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AMERICA'S MOST POPULAR RV ROUTES**



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RV Traveler's
Roadmap to

Colorado Springs Loop

The Colorado Springs area encompasses a wide variety of scenic drives in the region from pristine pine and aspen forests along Pikes Peak to twisty canyons and winding mountain passes.

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Highlights & Facts For The Ideal Experience



Royal Gorge

- Trip Length:** Roughly 220 miles, plus side trips
- Best Time To Go:** Each season offers great scenery, but be aware that some roads are closed in winter.
- Must See Nearby Attractions:**
 - 1** US Air Force Academy (15 miles north of downtown Colorado Springs) includes a renowned chapel, scenic overlooks and exhibits

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Traveler's Notes

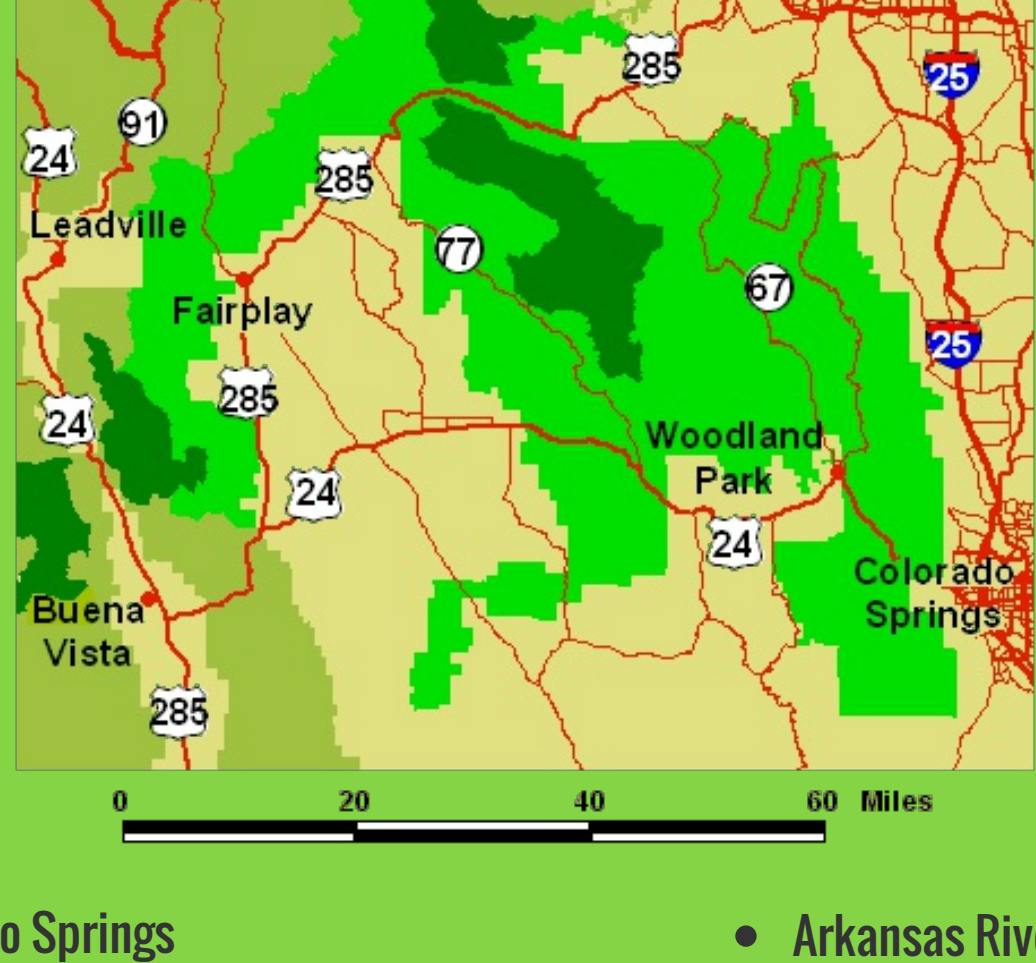


Eleven Mile State Park

- The steep staircase that leads to the Devil's Head fire lookout tower is the highlight of the hike. The 143 steps get the best hikers huffing and puffing. The reward at the top is a unique glimpse at a working lookout, one of only 18 that remain in Colorado, the only one staffed by a paid employee.
- In the vicinity of Pikes Peak (and along its entire eastern face), the Front Range abruptly rises from the Great Plains as a wall of rugged mountains. Exploring a portion of this beautiful area is the Waldo Canyon Trail, an easy and highly rewarding hike that begins just a few minutes from downtown Colorado Springs. Because of its accessibility and its considerable beauty, the Waldo Canyon Trail is quite popular.
- Activities to do along the way include fishing in Crystal Creek Reservoir and hiking at various trails. While you cannot hike along the highway, you can hike up to Pikes Peak along Barr Trail.

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What To See Along the Way



- Colorado Springs
- Pikes Peak Highway
- Mueller State Park & Wildlife Area
- Cripple Creek
- Florissant Fossil Beds National Monument
- Eleven Mile State Park
- Collegiate Peaks Scenic Overlook
- Arkansas River
- St. Elmo
- Salida
- Five Points Rec Area
- Royal Gorge
- Canon City

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Facts & More Information To Plan Your Trip!



Petrified tree stump at Florissant Fossil Bed.

- Colorado Springs:** The city's Garden of the Gods park features iconic red-sandstone formations and mountain views.
- Pikes Peak Highway:** A 19-mile toll road that runs from Cascade, Colorado to the summit of Pikes Peak in El Paso County, at an altitude of 14,115 feet.
- Mueller State Park & Wildlife Area:** Encompasses 5,112 acres of land outside Divide, Colorado, northwest of Colorado Springs.
- Cripple Creek:** Located at the base of Pikes Peak, the historic mining town of Cripple Creek is surrounded by majestic mountains and breathtaking scenic views.
- Florissant Fossil Beds National Monument:** Some of the biggest petrified redwood tree stumps (by diameter) in the world! Beautiful, detailed fossils of insects in leaves in a state-of-the-art museum.
- Arkansas River:** The most popular river in America, provides a variety of whitewater rafting experiences ranging from 1/2 day trips to multi-day trips with camping.
- St. Elmo:** Founded in 1880, St. Elmo lies in the heart of the Sawatch Range, 20 miles southwest of Buena Vista and sits at an elevation of 9,961 feet.
- Five Points Rec Site:** easily accessible from Hwy 50 and has a passageway under the bridge to the day use site on the north side of the highway.
- Royal Gorge:** Visit the 360-acre amusement park located along the edge of the Royal Gorge around both ends of the bridge.

Ready, set, go!