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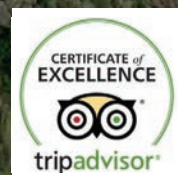


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If you are already in the Royal Gorge Region you've made a great choice among many beautiful and fun Colorado destinations. If you are just now considering a visit, we hope to see you soon. Base your Royal Gorge Region adventure in Cañon City, the "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 world-class 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.

Fremont County Tourism Council

COVID-19

Restaurants, outfitters, attractions and more are now open with state-approved COVID-19 safety measures in place. Visit www.royalgorgeregion.com for the latest updates.



*Jeep Tours crossing the Royal Gorge Bridge
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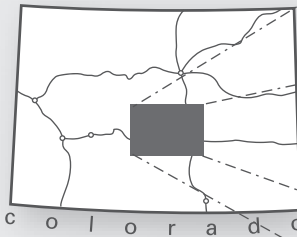
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- 39. The Lucky Stop
- 40. M & M Decorating
- 41. Museum of Colorado Prisons
- 42. My Brother's Place
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- 54. Aspen Leaf Bakery & Café
- 55. Bakers Rack All Things Kitchen
- 56. The Bell Tower Cultural Center
- 57. Blue Spruce Art & Antiques

- 58. Florence Antiques & Collectibles
- 59. Florence Chamber of Commerce
- 60. Florence Consignment Corner
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- 62. John C. Fremont Library
- 63. The Loralie Antique Mall
- 64. Metro Brokers Real Estate
- 65. Pioneer Museum
- 66. Quincy's Tavern
- 67. Salvage, Antiques, Vintage, Etc.
- 68. T.A.T. Essentials
- 69. Two Sisters Restaurant
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Rafting the Royal Gorge

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 laid-back 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, segway, 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.florencepioneer.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.



Riding the Royal Gorge Trails



Off-road jeep tour. Photo by Nick Landry



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Royal Gorge Bridge & Park

The Royal Gorge Bridge & Park is one of Colorado's iconic and must-see attractions. Known as America's Bridge located 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.

Not only can visitors enjoy the breathtaking scenery from above the gorge, they can now climb the steep walls on the new Royal Gorge Via Ferrata. This attraction is a protected and safe climbing system on the sheer vertical walls of the Royal Gorge, using trained guides, climbing lanyards with carabiners, steel cables, and iron rungs installed into the rock surfaces. Routes 400-600 feet into the gorge are tailor made for the beginner up to the advanced. This is a perfect family outing for an unforgettable experience. The Royal Gorge Via Ferrata is suitable for ages 12 and up. (Extra pay feature, reservations required.)

Other world class attractions include the gondolas traversing 2,400 feet across the gorge and Tommy Knockerland, a children's play land, featuring a beautifully crafted carousel and climbing structures. Kids will enjoy the splash pad, wax hand store and sluice box during the summer months.

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

The park including the Bridge and Visitor Center is open 365 days a year. The Visitor Center with its mammoth deck overlooking the gorge is the perfect place to shop, dine, or just relax and enjoy the surroundings.

The park has a storied history beginning with the spectacular undertaking of building the Royal Gorge Bridge in 1929, and is the highest suspension bridge in America to date. The bridge survived a wild fire in 2013 and sustained only minimal damage while 90% of the park was destroyed. The re-build was a spectacular undertaking. Visit the Plaza Theater and Historical Expo for the whole story!

Check the website www.royalgorgebridge.com for more information, make online ticket purchases, or reservations for the Royal Gorge Via Ferrata.

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. 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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Rafting fun on the Arkansas River



Kayakers at the whitewater Kayak and recreation Park in Cañon City

Whitewater Rafting

WHITEWATER RAFTING

The Arkansas River is the sixth longest river in the United States, and within the first 140 miles of its 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 first-time 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 July. Kids and families will love the Splash Pad, which is a great way to cool off on a hot day.

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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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, wildlife, 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 seasons-perfect 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 ride 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.

See page 53 for a local trail guide to plan your adventure.

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 or the Royal Gorge Visitor's Center in Veteran's Park. See joinFAR.org to download the guide. Check out the Colorado Trail Explorer (COTREX) app for interactive maps of this and other Colorado trails.



Photo by Nick Landry



Descending Unconformity - Oil Well Flats



Guided ATV tours

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.



Shelf Road Climbing Area

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.



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Only use established trails and campsites. Know local regulations and appropriate uses. **DON'T** use muddy trails.

DISPOSE OF WASTE PROPERLY

Do not leave anything behind - even fruit peels, garbage, hygiene products, etc. Bury human waste 6" deep. Pack out pet waste.

LEAVE WHAT YOU FIND

Don't collect or move natural items. Be aware of invasive species that you might be transporting. Help preserve cultural sites.

MINIMIZE CAMPFIRE IMPACTS

Know your local campfire and stove regulations. Use branches you can easily break (if allowed). Extinguish all fires **OUT COLD**.

RESPECT WILDLIFE

Do not approach, feed, or harass wildlife. Use proper food storage procedures. Keep pets under control.

BE CONSIDERATE OF OTHERS

Use right of way rules. Keep pets on a leash. Keep voices low. Silence cell phones and use ear buds for music.

Care for Colorado!

See LNT.org for complete information and more great tips!





High Altitude Adventure

If you're looking for some high-altitude adventure in Colorado, the Royal Gorge Region has a wealth of opportunities. From traversing cliff faces to driving one of America's most incredible scenic roads, there's something for every age and ability level to experience.

VIA FERRATA

No experience is necessary for this exciting, scenic, and world-class climbing adventure. Your guide will outfit you with all of the gear necessary to descend into the famed Royal Gorge and traverse cliff faces. Choose the adventure length that is right for your group – from 2.5-5 hours. Must be 12 years old to participate.

SKYLINE DRIVE

This historic attraction allows bicycles and vehicles to soar above the Arkansas River Valley on a one-way road. Built in 1905 using labor from prisoners at the nearby Colorado State Penitentiary, Skyline Drive is 2.5 miles long and features dramatic views and hikes, and even real dinosaur tracks. Take note of the Gateway Arch at the start of the drive – built in 1932 made with rocks from states across the U.S. The route closes in inclement weather and please take note of vehicle restrictions.

POINT ALTA VISTA TRESTLES

Point Alta Vista scenic viewpoint was a family favorite in the 1980's, allowing visitors to peer into the Royal Gorge from a viewpoint accessed by a miniature train. Now, the trestles are accessible by foot or bike via public trails at the Royal Gorge Trails. See joinFAR.org or the COTREX app for more information on trailheads, difficulty level, and distances.

ZIPLINE

Whether you'd like to soar across the 1,000-foot Royal Gorge or spend an afternoon zipping around the Royal Gorge hills, the Royal Gorge Region has plenty of options. Zipping over tree tops or canyons will leave you with memories to last a lifetime.



Point Alta Vista's historic trestles

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

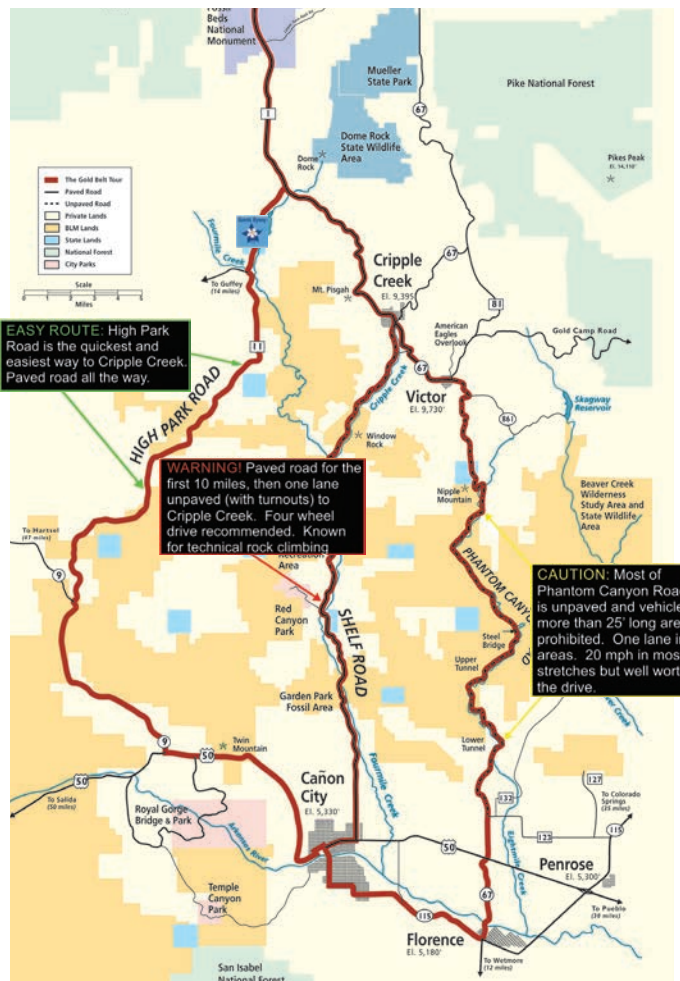
HIGH PARK ROAD

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 and Victor. 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. Learn mining history and walk the Vindicator Valley trail in nearby Victor.

For more information visit:
RoyalGorgeRegion.com/gold-belt-national-scenic-byway

Note - Phantom Canyon and Shelf Road should not be taken at night due to hazards.



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Four Seasons of Fremont County

The Royal Gorge Region enjoys a south-central Colorado sweet spot that has earned it the nicknames “The Banana Belt” and “Colorado’s Climate Capital.” The Arkansas River Valley enjoys milder temperatures and drier weather that allows the area to serve as a year-round playground.

SPRING

- Watch trees, including cherry blossoms and cottonwoods, come to life on the Riverwalk Trail
- Visit local visit museums and attractions like the Royal Gorge Dinosaur Experience or the Museum of Colorado Prisons
- Get a jump on summer travelers and hit the Royal Gorge Bridge & Park to walk across one of the highest suspension bridges in the world

SUMMER

- Spend a day at the Centennial Park splash pad, located near downtown Cañon City
- Find a beautiful vista on a hike at the Royal Gorge Trails or popular Oil Well Flats
- Take an ATV or Jeep tours to explore endless open space in the region
- See the valley’s beauty from above by helicopter or horseback tour

FALL

- Stroll local trails for fall foliage splendor
- Shop antiques in Florence
- Try fly fishing in Gold Medal waters along the Arkansas River
- Go wine tasting at the Winery at Holy Cross Abbey’s Harvest Festival
- Take a drive on the Gold Belt Tour’s Scenic Byway, linking Cañon City to Cripple Creek and Victor

WINTER

- Take a break from hitting the slopes and hit a trail for a mid-winter ride
- Enjoy rock climbing at famed Shelf Road climbing area
- Learn some local history at the Royal Gorge Regional Museum and History Center
- Catch the Royal Gorge Route’s Santa Express Train for holiday fun



Biking along the Riverwalk Trail



Hiking Tunnel Drive after a light snowfall. Photo by Nick Landry

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 significance. 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.

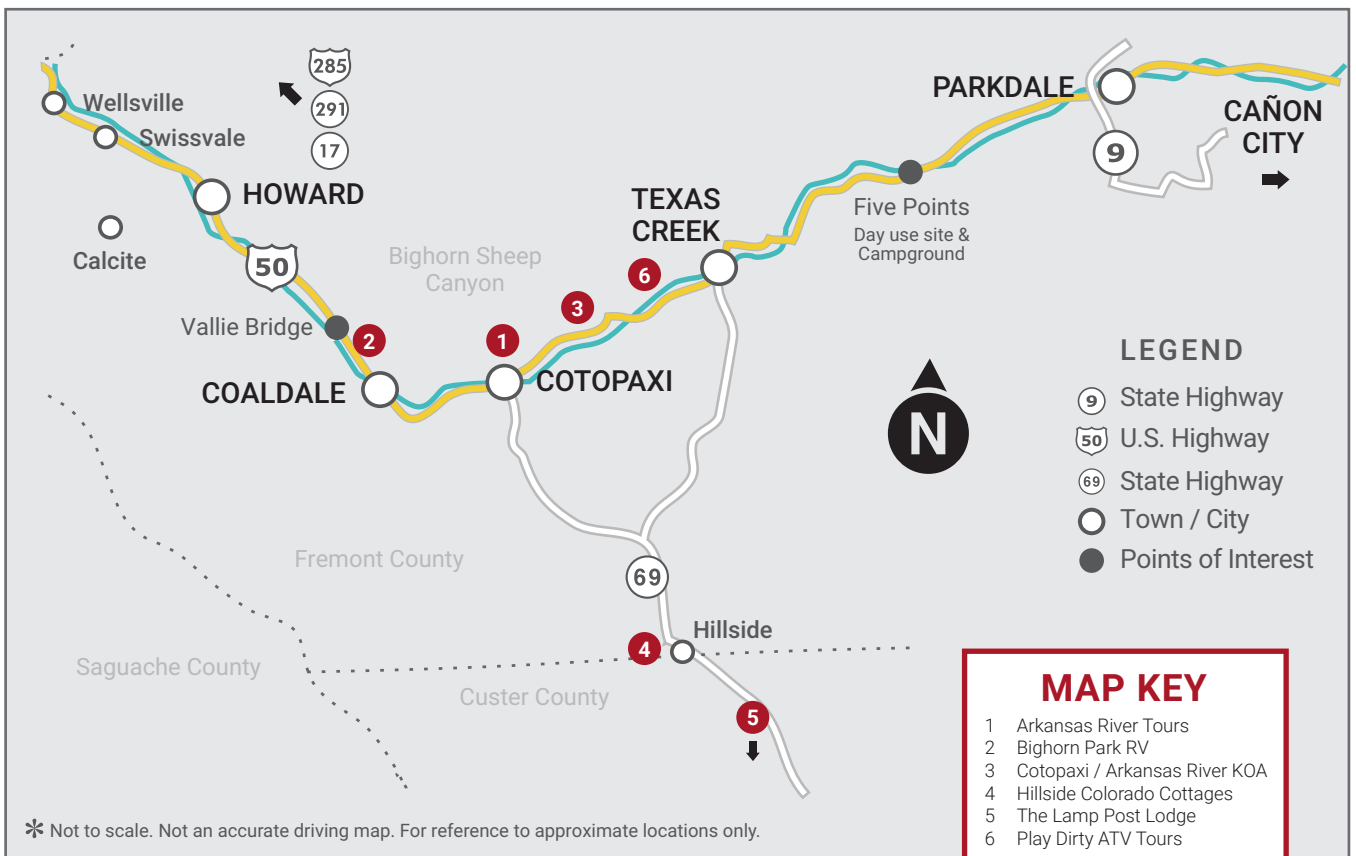
Rocks & Fossils of Fremont County: Includes 37 stops exploring geologic formations and fossil discoveries.



Downtown Cañon City



Florence Main Street.
Photo Courtesy: Kenneth Wadja



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 through September in Veteran's Park) 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 open 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 tasting room 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 is designed to make your wine experience truly memorable.

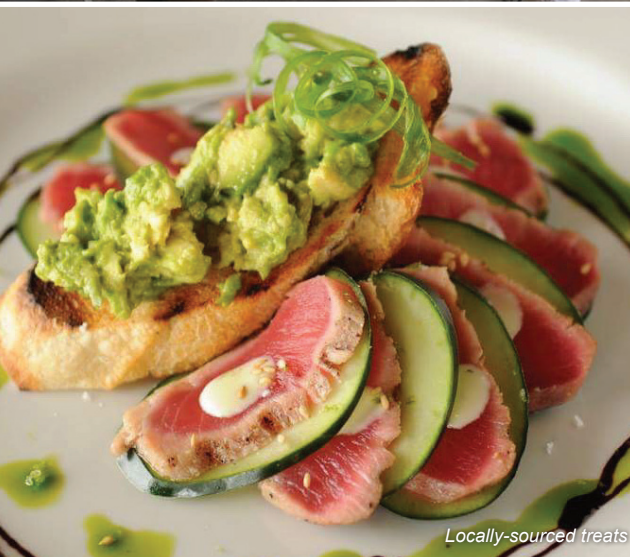
The Winery at Holy Cross Abbey also hosts the annual Harvest Festival. Often considered the quintessential outing during Colorado's ideal time of year, this festival combines wine, artisans, food, and entertainment against Cañon City's gorgeous autumn backdrop.



Cañon City Farmer's Market. Photo by Nick Landry



Wine tasting at The Abbey



Locally-sourced treats

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 Recreation) partnership that benefits our local trails inspired FARmmm To Table, a fun run and dinner that joined runners, wine, foodies, restaurants and local farms.

A VIP Wine and Cheese tasting is offered from May 1st-September 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 five 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 must-join 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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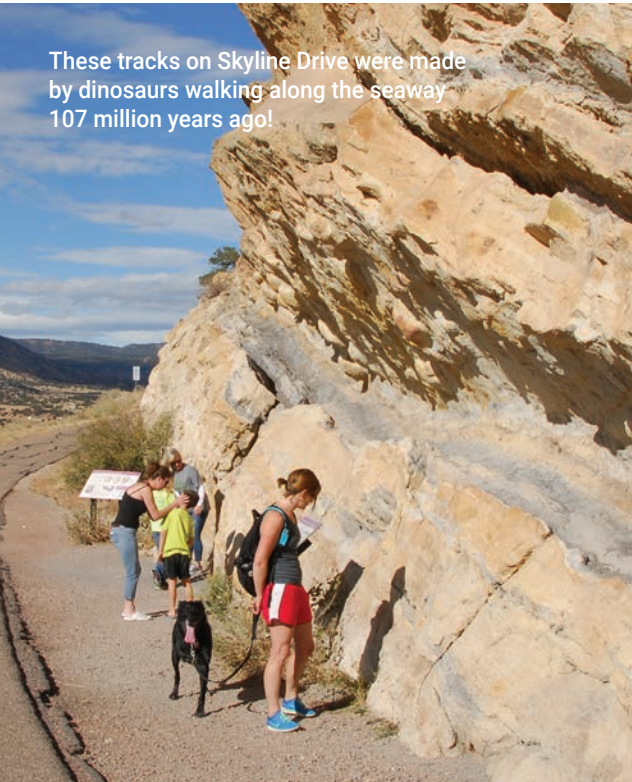
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These tracks on Skyline Drive were made by dinosaurs walking along the seaway 107 million years ago!



Geology: Dinosaur & Fossil Finds

View prehistoric tracks, walk discovery trails, search for fossils (never disturb or remove fossils). 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 people 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. It now features interpretative markers and trails. www.HandsOnTheLand.org/garden-park

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. To arrange a private tour, visit: www.IndianSpringsRanchCampground.com



Dinosaur Experience

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, pronghorn antelope, elk, 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-sized **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.



Photo Courtesy Char Linder



Rocky Mountain Bighorn Sheep



Fremont Center for the Arts



Pathfinder Regional Park. Photo by Nick Landry.

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.

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. They are located in downtown Cañon City at 612 Royal Gorge Blvd., in the historic Municipal Building. The Research Room has family and address files for a number of local residents, businesses, and homes. The museum also has 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. 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. For more info visit rgmhc.org, on Facebook, or at 719-269-9036.

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.



DinoDaze project at the Fremont Center for the Arts

MUSEUM OF COLORADO PRISONS

The Museum of Colorado Prisons is quite 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-guided 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.

BELL TOWER CULTURAL CENTER

The Bell Tower Cultural center, 201 East 2nd St in Florence offers a wide array of events. A monthly jazz concert series features jazz, folk, acoustic, cowboy poetry and more. Monthly art exhibits highlight local artists. Classes for adults, youth, and summer art theater camps provide fun art experiences. Space is available for weddings and meetings. More info at 719-784-2038 or florenceartscouncil.com, or via Facebook.





Events in Fremont County

Due to COVID-19, many events have been canceled or postponed. Please check the event's website for the most up-to-date information.

JANUARY

FAR Resolution Run | 5k and 10k
www.joinfar.org

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Fremont County Arts, www.fremontarts.org

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! Jazz at Macon Plaza, 6:30-8pm.

All Things Florence
Belltown Cultural Center. Reception 5-7pm on Jan 10. www.florenceartscouncil.com

FEBRUARY

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! Jazz at Macon Plaza, 6:30-8pm.

Made from Clay
Fremont County Arts, www.fremontarts.org

18th Annual Chocolate Lover's Walk
Downtown Cañon City, www.ccblossomfestival.com

A Different Perspective
Belltown Cultural Center. Reception 5-7pm on Feb 14. www.florenceartscouncil.com

Snow Queen Frosty February 5K & 10
Bringing women together during winter for health. www.joinfar.org

Cajun Crawl
Fremont Community Foundation. Cañon City Quality Inn & Suites
www.fremontcommunityfoundation.org

MARCH

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! Jazz at Macon Plaza, 6:30-8pm.

Fremont Center for the Arts
Featured Artist, www.fremontarts.org

Celtic Show
Belltown Cultural Center. Reception 5-7pm on Mar 13. www.florenceartscouncil.com

APRIL

Fremont County Local's Appreciation Month
Half-priced season passes to Royal Gorge Bridge & Park for Fremont County residents. www.royalgorgebridge.com

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! Jazz at Macon Plaza, 6:30-8pm.

Fremont Center for the Arts
Featured Artist, www.fremontarts.org

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

Birds, Bees & Beasts
Belltown Cultural Center. Reception 5-7pm on Apr 24. www.florenceartscouncil.com

MAY

Fremont Center for the Arts
Featured Artist, www.fremontarts.org

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! Jazz at Macon Plaza, 6:30-8pm.



2020-21 Calendar of Events | CALENDAR

81st Annual Music & Blossom Festival

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

Royal Gorge Pro Rodeo

Held at the Fremont Rodeo Grounds. 719-275-0437, www.royalgorgeroдео.org

runBlossom 5k and Half Marathon races

7:30 am Centennial Park, www.runblossom.org

ZIA Royal Gorge 6 & 12

www.ziarides.com

Florence Merchants Car Show

www.florencecoloradocarshow.com

Annual Highway 50 Yard Sale

38th Annual Antique & Special Interest Car Show

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

Memorial Day Weekend Celebration

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

JUNE

Colorful Colorado

Belltown Cultural Center. Reception 5-7pm on Jun 19. www.florenceartscouncil.com

Cañon City Farmers' Market

Local farmers, bakers, and artisans.
www.canoncityfarmersmarket.com or www.igrow.team/farmers-market

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! Jazz at Macon Plaza, 6:30-8pm.

Fremont Center for the Arts

Featured Artist, www.fremontarts.org

JULY

Fourth of July Celebration

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

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! Jazz at Macon Plaza, 6:30-8pm.

Color of Hope with Justin Reddick & Matte Refic

Fremont Center for the Arts, www.fremontarts.org

Florence Annual 4th of July Wet/Dry Parade

Cañon City Fireworks

Cañon City Farmers' Market

Local farmers, bakers, and artisans.
www.canoncityfarmersmarket.com or www.igrow.team/farmers-market

Celebrating the Southwest

Belltown Cultural Center. Reception 5-7pm on Jul 10. www.florenceartscouncil.com

Flashback on Main Street

Fremont Community Foundation - Canon City

Royal Gorge Whitewater Festival

Celebrate the summer season with boats, bands, and beer at Centennial Park. Demonstrations, kids' activities, exciting events. www.royalgorgewhitewaterfestival.com

Fremont County Fair

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

AUGUST

Fremont County Fair

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

Cañon City Farmers' Market

Local farmers, bakers, and artisans.
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Fremont Center for the Arts

Featured Artist, www.fremontarts.org

First Friday

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Abbey 9th Annual Religious Art Show

Held at the Abbey, www.abbeywinery.com

The Gallery Show Collaborative

Belltown Cultural Center. Reception 5-7pm on Aug 28. www.florenceartscouncil.com

SEPTEMBER

Cañon City Farmers' Market

Local farmers, bakers, and artisans.
www.canoncityfarmersmarket.com or www.igrow.team/farmers-market

Starpoint (All Media)

Fremont Center for the Arts www.fremontarts.org

Labor Day Weekend Celebration

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

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! Jazz at Macon Plaza, 6:30-8pm.

We Are All Made of Stars Gala

www.ccmadeofstars.weebly.com

8th Annual Italian Festival

Italian Food, Music, Entertainment, Vendors. 10am-10pm. Veterans' Park, Hwy 50 and 3rd St, Canon City. \$2 admission, kids under 12 free.

Florence Pioneer Days

Florence celebrates its Pioneer Days. www.florencepioneerdays.com

Royal 50 Mountain Bike Race

www.royal50.com

Junktique in Florence

www.junktiqueshowandmarket.com

Harvest Festival

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

Ann McKean Show

Belltown Cultural Center. Reception 5-7pm on Oct. 2. www.florenceartscouncil.com

Fremont County Fall Heritage Days

OCTOBER

Fremont Center for the Arts

Featured Artist, www.fremontarts.org

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! Jazz at Macon Plaza, 6:30-8pm.

Rim to Rim Royal Gorge Races

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

Point Alta Vista Trail Races

Enjoy stunning views on this unique trail running course.
www.pointaltavista.weebly.com

Penrose Apple Days

www.penrosechamber.org/apple-day

Sons of Italy Spaghetti Dinner

Florence Elk Lodge. 719-429-6667

Paint the Town Event - October 12-17

Belltown Cultural Center. Reception 5-7pm on Oct. 17. www.florenceartscouncil.com

Boo at the Bridge

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

Spooktacular & Trunk or Treat in Cañon City

NOVEMBER

Royal Gorge Quilt Council

Fremont Center for the Arts, www.fremontarts.org

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! Jazz at Macon Plaza, 6:30-8pm.

Christmas Tree Lighting

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

Santa Claus

Downtown Florence

DECEMBER

Fremont Center for the Arts

Featured Artist, www.fremontarts.org

Members Holiday Show & Art Sale

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Signature Annual Events

83RD ANNUAL MUSIC & BLOSSOM FESTIVAL AND ROYAL GORGE RODEO

Spring 2021

www.ccblossomfestival.com

Nothing says authentic America quite like a parade with fire trucks, horseback riders, floats, Shriners on scooters and music-music-music! Cañon City's 83rd annual Music and Blossom Festival takes place in the spring of 2021, 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

Summer 2021

www.royalgorgewhitewaterfestival.com

July is wet and wild in the Royal Gorge Region during the annual Royal Gorge Whitewater Festival. Adventure seekers and whitewater enthusiasts gather on the Arkansas in and near Cañon City for two days of kayak and raft races, paddle board sprints, live music, demonstrations, crafts, food vendors, kids' activities, and much more! Visit www.royalgorgewhitewaterfestival.com for registration, information, and a schedule of events.



Whitewater Festival. Photo By Nick Landry

FLORENCE PIONEER DAYS

Fall 2021

www.florencepioneerdays.com

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

Fall 2021

www.abbeywinery.com/harvest-fest

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 & kayakers 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 fishing

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

DAY 3

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 hotel
- 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
- Take a sunset hike in the Hogbacks

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, Zip Line, or Via Ferrata Adventure

DINNER/EVENING:

- Dinner atop 8-Mile Hill
- Drive over Skyline Drive
- View dinosaur trackway

DAY 3

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!



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Visit Western Fremont County

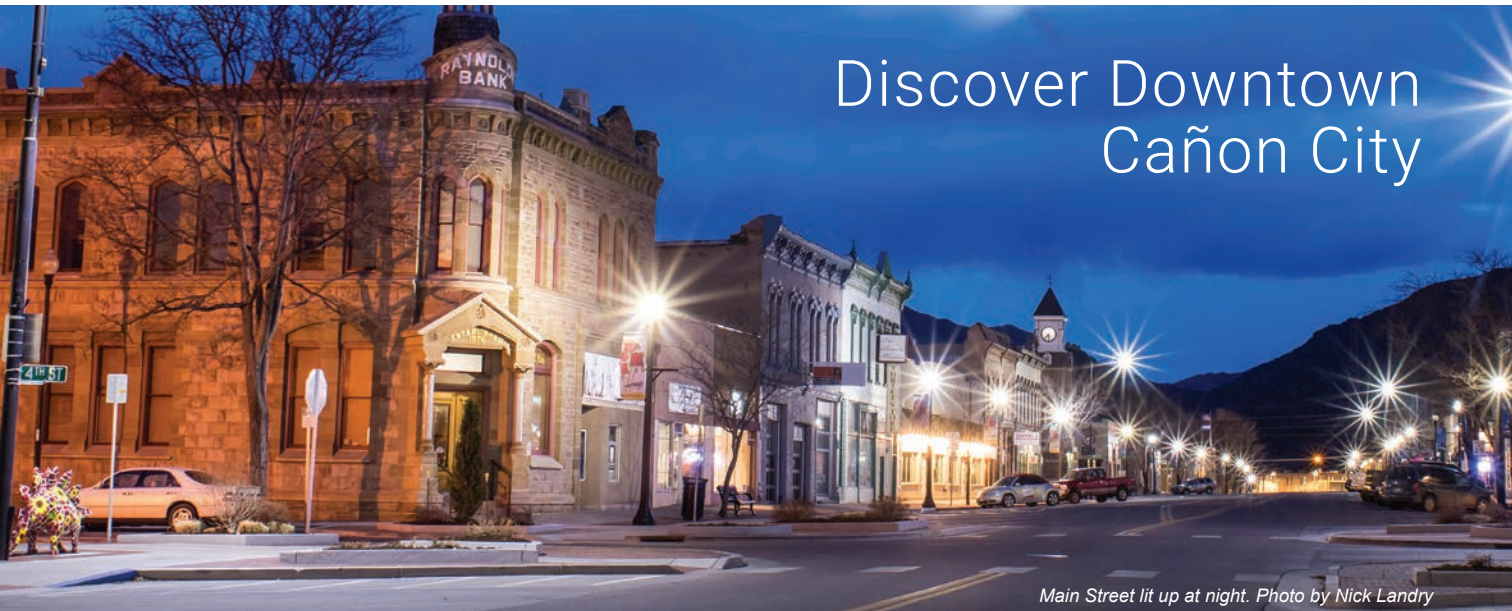
Exploring Western Fremont County might include a drive on U.S. Hwy 50, rafting the Arkansas River through Big Horn Canyon, casting a line on North America's longest stretch of Gold Medal Trout Water, or venturing into vast tracts of public land on an off-highway vehicle (OHV). The Bureau of Land Management (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.

Discover Downtown Cañon City



Main Street lit up at night. Photo by Nick Landry

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 enjoy the park's new playground and splash pad.



Enjoying Centennial Park's Splash Pad.



Cañon City Farmers Market. Photo by Nick Landry

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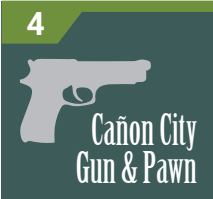


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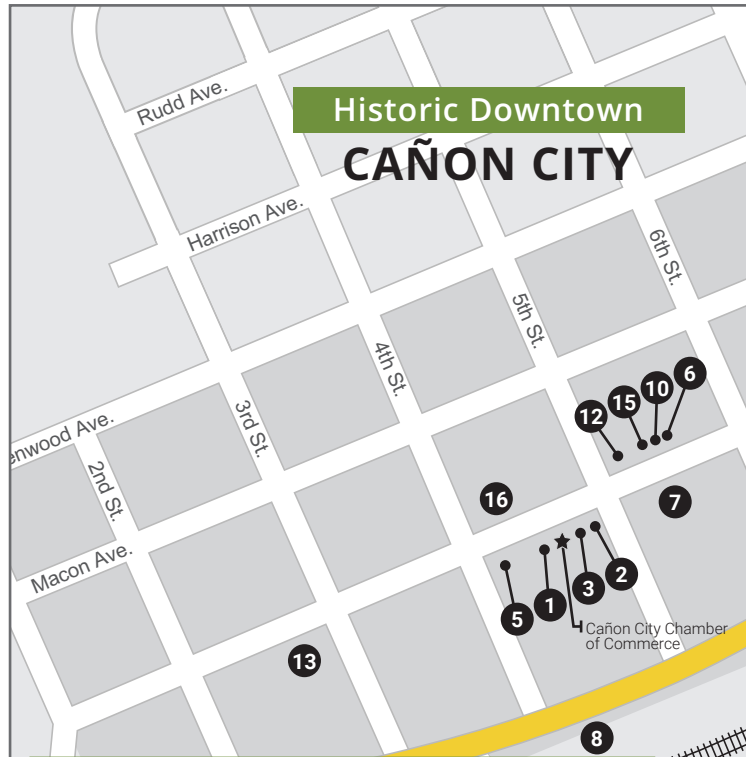


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Historic Downtown

CAÑON CITY

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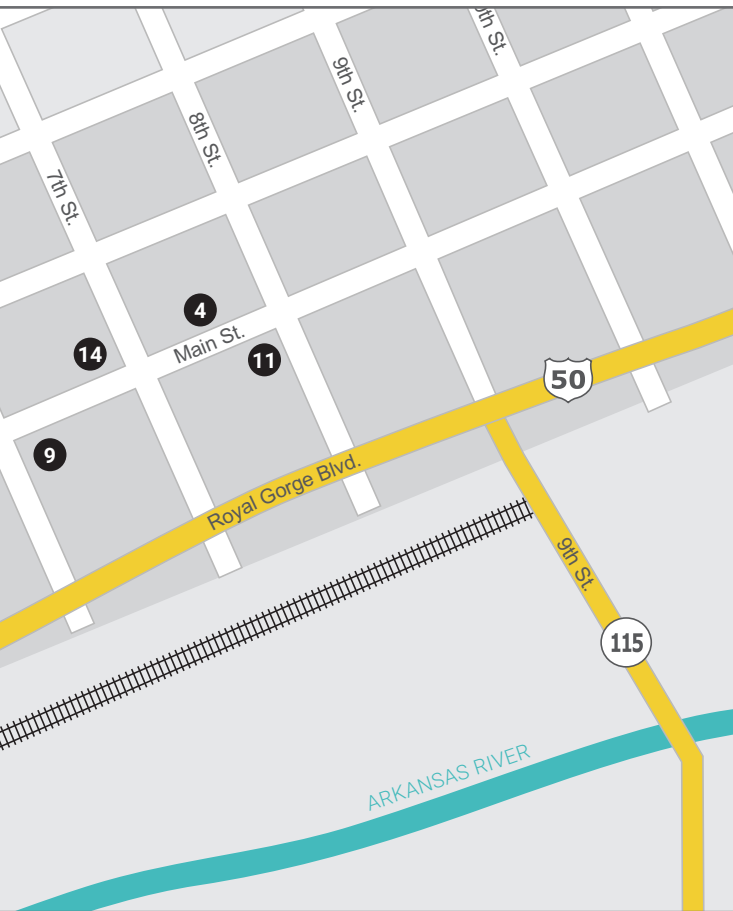
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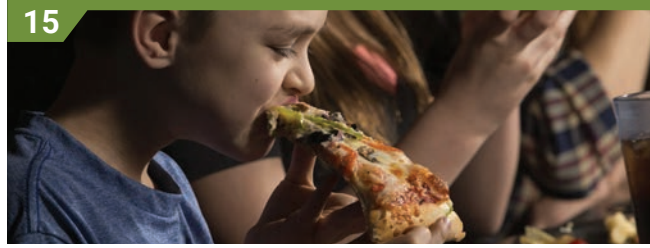


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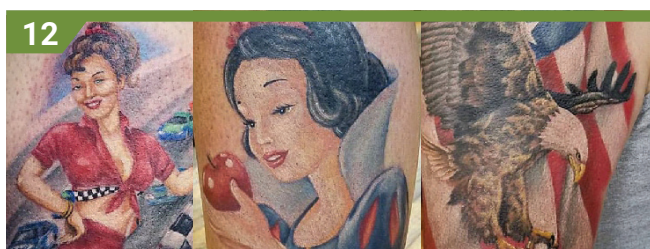

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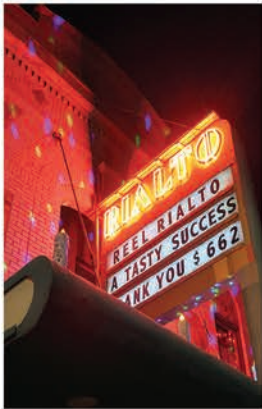
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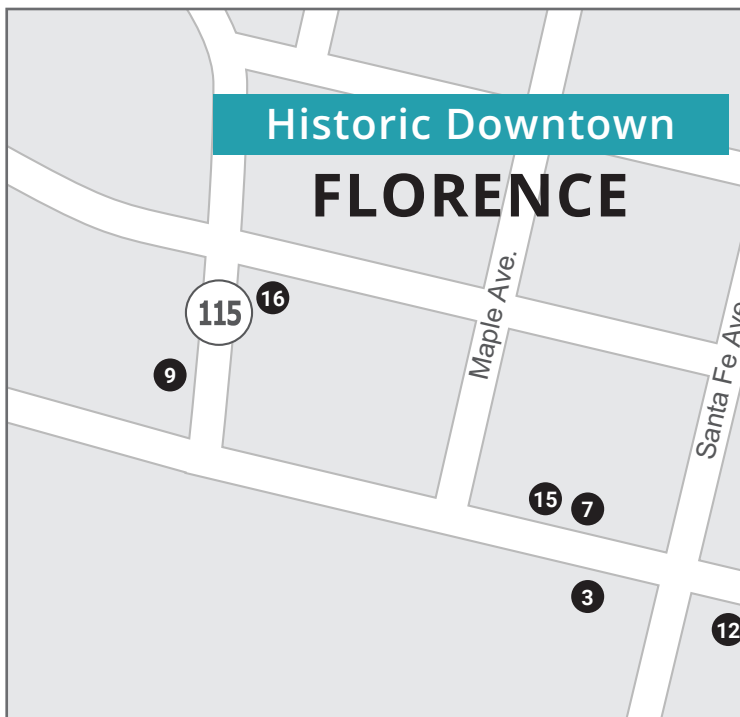
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5 Florence Consignment Corner	SERVICES
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8 T.A.T. Essentials	16 John C. Fremont Library
9 Willie's Antiques & Collectables	17 Pioneer Museum
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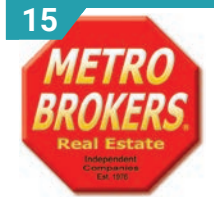
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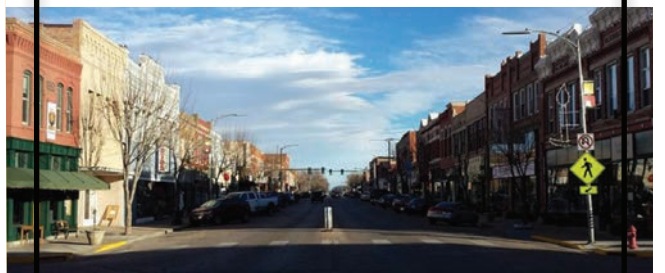


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LIBRARIES

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130 Church Avenue, Florence
719-784-4649
www.florencecolibrary.org
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SERVICES

The Bell Tower Cultural Center, Florence Arts Council

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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

Centura Health Urgent Care Cañon City
 Centura Health.

3245 E. Highway 50, Suite E
Cañon City, CO 81212
719-285-2888

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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.



Camping under the stars, Photo by Nick Landry



Royal Gorge "Glamping"





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719-275-9308, www.KOA.com/campgrounds/cotopaxi



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RECREATION TRAILS

	Easy Walking	Easy Biking	Amazing Views	Interpretive Markers	Stroller / Wheelchair Access	Water for Playing In	Restrooms	Less than 10 Min Drive	Historical Significance	Rough Access Road
Arkansas Riverwalk • Cañon City	●	●		●	●	●	●	●	●	
Tunnel Drive • Cañon City	●	●			●		●	●	●	
Hogbacks Open Space • Cañon City	●	●	●	●	●			●	●	
South Cañon Trails • Cañon City	●	●	●			●		●	●	
Ecology Park (within SCT) • Cañon City	●	●			●	●		●	●	
Section 13 • Cañon City			●							
Temple Canyon Park • Cañon City			●			●	●		●	●
Oil Well Flats • Cañon City			●						●	●
Red Canyon Park • Cañon City	●		●				●		●	●
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Hillside Colorado Cottages • 59424 State Highway 69, Hillside • (719) 623-7330	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	◆	◆	★		◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	■	◆	◆	◆	◆
Royal Gorge Vacation Rentals • 45045 W US Highway 50, Cañon City • (719) 275-7238	3	◆	◆	▲	◆			◆					◆	◆	

(◆): 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		◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	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 50, 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!

(◆): 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. Pavilions 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.

(◆): Available



Cañon City Dining

Around town and in Cañon City's historic Main Street District, you will find a nice selection of locally-owned dining establishments that offer our visitors and residents options to the national chains found everywhere. Whether you crave Italian, French, Asian, Mexican or 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.



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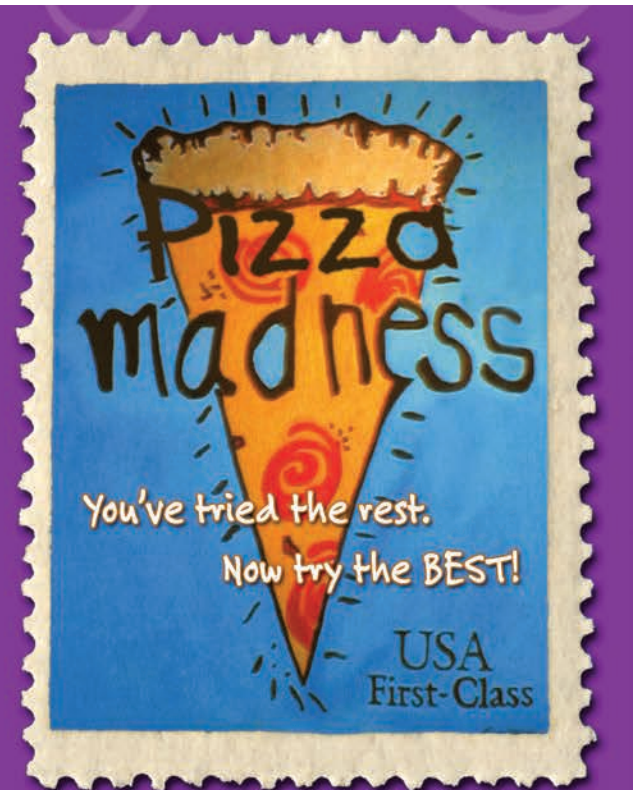


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Aspen Leaf Bakery & Cafe 113 Main Street, Florence • (719) 784-3834	Breakfast & Sandwiches	B, L	◆	◆				◆	◆		Su-M 11a-3p Tu-Th 8a-4p Fr-Sa 8a-5p		Quiche, Biscuits & Gravy, Burritos, Pastries, Soup & Sandwiches
Cañon City Brews & Bikes 224 Main Street, Cañon City • (719) 275-2472	Casual Dining	L, D	◆	◆	◆			◆	◆	◆	M-Th 11a-9p Fr-Sa 11a-10p Su 11a-7p	Wednesdays Oct - Mar	Craft Beers, Casual Dining, Patio Seating, Family & Dog Friendly, Bike Rental
Café 1230 • Located in Visitors Center at Royal Gorge Bridge & Park • (719) 275-7507	American	L	◆		◆			◆			Open Daily 10a Closing hours vary		Food with a view: access with paid admission
 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
El Caporal Family Mexican Restaurant  1028 Main Street, Cañon City • (719) 276-2001	Mexican	L, D	◆	◆	◆			◆	◆		11a-10p		Family Mexican
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  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
 Pizza Madness  509 Main Street, Cañon City • (719) 276-3088	Italian	L, D	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆		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	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	4pm-9pm		Full service catering for parties of up to 200
Quincys Steak & Spirits 121 W Main Street, Florence • (719) 784-1913	Steakhouse	D	◆	◆	◆						Dinner served nightly 4pm to 9pm		Prime Rib, Filet Mignon, Great Bar!
Royal Gorge Route Railroad  Cañon City • (719) 276-4000	Bistro	B, L, D	◆		◆			◆	◆				Visit royalgorgeroute.com or call 888-724-5748 for more information.
Toreros Mexican Restaurant  127 Justice Center Road #T, Cañon City • (719) 276-2063	Family Mexican	L, D	◆	◆	◆			◆	◆		Su-Th: 11a-9p F-Sa: 11a-10p		Family Mexican
Two Sisters Restaurant  104 E Main St., Florence • (719) 784-4090	Homestyle & Mexican	B, L		◆	◆				◆		6a - 3p		Home style and Mexican food with a clean family friendly atmosphere.
World's End Brewing Company  401 Main Street, Cañon City • (719) 315-2663	Great Pub Food	L, D	◆	◆	◆		◆		◆		11am-11pm	Thanksgiving & Christmas	Craft beer brewed on-site. Full lunch/dinner menu, outside patio.



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Activities & Shopping

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CAÑON CITY'S FIRST FRIDAYS

Join in the summer fun for Cañon City's First Friday event. Businesses along historic Main Street often feature live music, refreshments, events, guest artists, sales, and more! Peruse art galleries, retail shops, restaurants, co-working spaces, clothing shops, home goods, antiques, and other businesses from 2nd Street to 9th Street.

FLORENCE'S SECOND SATURDAYS

The hub of the Second Saturday fun in Florence is the Blue Spruce Gallery at 205 Main Street. Start there and then visit the many galleries, shops, and restaurants open late for the monthly event. Local artists and gallery owners will be happy to show you the wealth of talent that abounds in the area. Stop in to local shops for a meal, coffee, treasured antique 'find', craft, work of art, and more!

Farmer's Markets

CAÑON CITY

The Cañon City Farmer's market features an eclectic variety of meats, vegetables, and artisans from the Royal Gorge Region. Find local products like honey, eggs, baked goods, crafts, and heritage vegetables from producers along the Arkansas River Valley and beyond. The market is conveniently located in Veteran's park, which is within easy walking distance to Centennial Park, the Royal Gorge Route Railway, downtown Cañon City, and the river. You'll also find information on local non-profit organizations and small businesses. Live music is often featured.

www.canoncityfarmersmarket.com or find the market on Facebook at @CCFarmMkt

FLORENCE

The Florence Farmer's Market is held beneath the shade at Florence's downtown Pioneer Park. Located just three blocks off of Florence's historic Main Street, the farmer's market features locally-produced products, produce, food, crafts, and baked goods. Follow them on Facebook at @MarketinFlorence for information on events and workshops held at the market throughout the summer. The Florence Municipal Pool is located adjacent to the market.



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