



San Juan Skyway © Cameron Miller

Colorado Scenic and Historic Byways has 26 journeys through the past and present. A few mere miles of road can connect experiences we may have thought unattainable. Colorado's Byways take our sense of awe from the peaks and pinnacles of the Rocky Mountains, to the valleys and gorges of the western slope and even across sun-kissed prairies to the east. Along their varied course, these highways and back roads unveil myriad talks of Ute Indians, silver seekers, opportunistic settlers, ambitious entrepreneurs and crafty engineers. They also reveal the story of the Rocky Mountains and their remarkable creation, and how today, much of this wild landscape is still untouched by humankind.



Dinosaur Diamond © Cathy Edwards

More than just suggested road trips, these byways are a catalyst for the preservation of Colorado's culture, history and natural wonder. Uniting communities under a common project, the byways continue to bring people together (both locals and visitors) and connect them with the land. Eleven of Colorado's 26 byways are designated by the U.S. Department of Transportation as America's Byways®, meaning they are nationally recognized for their outstanding scenic and historic attributes. In fact, Colorado has more national designations than any other state.



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FIND YOUR PARK ALONG COLORADO'S BYWAYS!

National parks, monuments, state parks and highlights are listed below:

1. **Alpine Loop** – Rio Grande National Forest, Lake San Cristobal, Animas Forks Ghost Town
2. **Cache la Poudre – North Park** – Roosevelt National Forest, Arapahoe National Wildlife Refuge, Cache La Poudre River National Heritage Area, State Forest & Lory State Parks
3. **Collegiate Peaks** – Browns Canyon National Monument, San Isabel National Forest, Arkansas Headwaters Recreation Area
4. **Colorado River Headwaters*** – Rocky Mountain National Park, Arapaho National Recreation Area, Gore Canyon
5. **Dinosaur Diamond*** – Dinosaur National Monument, Colorado National Monument, Highline Lake & James M. Robb Colorado River State Parks
6. **Flat Tops Trail** – White River National Forest, Stagecoach & Yampa State Parks
7. **Frontier Pathways*** – San Isabel National Forest, Lake Pueblo State Park
8. **Gold Belt Tour*** – Florissant Fossil Beds National Monument, Mueller State Park, Royal Gorge Bridge & Park, Garden Park Fossil Area
9. **Grand Mesa*** – Grand Mesa National Forest, Crag Crest National Recreation Trail
10. **Guanella Pass** – Pike National Forest, Arapaho & Roosevelt National Forests, Mount Evans Wilderness Area
11. **Highway of Legends** – Trinidad & Lathrop State Parks, Spanish Peaks State Wildlife Area, Colorado Birding Trail
12. **Lariat Loop*** – Denver Mountain Parks, Red Rocks Park and Amphitheatre, Lookout Mountain Nature Center
13. **Los Caminos Antiguos** – Great Sand Dunes National Park, Alamosa National Wildlife Refuge, Sangre de Cristo National Heritage Area, San Luis State Park
14. **Mount Evans** – Highest Paved Road in North America, Mount Evans Wilderness Area, Echo Lake, Mount Goliath Natural Area, Bergen Mountain Park
15. **Pawnee Pioneer Trails** – Pawnee National Grassland's Birding Trail & Pawnee Buttes, Jackson Lake & North Sterling State Parks
16. **Peak to Peak** – Rocky Mountain National Park, Arapaho and Roosevelt National Forests, Brainard Lake Recreation Area, Golden Gate Canyon State Park
17. **San Juan Skyway*** (*All American Road*) – San Juan National Forest, Mancos & Ridgway State Parks
18. **Santa Fe Trail*** – Comanche National Grassland's Picket Wire Canyonlands, Sand Creek Massacre & Bent's Old Fort National Historic Sites, Trinidad & John Martin Reservoir State Parks
19. **Silver Thread** – Rio Grande National Forest, North Clear Creek Falls, Collier State Wildlife Area
20. **South Platte River Trail** – Fort Sedgwick Museum, Julesberg Jumbo Reservoir, Sand Draw, Sedgwick Barr & Julesburg State Wildlife Areas
21. **Top of the Rockies*** – Mount Elbert & Mount Massive (Colorado's two highest peaks), Interlaken Hotel National Historic Site, Holy Cross Wilderness Area, Hayden Meadow Reservoir, Mineral Belt National Recreation Trail
22. **Tracks Across Borders** – Chimney Rock National Monument, Navajo State Park
23. **Trail of the Ancients*** – Mesa Verde National Park & World Heritage Site, Hovenweep National Monument, Canyons of the Ancients National Monument, Ute Mountain Tribal Park
24. **Trail Ridge Road*** (*All American Road*) – Rocky Mountain National Park, Grand Lake, Lake Estes Trail
25. **Unaweep – Tabeguache** – San Miguel River Recreation Area, Unaweep Seep Environmental Area, Unaweep Canyon & Thimble Rock
26. **West Elk Loop** – Black Canyon of the Gunnison National Park, Curecanti National Recreation Area, Crawford & Paonia State Parks

* Also one of America's Byways

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Colorado Byways connect tourists, preservationists and local communities.

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