



Entrance on Route 9...two miles south of U.S. 24 at Florissant, Colo.

You've Heard About This Great Petrified Forest

Now See It!

 Against the majestic background of Pikes Peak, the Colorado Petrified Forest stands, today, one of the great wonders of the geologic eras—a fascinating remains of the prehistoric "Age of Mammals." Here at 8,200 feet above sea level, thousands of visitors see proof each year that the giant Redwoods of California once grew in the Rocky Mountain region.

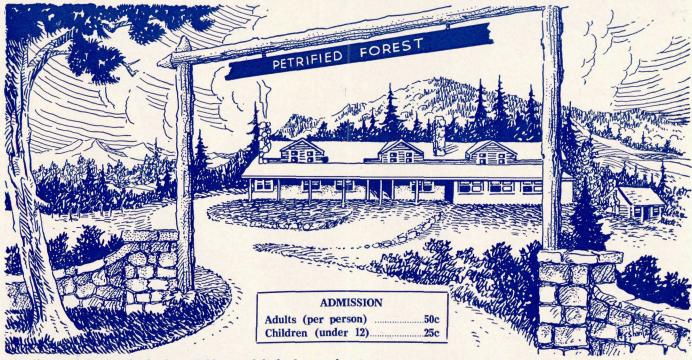
Surrounded by an immense timberland, the Colorado Petrified Forest, two miles south of Florissant, Colorado, contains the world's largest petrified stump above ground. Oligocene fossils more than 50,000,000 years old are found in the beds and many are preserved at the park museum. Visitors may also see countless specimens of pre-historic life from the bedsthe largest variety in any one field-including strange insects, extinct marine life and unusual flora.

Excavations, still underway, are revealing even more petrification — more educational and interesting



· See the petrified rock fireplace at the lodge. Visit the free museum of fossils.

ENTRANCE GATE AND LODGE OF THE COLORADO PETRIFIED FOREST



scientific marvels-beside the lava fields, fossil beds, logs and stumps already open to the public. In fact, the entire forest is a veritable paradise for fossil-hunters.

Discovered in pioneer times, the Colorado Petrified Forest was once the site of a huge inland ocean-haven of the dinosaurs. Today, the park is a modern vacationland in

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the scenic heart of Colorado with its wooded picnic spots, horseback and hiking trails, and mountain fishing.

At the main lodge, accommodations for overnight guests, souvenir store, saddle stable and fossil museum afford enjoyment for all the family. It's the Pikes Peak Region hospitality center from which all other attractions may be easily reached— Cripple Creek, the Gold Camp, Lake George, Eleven Mile Canon fishing area, Royal Gorge, Manitou Springs, Cave of the Winds. Cliff Dwellings and Pikes Peak.

The Colorado Petrified Forest is history itself — preserved in rock-an outstanding attraction in the land of sunshine. Once the home of the mammoths, it's a must on your vacation

