk or Treat in Cañon City

NOVEMBER

1-31 Fiber Art

Fremont Center for the Arts www.fremontarts.org

1 First Friday

The first Friday of every month head down Main Street in Cañon City from 5:00 to 7:00. Music, food, art, and galleries!

TBD Christmas Tree Lighting

Tree at 9th and Hwy 50, just west of the 'Welcome to Cañon City' sign.

TBD Santa Claus

Downtown Florence

29 #optoutside Run or Ride

www.joinfar.org

DECEMBER

1-30 Permanent Collection/Holiday Art Market

Fremont Center for the Arts www.fremontarts.org

6 First Friday

The first Friday of every month head down Main Street in Cañon City from 5:00 to 7:00. Music, food, art, and galleries!

7 Parade of Lights

Downtown Cañon City, 719-275-2331

7, 14, 21 Pictures with Santa Clause

At the Chamber, Cañon City

Event times and dates may have changed since printing, check www.RoyalGorgeRegion.com and Cañon City Chamber of Commerce to verify.

CALENDAR | Signature Annual Events





Signature Annual Events

81ST ANNUAL MUSIC & BLOSSOM FESTIVAL MAY 3-5, 2019

Nothing says authentic America quite like a parade with fire trucks, horseback riders, floats, Shriners on scooters and music-music! Cañon City's 80th annual Music and Blossom Festival takes place May 3-5, 2019, and the celebration will once again include high school and middle school marching bands from across the country competing before thousands of onlookers. The festival also boasts an arts & crafts fair, food vendors, 5k and half marathon foot races, a rodeo and much more! Visit www.ccblossomfestival.com for more info, email ccblossomfestival@inbox.com or call 719-239-1743.

ROYAL GORGE WHITEWATER FESTIVAL JUNE 21-22, 2019

The fourth weekend in June is wet and wild during the Royal Gorge Whitewater River Festival when thrill & adventure seekers gather on the Arkansas in and near Cañon City for two days of kayak and raft races, paddle board sprints, inner tube races, fly casting contests, triathlon events, disc golf tournament, live music, Fun Zone for kids, lots of food and, yes, beer. For information on the 2019 event, visit www.royalgorgewhitewaterfestival.com. 719-275-2331

PIONEER DAYS SEPTEMBER 20-22, 2019

Florence celebrates its Pioneer Days in September with a lively parade that features a salute to the town's founders. Food, games, a tractor pull, street dance, Junktique sale and arts and crafts fair are a few highlights of the three-day event. www.florencepioneerdays.com

HARVEST FESTIVAL ON WINERY GROUNDS SEPTEMBER 28-29, 2019

Wine, artisans, food and entertainment come together the last weekend of September at the annual Harvest Festival on the grounds at the Winery at Holy Cross Abbey. The fruit of the vine is celebrated, as well as tasty morsels, fine arts & crafts and live music. Call 719-276-5191 for information. www.abbeywinery.com/harvest-fest

Royal Gorge Region 4- Day Itineraries

FAMILY FUN ITINERARY

DAY 1

MORNING:

- · Cañon City: Play at Centennial Park
- · Watch rafters & kavakers in river
- · Stroll/Bike along the Riverwalk Trail

LUNCH/AFTERNOON:

- · Take the train into the Royal Gorge
- · Grab an ice cream cone
- · Walk along Main Street
- Check in and rest up at your hotel

DINNER/EVENING:

- · Dinner in Cañon City
- Drive over Skyline Drive
- · View dinosaur trackway
- Take a sunset hike in the Hogbacks

DAY 2

MORNING:

· River! Take your family rafting or fishina

LUNCH/AFTERNOON:

· Visit Dinosaur Experience

DINNER/EVENING:

- · Dinner atop 8-Mile Hill
- · Royal Gorge Park: Hike Canyon Rim Trail or:
- · Giant Slide at the KOA Fun Country

DAY₃

MORNING:

· Tunnel Drive: Cruiser bike ride or walk

LUNCH/AFTERNOON:

- · Grab a sack lunch
- · Royal Gorge Park: Picnic at the Elk Horn Picnic Area
- · Visit the Royal Gorge Bridge

Dinner/Evening:

- · Dinner in Cañon City
- · Catch a movie or hang out at a local park

DAY 4

MORNING:

· Zip Line tour

LUNCH/AFTERNOON:

- · Drive to Florence
- · Enjoy lunch in downtown Florence
- · Shop Main Street & visit Pioneer Park

DINNER/EVENING:

- Discover a new Florence eatery for dinner
- · Enjoy your trip home; come back soon!

LEISURE ITINERARY

DAY 1

MORNING:

- · Visit the Prison Museum
- · Self-Guided Heritage Tour of Cañon City (See pg. 55)

LUNCH/AFTERNOON:

- · Lunch in Cañon City
- · Stroll along the Riverwalk Trail · Check in and rest up at your
- · Wine tasting at the Abbey
- Winery

DINNER/EVENING:

· Take the Dinner Train through the Royal Gorge (Saturday only)

DAY 2

MORNING:

- · Breakfast in Cañon City
- · Walk along the Tunnel Drive Trail, or:
- · Go fishing

LUNCH/AFTERNOON:

- · Lunch atop 8-Mile Hill
- · Visit the Royal Gorge Bridge

DINNER/EVENING:

- · Drive over Skyline Drive
- · Check out the dinosaur trackway
- · Dinner Main Street in Cañon City

DAY 3

A DAY IN FLORENCE

MORNING:

- · Shopping & antiquing Main Street, Florence
- · Visit art galleries, too

LUNCH/AFTERNOON:

- · Enjoy a lunch downtown
- · Self-guided tour of Florence (see pg. 55)
- · More shopping downtown, or:
- · Visit a brewery

Dinner/Evening:

· Dinner in Florence

DAY 4

MORNING:

- · Grab a lunch to-go
- · Drive along the Scenic Gold Belt Byway, Phantom Canyon Road

LUNCH/AFTERNOON:

- Find a nice picnic spot for lunch
- · Make your way back to Cañon City
- · Wine tasting at the local winery DINNER/EVENING:
- · Dinner Main Street, Cañon City
- · Stroll along Main Street
- Enjoy your trip home; come back soon!

ADVENTURE ITINERARY

DAY 1

MORNING:

- · Cañon City: Picnic breakfast: at the train park & pump track
- · Take a few laps around the pump track
- · Bike along the Riverwalk Trail

LUNCH/AFTERNOON:

- · Lunch in Cañon City
- · Go rafting!

DINNER/EVENING:

- · Dinner Main Street Cañon City
- · Grab an ice cream cone
- · Stroll along Main Street

DAY 2

- MORNING:
- Pick up a lunch to-go for later Royal Gorge Park: hike/bike
- Canyon Rim Trail, or: · Segway tour

LUNCH/AFTERNOON:

- · Eat lunch on the trail or:
- Picnic at the Elk Horn Picnic Area
- · Visit the Royal Gorge Bridge · Try: Skycoaster or Zip Line

DINNER/EVENING:

- Dinner atop 8-Mile Hill
- Drive over Skyline Drive View dinosaur trackway
- Take a sunset hike in the Hogbacks

DAY₃

MORNING:

· Zip Line tour

LUNCH/AFTERNOON:

- · Lunch in Cañon City
- · Jeep Tour across the region

Dinner/Evening:

- · Dinner in downtown Florence
- · Antiquing and shopping in Florence

DAY 4

MORNING:

- · Mountain bike tour, or:
- · Try fly-fishing

LUNCH/AFTERNOON:

- · Lunch in Cañon City
- · Heli Tour
- Visit Dinosaur Experience
- · Master the Dino Ropes Course

DINNER/EVENING:

- Dinner on 8-Mile Hill or in Cañon City
- · Enjoy your trip home; come back soon!

COMMUNITIES WEST | Western Fremont County







Visit Western Fremont County

Exploring Western Fremont County might include a drive on U.S. Hwy 50, rafting the Arkansas River through Big Horn Canyon, casting a line on North America's longest stretch of Gold Medal Trout Water, or venturing into vast tracts of public land on an off-highway vehicle (OHV). The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Field Office in Cañon City has maps and information about trails open to OHV use. Inquire about commercial outfitters offering guided all-terrain vehicle (ATV) tours.

It is a 60-mile (97km) drive from Cañon City to Salida, just a few miles beyond Fremont County's western boundary. Motorists will enjoy breathtaking, river canyon scenery, towering cliffs, rock pinnacles, and high mountain peaks; and may even spot a Rocky Mountain big horn sheep along the roadside. With a little effort, hikers can find trails for any skill level, and there are miles of remote, county roads for cyclists to explore. In Wellsville – just a spot on the map - visitors will find one of Colorado's most unique and challenging aerial adventure parks, hewn into walls of a narrow, sandstone canyon.

Several small riverside towns along the way offer a place to stop for food and fuel, or directions from a friendly local. Interested in the area's rich history and heritage? Pick up the Fremont County Heritage Tours self-guided booklets for Western Fremont County, or Historic Howard (a town, not a person!), available at fremontheritage.com, or from visitor centers.

The highway route hugs the banks of the Arkansas River – the sixth longest river in the U.S., – nearly the entire way across the county. The Arkansas River Headwaters Recreation Area, managed by Colorado Parks & Wildlife, maintains several recreation sites for rafting, fishing, reserved camping and picnicking along the way; each have toilets. The area is recognized as one of the nation's most popular locations for whitewater rafting and kayaking. The Five Points recreation site, 24 miles (39km) west of Cañon City, has a riverside platform that's perfect for watching rafters shoot the rapids.

Walking, Biking, Driving | SELF-GUIDED HERITAGE TOURS

Fremont County Self-Guided Heritage Tours

Fremont County's rich and diverse heritage come alive in these self-guided tours, available for purchase at Museums, Chambers of Commerce and visitor destinations or download for free at: www.fremontheritage.com.

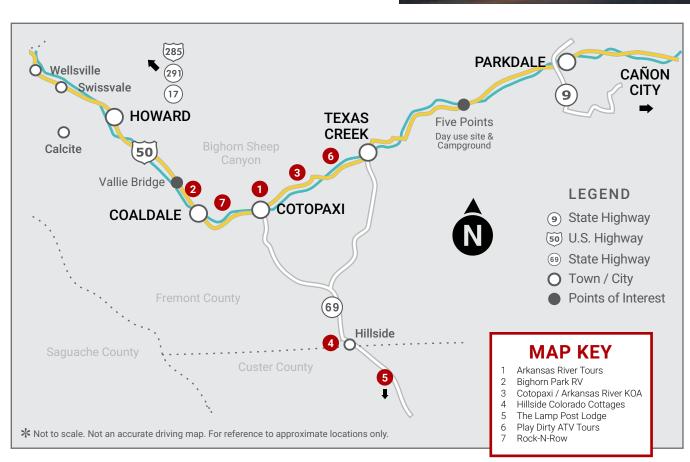
Downtown Cañon City: Dating to the 1860s, the Downtown Historic District includes 80 buildings, many of historic significane. Allow three hours to explore Main Street. Downtown Florence: The Downtown Florence Historic District includes 52 buildings. Enjoy a 2-hour tour of antique shops and restaurants. Skyline Drive: This 2.8-mile scenic drive, 2-miles west of Cañon City on US-50, includes Dinosaur tracks and dramatic views. Western Fremont County: This 50-mile scenic drive along the Arkansas River on US-50 explores area history in 37 stops. Historic Howard: Established in 1871, the 18-stop tour explores this early-day railroad shipping point. Cemeteries of Fremont County: Includes nearly 20 cemeteries reflecting post-Civil

War settlement, pioneers and history. **Coal Camps of Fremont County:** History of towns and coal camps that supported one of Colorado's earliest coalfields. **Rocks & Fossils** of Fremont County: Includes 37 stops exploring geologic formations and fossil discoveries.

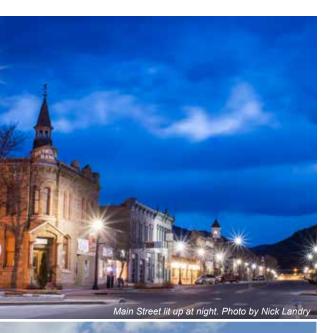








DOWNTOWN CAÑON CITY | Restaurants, Shopping, Historic Buildings







Discover Downtown Cañon City

Visit downtown Cañon City for a veritable treasure trove of shops, restaurants, architecture, and attractions situated in buildings on the National Historic Register.

Shop, enjoy lunch, browse boutiques, and take in galleries and public art. Stop to marvel at turn-of-the-century details and craftsmanship in the amethyst glass skylights along the sidewalk at Fourth Street and Main. Or view remnants of below-ground shops that were part of the late 1800s' McClure House/Strathmore Hotel, believed to be the oldest building in Colorado continuously used as a hotel.

Local dining options run the gamut from epicurean to mom's home-cooking. Linger over coffee and pastries, indulge in authentic Mexican, or treat yourself to Italian and family-friendly burger mastery. Nosh on pizza with a side of entertainment. Laugh over wings and beer and a fierce game of 8-ball. Or kick back and take in the relaxed surroundings as you sample homemade fare and chat up the locals.

Spend the day shopping for soul-stirring books, new and consigned boutique clothing and shoes, smithed and handmade jewelry, fine art by the well-known and the up-and-coming, handcrafted furniture, sporting goods, soaps and lotions, special gifts, knickknacks and prized antique finds.

For the ultimate in relaxation, visit one of our many salons, day spas and massage therapy studios. And, of course, get in your cultural fix at the galleries along Main Street. Stroll public art displays and view intriguing sculpted works like John Alderman's cougar and Bobbie Carlyle's two young girls and an ethereal angel.

Burn off some energy at one of Cañon City's parks. Downtown, check out Centennial Park adjacent to the river. Or make some laps at the nearby pump track: Enjoy the park's new playground and splash pad.

Less than an hour southwest of Colorado Springs, Florence is the Antique Capital of Colorado and a lively destination for art galleries, specialty shops, and restaurants!



Our friendly, easily walkable, historic downtown has plenty of free parking. A day tripper's paradise, we feature more than two dozen unique shops, galleries, and eateries, making Florence a favorite destination for treasure hunting.







Recently listed on the National Register of Historic Places, the Downtown Florence Historic District is also home to the Bell Tower Cultural Center, the historic Rialto Theater, and the Florence Pioneer Museum. Looking for high quality antiques and collectables, funky flea market treasures, charming shops, an art exhibition, a delicious meal, a cool drink, live music, a bit of history, or that perfect gift for someone special? You are sure to *Find it in Florence!*











Bring your friends and spend the day exploring and work up an appetite! We have many dining options to choose from. Fresh sandwiches and pastry, gourmet coffee drinks, a hearty breakfast or a hand-dipped ice cream cone. Maybe a hand made pizza or sushi and cocktails, a full steak dinner, Chinese or smokey BBQ. Or just grab a burger and fries and catch the game at one of our local bars. And don't miss the best locally brewed craft beer in Southern Colorado right here in Florence!







Visit our website at www.FinditinFlorence.com for complete listings of our downtown businesses and a calender of special events.

Or call 719.784.3544 for more information

FLORENCE | Antique Capital of Colorado



Antique Warehouse

Vintage Lighting and Western Accoutrements

110 E Main Street, Florence 719-372-1016 www.AntiqueWarehouseFlorence.com



Blue Spruce Art and Antiques

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7000 sqft of architectural salvage, mid-century modern, antiques, upcycled items and more.

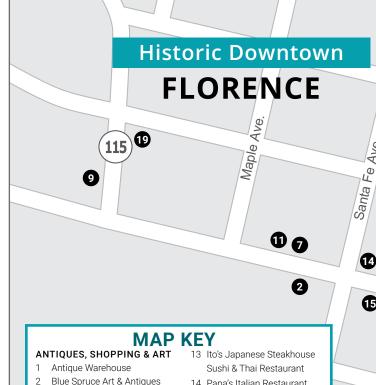
208 W Main Street, Florence 719-821-3263, www.SaveInFlorence.com



Spirit Riders

A delightful place to find unique treasures: Books, art, boots, jewelry, steampunk: something for everyone!

111 W Main Street, Florence, 719-431-3592 Spirit Riders Western Emporium



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Willie's Antiques & Collectables

Hours: Monday through Saturday, 10 to 5. Closed Sundays.

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132 W Main Street, Florence 719-784-7888, www.PapasFlorence.com



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\$2.25 Well Drinks, \$3.75 Margaritas. Open for Dinner.

121 W Main Street, Florence 719-784-1913 www.QuincysTavern.com

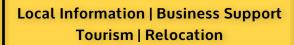












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florencecoloradocarshow.com info@florencecoloradocarshow.com (520) 403-5204 / (719) 671-8168



ANTIQUES & SHOPPING

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SERVICES

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www.FlorenceArtsCouncil.com

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St. Thomas More Hospital | HEALTH

St. Thomas More Hospital



St. Thomas More Hospital is the Royal Gorge region's connection to quality health and wellness services. We offer 24-hour emergency/trauma services, Centura Health Urgent Care Cañon City, The Birth Place and more.

Particularly during peak travel season, we treat illnesses and injuries that people experience during outdoor recreational activities. For your safety and preparation, we encourage you to carry your medication list, emergency contact information, and a first-aid kit with you. Here are some additional tips:

HEAT EXHAUSTION/STROKE

Dress in layers for varying weather; wear sunglasses and sunscreen. If you feel fatigue, nausea, headache, excessive thirst, rapid heartbeat, muscle cramps, etc., get to air conditioning or a shady area then rest, drink water, and apply ice towels. Get medical care immediately; delay of severe cases can be fatal.

SNAKE BITES

The hospital carries anti-venom medication. Get medical care immediately; delay could lead to loss of limb or death.

ALTITUDE SICKNESS

For headache, no appetite, nausea/vomiting, weakness, dizziness, etc., go to lower altitude, rest, drink water, and take medication for headache. If symptoms worsen, get medical care immediately.

ORTHOPEDIC INJURY

For foot/ankle injury, use shoe as stabilizer; for broken bones, stabilize, ice, and elevate; take anti-inflammatory medication; needs timely evaluation. If open fracture, get medical care immediately to avoid infection.

ER OR URGENT CARE?

If symptoms are sudden, serious and/or life-threatening, visit the St. Thomas More Emergency Room. Examples: difficulty breathing, chest pain/pressure, fainting/dizziness, sudden/severe pain, uncontrolled bleeding, severe/ persistent vomiting/diarrhea, difficulty speaking.

For minor injuries or illnesses that require attention but do not suggest an immediate threat to your health or life, visit Centura Health Urgent Care Cañon City. Examples: minor injuries/lacerations, eye discomfort/redness, minor fractures/sprains, urinary symptoms, coughs/colds, fever, flu, sore throat, skin rashes/infections.

In life's most critical moments, seconds matter.

No matter what your illness or injury, we stand ready.

When emergencies strike, know that exceptional care is standing by at St. Thomas More Hospital. With physicians who are board-certified in Emergency Medicine and a nursing staff with extensive trauma and emergency services training, we are Cañon City's access point to the Centura Health Trauma System - a network of trauma centers, emergency resources, Flight For Life® Colorado and a comprehensive statewide EMS support system.

For minor conditions that require attention, but do not suggest an immediate threat to your life, visit Centura Health Urgent Care Cañon City.

See how short your ER wait time will be at stmhospital.org.

St. Thomas More Hospital

📥 Centura Health.

1338 Phay Avenue Cañon City, CO 81212 719-285-2000

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LODGING | Vacation Rentals, Hotels, & Camping







Bighorn Park Campground and RV Resort

Cabins | RV | Motel

Bighorn Park is nestled on the Arkansas River in the Bighorn Sheep Canyon of the sunny

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16373 Highway 50 W, Coaldale 719-942-4266, www.BighornPark.com

Plush Vacation Rentals to Classic Camping in the Royal Gorge Region

After a full day of exploring, when your eyes have seen all they can see and your body is ready to rest and recharge, make your way to your Royal Gorge Region home away from home.

Choose from **RV resorts**, trusted national hotel chains, **charming cottages**, and locally owned **bed and breakfasts**. There are also family-focused ranches, budget-friendly motels and quaint idyllic inns. Surround yourself with your favorite amenities. Pools, hot tubs, fireplaces, pet-friendly rooms, comfy robes and gourmet breakfasts. Discover that perfect rustic riverside campsite. You'll find it here.

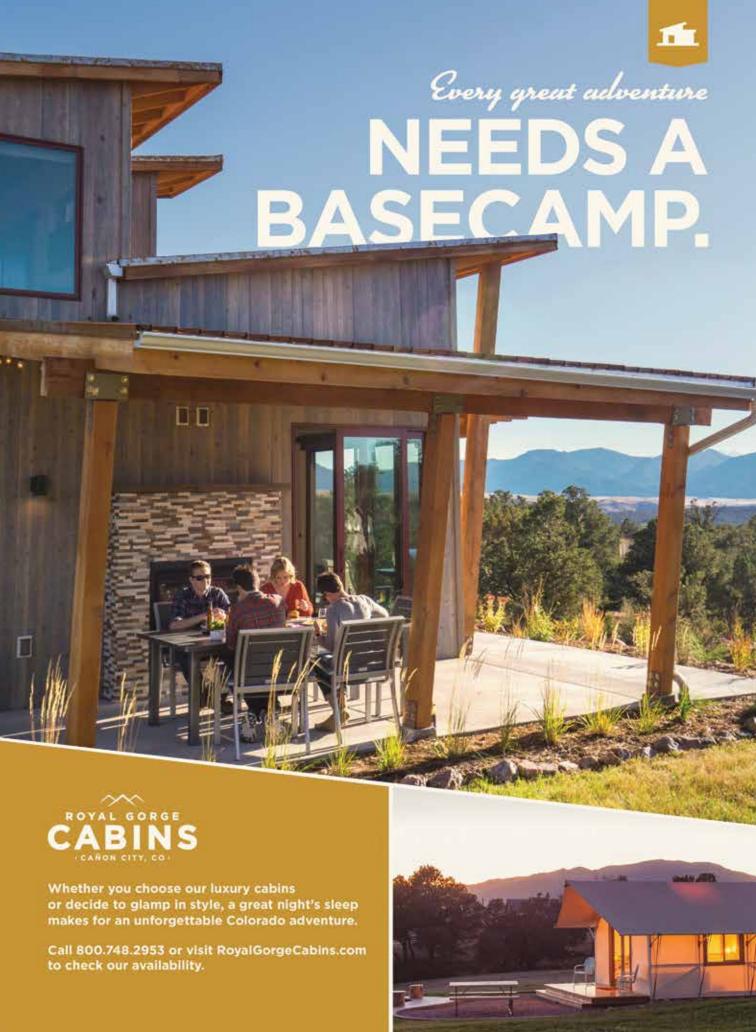
Traveling with a large group or hosting a family reunion? There are plenty of deluxe and affordable vacation rental destinations with room for multiple families to stay and play. Area guest ranches also offer space for your extended crew, filling your days with hands-on-only-in-Colorado experiences.

When nothing but a flickering fire and snoozing under the stars will do, area **campgrounds** deliver on private, city, and national lands. Royal Gorge camping can be as primitive as a tent or as cozy as a cabin. Try a combination of the two and experience luxury camping by going glamping. Both invite you to sit back and enjoy the breathtaking countryside and take advantage of the area's year-round mild weather.

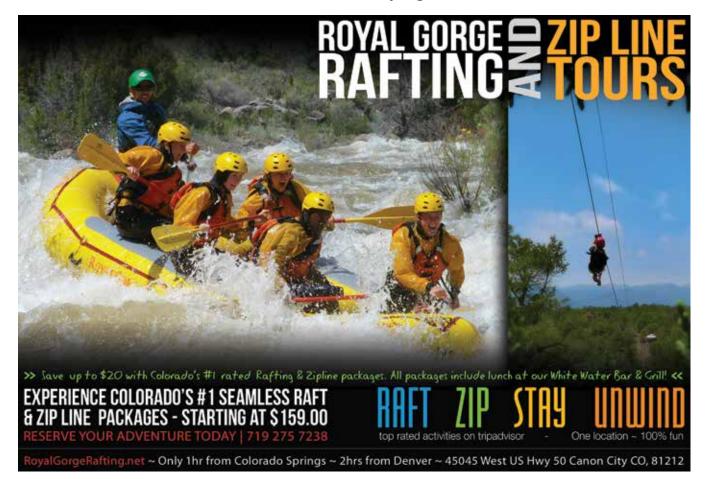
And for those who prefer roughing it with a roof overhead, a soft mattress underneath and warm blankets all around, the region is brimming with resorts, ranches, and campgrounds offering **cabins to glamping tents**. Some locations even offer laundry, hot showers, pools, and riverside spaces.

For those who prefer camper wheels to tent poles, the region offers several well-equipped **RV pull-through sites** complete with amenities such as full hookups and free Wi-Fi.

Wherever you rest your head, you can be sure sweeping views of rugged and rolling foothills and spectacular mountain peaks come standard.



LODGING | Vacation Rentals, Hotels, & Camping





Indian Springs Ranch & Campground

Registered National Natural Landmark & Colorado Natural Area

Full Hookups, Hot Showers, Wi-Fi, and Swimming Pool. Large Groups and Venue for Festivals.

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21435 US Highway 50, Cotopaxi 719-275-9308, www.KOA.com/campgrounds/cotopaxi





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Nearby many Area Activities and Attractions!

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LODGING	# of Units	2	Phone	Kitchen	Fireplace	Pool	A/C	Spa / Hot Tub	Dining / Lounge	Handicap Acc.	Pets	Smoking	Groups	Wi-Fi	Comp. Breakfast
Bighorn Mountain Top Lodge • 4218 County Road 3A, Cañon City • (719) 276-8320	1	•		•	•		•			•	-	*		•	
Budget Host Royal Gorge Inn • 217 N Reynolds Avenue, Cañon City • (719) 269-1100	36	•	•			•	•	*	*	•	•	•		•	
Hillside Colorado Cottages ⋅ 59424 State Highway 69, Hillside ⋅ (970) 631-3786	5	•		•			•				•		•	•	
The Lamp Post Lodge • 59450 State Highway 69, Westcliffe • (719) 783-2876	9	•		•	•					•			•	•	
Quality Inn & Suites • 3075 US Highway 50, Cañon City • (719) 275-8676	150	•	•	*		٠	•	•	•	•	-	•	•	•	•
Royal Gorge Cabins • 45054 W US Highway 50, Cañon City • (719) 275-3154	17	•		•	•		•	•	*				•	٠	
Royal Gorge Vacation Rentals • 45045 W US Highway 50, Cañon City • (719) 275-7238	3	•	•	•	•			•					•	•	
Super 8 Florence · 4540 State Highway 67, Florence · (719) 784-4800		•	•	٠			*			•	•	•	•	•	•
Travel Inn Motel • 2980 E Main Street, Cañon City • (719) 275-9125	22	•	•	*			•				-	•	•	•	
Victorian Church Inn · 302 E 2nd Street, Florence · (719) 431-3592	6	•		•	*					•	*	*	•	•	

^{(♦):} Available in all units (♠): Available in some units (♣): On the property (★): Outside only Kitchen: (★) Fridge/Microwave (♠) Full Kitchen Pets: (■) Some Restrictions (♦) Allowed

CAMPING	Handicap Acc.	50-Amp	Pool	Laundry	Pull-Thru	Camp Store	Internet / Wi-Fi	Tent Camping	Cabins	Game Room	Playground	Activities	Fishing	ADDITIONAL INFO
Bighorn Park Resort • 16373 W US Highway 5, Coaldale (719) 942-4266 • www.BighornPark.com		•	•	•	•	•	٠	•	•	•	•	•	•	On river, panoramic view of the Sangre de Cristo Range, great location for the outdoor enthusiast and family reunions.
Cotopaxi Arkansas River KOA & Loma Linda Motel 21435 W US Highway 5, Cotopaxi • (719) 275-9308 www.KOA.com/campgrounds/cotopaxi		•	•	•	•	•		•	•		•	•	•	Camp sites right along the river. Gather and connect around a campfire! Craft classes!
Echo Canyon Campground • 45044 US-50, Cañon City (866) 341-7875 • www.EchoCanyonCampground.com				•	•	•	•	•	*			*		A full service campground in the heart of Royal Gorge Country!
Indian Springs Campground 3257 State Highway 67, Penrose • (719) 372-3907 www.indianspringsranchcampground.com	•		•		•		•	•				•		Registered National Natural Landmark/Ancient Sea Floor, Colorado Natural Area, Humming Birds, Indian Artifacts, Educational Tours. 30-amp

(♦): Available

PRIMITIVE CAMPING	Vault Toilets	Water	Fire Rings	Picnic Tables	Trailer & RV Sites	Reservations	ADDITIONAL INFO
BLM Sand Gulch Campground • Red Canyon Road / CR 9, Cañon City	•		•	•	•		12.5 miles north of Cañon City. Near Shelf Road.
BLM Banks Campground ⋅ Red Canyon Road / CR 9, Cañon City	•		•	•	•		12.5 miles north of Cañon City. Near Shelf Road.
Five Points Campground · Accessible from Highway 50, Cañon City	*		•	•		*	21 miles west of Cañon City. Watchable Wildlife.
Oak Creek Campground • Oak Creek Grade Road, Cañon City	•		•	•	Very Small Trailers		14 miles south of Cañon City. Closed during winter.
East Ridge Campground • Hwy 50 to 3A, follow signs to Campground, Cañon City	*		•	•	•		Open year-round. Updated Sites.
Red Canyon Park · Red Canyon Road / CR 9, Cañon City	*						10.5 miles north of Cañon City. Pavillions with picnic tables and fire pits.
Temple Canyon Park • Temple Canyon Road / CR 3, Cañon City	•						8 miles southwest of Cañon City. Overlooks Grape Creek.

DINING | Pizza, Burgers, Microbrews







Cañon City Dining

Around town and in Cañon City's historic Main Street District, you will find a nice selection of locally-owed dining establishments that offer our visitors and residents options to the national chains found everywhere. Whether your crave Italian, French, Asian, Mexican an American classic, or even a cross-cultural blend, they're all available.

OUTDOOR DINING

Choose from classic diners, to patio seating with corn-hole games and fire pits, or sit under sidewalk umbrellas with a view of the streetscape. Just west of town up on 8 Mile Hill you'll find more, (some open seasonally only) offering sand volleyball, live entertainment, rollicking scenes, or quieter space that blurs the line between indoors and out, with views of the Sangre de Cristo Mountains towering along the horizon.

LOCALLY-SOURCED MEALS

Cañon City has long been an agricultural hub, and you'll find plenty of locally sourced produce prepared in area eateries. From homemade pasta, to foods from organic farms and orchards or historic family ranches, you'll taste the real difference that freshness makes. Check the directory in this guide or ask about where you can find farm raised, grass-fed beef, locally grown herbs, and heirloom fruits and vegetables. Southwestern-style green chili is a local and regional specialty – and chefs take pride in offering their own recipe alone, on breakfast burritos or pizza, and even over pasta or fries.

CRAFT BEERS AND WINE

No visit to Colorado would be complete without a sampling of locally-made craft beers or wine. The Cañon City & Florence area has its own favorite local brewers, and many restaurants keep plenty of other Colorado craft beers on tap. Whether it's after a raft trip or a bike ride, hike or stroll, you can sit and relax with a well-earned brew or of your choice. Don't forget to ask our liquor retailers about local wine, or any of the dozens of Colorado beers or spirits our state has become so well known for.

Pizza, Burgers, Microbrews | DINING



Toreros Family Mexican Restaurant

Daily Lunch & Dinner Specials

Open at 11am Every Day! Located on Cañon City's east side in the Creekside Shopping Center. Close

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100% Homemade!

A Family Mexican Restaurant. Daily Lunch, Dinner and Drink Specials.

Open at 11am Everyday, 7 Days a Week. (Call for summer and winter closing hours)

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DINING | Pizza, Burgers, Microbrews









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Dining Grid | DINING

DINING	Cuisine	Meals Served	Beer / Wine	Take-Out	Groups	Catering	TVs	Reservations	Kid's Menu	Happy Hour	Hours (May vary seasonally)	Days Closed	FEATURES / COMMENTS
Aspen Leaf Bakery & Cafe 113 Main Street, Florence ⋅ (719) 784-3834	Breakfast & Sandwiches	B, L		•	*			•	•		Su-M 11a-3p Tu-Th 8a-4p Fr-Sa 8a-5p		Quiche, Biscuits & Gravy, Burritos, Pastries, Soup & Sandwiches
Cañon City MUGS • 1520 Royal Gorge Blvd. Cañon City • (719) 276-5348	Homemade Classic American	B, L, D	*	*		•	*	•	•	•			Espresso Bar, Sports Bar, Happy Hour, Live Music, Karaoke, Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Chuck's Seasoned Grill 325 Main Street, Cañon City • (719) 275-2216	American	B, L		•	*				•		Open Daily 6a-2p Sunday 7a-1p	Open 7 Days A Week	Quiet Downtown Cafe known for Homemade Green Chili and Very Friendly Staff
ITO Japanese Steakhouse & Sushi 114 W Main Street, Florence • (719) 784-7556	Japanese, Thai Food	L, D	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	M-Th: 10:30a-9p F-Sa: 10:30a-9:30p	Sunday	Japanese and Thai Food
Ortega's Restaurant 5. 2301 E Main Street, Cañon City • (719) 275-9437	Mexican American	B, L, D	•	•	•		•	•	•		Tu: 7:30a-8p F-Sa: 7:30a-8p Su: 7:30a-1p	Monday Wednesday Thursday	Mexican, American
El Caporal Family Mexican Restaurant 5. 1028 Main Street, Cañon City • (719) 276-2001	Mexican	L, D	•	•	•			•	•		11a-10p		Family Mexican
Papa's Italian Restaurant 5. 132 W Main Street, Florence • (719) 784-7888	Italian	L, D	•	•	•	•	•	•	٠	٠	M-Th: 11a-8p, F-Sa: 11a-9p, Su: noon-7p		Outstanding Pizzas, Calzones, Spring Salads, Handmade Meatballs, Sandwiches!
Pizza Madness 509 Main Street, Cañon City • (719) 276-3088	Italian	L, D	•	•	•	•	•	•	٠		Su-Th: 11a-9p F-Sa: 11a-9:30p		Handmade Pizza, Sandwiches, Salads, Pasta
The Restaurant at Quality Inn & Suites Cañon City • (719) 275-8676	American	D	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	٠	4pm-9pm		Full service catering for parties of up to 200
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Turmeric Restaurant & 106 W Main Street, Florence • (719) 784-7051	Indian & Nepalese	L, D	*	•	•	•	•	•	•	٠	Tu-Sa: 11a-9p Su: 11a-7p Buffet 11a-3p	Mondays	Lunch Buffet Tues. to Sun. from 11am-3pm. Dinner Buffet 1st Weds. of month 3pm-9pm



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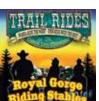
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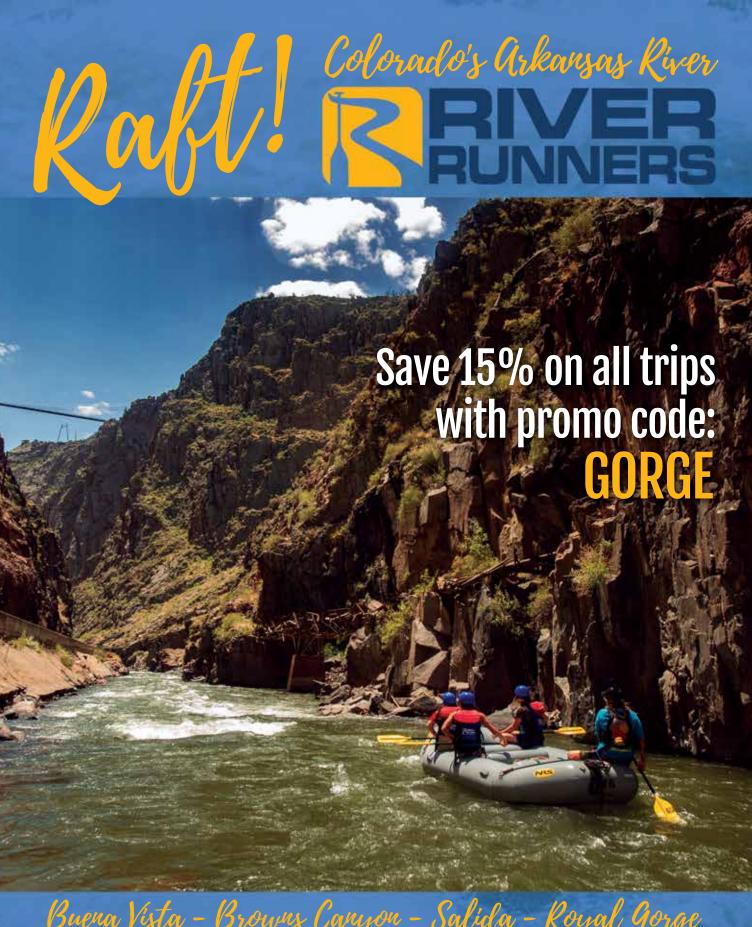


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