

COLORADO SPRINGS

CITY GUIDE

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diverse
wonders of
Colorado, from
majestic
mountains to
vibrant cities.



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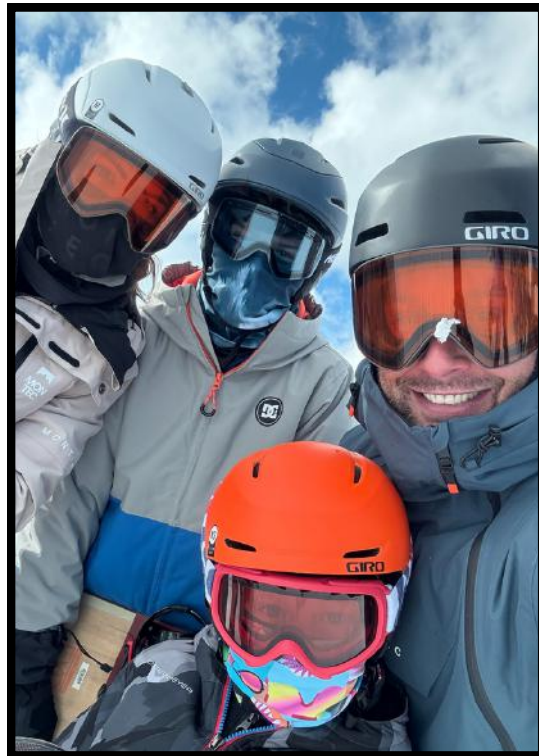
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Whether you're searching for family hikes, best places to snowboard/ski, mountain bike, top-notch breweries, or your dream home, I'm here to help. Let's explore Colorado together!



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WHAT WE LOVE ABOUT *Colorado Springs*

The Great Outdoors

- **Natural Beauty:** Colorado Springs is nestled at the foot of the majestic Pikes Peak and surrounded by stunning natural landscapes. Residents enjoy easy access to hiking, biking, and climbing trails with breathtaking views.
- **Outdoor Recreation:** From Garden of the Gods Park to Cheyenne Mountain State Park, there are endless opportunities for outdoor activities like rock climbing, fishing, camping, and whitewater rafting.

Easy Transportation

- **Manageable Traffic:** Colorado Springs offers relatively smooth commutes, especially compared to larger cities. While accidents on I-25 can occasionally cause delays, traffic here is generally less stressful and more predictable.
- **Public Transportation:** The Mountain Metro Transit bus system provides reliable public transportation options.

Local Events

- **Vibrant Culture:** Colorado Springs boasts a thriving arts and culture scene with numerous festivals, concerts, and events throughout the year.
- **Community Spirit:** The city hosts popular events like the Pikes Peak International Hill Climb and the Colorado Springs Labor Day Lift Off, fostering a strong sense of community.

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Four Full Seasons

- Distinct Seasons: Residents enjoy the beauty and recreational opportunities of all four seasons, from snowy winters perfect for skiing to warm summers ideal for hiking and exploring.
- Pleasant Climate: Colorado Springs generally enjoys a mild climate with plenty of sunshine throughout the year.

Sense of Safety

- Low Crime Rates: Colorado Springs has a lower crime rate than many other cities of its size, providing residents with peace of mind.
- Strong Community Policing: The Colorado Springs Police Department is actively involved in community outreach and crime prevention programs.

Historic Landmarks

- Rich History: The city is home to numerous historic landmarks, including the Manitou Cliff Dwellings, the Pikes Peak Cog Railway, and the Will Rogers Shrine of the Sun.
- Cultural Heritage: These landmarks offer a glimpse into the city's past and contribute to its unique character.



Great Long-Term Reputation

- High Quality of Life: Colorado Springs consistently ranks high in national surveys for its quality of life, affordability, and desirability.
- Retirement Destination: The city is a popular choice for retirees seeking a balance of outdoor recreation, cultural attractions, and a relaxed lifestyle.

FUN FACTS

ABOUT OUR COLORADO SPRINGS

POPULATION

491,441

ELEVATION

6,035 ft (1,839 m)

LAND AREA

195.399 sq mi

**The city is
nicknamed
"The Springs."**

This nickname refers to the numerous natural mineral springs that can be found throughout the area.

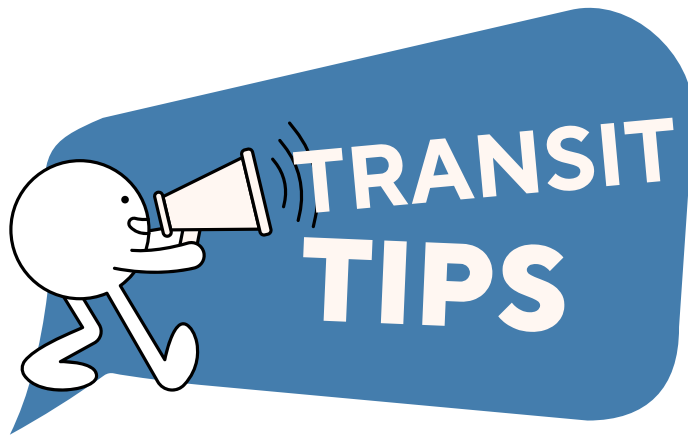


Eccentric inventor Nikola Tesla briefly experimented with high-voltage electricity in Colorado Springs' Knob Hill neighborhood in 1899. His lab, later demolished, was immortalized by David Bowie in the film *The Prestige*.

The city has a strong military presence.

Home to Fort Carson, Peterson and Schriever Space Force Bases, and the Air Force Academy, Colorado Springs has strong ties to the armed forces.





GETTING AROUND COLORADO SPRINGS

- **Airport:** COS (Colorado Springs Airport) has rental cars, rideshares, and shuttles.
- **In Town:** Use Mountain Metro buses, free shuttles (downtown & Manitou Springs), rideshares, or rent a car.
- **Pikes Peak:** Drive, take the Cog Railway, or a tour.
- **Garden of the Gods:** Free shuttle inside the park.
- **Walk/Bike:** Downtown and Old Colorado City are pedestrian-friendly. Bike rentals are available.

Denver International Airport (DEN)

- **Groome Transportation:** Offers service to Colorado Springs.
- **Rental Cars:** A wider selection than at COS.



ADDITIONAL TIPS

- Traffic can be heavy, especially in tourist season.
- Parking can be limited; consider alternatives.
- High altitude - drink water and take it easy at first.
- Weather changes quickly - dress in layers.

Colorado Springs Airport (COS):

- **Rental Cars:** All major agencies are available.
- **Rideshares:** Uber and Lyft operate at the airport.
- **Rocky Mountain Ride:** Offers airport transfers, brewery tours, and trips to Pikes Peak.
- **Groome Transportation:** Shared-ride shuttle to Denver International Airport and other locations.

PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION



Car Rental

Good for exploring the region and reaching attractions outside the city

Mountain Metro Transit (MMT)



Bus service within Colorado Springs, Manitou Springs, and the Widefield area. Free Shuttles are available in Manitou Springs and downtown Colorado Springs.



Ride-Sharing Services

Uber and Lyft are readily available

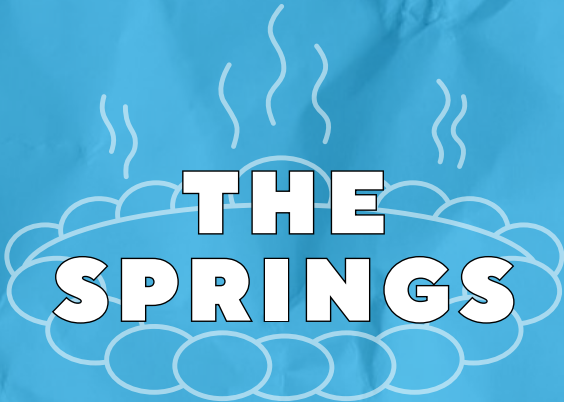
Bicycle



Colorado Springs has a growing network of bike lanes and trails. Pike Ride offers bike rentals.



TALK LIKE A LOCAL



Colorado Springs is locally known as "The Springs". It was originally called "Little London" as many British tourists settled here many years ago. As with many cities throughout the world, there are a number of terms that are primarily known to locals.

So, when you are pcsing to Colorado Springs it's important to understand some of these terms. The following are just some of the many local slang terms that you may want to know:

The High Country

The area of the Rocky Mountains with the highest peaks.

The Front Range

The eastern edge of the Rocky Mountains from Pueblo to Cheyenne, Wyoming.

BV

Nickname for Buena Vista, also called Booney or Bueny

A 14er or "Fourteener"

a mountain peak in Colorado that's at least 14,000 feet (4,267 meters) above sea level:

The Springs

Short for Colorado Springs

SOAK IN THE SEASONS

Colorado Springs experiences four distinct seasons, with springs bursting with colorful blossoms, summers offering warm and sunny days, autumns showcasing vibrant foliage, and winters bringing snowy landscapes perfect for winter sports.

SUMMER

Colorado brings long, sunny days perfect for exploring the state's open roads. Temperatures climb into the 90s in lower elevations, while mountain areas enjoy milder temperatures in the 80s. Evenings can be cool, especially at higher altitudes.

JUNE

High 81.6 °F | Low 52.8 °F

JULY

High 86.5 °F | Low 58.2 °F

AUGUST

High 83.6 °F | Low 56.6 °F

PRECIPITATION

2.78



SPRING

Springtime in Colorado offers a vibrant display of wildflowers and lush greenery. Warm days are frequent, but expect unpredictable weather until the end of May, with sunshine, rain, and even heavy snow possible. Nights remain cold, often dipping below freezing early in the season.

MARCH

High 54.9 °F | Low 27.3 °F

APRIL

High 61.0 °F | Low 34.0 °F

MAY

High 70.7 °F | Low 43.5 °F

PRECIPITATION

1.41



AUTUMN

Autumn arrives early in Colorado, painting a breathtaking landscape of vibrant colors and snow-capped peaks. The crisp air adds to the magic, especially during the peak of the season in late September and early October when Aspen trees transform into shimmering gold.

SEPTEMBER

High 77.1 °F | Low 48.9 °F

OCTOBER

High 64.7 °F | Low 36.6 °F

NOVEMBER

High 52.9 °F | Low 26.0 °F

PRECIPITATION

0.83



WINTER

Discover Colorado's winter wonderland! With 300 days of sunshine and a dry climate, even non-skiers can enjoy the stunning scenery and vibrant activities.

While snow is common throughout the season, expect the heaviest snowfall from January to March, and even into April.

DECEMBER

High 44.6 °F | Low 18.7 °F

JANUARY

High 45.0 °F | Low 18.5 °F

FEBRUARY

High 46.5 °F | Low 20.2 °F

PRECIPITATION

0.83





WELCOME TO COLORADO SPRINGS: FUN FOR ALL SEASONS!

Colorado Springs offers a world of adventure and unforgettable memories, no matter the time of year. From exploring breathtaking natural wonders to enjoying exciting attractions, there's something for everyone in this vibrant city nestled in the heart of the Rocky Mountains.

SPRINGS

FIRST FRIDAY ARTWALKS IN OLD COLORADO CITY

Old Colorado City - Year Round

First Friday ArtWalks in Old Colorado City are a vibrant monthly celebration of art and community. Held on the first Friday of every month from 5:00 PM to 8:00 PM, these events transform the historic district into a bustling hub of creativity and culture.





MEADOWGRASS MUSIC FESTIVAL

La Foret Conference & Retreat Center - May

Every year, the **MeadowGrass Music Festival** brings together music lovers and outdoor enthusiasts, showcasing a variety of live performances amid a backdrop of the stunning Pikes Peak area. Groove to an array of unforgettable songs in a grassy clearing, where a forested area will surround your senses and exude a tranquil atmosphere.

The MeadowGrass Music Festival is an all-encompassing celebration, encouraging visitors to dive into our arts and culture scene, as well as grab a taste of the burgeoning culinary side of Colorado Springs.

TERRITORY DAYS

Old Colorado City - May

Territory Days has grown from a small neighborhood craft fair into a popular **three-day street festival**. The event is held every Memorial Day Weekend in the historic Old Colorado City, located on the west side of Colorado Springs.

Enjoy over 180 food and craft booths, live music, a kids' play area, a petting zoo, and so much more. See live performances by **Native American dancers, Wild West gunfight re-enactments, and incredible blacksmith demonstrations**. Territory Days offer plenty of food and entertainment options for the entire family, so make sure you don't miss it!



SUMMER

MANITOU SPRINGS WINE FESTIVAL

June

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PIKES PEAK INTERNATIONAL HILL CLIMB

June

Brave drivers have been racing to the top of Pikes Peak – America's Mountain since 1916. Also known as "The Race to the Clouds," **The Broadmoor Pikes Peak International Hill Climb**, brought to you by Gran Turismo, is America's second-oldest motorsport event.

DONKEY DERBY DAYS

June

Watch this gold rush town's resident donkey herd race in this historic festival. For more than 80 years, **Donkey Derby Days** have topped the list of favorite Cripple Creek events.

People from all over the world descend on downtown, drawn by a chance to watch a race inspired by the town's resident donkey herd, believed to be distant relatives of the original donkeys from the town's Gold Rush days. Enjoy games, live entertainment, heritage competitions and other fun family activities that will make your visit one to remember!



PIKES PEAK PRIDE FEST

June

Pikes Peak Pride Fest is a vibrant celebration of love, equality, and the LGBTQIA2+ community in Colorado Springs. Enjoy fun, entertainment, and community spirit!

ROCKY MOUNTAIN STATE GAMES

July

The Rocky Mountain State Games (RMSG) is Colorado's largest multi-sport festival for athletes of all ages and athletic abilities, including those with physical disabilities, visual impairments, and intellectual and/or developmental disabilities (IDD).



LA VIDA! COLORADO SPRINGS

August

Experience the flavors of the Americas and sample cuisine from Puerto Rico, Cuba, Argentina, Peru, El Salvador, Honduras, Spain, United States, and the many regions of Mexico at this celebration of Hispanic culture.

One of Colorado Springs' signature summer events, La Vida! invites culinary connoisseurs to eat and drink their way through diverse menus available from dozens of local Latin American and Spanish restaurants, bars, breweries and distilleries. Presented by the Colorado Springs Hispanic Chamber, this magical cultural showcase is hosted at the Country Club of Colorado at Cheyenne Mountain Resort and is the largest Hispanic business event in Southern Colorado.



LABOR DAY LIFT OFF

August

Labor Day Lift-Off is an annual balloon festival with many events and activities for the entire family to enjoy! The Colorado Springs Labor Day Lift-Off is a balloon festival held every year since 1977! The event has grown into one of the largest ballooning celebrations in the nation and a cherished summer celebration. Produced by Hot Apple Productions, LLC. in affiliation with Rainbow Ryders Hot Air Balloon Company, Inc. and the Colorado Springs Sports Corporation.



WATER LANTERN FESTIVAL

September

The Colorado Springs Water Lantern Festival fosters connections and community spirit. Enjoy an unforgettable evening filled with delicious food, engaging games, fun activities and vibrant vendors.

The highlight of the night is the stunning display of thousands of lanterns, each adorned with heartfelt messages of love, hope, and dreams, gently floating and reflecting upon the water. Come and be part of this enchanting celebration that brings people together in a beautiful, serene setting.

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AUTUMN

TASTE OF OLD COLORADO CITY

September

Old Colorado City is bringing back the Taste of Old Colorado City! Grab your friends and families for a day of eating, drinking and entertainment. Fill up on food and drink samples from 20+ local restaurants, bars, and breweries, and enjoy live music from the Black Hole Boogie Band.

ARTS MONTH

October

Let Arts Month introduce you to endless opportunities for creative experiences that will surprise, move and inspire you. Led by the Cultural Office of the **Pikes Peak Region**, our local **Arts Month** collaborates with individual artists, arts organizations, and community partners from across our region. Existing cultural offerings are amplified with special Arts Month programming to create an October calendar that's rich with amazing local art to see, hear, taste and experience!

PIKES PEAK MARATHON & ASCENT

October

The Pikes Peak Ascent and Marathon is a trail running competition that begins at the base of Pikes Peak, in Manitou Springs, Colorado and climbs over **7,815 feet to the top of the 14,115-foot peak.**

The Pikes Peak Marathon and Pikes Peak Ascent are arguably the **world's most elevating marathon and half marathon races.** First held in 1956, the Pikes Peak Marathon is the third longest-running marathon in the United States and the oldest continually held marathon in the nation. The race is also widely regarded as the most challenging marathon in the United States.



PUMPKIN PATCH SEASON

October - November

PUMPKIN PATCH AT VENETUCCI FARM

This popular pumpkin patch offers a variety of pumpkins, gourds, and squash, as well as hayrides, corn mazes, and a petting zoo.

MINER'S PUMPKIN PATCH AT WESTERN MUSEUM OF MINING AND INDUSTRY

This unique pumpkin patch boasts a huge variety of pumpkins and gourds perfect for picking and painting. Enjoy a hayride through the picturesque museum grounds, get lost in a hay maze, and test your aim with a pumpkin catapult! Plus, explore Colorado's mining history with gold panning, blacksmithing demonstrations, and more!

BOO AT THE ZOO

Boo at the Zoo transforms your favorite zoo into a Halloween wonderland! Kids can trick-or-treat among amazing animals, enjoy festive decorations and spooky scenes, and marvel at creatures interacting with Halloween-themed enrichment. It's a wild and fun way to celebrate the season!

OLD COLORADO CITY'S PUMPKIN FEST

Old Colorado City's Pumpkin Fest transforms this historic district into a fall extravaganza! Stroll through streets lined with pumpkin displays, enjoy live music and entertainment, and discover unique treasures at local shops and vendor booths. It's a charming and festive autumn experience!

FALL FESTIVAL AT ROCK LEDGE RANCH

Step back in time at Rock Ledge Ranch's Fall Festival! This immersive event invites you to experience autumn in the 1860s through wagon rides, historic home tours, and live demonstrations like blacksmithing. Enjoy old-time music, pumpkin picking, and delicious treats while surrounded by the beauty of the fall season.

ANDERSON FARMS

Looking for a fun-filled day trip? Hop in the car and head to a massive corn maze with over 7 miles of trails! Enjoy a wagon ride, visit the pumpkin patch, and say hello to the farm animals. With activities for all ages, including a special area for little ones, there's something for everyone. Plus, you can try your luck at gem mining or cheer on your favorite duck in a race.

FALL FESTIVAL AND CREEPY CRAWLIES AROUND THE ROCK

Get ready for a fall festival with a twist as the Town of Castle Rock partners with Douglas Land Conservancy. In addition to classic autumn activities like pumpkin decorating, craft-making and a harvest-themed vendor market, this event will feature an up-close look at nature's most captivating (and sometimes spooky) creatures at the creepy crawly animal booth.

COLON ORCHARDS PUMPKIN PATCH

Spend a day on this 85-year-old family farm and pick your pumpkin from the field. Weave your way through the corn maze. And enjoy weekend hayrides. Don't miss the shop to take home some more Colorado-grown and made foods.

DIANA'S PUMPKIN PATCH & CORN MAZE

No pumpkin patch is complete without an accompanying corn maze, and, boy, does Diana's corn maze deliver. Every year the maze has a different theme, game and layout. This year, the theme is Journey to Oz, take the Yellow Corn Road to the Emerald City. Of course, you can just skip the maze and still pick your perfect pumpkin from the patch at this working farm.

WISHING STAR FARM

Wishing Star Farm has pumpkins plus all the harvest fun at its annual Fall Festival, including a petting zoo, pony rides, a jump pad and bounce houses. The farm also features a barrel train and hayrides, pallet maze, swings, a kid's playground with a fire truck, concessions and lots of large yard games to enjoy.



WINTER

MAGIC OF LIGHTS AT PIKES PEAK INTERNATIONAL RACEWAY

November - January

Get ready for a dazzling drive-through holiday experience at Pikes Peak International Raceway! Magic of Lights transforms the speedway into a mesmerizing wonderland of festive light displays.

ROYAL GORGE CHRISTMAS LIGHT SHOW

December

This holiday season, experience the awe-inspiring Royal Gorge like never before! As darkness descends, the iconic Royal Gorge Bridge transforms into a breathtaking spectacle of holiday lights, creating a magical experience for all ages.

CHEYENNE MOUNTAIN ZOO'S HOLIDAY LIGHTS

December - January

Experience the magic of the season at Cheyenne Mountain Zoo's Electric Safari, a dazzling display of holiday lights and festive cheer! As the sun sets, the zoo transforms into a wonderland illuminated by over 85 one-of-a-kind light sculptures, bringing your favorite animals to life in a whole new way.

CRIPPLE CREEK ICE FESTIVAL

February

This annual event transforms the historic mining town of Cripple Creek into a dazzling wonderland of ice sculptures. Witness incredible creations come to life as talented ice carvers showcase their skills.





ACTIVITIES

Discover the Adventurous Spirit of Colorado Springs

Welcome to Colorado Springs, a haven for outdoor enthusiasts and those seeking an active lifestyle!

Nestled in the Rocky Mountains, this vibrant city offers endless opportunities for exploration. Hike or bike iconic trails like Garden of the Gods and the Manitou Incline, or summit Pikes Peak for panoramic views. Thrill-seekers can raft the Arkansas River, rock climb, or ski and snowboard. Whether you seek thrills or tranquility, Colorado Springs is a playground for all ages.

COLORADO SPRINGS BEST BIKE ROUTES

Bear Creek Canyon Loop - Advanced: 8 miles

Get in a great workout that takes you on an exciting descent through the forest. This trail climbs close to 2,200 feet within the first 5 miles. Be prepared for stream crossings and a nice deep burn as you conquer this advanced trail.

Black Forest Section 16 Trail - Beginner: 4 miles

Take a nice, gentle four-mile loop through the trees. Enjoy plenty of shade and incredible scenery. There are no huge climbs or descents in this trail; only a pleasant, rolling ride. Keep your eyes peeled for horses, runners and dogs as there are plenty that frequent the trail.

Cheyenne Mountain State Park - Intermediate: 20 miles

The 20 miles of trails at Cheyenne Mountain State Park allow you to choose your own adventure. It has a great mix of difficulty, technicality and climbing for all abilities. There are multiple trails that can be linked together offering rides that range from 2 to 20 miles.

Pikes Peak- America's Mountain - Intermediate to Advanced: 20 miles

Riding Down: Take the ultimate bike route in Colorado Springs, down Pikes Peak – America's Mountain. There are two ways to get to the top of Pikes Peak before your exhilarating ride down. Two local adventure tour companies – Adventures Out West and Pikes Peak Mountain Bike Tours will take you by van to the summit and provide a guided tour down the Pikes Peak Highway. Keep an eye out for eagles, deer, elk, Rocky Mountain Bighorn Sheep, and marmots.

Riding Up & Down: Pikes Peak – America's Mountain is now open to cyclists who wish to ride up and down Pikes Peak Highway on their own.



Garden of the Gods: Ute Trail - Beginner: 5 miles

Looking for bike routes in Colorado Springs to get you acclimated to the elevation? This trail is great for a leisurely ride through breathtaking scenery. Let your senses absorb the beautiful, red spires of natural rock formations as you explore the nation's #1 park. It's a fantastic ride for beginners or out-of-town guests.

North Catamount Reservoir - Intermediate: 10 miles

This scenic bike route in Colorado Springs is revered for its great beauty. Although there are no features to designate it as an advanced trail, the rolling hills are sure to get your heart pumping and lungs working overtime. Nothing beats the view of Pikes Peak as you make your way around the reservoir.

Seven Bridges - Advanced: 5 miles

This trail is best by both foot and pedals depending on the section. It's populated by masses of roots, stream crossings, rocks and small drops aplenty. This trail is not for beginners or riders without the proper bike. It's a guaranteed challenge for anyone looking for an adventure and rates near the top of the list for being one of the toughest bike routes in Colorado Springs.



Springs WATER ADVENTURE

SPLASH & WATER PARKS

Great Wolf Lodge Colorado Springs

Great Wolf Lodge Colorado Springs is a relaxed all-suite property featuring multiple bars & eateries, plus a water park & kids' activities. It is located at 9494 Federal Dr, Colorado Springs, CO 80921, USA and is open from 10:00 AM to 8:00 PM every day of the week.

Banning Lewis Ranch Vista Water Park

Banning Lewis Ranch Vista Water Park is a private water park exclusively for residents of the Banning Lewis Ranch community. It offers family-friendly fun with a pool, spiral slide, lazy river, and water play features. Lifeguards are on duty, ensuring a safe environment.

Uncle Wilber Fountain

Uncle Wilber Fountain is a unique and interactive public art piece in downtown Colorado Springs. This isn't your average fountain! Every hour, Uncle Wilber, a tuba-playing figure with his monkey companion, rises from the fountain and performs a whimsical water show with music and dancing. It's a delight for all ages!



WHITE WATER RAFTING

Bighorn Sheep Canyon Rafting

Bighorn Sheep Canyon strikes the perfect balance between thrilling adventure and easy fun. With a mix of exciting rapids and calm stretches of water, this is one of our most popular trips. Your group can navigate thrilling water and take in the stunning Sangre de Cristo mountain range while keeping your eye out for the beautiful bighorn sheep that call this canyon home.

Royal Gorge Rafting

This narrow gorge is sandwiched between canyon walls over 1,000 feet tall, creating a dramatic scene that pairs perfectly with the endless whitewater fun. Royal Gorge rafting plunges up to 65 feet per mile, creating huge waves, steep technical drops, and almost continuous rapids the entire trip.

Browns Canyon Rafting

You'll experience the best of Colorado's breathtaking natural beauty and thrilling whitewater rapids. Traverse through fun class III rapids like Pinball, Zoom Flume, the Staircase, and the notorious Seidel's Suckhole, while taking in stunning views of the Sawatch Range, home to some of Colorado's highest peaks.

ENJOY THE THRILL OF ROCK CLIMBING

Garden of the Gods Park

Lace up your boots and prepare to be amazed by the iconic Garden of the Gods Park. This natural wonder offers a variety of trails to explore, from leisurely strolls to challenging climbs. Immerse yourself in the beauty of the park's unique rock formations and stunning scenery. It's no wonder Garden of the Gods is considered a must-visit hiking destination and a true gem among America's parks.

North Cheyenne Cañon

Embark on an unforgettable hiking adventure through North Cheyenne Cañon, a picturesque gateway to Pikes National Forest. Towering evergreens and dramatic rock formations line the trails, creating a truly awe-inspiring experience. Hike alongside the majestic canyon walls, breathe in the fresh mountain air, and be sure to visit the captivating Helen Hunt Falls. The short hike to this cascading waterfall is well worth it for the picture-perfect Colorado photo opportunity.

CityROCK

While not a traditional outdoor hike, CityROCK in Downtown Colorado Springs offers a unique climbing experience for all levels. Challenge yourself on their diverse climbing routes, designed to mimic real rock formations. Whether you're a seasoned climber or a beginner taking your first steps, CityROCK provides a safe and exciting environment to test your skills. And after your climb, refuel with a refreshing drink at their onsite bar, The Ute & Yeti.

Red Rock Canyon Open Space

Discover the beauty of Red Rock Canyon Open Space on foot. With its striking red rock formations and diverse trails, it's a hiker's paradise. Choose your challenge, from gentle paths to rugged ascents leading to breathtaking overlooks. Experience the thrill of reaching the magnificent bedrock summits and be rewarded with panoramic views of the city.

Palmer Park

Explore the park's fascinating geological features as you traverse its many trails. Challenge yourself with a climb over rocky terrain, or enjoy a leisurely stroll amidst the natural beauty. With options for all skill levels, Palmer Park is a hiker's haven waiting to be explored.





HORSEBACK RIDING

Academy Riding Stables

While not strictly a hiking destination, Academy Riding Stables offers a unique way to experience the natural beauty of Colorado Springs. Explore scenic trails on horseback, guided by experienced wranglers. Whether you're a seasoned equestrian or a first-time rider, Academy Riding Stables provides a memorable way to connect with nature and enjoy the stunning landscapes.

Academy Riding Stables

Beaver Creek Outfitters provides an unforgettable way to immerse yourself in the Colorado wilderness. Embark on a horseback riding adventure through scenic trails, led by experienced guides. Traverse diverse terrain, breathe in the fresh mountain air, and create lasting memories. Whether you're a novice or an experienced rider, Beaver Creek Outfitters offers a unique and exciting way to explore the natural beauty of the region.

Old Stage Riding Stables

Old Stage Riding Stables offers a wonderful opportunity to experience the natural beauty of the Colorado Springs region from a different perspective. Saddle up and embark on a guided horseback adventure through scenic trails, traversing diverse terrain and taking in breathtaking views. Whether you're a seasoned rider or a beginner, Old Stage Riding Stables provides a memorable way to connect with nature and create lasting memories.



Camping and Backpacking



Cheyenne Mountain State Park

Just minutes from Colorado Springs, this park offers a taste of the wild with the convenience of nearby urban amenities. Explore the diverse terrain, from rolling foothills to rugged mountain slopes, on over 20 miles of trails perfect for hiking, biking, and horseback riding.

Stay the night and deepen your connection with nature. Choose from comfortable campsites with stunning views, or hike to a secluded backcountry site for a true wilderness experience. Whether you're seeking a family-friendly getaway or a solo adventure, Cheyenne Mountain State Park provides the perfect escape.



Rocky Mountain National Park

Immerse yourself in the unparalleled beauty of this natural wonderland, where towering peaks meet pristine alpine lakes and verdant meadows teem with wildlife. Whether you prefer the convenience of a developed campground or the solitude of the backcountry, Rocky Mountain National Park offers an unforgettable experience for every outdoor enthusiast.

Camping: Choose from a variety of campgrounds, each with its own unique charm. Wake up to breathtaking sunrises over Moraine Park, enjoy the peaceful ambiance of Glacier Basin, or find seclusion amongst the pines at Timber Creek.

Backpacking: Embark on a multi-day adventure and explore the park's vast network of trails. Hike through wildflower-filled valleys, climb to breathtaking summits, and camp under a canopy of stars. Challenge yourself on the iconic Fern Lake Trail, discover hidden gems along the Cub Lake Trail, or lose yourself in the tranquility of the Loch Vale Trail.

Peregrine Pines FamCamp

Nestled within the breathtaking grounds of the U.S. Air Force Academy, this hidden gem offers a tranquil retreat for military families and DOD civilians. Immerse yourself in the beauty of nature with spacious campsites nestled among towering pines, providing the perfect setting for relaxation and recreation.

Enjoy convenient amenities, including full hookups, a playground, and a recreation room, all while surrounded by the inspiring landscape of the Academy. Whether you're seeking a peaceful getaway or an adventurous exploration of nearby hiking trails, Peregrine Pines FamCamp provides a unique and memorable experience.

Ziplining has exploded in popularity, and for good reason! Soaring over mountains and cliffs is an incredible thrill, especially in the stunning Colorado wilderness. Colorado Springs offers amazing zipline outfitters, each with its own unique flavor.

Imagine flying through the air at exhilarating speeds while soaking in breathtaking views. It's a truly special experience that everyone should try. Whether you choose one outfitter or conquer them all, don't leave Colorado without checking ziplining off your bucket list!



Zip Lining and Aerial Parks

Adventures Out West Ziplines

Want a unique zipline adventure near Colorado Springs? Head to **Adventures Out West, located above Manitou Springs**. Their claim to fame? Using the natural terrain to create an unforgettable experience.

Instead of man-made platforms, you'll launch from cliffs and hike scenic trails between ziplines. With five lines of varying lengths, including a 650-foot thriller, you'll get your adrenaline pumping while enjoying breathtaking views.

Safety is a priority, with regular inspections and fully licensed ziplines. Friendly guides provide water stations and engaging conversation throughout the tour.

Adventures Out West Ziplines

Cave of the Winds, famous for its caves, now offers a thrilling new adventure: Frontier Zip Lines!

But there's a catch - these ziplines are the grand finale of the Via Ferrata, a cliffside climbing experience. Scale rock faces, navigate ladders, and conquer the canyon with a guide. Then, soar through the air on two exhilarating ziplines 80 feet above the canyon floor.

You can choose to zipline alone, but why miss the full experience? Combining the Via Ferrata and ziplines creates an unforgettable adventure with stunning views and a sense of accomplishment.

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Cloudscaper Zipline at the Royal Gorge

Prepare for an adrenaline rush unlike any other at the **Cloudscaper Zipline in the Royal Gorge**! This isn't just any zipline; it's the highest zipline in North America, soaring a dizzying 1,200 feet above the Arkansas River.

Located within the Royal Gorge Bridge & Park, you'll have two options to reach the Cloudscaper. You can either purchase a park admission and zipline package, allowing you to explore the bridge and other attractions at your own pace, or opt for the zipline-only ticket.

Once you're geared up, get ready to fly 1,987 feet across the gorge, reaching speeds of up to 40 mph. With state-of-the-art harnesses and an automatic braking system, all you have to do is sit back and enjoy the breathtaking views.

Adventures Out West Ziplines

Soar above the "Grandest Mile of Scenery" with Soaring Adventures. Experience five exhilarating ziplines, ranging from 250 to 1,500 feet long, culminating in a rappel to Broadmoor Seven Falls.

But the adventure doesn't stop there! Fly through the forests with Adventures Out West, conquer North America's highest zipline at the Royal Gorge, or combine cliffside climbing with thrilling ziplines at Cave of the Winds.

Dragonfly Paddle Yoga

Dragonfly Paddle Yoga offers more than just yoga – it's your gateway to exploring the serene waters of Colorado Springs on your own terms. Whether you prefer the stability of a stand-up paddleboard or the maneuverability of a kayak, they've got you covered.

Rent top-quality equipment and embark on a peaceful journey across Prospect Lake. Immerse yourself in the tranquility of nature as you glide through the water, surrounded by stunning views. It's the perfect way to unwind, connect with the outdoors, and enjoy a unique perspective of the city.

For those seeking an extra challenge, try their fitness paddleboard classes. These invigorating sessions combine paddling with strength training and cardio exercises, providing a full-body workout with a refreshing twist.

Rocky Mountain Outdoor Center

Rocky Mountain Outdoor Center is your one-stop shop for adventure in Buena Vista, Colorado! Located on the banks of the Arkansas River, they offer a wide range of activities for all skill levels.

Experience the thrill of whitewater rafting through Brown's Canyon, or learn to kayak or stand-up paddleboard on calmer waters. Prefer to stay on land? Explore the area's stunning trails by mountain bike or challenge yourself with a guided rock climbing adventure.

Rocky Mountain Outdoor Center provides all the necessary equipment and expert instruction, ensuring a safe and unforgettable experience. Whether you're seeking a thrilling adrenaline rush or a peaceful escape in nature, they have the perfect adventure for you.

Noah's Ark Whitewater Rafting and Adventure

Experience the thrill of a lifetime with **Noah's Ark Whitewater Rafting and Adventure**! They offer unforgettable rafting experiences on the Arkansas River for all skill levels.

Choose from a variety of trips, ranging from gentle family floats to adrenaline-pumping rides through exciting rapids. Their experienced guides prioritize safety and provide expert instruction, ensuring an enjoyable and memorable adventure for everyone.

But the fun doesn't stop there! Noah's Ark also offers zipline tours, rock climbing adventures, and other exciting activities to complete your Colorado experience. Whether you're seeking a thrilling challenge or a fun-filled day on the river with family and friends, Noah's Ark has something for everyone.

Paddleboarding and Kayaking



Rocky Mountain National Park



SNOW MUCH FUN

Escape to a winter wonderland in **Rocky Mountain National Park**, where you can explore snow-covered forests, frozen lakes, and breathtaking mountain vistas on snowshoes. With trails for every skill level, from easy loops to challenging climbs, you're sure to find the perfect adventure.

Experience the magic of a winter **horseback ride through snow-dusted trails with Sombrero Stables!** Enjoy breathtaking views of the Rocky Mountains while cozying up to your trusty steed. Choose from a variety of tours, from short trots to longer adventures, perfect for both beginner and experienced riders.

Whizz down the **mountaintop at Keystone Resort's Adventure Point! Experience the thrill of snow tubing at the world's highest tubing hill**, with multiple lanes and a convenient lift to whisk you back up for another exhilarating ride. Perfect for families and thrill-seekers alike, this winter adventure offers breathtaking views and unforgettable fun.

Soar above the stunning scenery of **Winter Park Resort** on a scenic chairlift ride! Enjoy breathtaking panoramic views of the snow-covered peaks and valleys as you glide up the mountain. It's the perfect way to relax and appreciate the beauty of the Rockies, whether you're a skier or not.

WINTER HORSEBACK RIDING AT SOMBRERO STABLES



WINTER HORSEBACK RIDING AT SOMBRERO STABLES



MUSEUM



Colorado Springs Pioneers Museum

The **Colorado Springs Pioneers Museum** is located downtown in the beautifully restored 1903 El Paso County Courthouse. The museum preserves the history and culture of the Pikes Peak region, and features permanent exhibits on the history of the area and changing exhibits on topics of broad interest.

The Museum maintains nationally significant collections of quilts, Van Briggles art pottery, plus the finest regional landscape art collection in the state of Colorado. Other collections relate to Native American influences in the region, the founding of the City, the area's mining and agricultural history, its early prominence as a health resort, and its more recent significance as a center for military training and operations.

Rocky Mountain Motorcycle Museum

Since 1992, the **Rocky Mountain Motorcycle Museum** and Hall of Fame in Colorado Springs has celebrated the history of motorcycling. Journey through the evolution of motorcycles from the early 1900s to the 1970s with a captivating display of antique and classic machines. Admire meticulously restored motorcycles from American, European, and Asian manufacturers, each with detailed information to enhance your understanding.

Explore exhibits showcasing motorcycling memorabilia, photographs, and biographies of influential figures in the world of motorcycles.

National Museum of World War II Aviation

Step back in time at the **National Museum of World War II Aviation**, opened in 2012, and discover how military aviation propelled the United States onto the world stage. Explore a remarkable collection of 28 fully restored aircraft, with more under restoration, showcasing the tremendous technological leaps made during the war. Immerse yourself in the stories of the brave men and women who built, flew, and maintained these aircraft, and learn about their vital contributions and sacrifices. Beyond the aircraft, delve into an extensive collection of over **4,000 artifacts and documents**, offering a glimpse into this pivotal period in American history.

The museum also features a display of fully restored military vehicles used by US forces and their allies, further illustrating the wartime experience. At the National Museum of World War II Aviation, history comes alive, providing a deeper understanding of America's journey to becoming a global power.

Ghost Town Museum

Step into the Wild West at the **Ghost Town Museum** in Colorado Springs! Explore authentic buildings and artifacts rescued from abandoned towns of the Pikes Peak region.

Experience hands-on activities like churning butter and panning for gold (in the summer). Play antique arcade games and test your aim at the shooting gallery. With its unique collection and interactive exhibits, the Ghost Town Museum offers a fun and educational experience for all ages, bringing the history of the Wild West to life.

PARKS



America the Beautiful Park

Escape to **America the Beautiful Park**, a scenic urban oasis nestled at the confluence of Fountain Creek and Monument Creek in the heart of Colorado Springs. Just steps from the U.S. Olympic & Paralympic Museum, this vibrant park offers a delightful escape with its lush landscaping, expansive central plaza, and inviting creek-side walking paths. Kids will love the expansive playground and the refreshing Julie Penrose Fountain, a popular splash park where they can cool off in the cascading water during the summer months. America the Beautiful Park also serves as a dynamic community gathering space, hosting a variety of festivals, races, and cultural events throughout the year.

Acacia Park

Surrounded by bustling boutiques and enticing restaurants, this beloved park offers a delightful respite. Kids will be captivated by the iconic blue-topped Uncle Wilber Fountain, a whimsical kinetic sculpture that delights with its musical tunes and refreshing sprays of water on hot summer days. The park's new playground, opened in 2023, adds to the fun, providing even more opportunities for laughter and play. Acacia Park also serves as a lively hub for community events, hosting everything from live music performances and festivals to festive holiday celebrations. Don't miss the annual Skate in the Park ice rink, a cherished holiday tradition that transforms the park into a winter wonderland.

Memorial Park

This expansive park offers something for everyone, with a wide array of activities to enjoy year-round. Sports enthusiasts can take advantage of the park's numerous sports fields, tennis courts, and a popular skatepark. Cool off with a refreshing swim or try your hand at stand-up paddleboarding at Prospect Lake. Lace up your skates and glide across the ice at the Sertich Ice Center, offering public skating sessions for all ages. Memorial Park also hosts a variety of exciting events and festivals throughout the year, including the highly anticipated Labor Day Lift Off, a spectacular celebration featuring hot air balloon launches, live music, and family-friendly entertainment.

Monument Valley Park

Escape to the serene beauty of Monument Valley Park, a historic urban oasis nestled along the picturesque Monument Creek in Colorado Springs. This sprawling park offers a tranquil retreat with its lush greenery, meandering trails, and diverse recreational opportunities. Stroll or bike along the paved pathways, perfect for leisurely exploration or invigorating exercise. Cast a line and try your luck at fishing in the scenic ponds, or simply relax and soak up the tranquility of this natural haven. With its rich history and abundant amenities, Monument Valley Park provides a rejuvenating escape for visitors of all ages.

Palmer Park

Escape to the breathtaking beauty of Palmer Park, a sprawling natural playground nestled in the heart of Colorado Springs. With its dramatic rock formations, stunning overlooks, and miles of trails, this expansive park offers endless opportunities for outdoor adventure. Hike or bike through scenic canyons and forests, challenge yourself on the technical rock climbing routes, or simply relax and soak up the panoramic views of the city and mountains. Equestrians can explore dedicated trails, while nature enthusiasts can discover diverse wildlife and vibrant plant life. Palmer Park is a true gem for outdoor enthusiasts of all levels, offering a rejuvenating escape from the hustle and bustle of city life.

COLORADO SPRINGS

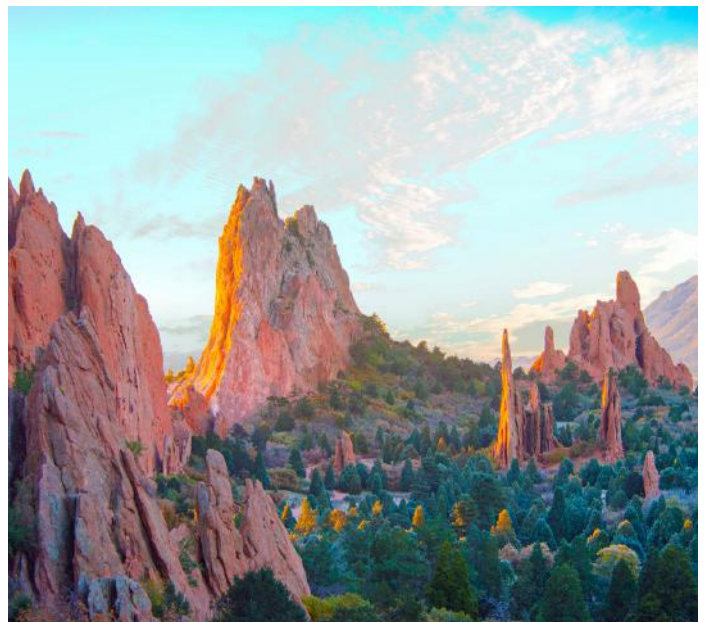
TOURIST ATTRACTION



GARDEN OF THE GODS

Garden of the Gods Park is a registered National Natural Landmark featuring dramatic views. Come admire the 300' sandstone rock formations against the backdrop of snow-capped Pikes Peak and brilliant blue skies.

It is home to a plethora of geological and ecological rarities that make the park a prime site for nature lovers. From the discovery of a new species of dinosaur, to a subspecies of honey ant not previously recorded, this park is home to countless flora and fauna.



CAVE OF THE WINDS MOUNTAIN PARK

Wind Cave was the first cave designated a national park. Explore one of the world's largest mapped cave systems, decorated with rare boxwork formations along the cavern walls. Above ground, explore 33,970 acres of forests and prairies that act as a natural sanctuary for bison, elk, prairie dogs and more.

It is one of the premiere show caves in the United States — and, at 7,000 feet, they're also one of the highest! You might say they've elevated the caving experience. Conveniently located near Pikes Peak and Manitou Springs, Cave of the Winds offers three unique cave tours.

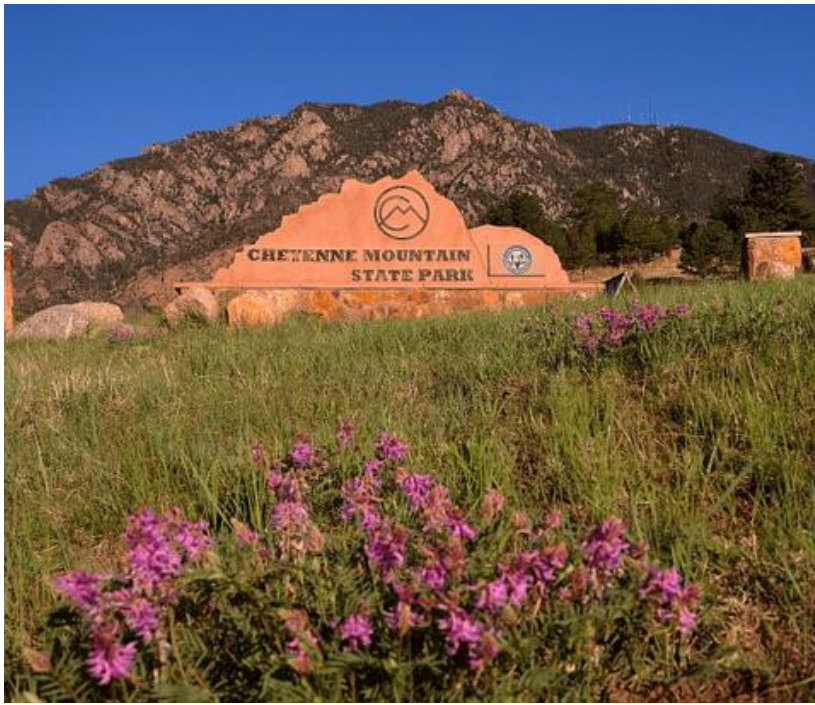
CHEYENNE MOUNTAIN ZOO

The Cheyenne Mountain Zoo is a zoological park located southwest of downtown Colorado Springs, Colorado, on Cheyenne Mountain in the United States. At an elevation of 6,714 feet (2,046 m) above sea level, it is the highest zoo in the country. The zoo covers 140 acres (57 ha), 40 of which are in use. The zoo houses more than 750 animals, representing nearly 170 different species,[2] with more than 30 endangered species.



RED ROCK CANYON OPEN SPACE

Red Rock Canyon Open Space is a 1,474-acre (2.3 sq mi; 6.0 km²) city park in Colorado Springs, Colorado. It is situated on the west side of the city, adjacent to Manitou Springs and south of U.S. Route 24. The park consists of a series of parallel ridges (called "hogbacks") and eroded canyons.



CHEYENNE MOUNTAIN STATE PARK

The park opened in October 2006 and is the only state park located in El Paso County. There are 28 miles (45 km)[3] of trails throughout the park which are open to hikers and bikers. Dogs and horses are not permitted on the trails in order to keep the surrounding ecosystems intact and to avoid disturbing the ground-nesting birds that reside in the park.



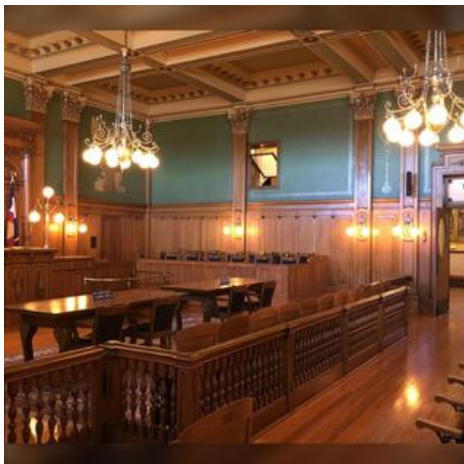
HIGH POINT OVERLOOK

The High Point Overlook is a scenic vista located in the Garden of the Gods Park in Colorado Springs, Colorado. This overlook is on Ridge Road just 0.2 miles south of the southernmost part of the Juniper Way Loop. This vista provides sweeping views of the park's rock formations and the surrounding mountains. The famous Central Garden area can be seen to the north and Pikes Peak is visible to the west.

PIKES PEAK - AMERICA'S MOUNTAIN

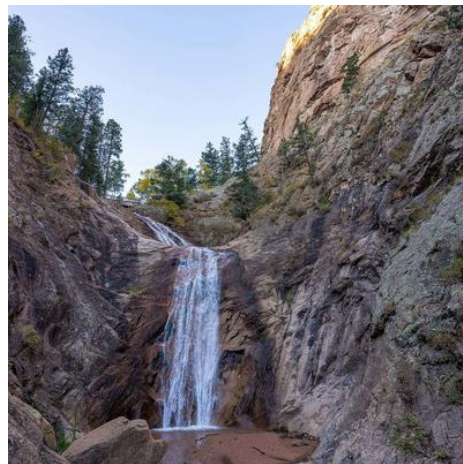
Pikes Peak – America’s Mountain is a majestic landmark located in Colorado Springs, Colorado. Rising over 14,000 feet into the sky, Pikes Peak captivates visitors with its stunning beauty and iconic presence along the front range.

Pikes Peak continues to captivate all who gaze upon its majestic slopes. Plan your visit to Pikes Peak and experience the magic of America's Mountain for yourself.



COLORADO SPRINGS PIONEERS MUSEUM

The Colorado Springs Pioneers Museum is located at 215 S. Tejon Street in Colorado Springs, Colorado. The granite building with a domed clock tower was the El Paso County Courthouse building from 1903 to 1973. The museum, which moved to this location in 1979, has fine arts, artifacts, and archival collections that document the Pikes Peak region. The building is on the National Register of Historic Places and was the 2nd property to be listed in El Paso County, after Pikes Peak.



THE BROADMOOR SEVEN FALLS

The Broadmoor Seven Falls is a series of seven cascading waterfalls of South Cheyenne Creek in South Cheyenne Cañon, Colorado Springs, Colorado. It has been a privately-owned tourist attraction since it was opened in the early 1880s. There is no parking at Seven Falls. Round trip shuttle service is provided from the Norris Penrose Event Center. Trails from the top of the falls lead to Midnight Falls, near the headwaters of South Cheyenne Creek, and Inspiration Point.



BALANCED ROCK

Balanced Rock is located approximately 3 miles into the park. Heading west towards the Central Gardens, take a right onto the Juniper Way Loop, circle the rock features, and eventually bear a right onto Garden Drive. Follow Garden Drive for about 1 mile and Balanced Rock will be on the right side of the road.. Balanced Rock has been the subject of countless tourist photographs with popular poses like “holding up” or “pushing” the sandstone feature captured by visitors every day. Balanced Rock has also made its way into media many times over the last century, both in artwork and business.

PIZZA SPOTS



SLICE 420 - PIZZA WITH A MISSION

2501 W Colorado Ave #108 Colorado Springs, CO 80904

Slice 420 is a local Mom & Pop business with an awe-inspiring story about their mission to advance freedom of choice in regards to alternative medicine.

LEON GESSI

1806 Palmer Park Blvd Colorado Springs , CO 80909

Leon Gessi New York Pizza is a locally and family owned business operating since 1974. You can place online orders and also make reservations for hosting parties.

WHITE PIE

330 S Nevada Ave, Colorado Springs, CO 80903

The pizzas are absolutely delicious, with a perfect crispy crust and fresh toppings. What sets them apart is their incredible cocktail menu.



PIZZA TIME

1604 S Cascade Avenue 8794 N. Union Blvd, Union Towne Center Colorado Springs, CO 80920

Pizza Time is family-owned and operated. We serve great food in a family-friendly, fun environment.

WALTER'S 303 FLYING HORSE

2690 North Gate Blvd Colorado Springs, CO 80921

Walter's303 has been serving up a full menu of Walter 's-style pizza, craft beers, and classic pizzeria favorites fit for families, cool cats, tap heads, or anyone who just loves a good slice of life.

LOVE FAT SULLY'S

528 S. Tejon St. Colorado Springs, CO 80903

Thin + crispy hand-tossed NY pizza. Made with the freshest ingredients.

PIZZERIA RUSTICA

2527 w colorado ave colorado springs co 80904

Enjoy hand-stretched dough, San Marzano tomatoes, and mozzarella made fresh daily, all baked in our wood-fired oven.

PIZZA AMORE

236 E. Cheyenne Mtn. Blvd. Colorado Springs, CO 80906

Nestled under Cheyenne Mountain, PizzAmoré's new home showcases an Italian wood-fired menu, creating an authentic dining experience for all.

PIES AND GRINDERS

5490 Powers Center Point #180 Colorado Springs, CO 80920

Fresh ingredients, homemade dough and sauce, and top-notch customer service – that's what makes their pizza and grinders stand out from the crowd.

RESTAURANTS

TASTE THE SPRINGS



Edelweiss German Restaurant

Edelweiss German Restaurant

With its delicious German and continental fare, and unique atmosphere, you'll look forward to returning again. The many and varied interior dining rooms will intrigue you; our walls are decorated with authentic German & Alpine memorabilia. Warm up on cold winter nights by one of three blazing fireplaces.

📍 34 E. Ramona Ave. Colorado Springs, CO 80906

Shuga's Restaurant

Shuga's is a popular restaurant and bar located in Colorado Springs, Colorado. It is known for its eclectic globally inspired cuisine, creative cocktails, and coffee served in a slick, retro-feel room.

📍 702 S Cascade Ave, Colorado Springs, CO 80903

503W

Located in Colorado Springs, 503W is an award-winning restaurant + bar specializing in contemporary American with Asian-influenced food and drinks using fresh, natural, and locally minded ingredients.

📍 503 W. Colorado Ave Colorado Springs, CO 80905

Sushi Row

Sushi Row is a trendy, upscale sushi restaurant in the heart of downtown Colorado Springs, Colorado. They're known for their fresh, high-quality fish, innovative rolls, and sleek, modern atmosphere.

📍 316 N Tejon St, Colorado Springs, CO 80903 (Corner of Tejon and Platte)

Four by Brother Luck

Four by Brother Luck is a restaurant in downtown Colorado Springs that redefines Southwestern cuisine with a seasonal four-course tasting menu. The menu features fresh, local ingredients and guests can choose from creative cocktails, craft beers, and hand-picked wine pairings.

📍 321 N. Tejon Colorado Springs, Colorado 80903



Sushi Row

TAPateria



TAPateria

TAPateria is a vibrant tapas bar in Old Colorado City, Colorado Springs, transporting you straight to the heart of Spain. With an entirely gluten-free menu, an extensive wine list, and a cozy atmosphere, it's the perfect spot to enjoy a unique and delicious dining experience.

📍 2607 W Colorado Ave, Colorado Springs, CO 80904 (Old Colorado City)

Paravicini's Italian Bistro

Paravicini's Italian Bistro is a beloved and authentic Italian restaurant nestled in the heart of historic Old Colorado City in Colorado Springs. Known for its warm hospitality, generous portions, and classic Italian dishes made with love (and homemade sauces!), it's a local favorite and a must-try for visitors.

📍 2802 W Colorado Ave, Colorado Springs, CO 80904 (Old Colorado City)

Paravicini's Italian Bistro



The Rabbit Hole

The Rabbit Hole is a unique and whimsical dining experience in downtown Colorado Springs. Hidden underground, this "Alice in Wonderland"-inspired restaurant and bar offers creative New American cuisine, handcrafted cocktails, and a truly unforgettable atmosphere.

📍 101 North Tejon Street, Colorado Springs, CO 80903 (Entrance located on Kiowa Street)

Front Range Barbeque

Front Range Barbeque is a Colorado Springs institution, serving up authentic Southern-style barbecue with a side of genuine hospitality. With a focus on slow-smoked meats, homemade sides, and a lively atmosphere,

📍 2330 West Colorado Ave, Colorado Springs, CO 80904

The Rabbit Hole



Front Range Barbeque



MAJOR EMPLOYERS IN COLORADO SPRINGS

US Air Force

The United States Air Force is the branch of the military that specializes in air operations. There are also large parts of the Air Force dedicated to cybersecurity, intelligence, reconnaissance and logistics. The Air Force has a large presence in Colorado Springs because of the Air Force Academy and Peterson Air Force Base which are located nearby. Besides its service members, the Air Force also employs thousands of civilians who provide valuable expertise in many areas.

UCHealth

University of Colorado Health, or UC Health is a non-profit healthcare provider that operates hospitals, urgent care clinics and other medical facilities throughout Colorado, Wyoming and Nebraska. It has close ties with The University of Colorado medical program and has earned national recognition for its level of service. UCHealth operates many facilities in the Colorado Springs area, including four hospitals and three urgent care clinics as well as specialist clinics and laboratories. Its employee benefits include health insurance, healthcare, paid time off, maternity leave, tuition remission and pension plans.

Compassion International

Compassion International is a Christian charitable nonprofit organization based in Colorado Springs. It is an award-winning charity that works to relieve child poverty permanently across the world. Compassion International works with partner offices in the United States, Europe, Asia and Australia and works to combat poverty in South Asia, Africa, Latin America and the Caribbean. The organization began in 1952 and has served over 1.3 million children during its history.

Cherwell Software

Cherwell is a growing software company based in Colorado Springs. Aside from its US locations, it also operates offices in the UK and Australia. Cherwell Software specializes in creating a variety of innovative IT service management solutions for professionals in the medical, financial, manufacturing and education industries as well as for government agencies.

Lockheed Martin

Lockheed Martin is one of the largest aerospace companies in the world and a major contractor with the US government. The company produces advanced military aircraft, spacecraft, aeronautics, missile defense systems and weather tracking, reconnaissance, and cybersecurity technologies. Lockheed Martin has its headquarters in Maryland but operates many branches throughout the US, including several in Colorado Springs. It offers its employees benefits like health and dental insurance, paid time off, City assistance, tuition reimbursement and retirement options.

Northrop Grumman

Northrop Grumman is one of the world's leading aerospace and defense contracting companies. Its products include spacecraft and space systems, aeronautics, communication systems, cybersecurity technology, reconnaissance and intelligence gathering equipment, advanced military aircraft and missile defense systems. Northrop Grumman has many branches throughout the United States, including three facilities in Colorado Springs that support its missile defense and information technology operations. The company offers its employees health, dental, life, vision and disability insurance as well as tuition reimbursement, paid time off, family leave and retirement plans.

University of Colorado, Colorado Springs

The University of Colorado is the largest public university system in Colorado and has four campuses in Boulder, Denver, Aurora and Colorado Springs. The Colorado Springs campus is located near the Olympic Training Center and has a reputable sports medicine program as well as accomplished cybersecurity and arts programs. Besides academic staff, the University also hires for administrative, IT and medical roles among others. The university's employee benefits include health and dental insurance and retirement plans.

Vectrus

Vectrus is a defense contractor based in Colorado Springs. It provides services to the US government as well as to clients across 15 countries. Vectrus provides information technology support, supply chain management, logistics and infrastructure asset management. The company specializes in delivering these services in both conventional and unstable environments across the world. Vectrus' employee benefits include medical, dental and life insurance, retirement plans and paid time off.

The Broadmoor

The Broadmoor is a top-rated luxury resort near the Rocky Mountains in Colorado Springs. The hotel is located on the edge of Cheyenne lake and the amenities include over 700 luxury rooms, 18 restaurants, a golf course, spas, pools, tennis courts and outdoor recreational activities, including horseback riding. The complex also includes a ranch, a fishing camp and a wilderness retreat. The Broadmoor is a popular convention location and has also hosted many high-level sports tournaments.

Phil Long Dealerships LLC

Phil Long Dealerships is a Colorado Springs-based automotive sales company with 12 dealerships in the city. It also owns dealerships in Denver, Glenwood Springs and Trinidad Colorado and Raton, New Mexico. The company sells a wide variety of domestic and imported cars as well as used vehicles. Phil Long Dealerships also have a long history of charity work in their area, especially with youth-oriented charities.

Colorado Springs Utilities

Colorado Springs utilities is a nonprofit community utilities company that serves Colorado Springs and the surrounding area. It provides many services, including electricity, wastewater removal, gas and water. Colorado Springs Utilities is community-owned and has been in business for almost 100 years. The company offers its employees City assistance, health insurance, retirement plans and paid time off.

Hewlett Packard Enterprise

Hewlett Packard Enterprise is an information technology company that split from HP in 2015. It has operations all over the world and has its headquarters in Houston, Texas. The company specializes in network security, storage cloud services and high-performance computing. Hewlett Packard Enterprise offers its employees many benefits, including health and dental insurance, paid time off, flexible work arrangements, bonuses and retirement plans.

Oracle

Oracle is the second-largest software company in the world with a presence in more than 127 countries. Its headquarters is in Austin, Texas and it has operations in many US cities, including in Colorado Springs. Oracle specializes in business software, including database management technology, cloud computing products, business apps, operating systems, enterprise management systems and hardware. It offers its employees many benefits, including dental, health, vision and life insurance, paid time off, flexible work schedules, bonuses and retirement plans.

Colorado Technical University

Colorado Technical University (CTU) is a private college that has its primary campus in Colorado Springs with a secondary campus in Aurora, Colorado. It specializes in granting technical degrees, including business, engineering, computer science, technology, healthcare, information technology, cybersecurity and project management. Colorado Technical University provides extensive online options for its students and grants bachelor's master's and doctoral degrees. A large proportion of CTU' students are active military or veterans.

Progressive Insurance

Progressive was founded in 1936 and is the third-largest insurance carrier in the world. Its corporate headquarters are in Ohio, but it has locations all over the United States, including two in Colorado Springs. Progressive provides car, boat, RV and motorcycle insurance as well as commercial auto insurance and professional liability insurance. The company emphasizes internal promotion and offers its employees benefits that include health, dental and vision insurance, flexible schedules, paid time off and retirement plans.

EDUCATIONAL RESOURCES

SCHOOL DISTRICTS

Colorado Springs School District 11

 d11.org
 719-520-2000
 1115 N El Paso St, Colorado Springs,
CO 80903

Academy 20

 asd20.org
 719-598-2566
 1110 CHAPEL HILLS DR
COLORADO SPRINGS, CO 80920

Calhan RJ-1

 calhanschool.org
 719-347-2541
 800 BULLDOG DR
CALHAN, CO 80808

Cheyenne Mountain 12

 cmsd12.org
 719-475-6100
 1775 LACLEDE ST
COLORADO SPRINGS, CO 80905

Cripple Creek-Victor RE-1

 ccvschools.com
 719-689-2685
 410 NORTH B ST
CRIPPLE CREEK, CO 80813

Ellicott 22

 ccvschools.com
 719-683-2700
 322 SOUTH ELLICOTT HWY
ELLICOTT, CO 80808

Falcon 49

 d49.org
 719-495-3601
 10850 Woodmen Rd,
Falcon, CO 80831

Fountain-Fort Carson 8

 ffc8.org
 719-382-1300
 10665 JIMMY CAMP RD
FOUNTAIN, CO 80817

Harrison 2

 hsd2.org
 719-579-2000
 1060 HARRISON RD
COLORADO SPRINGS, CO 80905

Lewis-Palmer 38

 lewispalmer.org
 (719) 488-4700
 146 JEFFERSON ST
MONUMENT, CO 80132

Manitou Springs 14

 mssd14.org
 719-685-2024
 405 El Monte Place
Manitou Springs, CO 80829

Peyton 23 JT

 peyton.k12.co.us
 719-749-2330
 13990 Bradshaw Rd,
Peyton, CO 80831

Widefield 3

 wsd3.org
 719-391-3000
 1820 MAIN ST
COLORADO SPRINGS, CO 80911

Woodland Park RE-2

 wpsdk12.org
 719-686-2000
 155 PANTHER WAY
WOODLAND PARK, CO 80

EDUCATIONAL RESOURCES

PRIVATE SCHOOLS

Fountain Valley School

 fvs.edu
 (719) 391-5251
 6155 FOUNTAIN VALLEY SCHOOL RD
COLORADO SPRINGS, CO 80911

The Colorado Springs School

 css.org
 (719) 434-3500
 21 BROADMOOR AVE
COLORADO SPRINGS, CO 80906

St. Mary's High School

 smhscs.org
 (719) 635-7540
 2501 E YAMPA ST
COLORADO SPRINGS, CO 80909

Pikes Peak Christian School

 ppcseagles.org
 (719) 598-8610
 5905 FLINTRIDGE DR
COLORADO SPRINGS, CO 80918

Evangel Christian Academy - Secondary Campus

 ecaeagles.org
 (719) 426-3365
 4052 S NONCHALANT CIR
COLORADO SPRINGS, CO 80917

Colorado Springs Christian

 cscslions.org
 (719) 268-2100
 4855 MALLOW RD
COLORADO SPRINGS, CO 80907

The University School

 usco.org
 (719) 302-3751
 2713 W CUCHARRAS ST
COLORADO SPRINGS, CO 80904

Pikes Peak Academy

 pikespeakacademy.net
 (719) 473-5745
 828 E. Pikes Peak Ave.
Colorado Springs, CO 80903

St. Peter Catholic School

 petertherockschool.org
 (719) 481-1855
 124 1ST ST
MONUMENT, CO 80132

Divine Redeemer Catholic School

 school.divineredeemer.net
 (719) 471-7771
 901 N LOGAN AVE
COLORADO SPRINGS, CO 80909

Family of Christ Child Development Center

 foccs.net
 (719) 481-0796
 675 W Baptist Road
Colorado Springs, CO 80921

The Historic Day Nursery

 earlyconnections.org
 (719) 632-1754
 104 EAST RIO GRANDE
COLORADO SPRINGS, CO 80903

Corpus Christi School

 school.corpuschisticos.org
 (719) 632-5092
 2410 N CASCADE AVE
COLORADO SPRINGS, CO 80907

St. Paul Catholic School

 stpaulpmcs.org
 (719) 632-1846
 1601 MESA AVE
COLORADO SPRINGS, CO 80906

EDUCATIONAL RESOURCES

PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOLS

The Vanguard School Senior High

 thevanguardschool.com
 (719) 471-1999
 1605 SOUTH CORONA AVE
COLORADO SPRINGS, CO 80905

Classical Academy High School

 tcatitans.org
 (719) 484-0091
 975 STOUT RD
COLORADO SPRINGS, CO 80921

The Classical Academy North Elementary

 tcatitans.org
 (719) 484-0081
 975 STOUT RD
COLORADO SPRINGS, CO 80921

Thomas MacLaren School

 maclarenschool.org
 (719) 313-4488
 1702 N MURRAY BLVD
COLORADO SPRINGS, CO 80915

The Vanguard School Junior High

 thevanguardschool.com/academics/junior_high_7-8_
 (719) 471-1999
 1605 SOUTH CORONA AVE
COLORADO SPRINGS, CO 80905

The Vanguard School Elementary

 thevanguardschool.com
 (719) 471-1999
 1832 SOUTH WAHSATCH
COLORADO SPRINGS, CO 80906

Academy for Advanced and Creative Learning

 academyacl.org
 (719) 434-6566
 2510 NORTH CHESTNUT
STCOLORADO SPRINGS, CO 80906

James Irwin Elementary School - Astrozon

 jamesirwin.org/schools/jies-astrozon-campus/index
 (719) 302-9107
 5525 ASTROZON BLVD
COLORADO SPRINGS, CO 80916

Banning Lewis Academy

 blracademy.org
 (719) 570-0075
 7094 COTTONWOOD TREE DR
COLORADO SPRINGS, CO 80927

Colorado International Language Academy

 cilaschool.org
 (719) 645-8063
 303 AUSTIN BLUFFS PARKWAY
COLORADO SPRINGS, CO 80918

Monument Charter Academy

 lewispalmer.org
 (719) 481-1950
 1150 VILLAGE RIDGE PT
MONUMENT, CO 80132

New Summit Charter Academy

 asd20.org
 (719) 749-4010
 7899 LEXINGTON DR
COLORADO SPRINGS, CO 80920

Colorado Military Academy

 coloradomilitaryacademy.org
 (719) 576-9838
 360 COMMAND VIEW
COLORADO SPRINGS, CO 80915

coloradoearlycolleges.org/coloradospring

 stpaulpmcs.org
 (719) 955-4675
 4405 NORTH CHESTNUT ST SUITE D
COLORADO SPRINGS, CO 80907

UTILITIES & CONTACTS

WATER & SEWER

Colorado Springs Utilities

(719) 448-4800

Widefield Water and Sanitation District

(719) 390-7111

ELECTRICITY

Colorado Springs Utilities

(719) 448-4800

GAS PROVIDER

Colorado Springs Utilities

(719) 448-4800

GARBAGE COLLECTION

Waste Connections

719-591-5000

Waste Management

800-482-6406

POLICE STATIONS

4110 Tutt Blvd, Colorado Springs, CO 80922

719-444-3140

705 S Nevada Ave, Colorado Springs, CO 80903

719-444-7000

950 Academy Park Loop, Colorado Springs, CO 80910

719-444-7270

7850 Goddard St, Colorado Springs, CO 80920

719-444-7240

955 W Moreno Ave, Colorado Springs, CO 80905

719-385-2100

3603 Michigan Ave, Colorado Springs, CO 80910

719-444-7000

INTERNET/TELEPHONE

Tmobile 5G Home Internet

www.t-mobile.com/home-internet

Xfinity

www.xfinity.com/

Verizon

www.verizon.com/home/internet/

Starlink

www.starlink.com

ANIMAL CONTROL

Humane Society of the Pikes Peak Region

719-473-1741

Colorado Springs Pest Animal Trapping

719-394-3379

Humane Animal City & Prevention

719-238-2886

Animal Control Specialist LLC

720-318-6724

SHOO! Wildlife & Pest Control

719-523-3420

HOSPITALS

CommonSpirit - St. Francis Hospital

719-776-500

Encompass Health Rehabilitation Hospital of Colorado Springs

719-630-8000

Children's Hospital

719-776-500

CommonSpirit Primary Care Penrose Hospital

719-776-4646

UCHealth Urgent Care - Garden of the Gods

719-365-3200

MOVING

TIPS



PLANNING AHEAD

- Create a detailed moving plan with timelines.
- Notify utility providers, post office, and relevant contacts about your move well in advance.

DECLUTTER AND ORGANIZE

- Start decluttering early; donate or sell items you don't need.
- Organize belongings by category for efficient packing.

PACKING ESSENTIALS

- Gather packing supplies: boxes, tape, bubble wrap, and labels.
- Pack a "first-night" box with essentials like toiletries, clothes, and important documents.

HIRE PROFESSIONAL MOVERS

- Research and hire reputable moving companies.
- Get quotes and schedule the move well in advance.

LOCAL SERVICES

- Find local utility providers for water, electricity, gas, internet, etc.
- Research local schools, healthcare providers, and emergency services.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

- Update your address with the post office, banks, DMV, and any relevant subscriptions.
- Ensure your new address is updated for online deliveries.

CHECKLISTS

- Use checklists for each stage of the move: pre-move, packing, moving day, and post-move.
- Keep track of important documents and moving paperwork.

ESSENTIALS ON MOVING DAY

- Pack a bag with essentials like snacks, water, and chargers.
- Have a moving-day toolkit with basic tools for any unexpected needs.

MOVING WITH PETS

- Arrange for pet care on a moving day.
- Update pet tags and information with the new address.

UNPACKING STRATEGY

- Label boxes clearly to ease the unpacking process.
- Prioritize unpacking essentials for immediate use.

LOCAL ASSISTANCE

- Connect with 2-1-1 for local resources or City services for guidance.
- Seek recommendations for local contractors or services you may need, your licensed realtor will have recommendations.

EXPLORE THE NEW NEIGHBORHOOD

- Familiarize yourself with the new neighborhood.
- Identify nearby amenities, grocery stores, and healthcare facilities.

Moving can be a challenging process, but with careful planning and these practical tips, your City to Colorado Springs will be a smooth and positive experience.

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

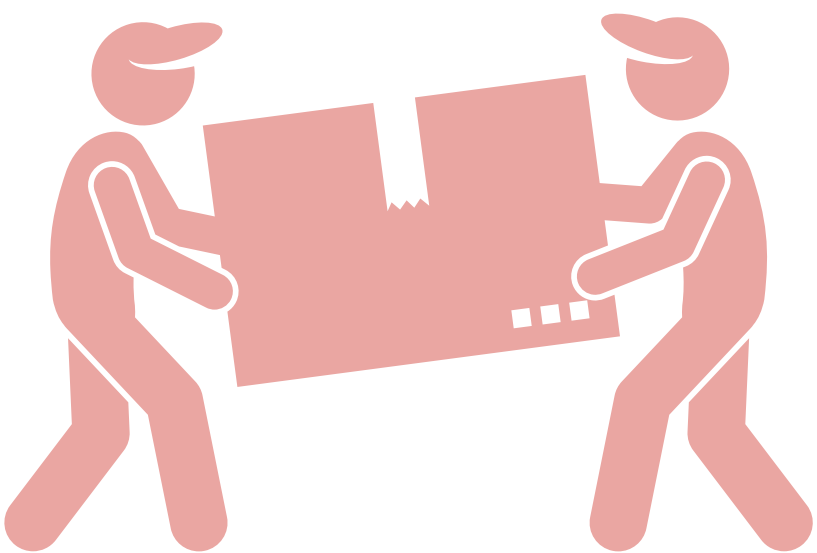
- Know emergency evacuation routes and locations.
- Familiarize yourself with local emergency services.

SETTLING IN

- Attend local community events to meet neighbors.
- Join local social media groups and pages for insights and recommendations.

RELAX AND ENJOY

- Take breaks during the move to avoid stress.
- Once settled, explore your new city and enjoy the experience.



Ready to take the leap?

**Use the code to connect with
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