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Colorado's 13 national park units and three national historic trails are part of a system of 391 national parks, monuments, historic sites and recreation areas administered by the National Park Service on behalf of the American people. Set aside for the "enjoyment of present and future generations," national parks are special places, carefully managed for their natural and historic qualities. History happened in these places, and part of the original Colorado landscape remains for today's explorers. Take time to learn more about Colorado and our nation, and enjoy the trip between the parks by traveling Colorado's Scenic and Historic Byways.

Colorado's national parks and monuments vary distinctly in topography and impact. The largest, Rocky Mountain National Park, features some of the world's most spectacular scenic high-mountain terrain. Trail Ridge Road climbs to 12,183 feet on its route through the park. Mesa Verde National Park offers an unparalleled opportunity to see and experience a unique cultural and physical landscape. The culture represented at Mesa Verde reflects more than 700 years of history. It was designated a World Heritage Site in 1978. Great Sand Dunes National Park and Preserve includes North America's tallest dunes, which rise some 700 feet above the valley floor against the rugged Sangre de Cristo Mountains.

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National Parks in Colorado

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Rocky Mountain National Park



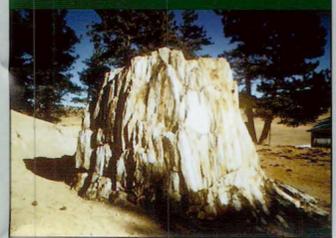
Mesa Verde National Park



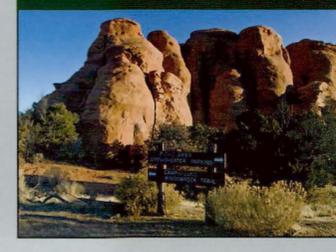
Black Canyon of the Gunnison National Park



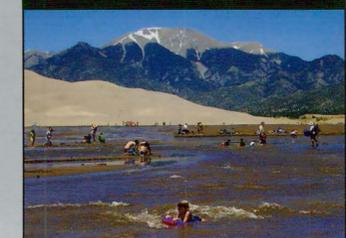
Florissant Fossil Beds National Monument



Colorado National Monument



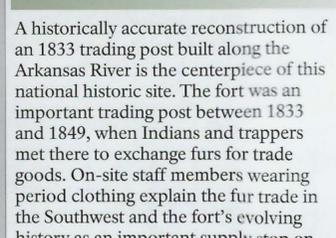
Great Sand Dunes National Park and Preserve



Curecanti National Recreation Area



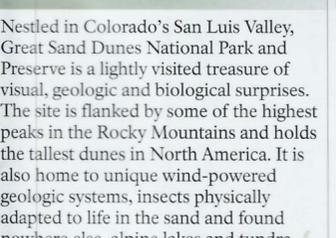
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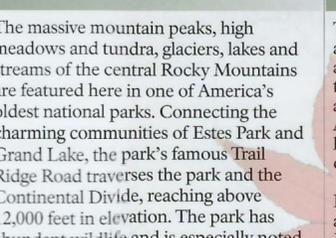
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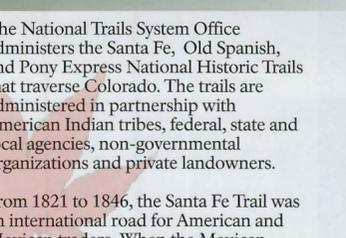
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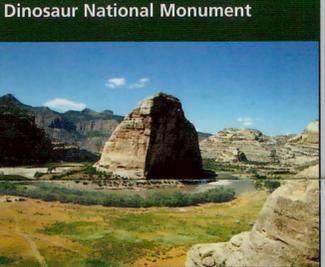
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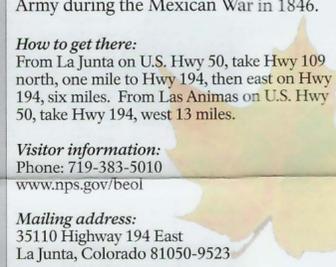
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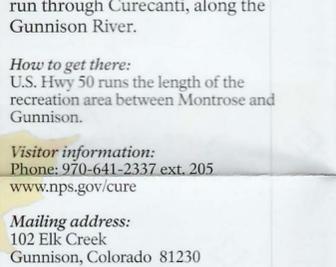
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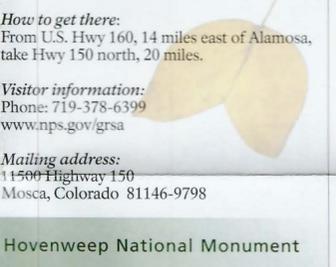
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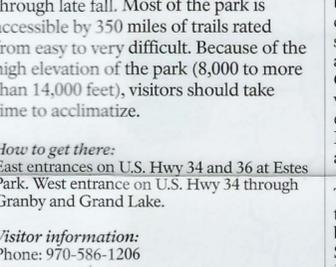
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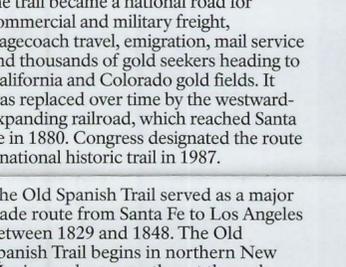
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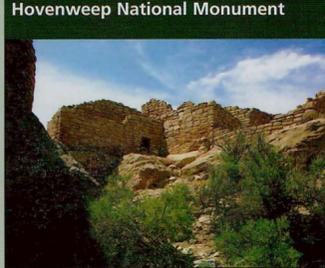
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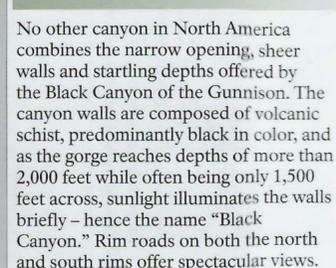
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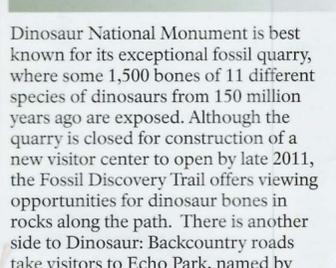
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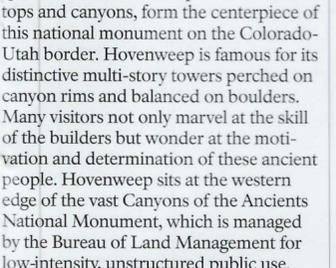
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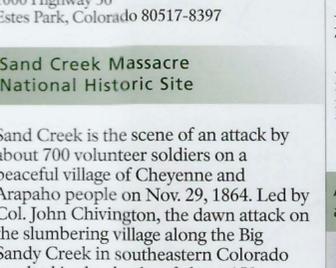
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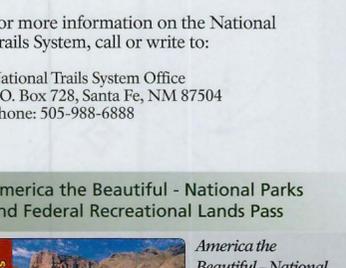
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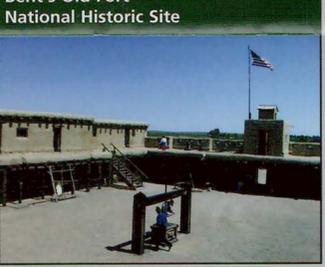
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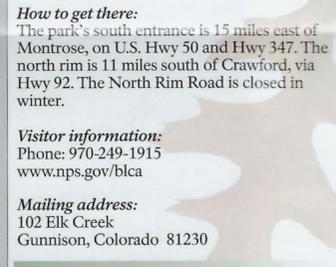
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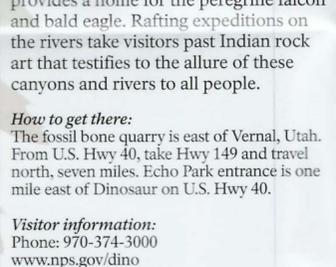
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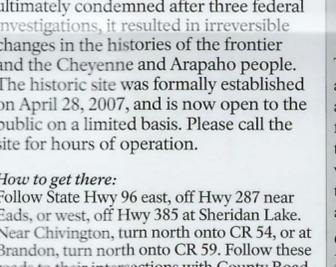
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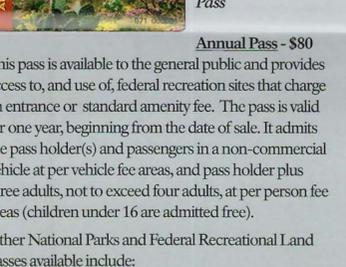
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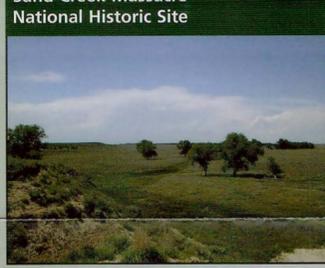
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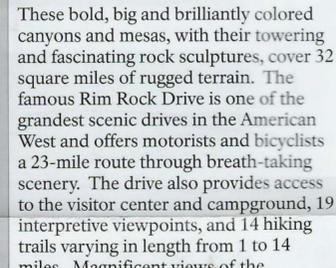
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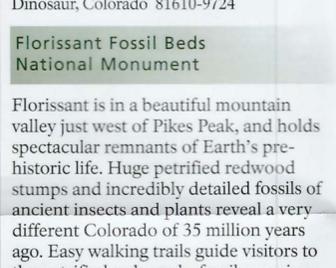
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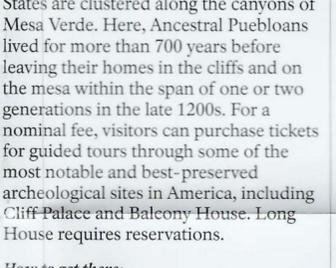
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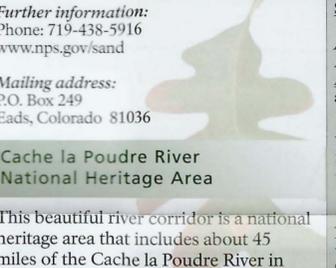
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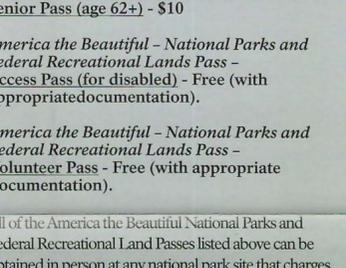
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How to get there: Hwy I-70 to Fruita, take Exit 19 to the west entrance of the monument.
Visitor Information: Phone: 970-858-3617 www.nps.gov/colm
Mailing address: Fruita, Colorado 81521-0001

How to get there: U.S. Hwy 24 to Florissant, South on Teller County Road 1 for two miles.
Visitor information: Phone: 719-748-3253 www.nps.gov/flfo
Mailing address: P.O. Box 185 Florissant, Colorado 80816-0185

How to get there: Entrance is along U.S. Hwy 160, 10 miles east of Cortez. There is no public access to Yucca House National Monument at this time.
Visitor information: Phone: 970-529-4465 www.nps.gov/meve
Mailing address: P.O. Box 8 Mesa Verde National Park, Colorado 81330

This beautiful river corridor is a national heritage area that includes about 45 miles of the Cache la Poudre River in north-central Colorado. It starts where the river flows out of the Roosevelt National Forest and extends east almost to the river's confluence with the South Platte River. The corridor commemorates the significant contribution to the development of water law in the western U.S. It illustrates the evolution of a highly complex water delivery system. More information is available at www.nature.nps.gov/cachelapoudre/

All of the former National Parks Passes, including the National Parks Pass, Golden Eagle, Golden Eagle Hologram, Golden Access and Golden Age Passports will continue to be honored according to the provisions of the pass. Only paper Golden Age and Access Passports may be exchanged free of charge for new plastic passes.



Map Features

National Parks Features

- Authorized park boundary
- National Park Service
- National Parks (small unit)

National Landmarks

- National Historic Landmark
- National Natural Landmark

National Historic Trails

- Old Spanish Trail NHT
- Santa Fe Trail NHT
- Pony Express Trail NHT

Other Features

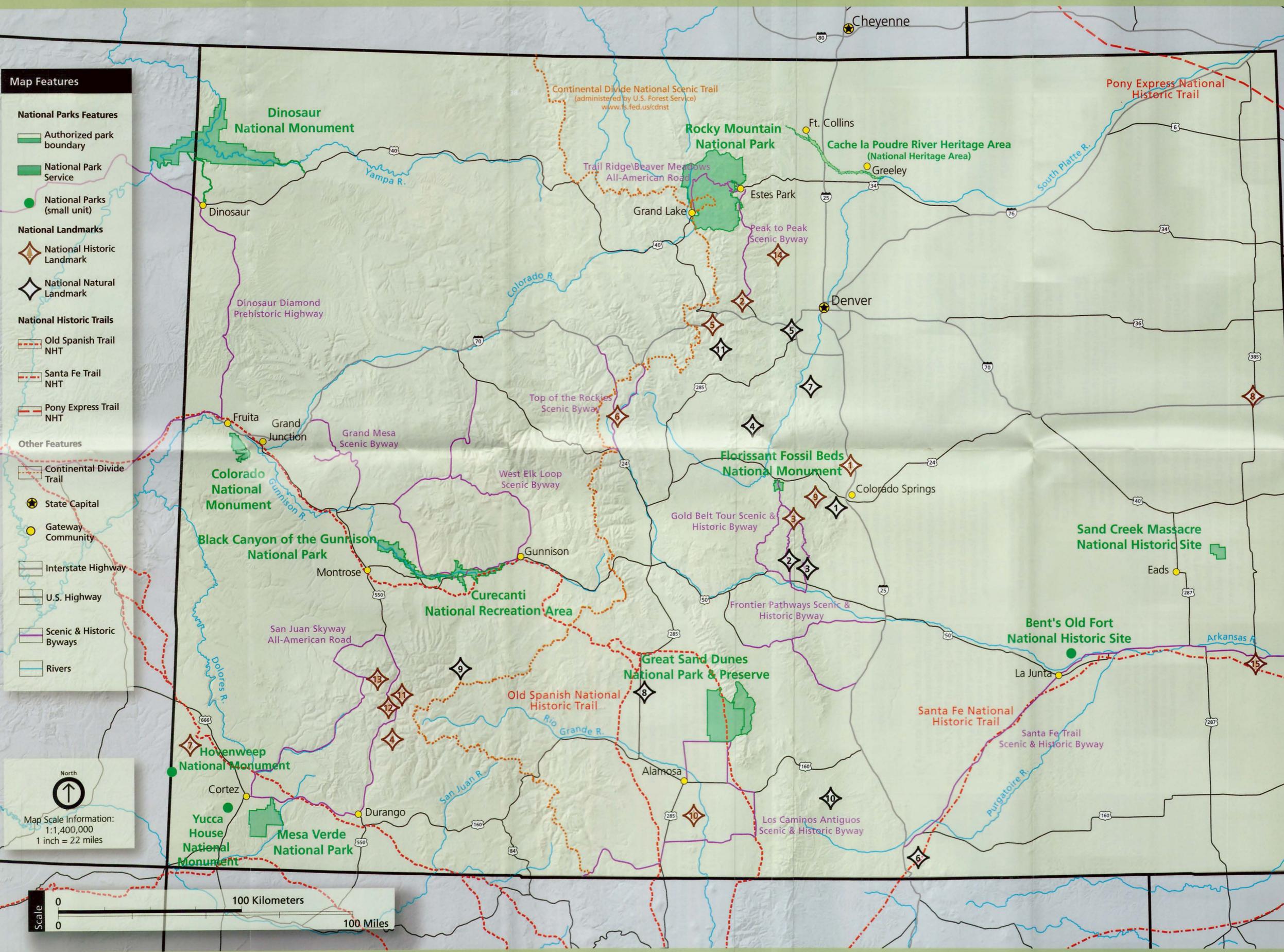
- Continental Divide Trail
- State Capital
- Gateway Community
- Interstate Highway
- U.S. Highway
- Scenic & Historic Byways
- Rivers

North

Map Scale Information:
1:1,400,000
1 inch = 22 miles

Scale

0 100 Kilometers 0 100 Miles



National Historic Landmarks

- 1) Air Force Academy Cadet Area
- 2) Central City-Blackhawk Historic District
- 3) Cripple Creek Historic District
- 4) Durango-Silverton Narrow-Gauge Railroad
- 5) Georgetown-Silver Plume Historic District
- 6) Leadville Historic District
- 7) Lowry Ruin
- 8) Philadelphia Toboggan Company Carousel
- 9) Pike's Peak
- 10) Pikes Stockade
- 11) Shenandoah-Dives (Mayflower) Mill
- 12) Silverton Historic District
- 13) Telluride Historic District
- 14) Colorado Chautauqua
- 15) Granada Relocation Center

For additional information on National Historic Landmarks, call: 303-969-2844 or visit: www.cr.nps.gov/nhl

National Natural Landmarks

- 1) Garden of the Gods
- 2) Garden Park Fossil Area
- 3) Indian Springs Trace Fossil Area
- 4) Lost Creek Scenic Area
- 5) Morrison Fossil Area
- 6) Raton Mesa
- 7) Roxborough Park
- 8) Russell Lakes
- 9) Slumgullion Earthflow
- 10) Spanish Peaks
- 11) Summit Lake

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