



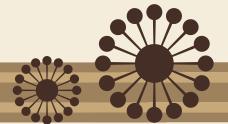


WELCOME

Welcome to Colorful Colorado, home of the Mile High City! If you're visiting for the first time or are returning to Denver, award-winning restaurants, unforgettable attractions and more await your discovery. Denver's cultural scene is thriving like never before and is home to world-class museums, a downtown amusement park and one of the nation's most popular zoos. Denver is sure to fill your trip with a wide range of sights and sounds, making for a truly memorable experience.

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HOTELS

Who says traveling has to be uncomfortable? Several Denver Hotels built their businesses around you, the business traveler. So, whether your idea of relaxation is going to the spa after your meeting or grabbing dinner in the hotel restaurant/lounge, we're sure you will find the perfect hotel during your visit to Denver.

Hotels in Downtown Denver

Experience tradition with a twist when you enter **The Brown Palace and Spa**. Designed by the acclaimed architect Frank E. Edbrooke, this historic landmark was built to be reminiscent of the fine hotels "back east." Offering 241 guest rooms and suites, the hotel represents high-end service in a historic, sophisticated setting. Dine in one of the six restaurants, featuring a variety of cuisines. Enjoy a long standing tradition by taking afternoon tea in the lobby. Relax at the spa with a deep-tissue massage. Buy a beautiful bouquet fit for any occasion at the onsite Flower Shop for a truly extraordinary stay. 303.292.3893

www.brownpalace.com

The Curtis is a uniquely fun boutique hotel in the heart of downtown Denver. You don't just stay at The Curtis, you experience it! From the minute you walk through the lobby doors, you're immersed in the best of pop-culture. Chic, contemporary guest rooms are dressed with flat screen televisions and iPod speaker systems. The Curtis is in the center of all the great Denver attractions — just two short blocks off the celebrated 16th Street Mall, directly across the street from the Denver Performing Arts Complex, and a short block from the Colorado Convention Center.

303.571.0300

www.thecurtis.com



Grand Hyatt Denver is a Four-Diamond downtown Denver luxury hotel offering unparalleled services and gracious amenities. Relax in the city's most spacious guestrooms with stunning views and sumptuous beds. Formerly the Hyatt Regency Denver, the perfectly situated downtown Denver hotel gives you immediate access to all the vibrant area offers, whether you wish to meet clients, attend a convention, take in a show or stroll along the 16th Street Mall.

303.295.1234

www.granddenver.hyatt.com

Old-world charm meets modern design sensibility in the **Magnolia Hotel Denver**. The rooms feature modern executive suites with flat screen TVs, fireplaces, plush bedding ensembles and studio kitchens. Hotel amenities include high-speed Internet, an executive conference center, American breakfast buffet, hosted evening reception and a distinctive bedtime cookie buffet. The downtown hotel is located within walking distance to the 16th Street Mall, all four professional sporting venues, the Colorado Convention Center, and both the theatre and entertainment districts. 303.607.9000

www.magnoliahoteldenver.com

Experience **The Ritz-Carlton**, **Denver** — an unforgettable hotel surrounded by majestic Rocky Mountain views and cosmopolitan delights. Located in the heart of downtown, this Denver luxury hotel offers convenient access to the city's business and financial districts, Larimer Square shopping district, 16th Street Mall pedestrian promenade, world-class museums and an endless array of outdoor activities. After a day in the city, guests can indulge in a soothing spa treatment or enjoy an exceptional meal at Elway's, which is located at the street level of the hotel.

303.312.3800

www.ritzcarlton.com/denver

Perfectly located on the 16th Street Mall, the **Sheraton Denver Downtown Hotel** is in the heart of Denver's business and financial districts. It's within walking distance to many downtown Denver local attractions. At the far end of 16th Street, you'll find everything from the Denver Art Museum to Colorado's State Capitol. The hotel is one block from the Pavilions shopping and entertainment complex, featuring movie theaters, upscale shopping, restaurants and an array of activities and events. The Sheraton Denver Downtown Hotel offers 1,231 rooms with beautiful mountain and downtown views. 303.893.3333

www.sheratondenverdowntown.com



Denver Marriott City Center, soaring over the Mile High City, this downtown Denver hotel takes service and sophistication to spectacular new heights. Unique amongst Downtown Denver hotels, the Marriott City Center features panoramic views of the Rocky Mountains and the city skyline. Located in the heart of the Mile High City, the hotel is situated in close proximity to the business, shopping, and entertainment districts including LoDo, Larimer Square and the 16th Street Mall, as well as top attractions, including Six Flags Elitch Gardens, Coors Field, Invesco Field at Mile High, Pepsi Center and the Convention Center. The hotel offers 24 spacious conference rooms and 27,000 sq ft of elegantly designed meeting space, the perfect destination for any corporate or social event. It offers high-speed internet access in all of hotel rooms, perfect for business travelers.

303.297.1300

Hotels Near the Denver Federal Center

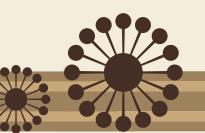
The **Comfort Suites Denver West/Federal Center** is located in the foothills of the Rocky Mountains near the Denver Federal Center and minutes from Denver attractions and shopping. Many points of interest are near this hotel, including the Coors Brewing Company and the Colorado Mills Mall. 303.231.9929

www.comfortsuites.com

The Denver Marriott West is conveniently located only minutes from Colorado Mills Mall, the Denver Federal Center, and downtown Denver. The hotel features newly renovated guest rooms with flexible work spaces. Convenient onsite amenities enrich your experience with a fitness center, indoor and seasonal outdoor pool, Allie's American Grill, Starbucks® Coffee Café with complimentary wireless Internet, expanded business center, and the Blue Mesa Sports Grill.

303.279.9100

www.marriott.com



www.marriott.com/denver

Across the street from the Denver Federal Center, the **Hampton Inn Denver West/Federal Center** is approximately 34 miles from the Denver International Airport. During limited hours, the hotel offers free shuttle service to the DFC and places within a five-mile radius; this would include to the Colorado Mills Mall. Hotel amenities include a swimming pool, hot tub, exercise room, free breakfast, and free local calls. Laundry service is also available. All rooms have wood furnishings, work areas, coffeemakers, refrigerators, microwaves, hairdryers, irons, and two phones with dataports.

303.969.9900

www.hamptoninn.com

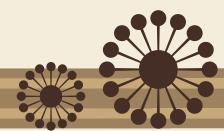
Adjacent to the Denver Federal Center just off Highway 6, the **Sheraton Denver West Hotel** provides spectacular views of the Rocky Mountains on one side and a city-from-afar view from the other. The hotel features a variety of room choices and a Concierge floor offering guests a daily continental breakfast and snacks throughout the day. Just above the lobby is a health club featuring a heated lap-pool and a fitness room. Also available for guest use are a sauna, hot tub and locker rooms. The Sheraton Denver West also features a European spa offering a variety of stress-relieving treatments. The hotel offers free van transportation within a five-mile radius, 24-hour desk service and a state-of-the-art business center. 303.987.2000

www.starwoodhotels.com

TownePlace Suites is Marriott's affordable solution for longer stay travelers, offering a variety of room options with amenites such as fully equipped kitchens, ample workspace with voice mail and separate voice and data phone lines, housekeeping on your schedule and friendly 24-hour staffing. The residential design of TownePlace Suites creates the feel of a townhouse community, assuring guests a relaxing stay with all the conveniences of home. Our dedicated staff can help you settle in and discover the best local restaurants, shopping, and attractions.

303.232.7790

www.marriott.com



TRANSPORTATION IN DENVER

Denver has a very efficient public transportation system and offers many choices for you to get around the city. Public transportation is abundant in Denver whether you choose taxi cabs, buses or light rail.



This is a 24/7, 365 days-a-year taxi referral service that allows you to choose from several leading taxi companies.

1.800.TAXI.CAB (800.829.4222)

Freedom Cab

You can make an online reservation Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. 303.444.4444

www.freedomcabs.com

Metro Taxi

Metro Taxi is Denver's largest taxi company and most modern computer-dispatched fleet. We locate the nearest Metro Taxi to you using a Global Positioning System to ensure you get efficient and timely service. Wheelchair-accessible vehicles are also available.

303.333.3333

www.metrotaxidenver.com



Yellow Cab

303,777,7777

www.yellowtrans.com

SuperShuttle

303.227.0000

www.yellowtrans.com

Regional Transportation District (RTD)

RTD can get you where you want to go with more than 140 local, express and regional bus routes serving 10,000 bus stops, six light rail lines providing 35 miles of light rail service, and nearly 80 park-n-Rides. www.rtd-denver.com

Interactive System Map is a trip planner, schedule finder and interactive system map at the RTD website. Use the Interactive Map to pan, zoom, search for addresses and bus routes, bus stops, light rail lines, stations, park-n-Rides, call-n-Rides and even access schedules at the click of a button. Please note that the 2009 Interactive System Map works best for high-speed Internet users.

www.rtd-denver.com/SystemMaps/index.shtml

Accessibility. RTD was one of the first transit agencies in the country to respond to the needs of the disabled community. Learn about accessibility on RTD's website.

www.rtd-denver.com/Accessibility.shtml

Travel by Light Rail. Whether you're heading downtown for work or school, shopping or dining in LoDo, hitting the ballgame, or enjoying a night on the town, RTD light rail is going your way.

www.rtd-denver.com/lightRail_subHome.shtml

Other Transportation Services

FREE MallRide is downtown Denver's free bus service for commuters, workers and visitors. There is a stop located at every intersection on the 16th Street Mall between RTD's Civic Center Station and Union Station. The FREE MallRide also connects with light rail C and E lines at Union Station; Lower Downtown [LoDo]/Coors Field/16th Street Mall; the D, F and H lines at the 16th/California Station [northbound travel]; and the 16th/Stout Station [southbound travel]. FREE MallRide Information and Resources:

www.rtd-denver.com/FREEMallRide.shtml

For detailed information about transportation to and from **Denver International Airport**, please visit **www.flydenver.com**.



DENVER/LAKEWOOD DINING GUIDE

While visiting Denver, be sure to try some of the popular dining spots. Whether it's a buffalo burger, Rocky Mountain oysters or a Denver omelet you crave, the mile high has something to satisfy your cravings!





Dining in Central Denver

The **Sushi Den** is consistently ranked as some of the best sushi in the city. It's a high-energy, restaurant with three separate dining rooms and two floors. Sushi Den is a swanky, must-try sushi restaurant with inventive dishes and arguably the freshest fish you can find this side of the Rockies and this far from a coast. Sushi Den is known for flying in fresh fish daily from Japan, but what truly sets it apart is its smoky flavored wasabi. Reservations are accepted on weekdays but expect to wait for a table on any night of the week and cozy up to one of their two full bars.

303.777.0826

www.sushiden.net

A note on the menu says that the **Cherry Cricket's** food is "way too good for a bar this fun." Fun is indeed the operative word here; just take a look at some of the descriptions. Appetizers are "Horzidurvees," and hot items are designated as "screamin'" or "semi screamin'." The beer menu manages to impress with a large selection, including Stella Artois and Smithwicks.

303.322.7666

www.cherrycricket.com



The burger is an American symbol. No wonder it's what **CityGrille** on Capitol Hill does best. Serving up its award-winning burgers, green chili and fries to Denver natives, CityGrille keeps another important burger principle in mind by keeping its prices low. With a full bar, nightly specials and a blueberry-habanero BBQ sauce, CityGrille is making an American symbol look good! 303.861.0726

www.citygrille.com

Located just near Capital Hill, **Table 6** is a special Denver dining destination nestled amid houses and other small businesses in a quiet, family neighborhood. The menu consists of classic entrees and the everchanging nightly specials offer variety from the regular menu. The wait staff is among the more professional in town, and the in-house sommelier can suggest something to complement your meal from the splendid wine list.

303.831.8800

www.table6denver.com

Step out of the present and into the 1940s at the **Denver Chophouse & Brewery**. Lined with wood floors and classy tables, you'll feel like you've stepped into the days of Bing Crosby. Staying with that era, music from the 30s and 40s plays while you dine. The food is top-notch with menu items like plank salmon,

303.296.0800

www.chophouse.com

Tomayo is not your typical "eat chubby burritos while rocking out to mariachi bands" kind of Mexican restaurant. This is Modern Mexican cuisine. The restaurant is bigger than it looks on the outside with an amazing terrace, multiple dining rooms, comfortable tables and booths, and an eye-catching bar with a fabulous tile collage as a focal point.

720.946.1433

www.modernmexican.com

Named one of the top five American establishments to drink tequila in by *Food and Wine* magazine, **LoLa** has also become one of Denver's most acclaimed dining destinations serving cuisine inspired by Mexico's coastal regions. With over 150 tequila selections, Lola has a sleek and sexy space conducive to an evening of serious mixology study. Lola's brunch starts early and ends late with live music on Sundays. 720.570.8686

www.loladenver.com

Maggiano's Little Italy is known for its family-style dining menu. Located in the heart of downtown Denver at the Pavilions shopping complex on the 16th Street Mall, the restaurant has all things Italian. From bruschetta to lobster ravioli to Italian dessert favorites like cheesecake and tiramisu, Maggiano's has what you're looking for.

303.260.7707

www.maggianos.com

Dining in Lakewood

Belmar is Lakewood's urban center offering an eclectic assortment of dining and entertainment choices.

It's pie time at **The Oven!** Enjoy a delicious, freshly baked slice or the whole pie to go! Award-winning restaurateur Mark Tarbell focuses on culinary excellence served up in a warm, comfortable atmosphere. The Oven features wood-fired pizzas with fresh, natural toppings like house-made mozzarella, smoked ricotta, seasonal roasted vegetables and sausage from local favorite Marczyk's Fine Foods. 303.934.7600

www.theovenpizzaevino.com

Calling sushi lovers everywhere! **Wasabi Sushi Bar** has fantastic lunch specials and happy hour deals.
Roll it up and eat it at Wasabi!
303.935.8888

www.wasabistl.com

For a true dining adventure, escape to **Elephant Bar Restaurant**, the family-friendly restaurant serving fresh sandwiches, salads, fish dishes and superb Pan-Pacific specialties. The menu, the atmosphere, and the experience are unforgettable. The Elephant Bar is now serving take-out.

www.elephantbar.com

Fresh, contemporary and consistently outstanding are the trademarks of **P.F. Chang's China Bistro**. This stylish, high-energy bistro combines traditional Chinese cuisine and American hospitality to create a truly unique dining experience.

303.922.5800

303.922.7907

www.pfchangs.com



At **Ted's Montana Grill**, the Classic American Grill, everything is fresh, made from scratch, just as you order it. They use all-natural beef, bison and chicken. And in keeping with co-founder Ted Turner's focus on the environment, it's an eco-friendly establishment that is as passionate about the environment as we are about our food. Recyclable paper menus, paper straws and reusable glass are just a few of the industry-leading ways Ted's does its part so you can eat great and do good.

303.922.7770

www.tedsmontanagrill.com

Step into **Baker Street Pub & Grill** and be transported back in time to Sherlock Holmes' London apartment. Baker St. is open daily from 11 a.m. – 2 a.m. and offers lunch, dinner, and a late night menu featuring such British favorites as fish and chips and shepherd's pie. With one of the longest happy hours in town, from 2 p.m. – 9 p.m. Monday through Friday and all day Sunday, you will also find a large selection of draught and bottled beers, live entertainment, and billiards and darts. 303.953.5510

www.sherlockpubco.com

Colorado's most beloved Indian restaurant, **Little India Restaurant & Bar** is located in the heart of Belmar overlooking the plaza and just steps from Belmar 16 Movie Theater. The family-owned restaurant

303.937.9777

www.littleindiadenver.com

The Colorado Mills/Denver West area is located near the junctions of I-70, US 6 and Colfax Avenue in Lakewood. There are several restaurant options at the mall and within a one-mile radius.

The Yard House is an upscale-casual eatery known for its extensive menu, classic rock music, and world's largest selection of draft beer. Each Yard House location features a transparent keg room containing more than 600 barrels, some 1,000 gallons of beer, and an endless fleet of tap handles — 100 to 250, depending on the location. The American cuisine includes an impressive selection and late-night dining is available. Each restaurant can accommodate groups for large parties. The Yard House has a state-of-the-art sound system while an abundance of flat screens showcase the day's sports and special events. 303.278.9273

www.yardhouse.com





www.hopsonline.com

Quality, comfort and value are three key ingredients that make **The Keg Steakhouse & Bar** experience like no other. The menu features tender, juicy steaks, slow-roasted prime rib, succulent shellfish, fresh salads, irresistible desserts and an outstanding wine list.

303.238.7500

www.kegsteakhouse.com

Inspired by the Italian Mediterranean way of cooking, **Romano's Macaroni Grill** features a unique menu selection. The simple recipes require the finest ingredients such as imported artisan pastas, vineripened tomatoes, colorful vegetables, extra virgin olive oil, fresh lemons, select seafood, grilled meats and fresh, fragrant Italian herbs.

303.215.1519

www.macaronigrill.com

www.mimiscafe.com

303.384.9350

Union Boulevard is a major street directly outside the Denver Federal Center along the west side. It offers several dining options.

Old Chicago is a restaurant chain featuring a menu centered around its pizza but also featuring more traditional fare such as pastas, burgers, and calzones. Each store also carries 110 – 130 types of beer (depending on the season), with generally 30 on draft, challenging its patrons to complete its famed World Beer Tour (WBT). Patrons can sign up for the WBT at no cost to receive a card that tracks all beers consumed.

303.988.5990

www.oldchicago.com





www.240union.com

Voted "Best View" and "Best Sunday Brunch Buffet," **Simms Steakhouse** is a Denver favorite that overlooks the majestic lights of the city. It's the perfect spot for cocktails and conversation before or after your meal. The menu features Certified Angus Beef steaks, fresh seafood specialties, and other delicious chef creations.

303.237.0465

www.simmssteakhouse.com

Known in Lakewood for eating, drinking and gathering, **Chad's Grill** offers a varied menu featuring rotisserie meats, Certified Angus Beef, pasta, pizza and seafood. Chad's has full bar service with 16 micro brews, specialty martinis and wine selection. It has been locally owned and operated since 1982.



303.988.7333

www.joseosheas.com

DENVERTAINMENT IN

Denver has more live music venues than Los Angeles and many of the greatest acts come here. Denver is renowned for its music scene, catering to every music lover's taste, from classical to punk to jazz. Whether you're in the mood for a big act, cover bands, or a local band, Denver has every genre of music. Besides the well-known concert and entertainment venues, you can find live music in many bars and restaurants throughout town.





The Denver Performing Arts Complex (DPAC) is the largest performing arts complex under one roof, and the second-largest center of its kind in terms of number of venues and seating capacity. Connected by an 80-foot-tall glass roof, DPAC houses 10 performance spaces on its four-block, 12-acre site. The DPAC is home to a Tony Award-winning repertory theatre company, Broadway touring productions, contemporary dance and ballet, magnificent chorales, a major symphony orchestra, internationally acclaimed opera and more.

303.893.4100

www.denvercenterorg

As the region's only full-time professional orchestra, the **Colorado Symphony Orchestra [CSO]** embraces a tradition of musical excellence by presenting a wide variety of symphonic performances — from classical repertoire to innovative new forms — in Boettcher Concert Hall. Each season, approximately 250,000 patrons attend CSO concerts, including a 21-week Masterworks series of classical programs as well as Pops, Family, Holiday and Summer Parks concerts.

303.623.7876

www.coloradosymphany.org







Adams Mystery Playhouse, Denver's Original Murder Mystery Dinner Theater, offers guests one of the most exciting times in Denver! Guests are entwined in the plot as they dine and help solve a mystery. Adams Mystery Playhouse supplies a complete dose of humor alongside suspense and excitement to provide one of Denver's most unusual and surprising entertainment options.

www.adamsmysterplayhouse.com

The Lumber Baron Dinner Theatre, located a short drive from downtown Denver in beautiful Historic Highlands, is an exciting way to break out of the normal dinner routine. Performers interact with guests to try to solve a murder mystery, all while enjoying a delicious gourmet meal. The Lumber Baron Inn & Gardens has five spacious suites for those who wish to make it a truly memorable night. Overnight B&B guests at the Lumber Baron get two-for-one on the dinner-show tickets. It is perfect for parties, receptions, showers and unique get-togethers of all kinds while in Denver.

1.888.214.2790

303.455.1848

www.denver.com/lumber-baron-inn

Wells Fargo Theatre is located inside the Colorado Convention Center. The 5,000-seat theatre offers a wide variety of entertainment, including concerts, comedy acts, family shows, and sporting displays. The Wells Fargo Theatre also plays a marvelous host to general sessions, assemblies, and seminars. Newly constructed in 2004, the Wells Fargo Theatre was designed to be both aesthetically and acoustically pleasing. It has quickly established a reputation of being one of the most versatile theatres in the Denver metro area and also one of the most attractive.

303.228.8000

www.denverconvention.com

For over 50 years, the **Historic Denver Coliseum** has provided Colorado with an extraordinary variety of entertainment and special events. Owned by the people of the City and County of Denver, the Coliseum boasts comfortable "people-sized" seating close to the action. The furthest seat is only 28 rows from the floor and all seats have unobstructed views. Opened in 1952, today the Denver Coliseum is home to the National Western Stock Show and hosts a multitude of other events, including rodeos, motor shows, circuses, concerts, dances, exhibits and trade shows.

720.865.4220

www.denvercoliseum.com





Championed by *USA Today* as one of the Top Five Comedy Clubs in the country, **Comedy Works** has been Denver's premier destination for the very best in stand-up comedy since 1981. As one of the nation's true comedy landmarks, it routinely attracts the country's top comedians. Jerry Seinfeld, Roseanne, Jay Leno, Tim Allen, Ellen DeGeneres, Dave Chappelle, Chris Rock, Dennis Miller, Richard Lewis, Jamie Foxx, Lewis Black and Joan Rivers have all graced the Comedy Works stage.

303.595.3637

www.comedyworks.com

Concert Venues

The Blue Bird Theater

303.377.1666

www.bluebirdtheater.net

Cervantes

303.297.8390

www.cervantesmasterpiece.com

The Fillmore

303.837.0360

livenation.com

The Ogden

303.832.1874

www.ogdentheatre.net

Paramount Theatre

303.623.0106

www.denverparamount.com

Pepsi Center

303.405.1100

www.pepsicenter.com



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POPULAR ATTRACTIONS

Denver is home to many great attractions besides the Rocky Mountains. Denver has been described as urban sophistication meets outdoor adventure. With 300 days of sunshine, a walkable downtown, thriving art and cultural scenes, and the Rocky Mountains always in the background, there are so many reasons why Denver is a great place to visit. While you're in Denver, take the time to explore the many great attractions in the Mile High City!

16th Street Mall is Denver's hub of shopping, dining and entertainment that stretches for 16 blocks in the heart of downtown between Market and Broadway streets. Locals and visitors alike enjoy strolling down the Mall's wide, pedestrian-friendly sidewalks to people-watch and visit with friends. The street is also wi-fi friendly for business people and students.

303.534.6161

www.downtowndenver.com

The City of Black Hawk [west of Denver] is a town of heavy-set men in snakeskin roach killers, cocktail waitresses in short, black mini-skirts, and a hope — a hope that you might win it big. Despite Black Hawk's 22 casinos [which is more than Atlantic City], the town lacks the neon glow that characterizes its bigger-than-life counterparts, Reno, Las Vegas or the boats in Kansas City. Instead, it has something very Colorado — cowboys. There are shuttles that pick up people in various Denver metro locations for transport to Black Hawk.

www.cityofblackhawk.org

Denver Aquarium was purchased by Landry's Restaurants, Inc. in 2003 when it was Denver's Ocean Journey Aquarium. In July 2005 the redesigned aquarium complex was reopened as the Downtown Aquarium. The entertainment and dining complex features a public aquarium boasting more than one









million gallons of underwater exhibits highlighting fascinating ecosystems around the world and housing over 500 species of animals, an interactive sting ray reef touch tank, the Aquarium Restaurant, the Dive Lounge, and the Nautilus Ballroom. There are exhibits of ecosystems ranging from underwater to desert to rainforest.

303.561.4450

www.aquariumrestaurants.com

The Denver Art Museum is a private, non-profit, educational resource for Colorado. The museum's mission is to enrich the lives of Colorado and Rocky Mountain residents. The museum acquires, preserves, and presents artwork in both the permanent collections and temporary exhibitions, and by supporting these works with exemplary educational and scholarly programs. Today, the 356,000-square-foot museum complex includes collection gallery space, three temporary exhibition venues, and the Lewis I. Sharp Auditorium. The Denver Art Museum is internationally recognized for its family-friendly environment and has received critical acclaim for encouraging art appreciation through interactive activities. 720.865.5000

www.denverartmuseum.org

There are several reasons that **Denver Botanic Gardens** was recently named one of the top ten public gardens in the nation by *Country Living Gardener* magazine, but here's one of the most touching: This garden takes advantage of all the senses, providing touchable, smellable, tasty, colorful and aural outdoor experiences all rolled into one. The therapeutic garden also serves as a landscape-design model for the facilities that cater to patrons with disabilities or special needs, featuring wheelchair-accessible paths, raised beds, container plantings and other amenities.

720.865.3585

www.botanicgardens.org

Whether you're young or old, a trip to the zoo is always an exciting thing. At the **Denver Zoo**, kids and grown-ups alike can marvel at over 4,000 animals, from lions and tigers to kangaroos and giraffes to grizzly bears and arctic wolves. Visitors can explore recreated rainforests, wander down pathways flanked by tundra wildflowers, study Asian elephants in their natural habitats and have a picnic without ever leaving the park. The Denver Zoo is one of the most exciting family-friendly attractions in Denver. 303.376.4800

www.denverzoo.org







The 868-acre **Red Rocks Park and Amphitheater**, nestled in the Rocky Mountain Foothills just 15 miles outside of Denver near Morrison, was once listed among the Seven Wonders of the World — and with good reason. Ship Rock and Creation Rock, the largest of the monoliths, tower 300 feet above the Red Rocks Amphitheater. These massive brick-colored sandstone monoliths are taller than Niagara Falls. Its natural acoustics make the amphitheatre the favorite of many musicians and fans alike, hosting some of the greatest bands and musicians in history.

720.865.2494

www.redrocksonline.com

Denver is well known as the Mile High City, but visitors will be surprised to find that it's also one of the flattest major U.S. cities — it's actually located on a wide Rocky Mountain plateau. For confirmation that you really are a mile high, climb the front stairs of the **State Capitol Building** until you reach the 15th step [marked for your convenience], an official 5,280 feet above sea level. In addition to being able to check off another box on your list of Denver tourism stops, take a tour of the Corinthian-style Colorado granite Capitol with its gold leaf covered dome.

303.866.2604

www.colorado.gov

The **U.S. Mint** in Denver originally opened in the mid-1800s to change gold and silver found by miners and prospectors in the surrounding hills into coins and ingots. The Denver facility was bought by the U.S. Treasury in 1863 and transformed into a U.S. Mint. However, it wasn't until 1906 that the Denver facility began actually minting coins after being an Assay Office for the interim years. Today, free 20-minute tours at the Denver-based U.S. Mint show visitors how blank ore becomes treasury coins.

www.usmint.gov

1.800.872.6468

Amusement Parks & Centers

Dave & Buster's2000 S. Colorado Blvd. Ste. D
Denver, CO 80222
303.209.2906

www.daveandbusters.com

Dave & Buster's is a 56,000 square foot dining and entertainment facility featuring world-class pocket billiards, shuffleboard and the latest video games and interactive simulators. Great food, great fun — the perfect place to host your next special event!







Elitch Gardens Theme Park & Island Kingdom Water Park [Downtown Denver]

2000 Elitch Circle Denver, CO 80204 303.595.4386

www.elitchgardens.com

Located in downtown Denver, Elitch Gardens is a 119-year-old tradition of affordable family fun and entertainment offering two parks in one, a family theme park and the Island Kingdom Water Park. With over 65 attractions and award-winning shows, Elitch Gardens is the top destination in a five-state region for family fun and entertainment. Elitches also features a summer concert series, Frightfest throughout October, as well as special events. Adjoining Island Kingdom Water Park features 11 rides and cabana rentals. The water park is open Memorial Day through Labor Day. Elitch Gardens is conveniently located in downtown Denver. Guests may also arrive via RTD bus or light rail. Both options have stops at Elitch Gardens.

Lucky Strike Lanes (Downtown Denver)

500 16th St. Ste. 340 Denver, CO 80202 303.629.9090 www.bowlluckystrike.com

With custom décor and Hollywood flare, **Lucky Strike Lanes** is Denver's first bowling lounge. Featuring 12 state-of-the-art bowling lanes, four pool tables and a 40-foot bar, it's the place to go for a group, a party and a hip American menu with a twist.

Lucky Strike Lanes (West Metro)

415 South Teller St. Lakewood, CO 80226 303.935.5793

www.bowlluckystrike.com

Lakewood's first upscale bowling lounge and restaurant. Featuring 16 state-of-the-art bowling lanes, a 40-foot bar with high definition screens and a private party room, it's the place to go for a group party. Serving a hip American menu with a twist.







Colorado is known for its world renowned skiing.

If you wish to hit the slopes during your stay,
please checkout some of our best mountain towns.



28194 US Hwy 6 Keystone, CO 80435 888.ARAPAHOE (272.7246)

www.arapahoebasin.com

Aspen Mountain Aspen Highlands Buttermilk Snowmass

800.525.6200

www.aspensnowmass.com

Beaver Creek 970.754.4636 www.beavercreek.com Breckenridge

1.800.789.SNOW [7669] www.breckenridge.com

Copper Mountain

888.219.2441

www.coppercolorado.com

Crested Butte

800.810.7669

www.skicb.com

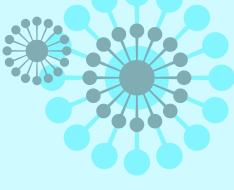
Echo Mountain

19285 Highway 103

Idaho Springs, CO 80452

303.325.7347

www.echomtnpark.com



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2861 Eldora Ski Road #140 Nederland, CO 80466 303.440.8700 www.eldora.com

Keystone

877.625.1556 www.keystonerestort.com

Loveland 303.571.5580

www.skiloveland.com

Monarch Mountain

888.996-7669

www.skimonarch.com

Powderhorn

48338 Powderhorn Rd Mesa, CO 81643 970.268.5700

www.powderhorn.com

Silverton Mountain

970.387.5706

www.silvertonmountain.com

Ski Cooper

719.486.2277

www.skicooper.com

Solvista Basin

970-887-5123

www.solvista.com

Steamboat Springs

970.879.6111

www.steamboat.com

Sunlight

10901 County Road 117 Glenwood Springs, CO 81601

800.445.7931

www.sunlightmtn.com

Telluride

970.728.6900

www.tellurideskiresort.com

Vail

877.204.7881

www.vail.com

Winter Park

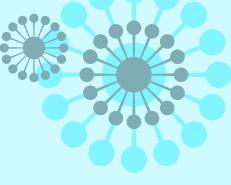
970.726.1564

www.skiwinterpark.com

Wolf Creek

970.264.5639

www.wolfcreekski.com



S P O R T S T E A M S

Denver is home to many sports teams and is part of a select group of only 13 U.S. cities with teams from four major sports. Whether you want to attend a professional sporting event, minor league, or collegiate game, Denver can offer you a variety of sporting events to attend all year round.

The **Denver Broncos** of the National Football League have drawn crowds of over 70,000 since their AFL origins in the early 1960s at Mile High Stadium, and continue to draw fans today to their current home, Invesco Field at Mile High. The team has advanced to the Super Bowl six times and has won back-to-back Super Bowls in 1998 and 1999.

The **Colorado Rockies** came to Denver in 1993. One of the top priorities of former Mayor Federico Pena was bringing Major League Baseball to the city, an effort which culminated in the construction of Coors Field and the creation of the Colorado Rockies (National League) as an expansion franchise in 1993. They appeared in their first World Series in 2007.

Denver is also home to the **Colorado Avalanche**, a National Hockey League team that relocated from Quebec City in 1995. They have won two Stanley Cups (1996 and 2001) while in Denver and play at the Pepsi Center.

The **Denver Nuggets** of the National Basketball Association, formerly the Denver Rockets, are hosted by the Pepsi Center. The Nuggets have one American Basketball Association (ABA) Conference title, three ABA Division titles, and seven NBA Division titles as of the 2009-2010 season.



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Other professional sports teams

The **Colorado Rapids** of the Major League Soccer team, played at Invesco Field at Mile High through 2006 until a new stadium, Dick's Sporting Goods Park, was built in nearby Commerce City in 2007. Commerce City is a northern suburb of Denver.

The **Colorado Mammoth** of the National Lacrosse League is hosted by the Pepsi Center. The Mammoth won the NLL Championship in 2006.

The **Denver Outlaws** of Major League Lacrosse play at Invesco Field.

Other sports teams

The **Glendale Raptors** have both men's and ladies' rugby teams, as well as youth leagues, located in Glendale as part of the Glendale Rugby Football Club.

The **Colorado Buffaloes** are the collegiate teams at the University of Colorado in Boulder.

The **Colorado State Rams** are the collegiate teams at Colorado State University in Fort Collins.

The **Denver Pioneers** are the collegiate teams at the University of Denver in Denver.







DENVER EVENTS CALENDAR

There's always something to do in Denver. Whether you're trying to find something to do after your meeting or conference, or you've decided to extend your trip, you won't have to look far to find something going on around town. Our monthly events calendar profiles annual events that have become mainstays and even Denver traditions!

January

National Western Stock Show & Rodeo is nearly a century old with more than 15,000 animals displayed and sold at this annual event, including more than a dozen ticketed events from auctions to bull riding.

Martin Luther King Jr. Parade is billed as the largest Martin Luther King Jr. march in the United States. The annual event draws upward of 30,000 participants who gather at City Park and proceed to Civic Center Park for a rally.

February

Carnival is held at the end of February when Shining Stars Foundation hosts a fundraiser at the Colorado History Museum for the Aspen Winter Games to be held in mid-March. The event features live Brazilian samba music, food, drinks and more.

March

The **St. Patrick's Day Parade** is the city's biggest annual parade featuring horses, stagecoaches, marching bands, floats and fun.









April

The **Cherry Creek Sneak** starts at Cherry Creek Drive North. Participants race, sprint, walk or crawl competitively through a five-mile course on streets near Cherry Creek.

Earth Day at Denver Botanic Gardens is free at the 1005 York Street location only.

Major League Baseball begins in April! The **Colorado Rockies Opening Day** is the season's first home game and draws a huge crowd throughout LoDo and the Ballpark communities in downtown Denver. Nothing signals the advent of spring more than baseball! The sport is tightly meshed into American culture with historic firsts, iconic performances, record-setting events, and traditions from hot dogs slathered in mustard to unexpected curveballs and seventh-inning stretches.

Major League Soccer with the Colorado Rapids and teams from both the eastern and western conferences vie for glory in regular season matches on to the playoffs and cup finals.

May

Denver's Cinco de Mayo celebration is billed as the largest Cinco de Mayo event in the United States. This annual extravaganza draws more than 400,000 attendees to Civic Center Park where hundreds of

booths sell Latino food, crafts and art.

The **Downtown Denver Arts Festival** takes place during Memorial Day weekend. Over 135 artists bring mixed media, clay, fiber, photography, furniture, glass, jewelry, wood and more to display their work at the Denver Pavilions at 16th and Glenarm.

Furry Scurry is an annual two-mile walk or run through Washington Park with or without canine accompaniment. It benefits the Denver Dumb Friends League and the area's homeless animals.

The **Mile High Amazing Race** is based on the popular television series. In mid-May, teams race to checkpoints, perform tasks and conquer challenges along the way. Starting from downtown Denver around the Pepsi Center, this event benefits the Leukemia Lymphoma Society.

June

The CHUN Capitol Hill **People's Fair** exists as a celebration of the diverse Denver urban community and its residents. As Colorado's premier arts and crafts festival, the uniqueness and magic of the People's Fair is created by the careful blending of great family fun, carefully selected handmade arts and crafts, delicious culinary delights, fabulous entertainment, and the commitment to raise funds for and promote the missions

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of non-profit organizations.

Film on the Rocks occurs from mid-June until mid-August at Red Rocks Amphitheatre in Morrison. The film festival features classic films, live bands and is emceed by top comedians.

Greek Festival celebrates Denver's Greek community and serves up baklava and more with art exhibits, live music, dancing and a big, fat overall good time.

Juneteenth celebrates the end of slavery in Texas at the Five Points neighborhood with a parade, gospel extravaganza, entertainment and exotic food.

PrideFest starts with a morning parade to a flamboyant festival with food, live music and information about LGBT (lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender) community activities.

July

Cherry Creek Arts Festival in Denver's Cherry Creek North neighborhood hosts visual, performing and culinary artists. There are vendor booths, family activities, and four stages of live entertainment, including cooking demonstrations and live music.

The **Colorado Dragon Boat Festival** at Sloan's Lake Park in Lakewood offers Dragon Boat races. You can explore villages from three Asian countries, performing artists, a Marketplace, plenty of children's activities, a Taste of Asia food court and much more featured at the Colorado Asian Pacific American community's annual cultural festival.

The **Colorado Irish Festival** is the largest such celebration in the Rockies, including Irish dancing, drama, storytelling, food and drink.

The **Moonlight Classic** allows you to cruise on your bike through the city in the middle of the night. Imagine the exhilaration of pedaling through the deserted streets of Denver with the moon lighting the course for you and thousands of other cyclists.

Summer Brew Fest at the main lot A of Coors Field hosts over 25 state and local breweries offering over 70 Colorado crafted beers. Accompanied by live entertainment, this celebration revels in the state's craft beverages and benefits the Colorado Environmental Coalition.

August

Join this Celtic celebration featuring pipe bands, drumming, Scottish athletic competitions, highland dancing







and folk music at the **Annual Colorado Scottish Festival and Rocky Mountain Highland Games**.

The **Annual Rocky Mountain Balloon Festival** features 65 hot air balloons floating over Chatfield State Park, in addition to exciting exhibits, activities and vendors.

September

The **Colorado Performing Arts Festival** hosts dance, theater, music, opera and storytelling at the Denver Performing Arts Complex, with nine theaters seating 10,000.

Festival Italiano has quickly become one of the best festivals in Denver. Held in the Belmar shopping area in Lakewood, the Italian extravaganza offers some truly different activities. For adults, there are wine seminars and tastings, chef demos and Italian lessons. For kids, there is grape stomping — Balistreri Vineyards makes wine every year from it, called Little Feet Merlot —, face painting and storytelling. There is terrific food, a bocce ball tournament, chalk art, Sinatra singers, traditional Italian flag throwing, and pizza dough tossing.

The **Great American Beer Festival** is held every September at the Colorado Convention Center. This event allows beer lovers to sample some of the finest beers in the world and it offers multiple opportunities to learn about all things beer.

The **Denver Nuggets'** regular season starts in September; they are part of the NBA Western Conference. National Basketball Association (NBA) is composed of thirty teams in North America (twenty-nine in the United States and one in Canada). It's an active member of USA Basketball, which is recognized by the International Basketball Federation as the National Governing Body (NGB) for basketball in the United States.

Are you ready for some football with the National Football League and the **Denver Broncos**? You can count on the National Football League to deliver non-stop grid action, leading to playoffs and the incomparable Super Bowl. Invesco Field, located minutes from downtown Denver, is the home of the 1998 and 1999 Super Bowl-winning team, the Denver Broncos.

The **Taste of Cherry Creek** has mouthwatering dishes from Denver's finest eateries to benefit the Denver Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure in conjunction with the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation.







October

National Hockey League packs a motherlode of milestones. Those most memorable to the Denver community are when the **Colorado Avalanche** won the Stanley Cup twice, in 1996 and 2001. The franchise was founded in Quebec and was the Quebec Nordiques until moving to Colorado in 1995. Since then, the Avalanche have won eight division titles and went to the playoffs in each of their first 10 seasons in Denver, with the streak ending in 2007.

Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure is held every first Sunday in October. Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure is the largest series of 5K runs/fitness walks in the world.

November

The **Denver International Wine Festival** is held during the first week in November. The University of Denver's School of Hotel, Restaurant and Tourism Management hosts the Chef's Wine and Food Competition, the student-crafted Vintners' Grand Dinner, and the Grand Tasting of International Wines and Food featuring hundreds of wines from over 19 countries.

The **Downtown Denver Grand Illumination** occurs over the last weekend in November. The City and County Building, Larimer Square, Denver Pavilions, Union Station, Skyline Park, and the 16th Street Mall

will be lit up and decorated for the holidays.

Light up Larimer occurs in mid-November when organizers light up the shopping district for the holiday season. Every weekend through early January becomes an extravaganza of carolers, tuba concert, ice sculpting and more.

December

9NEWS Parade of Lights is the first week of December when marching bands, lights, floats and giant balloons parade along two miles of downtown Denver streets. The parade starts at the Denver City and County Building, with the Denver skyline in the background.

Blossoms of Light is the illumination of 12 acres of gardens. Carolers, dancers and more unfold at the Denver Botanic Gardens throughout the month.

Denver Christkindl Market lasts from the last weekend in November until the day before Christmas Eve. Vendors from Germany and other foreign countries offer hand-carved wooden figurines and other handcrafts at Skyline Park where German food and beer, pastries, candies and Glühwein (mulled wine) are featured.

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Downtown Denver

Blake Street Tavern

2401 Blake Street

Denver, CO

303.675.0505

www.blakestreettavern.com

Fado Irish Pub

1735 19th Street

Denver, CO 80202

303.297.0066

www.fadoirishpub.com

Breckenridge Brewery

2220 Blake Street

Denver. CO 80205

303.297.3644

www.breckenridgebrewery.com

Hard Rock Café

500 16th Street

Denver, CO 80202

303.623.3191

www.hardrock.com

El Chapultepec

1962 Market Street

Denver. CO 80202

303.295.9126

"Best Jazz Club"

Lannie's Clocktower Cabaret

1601 Arapahoe Street

Denver, CO 80202

303.293.0075

www.lannies.com



If you're looking for a great happy hour, live music, or a fun time after hours. Denver has tons of bars to choose from. Some are recommended below but if you have time, go out and explore the many establishments Denver has to offer. Whether you want a neighborhood bar, dance club, karaoke or upscale bar, Denver has a plethora of choices!









Lime

1424 Larimer Street, Unit C Denver, CO 80202 303.893.5463

www.eatatlime.com

Lodo's Bar and Grill

1946 Market Street Denver, CO 80202 303.293.2290

www.lodosbarandgrill.com

Mercury Café

2199 California St. Denver, CO 80205 303,294,9281

www.mercurycafe.com

Shakespeare's Pub & Billiards

2620 Walnut St. Denver, CO 80205 303.433.6000

www.shakespearesbilliards.com

Sing Sing

1735 19th St. Denver, CO 80202 303.291.0880

www.singsing.com

Wynkoop Brewing Company

1634 18th St.
Denver, CO 80202
303.297.2700

www.wynkoop.com

Central Denver

Dazzle Restaurant & Lounge

930 Lincoln Street
Denver, CO 80203
303.839.5100
www.dazzlejazz.com

Funky Buddha Lounge

776 Lincoln Street
Denver, CO 80203
303.832.5075

Govnr's Park

672 Logan Street
Denver, CO 80203
303.831.8605
www.govnrspark.com

Steuben's

523 East 17th Avenue Denver, CO 80203 303.830.1001

www.steubens.com

Uptown Tavern

538 East 17th Avenue Denver, CO 80203 303.830.9210

www.tavernhg.com







Lakewood

Baker Street Pub and Grill

7260 W. Alaska Dr. Lakewood, CO 80226 303.953.5510

www. sherlockspubco.com

Elephant Bar

7111 W. Alaska Dr. Lakewood, CO 80226

Lakewood, CO OOLL

303.922.7907

www. elephantbar.com

Jose O'Shea's

385 Union Blvd.

Lakewood, CO 80228

303.988.7333

www. joseosheas.com

The Keg Steakhouse & Bar

14065 W. Colfax Drive

Golden, CO 80401

303.238.7500

www. kegsteakhouse.com

Las Margaritas

6981 W. Alaska Dr.

Lakewood, CO 80226

303.777.0194

www.lasmargs.com

Lucky Strike Lanes

405 S. Teller St.

Lakewood, CO 80226

303.935.5793

www.bowlluckystrike.com

Old Chicago

145 S. Union Blvd. Lakewood, CO 80228 303.988.5990

www.oldchicago.com

Yard House

14500 W. Colfax Ave, Ste. 341 Lakewood, CO 80401 303.278.9273 www. yardhouse.com



SHOPPING GLOSSARY

If you're looking for gifts to take back home or something for yourself, Denver has the place to shop! If you're a bargain hunter looking for brand names, visit one of Denver's outlet malls. If you're in the mood to shop, make sure you visit Denver's malls, stores and shopping centers!



Malls and Shopping Centers in Denver

Cherry Creek Shopping Center

3000 E. First Ave. Denver, CO 80206 303.388.3900

www.shopcherrycreek.com

Denver Pavilions

500 16th St., Suite 10 Denver, CO 80202 303.623.2075

www. denverpavilions.com

FlatIron Crossing

One West FlatIron Crossing Drive Broomfield, CO 80021 720.887.7467 www. flatironcrossing.com **Park Meadows**

8401 Park Meadows Dr. Lone Tree, CO 80124 303.792.2533

www.parkmeadows.com



Malls and Shopping Centers near the Denver Federal Center

Belmar

408 S. Teller St.

Denver, CO 80226

303.742.1520

www.belmarcolorado.com

Colorado Mills

14500 W. Colfax Ave, #100

Lakewood, CO 80401

303.384.3000

www.coloradomills.com





USEFUL RESOURCES & MAPS

When visiting Denver there are so many things to do and places to see it can be hard to know where to start. For the inside scoop on the best of Denver, hear it from the locals!

The **Westword** is the definitive source of information for news, music, movies, restaurants, reviews, and events in Denver.

www.westword.com

To look up anything about Denver from history and facts to free activities, from guides to high altitude tips, check out Denver's authoritative website. You'll find all the tools you need to plan your trip to Denver! www.denver.org

Check out events, sports, restaurants, reviews, recommendations and more at **Metromix Denver**. Hear from Denver locals about the best places to go and the best things to do around town!

denver.metromix.com

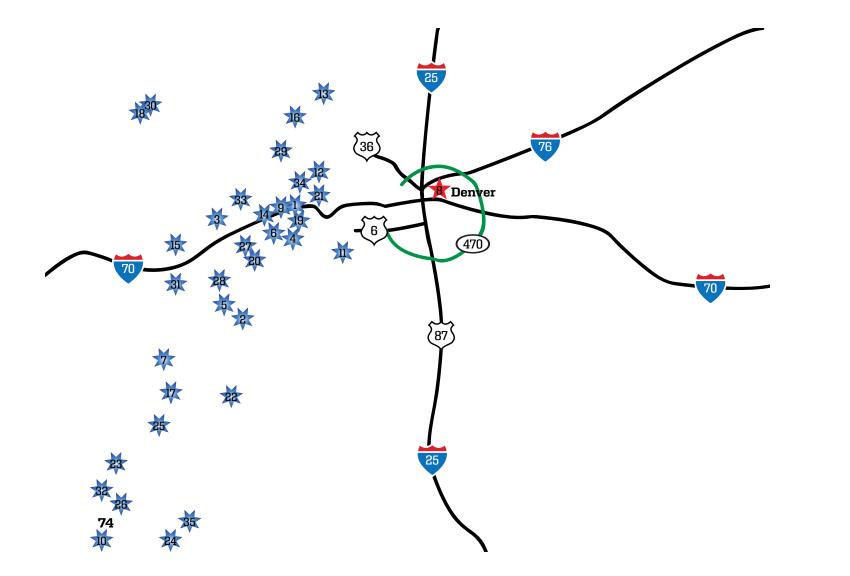


470) Denver International Airport Pena Blvd. **Denver (470)** Colfax Ave. Denver Federal Center

Driving Directions

From Denver International Airport to the Denver Federal Center:

- l. Start on Pena Blvd. and head towards I-70 West
- 2. Take exit #274 onto I-25 South.
- 3. Take exit 3209B onto US-6 West.
- 4. Take the Kipling Street South exit.
- 5. Turn right on Center Avenue to arrive at the DFC.



Ski Towns / Resorts [distance from Denver]

- l. Arapahoe Basin (68 miles)
- 2. Aspen / Aspen Highlands [199 miles]
- 3. Avon / Beaver Creek [107 miles]
- 4. Breckenridge (82 miles)
- 5. Buttermilk [196 miles]
- 6. Copper Mountain [78 miles]
- 7. Crested Butte (228 miles)
- 8. Denver
- 9. Dillon [69 miles]
- 10. Durango (337 miles)
- ll. Echo Mountain [26 miles]
- 12. Eldora (50 miles)
- 13. Estes Park (67 miles)
- 14. Frisco (72 miles)
- 15. Glenwood Springs (158 miles)
- 16. Grand Lake / Granby (103 miles)
- 17. Gunnison (200 miles)

- 18. Howelson Hill (158 miles)
- 19. Keystone [73 miles]
- 20. Leadville [101 miles]
- 21. Loveland Ski Area [46 miles]
- 22. Monarch / Salida [157 miles]
- 23. Ouray (301 miles)
- 24. Pagosa Springs (276 miles)
- 25. Powderhorn (228 miles)
- 26. Silverton Mountain [323 miles]
- 27. Ski Cooper [110 miles]
- 28. Snowmass [184 miles]
- 29. Solvista Basin [86 miles]
- 30. Steamboat Springs [157 miles]
- 31. Sunlight [170 miles]
- 32. Telluride (330 miles)
- 33. Vail [98 miles]
- 34. Winter Park [76 miles]
- 35. Wolf Creek (252 miles)