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CRIPPLE CREEK

PIKE PETRIFIED FOREST

FLORISSANT

FLORISSANT & CRIPPLE CREEK HIGHWAY

VICTOR

DIVIDE

WOODLAND  
PARK

First Forest from Cripple Creek  
Second from Florissant  
on Highway 243

PIKES PEAK

U.S. 24

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COLORADO SPRINGS



# PETRIFIED FOREST

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Only Petrified Trio in the World, with base diameter 27 ft., has trunks 6 ft. in diameter, stands 13½ feet high.



The PIKE PETRIFIED FOREST is connected with no similar attraction.

Centuries ago these mammoth Tropical and Sub-Tropical Trees flourished here in what is now the heart of the Rockies.

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**D**RIVE west out of Colorado Springs, over U. S. Highway 24 through famous Ute Pass; a ride of scenic grandeur completely circling Pikes Peak, to Florissant, Colorado. Then follow Colorado State Highway 143 (the best Cripple Creek road) 2½ miles to Pike Petrified Forest outstanding among scenic attractions for fascinating, mystifying, and awe-inspiring educational interest.

Millions of years ago, where these huge petrified tree trunks stand, were mammoth living growing forests. Said by scientists to have been Redwood or Sequoia species, which only grow under tropical or semi-tropical conditions.

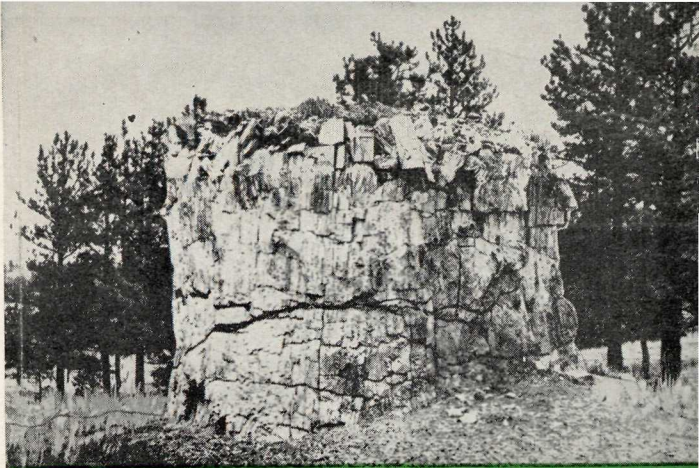
One trio, with three 6 ft. trunks (shown at left) have a single root system 27 ft. in diameter — the only one of its kind in the world.

Scientists, archaeologists, and geologists tell us that at one time these forests receded to the ocean's floor, with a later subterranean upheaval resulting in the Sierra Madre range of which the Rocky Mountains and the Pikes Peak Region are a part.

The Pike Petrified Forest and the fossil bed clearly indicate that this area was for many, many years on the ocean's floor.

The largest petrified trunks in the world are 2½ miles south of Florissant, Colorado in the Pike Petrified Forest, and are reached through Ute Pass from Manitou Springs over the gold camp road from Colorado Springs, or on the Canon City and Royal Gorge circle tour.

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Above — Trunk 10 Feet in Diameter

Below — Trunk 15 Feet in Diameter with a Pine Tree Growing on the Top



**FASCINATING : MYSTIFYING : EDUCATIONAL**



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The Remarkable Petrified Trunk is 10½ Feet High, Diameter 17½ Feet, Weight 140 Tons

