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# ROCKY MOUNTAIN NATIONAL PARK COLORADO



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LONGS PEAK FROM CHASM LAKE

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ROCKY MOUNTAIN SHEEP RAMS ON THE WATCH.

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# ROCKY MOUNTAIN NATIONAL PARK.

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## GENERAL DESCRIPTION.

The Rocky Mountain National Park includes within its boundaries 378 square miles, or 241,739 acres, of the Front Range of the Rockies in north central Colorado, about 50 miles in a straight line northwest of Denver. It was established by the act of Congress approved January 26, 1915 (38 Stat., 798), and its boundaries adjusted by the acts of Congress approved February 14, 1917 (39 Stat., 916), and June 9, 1925 (Public No. 363, 69th Congress). Its eastern gateway is the beautiful valley village of Estes Park, from which easy and comfortable access is had up to the noblest heights and into the most picturesque recesses of the mountains. It is by far the most accessible of our national parks—that is, nearest to the large centers of population in the East and Middle West.

## LAND OF LOFTY MOUNTAINS.

For many years the Mecca of eastern mountain lovers has been the Rockies. For many years the name has summed European ideas of American mountain grandeur. Yet it was not until recent years that a particular section of the enormous area of the magnificent and diversified scenic range thus designated was chosen as representative of the noblest qualities of the whole by creating it a national park.

And it is splendidly representative. In nobility, in calm dignity, in the sheer glory of stalwart beauty, there is no mountain group to excel the company of snow-capped veterans of all the ages which stands at everlasting parade behind its grim, helmeted captain, Longs Peak.

There is probably no other scenic neighborhood of the first order which combines mountain outlines so bold with a quality of beauty so intimate and refined. Just to live in the valley in the eloquent and ever-changing presence of these carved and tinted peaks is itself satisfaction. But to climb into their embrace, to know them in the intimacy of their bare summits and their flowered, glaciated gorges, is to turn a new unforgettable page in human experience.

This national park is certainly very high up in the air. The summer visitors who live at the base of the great mountains are 8,000 feet, or more than a mile and a half, above the level of the sea; while the mountains themselves rise precipitously nearly a mile, and sometimes more than a mile. Longs Peak, the biggest of them all, rises 14,255 feet above sea level, and most of the other mountains in the Snowy Range, as it is sometimes called, are more than 12,000 feet high; several are nearly as high as Longs Peak.

The valleys on both sides of this range and those which penetrate into its recesses are dotted with parklike glades clothed in a profu-

sion of glowing wild flowers and watered with cold streams from the mountain snows and glaciers. Forests of pine and silver-stemmed aspen separate them.

#### A GENERAL GLANCE.

The range lies, roughly speaking, north and south. The gentler slope is on the west. On the east side the descent from the Continental Divide is precipitous in the extreme. Sheer drops of two or three thousand feet into rock-bound gorges carpeted with snow patches and wild flowers are common. Seen from the east side valleys this range rises in daring relief, craggy in outline, snow spattered, awe inspiring.

In the northeast corner, separated from the Continental Divide by the Fall River Canyon, lies the Mummy Range, a tumbled majestic mountain mass which includes some of the loftiest peaks and one of the finest glaciers.

To the south of Longs Peak the country grows even wilder. The range is a succession of superb peaks. The southern park boundary unfortunately cuts arbitrarily through a superlative massing of noble snow-covered summits. The St. Vrain Glaciers, with their surrounding ramparts, a spectacle of grandeur, lie outside the park and, still farther below, the Continental Divide grows in splendor to Arapaho Peak and its glacier.

The west side, gentler in its slopes and less majestic in its mountain massings, is a region of loveliness and wildness diversified by splendid mountains, innumerable streams and lakes of great charm. Grand Lake, which has railroad connections near by, is one of the largest natural lakes in Colorado and the deepest lake in this region. It is the center of a growing cottage and hotel population, and is destined to become a center of much importance. The Fall River road crosses the Continental Divide and connects Estes Park, on the east side, with Grand Lake, on the west side. The road reaches the unusual elevation of 11,797 feet above sea level.

#### A PRIMER OF GLACIAL GEOLOGY.

One of the remarkable features of the Rocky Mountain National Park is the legibility of the record left by the glaciers during the ages when America was in the making. The evidences of glacial action, in all their variety, make themselves apparent to even the most casual eye.

In fact, there is scarcely any part of the eastern side where some great moraine does not force itself upon the attention. One enormous moraine built up by an ancient glacier and rising with sloping sides nearly a thousand feet above the valley is so prominent that Moraine Park is named for it. From Longs Peak on the east side the Mills Moraine makes a bold curve which instantly draws questions from visitors.

In short, this park itself is a primer of glacial geology whose lessons are so simple, so plain to the eye, that they immediately disclose the key to one of nature's chiefest scenic secrets.

## TIMBERLINE.

Just at timberline, where the winter temperature and the fierce icy winds make it impossible for trees to grow tall, the spruces lie flat on the ground like vines; presently they give place to low birches, which, in their turn, give place to small piney growths, and finally to tough straggling grass, hardy mosses, and tiny alpine flowers. Grass grows in sheltered spots even on the highest peaks, which is fortunate for the large curve-horned mountain sheep which seek these high, open places to escape their special enemies, the mountain lions.

Even at the highest altitudes gorgeously colored wild flowers grow in glory and profusion in sheltered gorges. Large and beautiful columbines are found in the lee of protecting masses of snow banks and glaciers.

Nowhere else is the timberline struggle between the trees and the winds more grotesquely exemplified or its scene more easily accessible to tourists of average climbing ability. The first sight of luxuriant Engelmann spruces creeping closely upon the ground instead of rising a hundred and fifty feet or more straight and true as masts arouses keenest interest. Many trees which defy the winter gales grow bent in half circles. Others, starting straight in shelter of some large rock, bend at right angles where they emerge above the rock. Others which have succeeded in lifting their heads in spite of winds have not succeeded in growing branches in any direction except in the lee of their trunks, and suggest big evergreen dust brushes rather than spruces and firs.

Still others which have fought the winter's gales for years are twisted and gnarled beyond description—like dwarfs and gnomes of an arboreal fairyland. Others yet, growing in thick groups, have found strength in union and form low, stunted groves covered with thick roofs of matted branches bent over by the winds and so intertwined that one can scarcely see daylight overhead—excellent shelter for man or animal overtaken by mountain-top storms.

These familiar sights of timberline are wonderfully picturesque and interesting. They never lose their charm, however often seen.

## PAINTED MOUNTAINS.

Above timberline the bare mountain masses rise from one to three thousand feet, often in sheer precipices. Covered with snow in autumn, winter, and spring, and plentifully spattered with snow all summer long, the vast, bare granite masses, from which, in fact, the Rocky Mountains got their name, are beautiful beyond description. They are rosy at sunrise and sunset. During fair and sunny days they show all shades of translucent grays and mauves and blues. In some lights they are almost fairylike in their delicacy. But on stormy days they are cold and dark and forbidding, burying their heads in gloomy clouds from which sometimes they emerge covered with snow.

Often one can see a thunderstorm born on the square granite head of Longs Peak. First, out of the blue sky a slight mist seems to gather. In a few moments, while you watch, it becomes a tiny cloud. This grows with great rapidity. In 5 minutes, perhaps, the moun-

tain top is hidden. Then, out of nothing, apparently, the cloud swells and sweeps over the sky. Sometimes in 15 minutes after the first tiny fleck of mist appears it is raining in the valley and possibly snowing on the mountain. In half an hour more it has cleared.

Standing on the summits of these mountains the climber is often enveloped in these brief-lived clouds. It is an impressive experience to look down upon the top of an ocean of cloud from which the greater peaks emerge at intervals. Sometimes the sun is shining on the observer upon the heights while it is raining in the valleys below. It is startling to see the lightning below you.

#### ACCESSIBILITY.

One of the striking features of the Rocky Mountain National Park is the easy accessibility of these mountain tops. One may mount a horse after early breakfast in the valley, ride up Flattop to enjoy one of the great views of the world, and be back for late luncheon. The hardy foot traveler may make better time than the horse on these mountain trails. One may cross the Continental Divide from the hotels of one side to the hotels of the other between early breakfast and late dinner, or motor between these points via the Fall River road in 4 hours.

In fact, for all-around accessibility there surely is no high mountain resort of the first order that will quite compare with the Rocky Mountain National Park. Three railroads to Denver skirt its sides, and Denver is only 30 hours from Chicago and St. Louis.

This range was once a famous hunting ground for large game. Lord Dunraven, a famous English sportsman, visited it to shoot its deer, bear, and bighorn sheep and acquired large holdings by purchase of homesteadings and squatters' claims, much of which was reduced in the contests that followed. Now that the Government has made it a national park, the protection offered its wild animals will make it in a few years one of the most successful wild-animal refuges in the world.

#### ROCKY MOUNTAIN SHEEP.

These lofty rocks are the natural home of the celebrated Rocky Mountain sheep, or bighorn. This animal is much larger than any domestic sheep. It is powerful and wonderfully agile. When fleeing from enemies these sheep, even the lambs, make remarkable descents down seemingly impossible slopes. They do not land on their curved horns, as many persons declare, but upon their four feet held close together. Landing on some near-by ledge, which breaks their fall, they immediately plunge again downward to another ledge, and so on till they reach good footing in the valley below. They also ascend slopes surprisingly steep.

They are more agile even than the celebrated chamois of the Swiss Alps, and are larger, more powerful, and much handsomer. It is something not to be forgotten to see a flock of a dozen or 20 mountain sheep making their way along the volcanic flow which constitutes Specimen Mountain in the Rocky Mountain National Park.

#### LONGS PEAK.

The greatest of all these mountains, Longs Peak, has a great square head towering above everything else. It is a real architect-



tural structure like an enormous column of solid rock buttressed up on four sides with long rock ledges. On the east side a precipice of 1,200 feet drops sheer from the summit into the wildest lake that one can possibly imagine. It is called Chasm Lake, and there is only one month in the year when its surface is not, partially at least, frozen. Mount Meeker and Mount Lady Washington inclose it on the south and north, and snow fields edge its waters the year round.

Geologists tell us that these three mountains originally formed a single great peak. Probably then the mountain mass had a rounded summit. It was glacial action that made three mountains out of one. In the hollows just below this summit snow collected and froze. The ice clung to the granite bottom and sides, and when its weight caused it to slip down the slope it plucked and pulled fragments of rock with it. The spaces thus left promptly filled with melting water, froze again, and again plucked and pulled away more rock.

Thus began glaciers which, in the ages following, carved out the great chasm east of the central peak, furrowed and molded the mountain's sides, and eventually divided its summit into the three peaks we see to-day. One of the smaller of these ancient glaciers, now known as the Mills Glacier, though man never saw it, scooped out the chasm and piled up the Mills Moraine, which to-day is so picturesque a scenic feature from the valley.

Maj. S. H. Long saw the mountain that bears his name in 1820. The report of his expedition records that on June 30 of that year his party caught their first glimpse of the Rocky Mountains, and particularly noted one peak, which they referred to as "the highest peak." Long's expedition followed up the valley of the Platte River, and his closest approach to the peak was at a distance of about 40 miles. Fremont found that the name Longs Peak was in general use among the fur hunters and pioneers in 1842. The Arapaho Indians are said to have had an eagle trap on the summit of the peak before the coming of the white man. The first recorded ascent was in 1868, when it was climbed by W. N. Byers, Maj. J. W. Powell (who the following year made the first passage of the Grand Canyon), and five other men.

#### FLOWER-CARPETED GORGES.

A distinguishing feature of the Rocky Mountain National Park is its profusion of precipice-walled canyons lying between the very feet, so to speak, of the loftiest mountains. Their beauty is romantic to a high degree. Like all the other spectacles of this favored region, they are readily accessible from the valley villages by trail, either afoot or on horseback.

Usually several lakes are found, rock embedded, in such a gorge. Ice-cold streams wander from lake to lake, watering wild-flower gardens of luxuriance and beauty. However, the entire park is a garden of wild flowers. From early June to late September, even into October, the gorges and the meadows, the slopes, and even the loftier summits, bloom with colors that change with the season. Blues, lilacs, and whites are the earlier prevailing tints; yellow predominates as autumn approaches.

There are few wilder and lovelier spots, for instance, than Loch Vale, 3,000 feet sheer below Taylor Peak. Adjoining it lies Glacier Gorge on the precipitous western slope of Longs Peak and holding in its embrace a group of lakelets.

These, with lesser gorges cradling romantic Bear Lake, picturesque Dream Lake, beautiful Fern Lake, and exquisite Odessa Lake, and still others yet unnamed, constitute the Wild Gardens of the Rocky Mountain National Park, lying in the angle north of Longs Peak; while in the angle south lies a little-known wilderness of lakes and gorges known as the Wild Basin.

#### VARIOUS DIVERSIONS.

There are few places which offer so many kinds of diversion to so many types of people as the Rocky Mountain National Park. The Estes Park Golf and Country Club has an excellent 18-hole golf course and a tennis court. Several hotels have croquet and tennis courts. There is much motoring, horseback riding, fishing, and hiking.

The valley has many miles of admirable road which connect with roads of great attractiveness outside of park neighborhoods. The motorist may skirt the loftiest of snow-splashed mountains for miles, or he may run up the Fall River road and leave his car to start afoot on mountain-top tramps and picnics, or cross the Continental Divide to Grand Lake. The horseback rider may find an infinite variety of valley roads, trails, and cross-country courses, or he may strike up the mountain trails into the rocky fastnesses.

#### FISHING.

Excellent fishing may be had in the park. The streams and lakes are stocked each year with eastern brook, native, and rainbow trout, which insures a variety of fish and excellent sport, in either streams or lakes. All of the lower streams and lakes, and many of the lakes in the higher altitudes, are well stocked, thus affording choice to the angler of lake or stream fishing, the latter running from a few feet to 50 feet wide. Fishing tackle can be purchased or rented from several stores in the village of Estes Park.

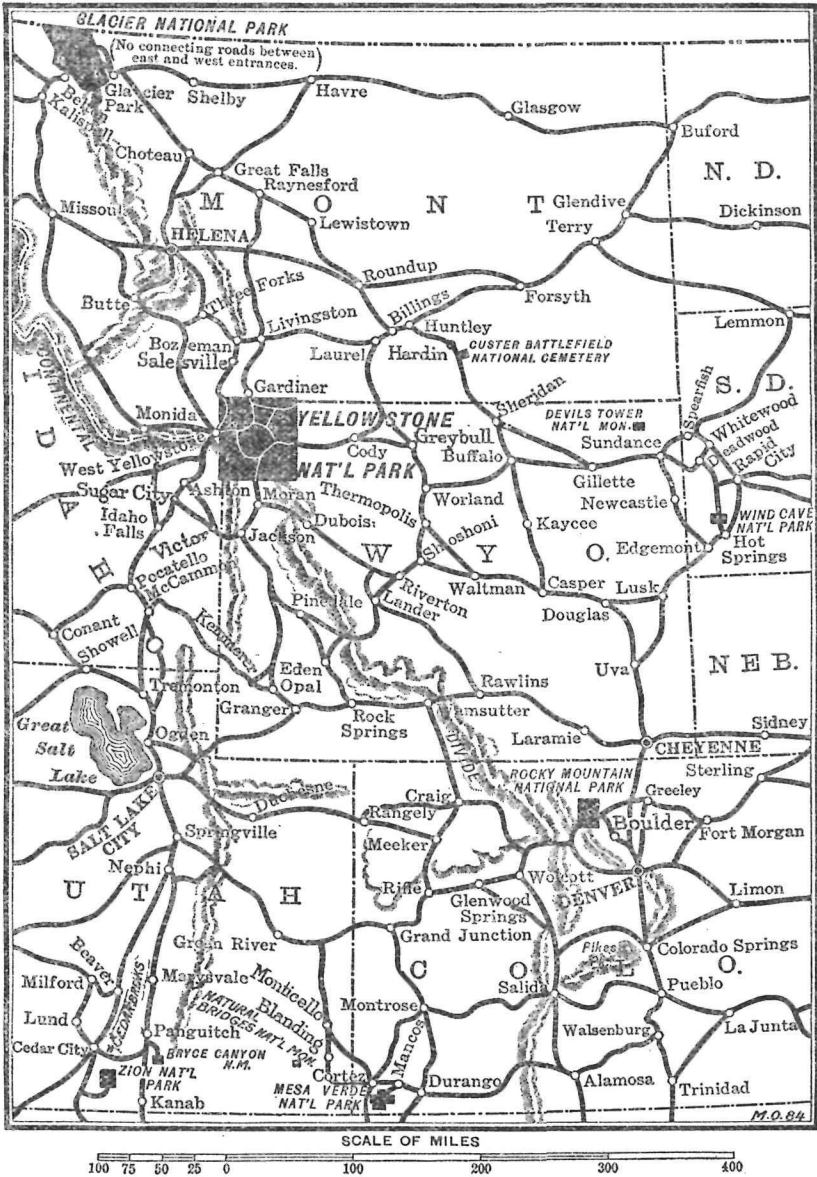
The State of Colorado has not ceded jurisdiction of the park area to the Federal Government, and a Colorado fishing license is therefore required by the State authorities.

#### FISH HATCHERY.

A fish hatchery, operated by the State of Colorado, is located on the Fall River road, 4 miles west of Estes Park. This hatchery supplies approximately 1,000,000 trout fry every year to the streams and lakes of this vicinity. The process of hatching and caring for the small trout is explained to visitors, and the hatchery has proven to be of interest to many thousands of persons each year.

PRIVATELY OWNED LANDS.

The boundaries of the national park include some 9,113 acres of privately owned lands. This land was either owned or had been filed



Map showing location of Rocky Mountain, Glacier, Yellowstone, Mesa Verde, and Zion National Parks with principal connecting roads.

upon before the creation of the park. No private land rights have been acquired since that time. The act creating the park provides that these private lands shall not be affected by or subject to the pro-



Pine Ledge Camp Ground, located on the Highdrive, 2½ miles from Estes Park.

Glacier Creek Camp Ground, located on the Bear Lake road, 6 miles from Estes Park.

Aspenglen Camp Ground, located on the Fall River road, 5 miles from Estes Park.

Endovalley Camp Ground, located on the Fall River road, 9 miles from Estes Park.

Motorists and others who bring camping equipment with them will find that these camp grounds are attractive places in which to enjoy life in the open. Both wood and water are readily available. A caretaker is usually stationed at each camp ground to furnish information of value to campers and to see that the camp grounds are kept in a satisfactory condition.

There is no land owned by the Government suitable for camping nearer to Estes Park than these camp grounds.

There are several camp grounds on private property in and near the village of Estes Park where camping is permitted upon the payment of a small fee, usually 50 cents per car per night.

With the exception of Aspenglen and Endovalley Camp Grounds, there is no Government land along the Fall River road between Estes Park and the mountainous section of the road, about 9 miles from Estes Park. From this point the road runs through Government land for 20 miles until the private ranches, a few miles north of Grand Lake, are reached. The upper portion of the Bear Lake road, above the public camp ground, also runs through Government lands. Most of the other roads of the park are over a public right of way through privately owned lands.

The free public camp grounds referred to above are the most desirable camping places, but camping is also permitted at other available sites on Government land. Visitors are urged to use great care with fire and to leave their camp sites clean and attractive.

#### HORSES AND CAMPING OUTFITS.

At Estes Park and the smaller settlements near by, and at Grand Lake, horses and complete camping outfits may be had at reasonable rates. General groceries and suitable equipment, including clothing and shoes, can be purchased from the general stores in Estes Park village. Saddle horses may be rented at many of the hotels. There is much horseback riding throughout the entire district.

#### PARK SEASONS.

From June 15 to October 1 the hotels are open, daily transportation service through the park is available, and the park may be visited most conveniently and thoroughly. The roads to Estes Park, by way of Lyons and the Thompson Canyon, remain open throughout the year and the village has daily transportation and mail service. Some of the hotels in Estes Park are open all the year. The national park is never closed to visitors and every season offers its particular attractions. The autumn coloring is remarkably beautiful. The

aspens start to turn early in September, and from that time until the middle of October the hillsides are streaming in golden color. In the winter those who enjoy snowshoeing, skiing, and other sports will find the park excellently adapted to these invigorating pleasures. Those portions of the park having an elevation of 9,000 feet or more are covered with a thick blanket of snow during most of the winter months. In the spring one may watch the snow line climb steadily up the slope of the mountains. Birds and early flowers appear in the valleys while winter still reigns on the higher mountains.

The Fall River road remains open to travel until it is closed by the first heavy snowfall. This usually occurs in October, and the road is not passable again until about June 15. Other lower roads have a longer season, and even in midwinter one may usually go by automobile for 5 or 6 miles beyond Estes Park village before finding the roads closed by snow.

### WINTER SPORTS.

The Rocky Mountain National Park has unusual advantages for the enjoyment of winter sports. The town of Estes Park is readily accessible by automobile every month of the year, and within easy reach of the village is the high mountainous area where the snowfall is heavy, and where good skiing conditions prevail during the winter and early spring. Excellent hotel accommodations are available in Estes Park throughout the year. The Rocky Mountain National Park Ski Club has constructed three ski courses near Estes Park. Cross-country trips that are full of thrills may be taken. Snowshoeing and tobogganing, as well as skiing, may be enjoyed. Allens Park and Grand Lake also have ski clubs, and the interest in winter sports is steadily increasing.

### ADMINISTRATION.

The Rocky Mountain National Park is under the control and supervision of the director of the National Park Service, who is represented in the administration of the park by a superintendent, assisted by a number of park rangers who control the reservation. Roger W. Toll is superintendent of the park, and his office address is Estes Park, Colo.

An information bureau is maintained at the national park office in Estes Park to supply visitors with desired information regarding accommodations, transportation schedules, foot trips, guides, and other information relative to the park.

### HOW TO REACH THE PARK.

The Rocky Mountain National Park is the most accessible of our large scenic national parks; that is, it is nearest to the large centers of population in the East and Middle West. Both sides of the park may be reached from Denver.

Estes Park village, the eastern and principal entrance to Rocky Mountain National Park, is connected by automobiles of the Rocky

Mountain Parks Transportation Co. with Denver, as well as with the railroad stations at Fort Collins and Greeley, on the Colorado & Southern and Union Pacific Railroads; Loveland, on the Colorado & Southern Railroad; Lyons, on the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad; Longmont and Boulder, both on the Colorado & Southern Railroad.

Grand Lake village, the western entrance, is connected by automobiles of the Rocky Mountain Parks Transportation Co. with Denver, as well as with the railroad at Granby, on the Denver & Salt Lake Railroad (Moffat Road). From Granby stages run to Grand Lake.

Allens Park village, the entrance to the southern portion of the park, is connected by automobiles of the Rocky Mountain Parks Transportation Co. with Boulder and Denver.

Denver is reached by the following railroads: Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe; Chicago, Burlington & Quincy; Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific; Colorado & Southern; Denver & Rio Grande Western; Denver & Salt Lake; and Union Pacific.

During the summer season round-trip excursion tickets at reduced fares are sold at practically all points in the United States to Rocky Mountain National Park as a destination. Choice of several routes in each direction is generally offered. Passengers wishing to visit Rocky Mountain National Park as a side trip in connection with a journey to other destinations will find stop-over privileges available on round-trip and one-way tickets.

From many sections trips may be planned to include visits to two or more of the following national parks in the Rocky Mountain region: Rocky Mountain, Mesa Verde, Yellowstone, Glacier.

During park season baggage may be checked through on tickets reading to Rocky Mountain National Park. Usual free allowance will be made by railroads, but the Rocky Mountain Parks Transportation Co. will charge for all baggage weight in excess of 20 pounds of hand baggage. This charge will be \$1.25 per 100 pounds, minimum \$1.25, between Denver, Fort Collins, Loveland, Lyons or Longmont, and the park. Storage charges on baggage checked to certain railroad termini only will be waived for actual length of time consumed by passengers in making park side trip.

#### DETAILED INFORMATION ABOUT TRAVEL.

For further information regarding railroad fares, service, etc., apply to railroad ticket agents or P. S. Eustis, passenger traffic manager, Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad, Chicago, Ill.; L. M. Allen, passenger traffic manager, Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific Railroad, Chicago, Ill.; W. S. Basinger, passenger traffic manager, Union Pacific System, Omaha, Nebr.; W. J. Black, passenger traffic manager, Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe Railroad, Chicago, Ill.; F. A. Wadleigh, passenger traffic manager, Denver & Rio Grande Western Railroad, Denver, Colo.; or H. A. Johnson, traffic manager, Colorado & Southern Railroad, Denver, Colo.

*Distances to Estes Park.*

	Miles.
From Denver, via Lyons (North St. Vrain)-----	70
From Denver, via Loveland (Thompson Canyon)-----	86
From Denver, via South St. Vrain road-----	85
From Denver, via Boulder, Nederland, and Ward-----	100
From Longmont, via Lyons-----	35
From Lyons-----	23
From Loveland-----	33
From Fort Collins-----	44

**POST OFFICES.**

The post office covering many of the hotels and resorts of the east side is at Estes Park, Colo. There are post offices at Longs Peak and Allens Park, but letters addressed to Estes Park will be forwarded. The west side post office is at Grand Lake, Colo.

**SEEING ROCKY MOUNTAIN.**

The visitor purposing to see Rocky Mountain National Park should bear in mind a few general outlines. The national park boundary lies a few miles west of Estes Park village. The main range carries the Continental Divide lengthwise in a direction irregularly west of north; while in the northeast the Mummy Mountains mass superbly.

On the east side, from the village of Estes Park, a road runs south, skirting the park and eventually finding a way to Denver, via Ward or Lyons. The Fall River road leads from Estes Park far up into the mountains, crosses the divide, and joins the west side road to Grand Lake, thence to Denver. Other roads penetrate Horseshoe Park, Moraine Park, Glacier Basin, and other broad valleys within the Rocky Mountain National Park, where hotels and camps abound. One road leads to Sprague's and Bear Lake, and offers a convenient starting point for Glacier Gorge, Loch Vale, and Flattop Trail. Another leads to the several excellent hotels of Moraine Park, convenient starting places for Fern and Odessa Lakes and Flattop Trail. Along the Fall River road are several hotels which are convenient starting places for Lawn Lake and the Mummy Mountains. In the south of the park are several hotels on or near the road which are convenient starting places for Longs Peak. A comfortable lodge at Copeland Lake on the main road is a convenient starting place for Wild Basin.

On the west side, from Grand Lake, a road runs south to Granby, also north up the east bank of the Colorado River (formerly called the Grand River) through Milner Pass to Estes Park. This latter route is known as the Fall River road. At Grand Lake a road partly encircles the lake. From it trails penetrate the wilderness to various points under and over the Continental Divide. Grand Lake is the western terminus of the Flattop Trail to Estes Park.

The first important step for the visitor who wants to understand and enjoy Rocky Mountain National Park is to secure a Government contour map and learn how to read it. Everything then, including elevations, even of the valleys, is plain reading. The map may be obtained at the office of the superintendent in Estes Park, or from the United States Geological Survey, Washington, D. C. Price, 10 cents.



## AUTOMOBILE TRIPS.

**DENVER TO DENVER—ROCKY MOUNTAIN PARK TOUR—FALL RIVER ROAD AND CIRCLE TRIP.**

The Fall River road, which crosses the Continental Divide in Rocky Mountain National Park, offers a grand circuit of Colorado's beauties that forms one of the most attractive and impressive of the scenic automobile trips of our country.

The trip starts from Denver, goes through the Rocky Mountain National Park, crosses the Continental Divide, reaches Grand Lake, crosses the Continental Divide again at Berthoud Pass, traverses the Denver Mountain Parks, and returns to Denver, having completed without any duplication 240 miles of comfortable travel through magnificent country, full of interest and variety; the trip can be made in two days or it can be prolonged to suit individual time and inclination. It combines in one trip half a dozen features, any one of which by itself would be worth the journey. The Rocky Mountain Parks Transportation Co. operates daily scheduled trips over this route during the summer season.

On leaving Denver the road leads out Federal Boulevard, crosses Westminster Heights, from which point there is an extensive view of the Great Plains to the east and a panorama of the Front Range of the Rocky Mountains to the west, stretching out before the eye from Pikes Peak to Longs Peak, a rampart of mighty mountains, 125 miles from end to end.

The road then passes through a farming section, where irrigation has turned what was once an arid plain into a richly productive district. Fields of deep green alfalfa alternate with the waving wheat, and in the fall of the year the harvesting and threshing add new life to the landscape.

Next is the town of Lafayette, where coal mining is the principal industry, and then the road traverses a sugar-beet country. Colorado is the sugar bowl of the United States, and here is one of the regions where the beets are most successfully grown. At Longmont and Loveland are large factories, where sugar is extracted from the beets and refined for table use.

At Loveland the road turns westward and soon plunges into the precipitous canyon of the Thompson River, where it follows the turns of the dashing stream, walled in by towering cliffs.

Soon the village of Estes Park is reached, at the edge of Rocky Mountain National Park and half surrounded by it. From the green of the meadow land the eye follows the slope, up, up, up, over timbered hills and rocky cliffs, past timberline to the crest of the Continental Divide, where snow lingers. Longs Peak is the king of the mountains in the park and rises to a height of 14,255 feet above sea level, higher even than famous Pikes Peak. As one looks at the mighty array of peaks it is hard to believe that in two hours one can be carried in ease to a snow bank on a mountain crest.

The attractions of the Rocky Mountain National Park are many. There are comfortable and even luxurious hotels. One can stay a

day or a week or a month and still be reluctant to leave. Many people come back year after year.

Continuing the journey the road follows up the valley of Fall River, past Sheep Lake, which is interesting as the rendezvous of the bighorn or mountain sheep. These animals, usually the most wary and elusive of our wild life, have become accustomed to the protection afforded them by the national park and no longer hide among inaccessible crags, but frequently come down where they can be seen and admired for their graceful agility.

Then is commenced the climb up the Fall River road, which was opened to travel in September, 1920. To the north is the Mummy Range. Hagues Peak shelters the Hallett Glacier, a small body of perpetual ice, the remnant of what was once a mighty river of ice. Mummy Mountain, Fairchild, Ypsilon, Chiquita, and Chapin are other peaks of the Mummy Range. Climbing up the slope of the latter mountain, timberline is reached, where the stunted and wind-blown trees show how severe has been their battle with the elements.

Soon Fall River Pass, the highest point of the road, is reached, at an elevation of 11,797 feet on the crest that divides the waters of the Thompson River from those of the Cache la Poudre. What a wonderful view is unfolded! Below lie streams, valleys, forested slopes, and the realms of civilization. All around are mountains and peaks, no longer towering above but close at hand or seen across some mighty valley. One can easily trace the work done by the glaciers during the ice age on these mountain ranges; the broad U-shaped valleys and precipitous amphitheatres or cirques at the head of the streams are the typical glacial signs, written in bold letters on the landscape. To the south is Trail Ridge. Iceberg Lake, walled in by cliffs, is only a mile distant, though not in sight. To the west is Specimen Mountain, interesting because of the variety of color in its volcanic rocks, geodes lined with crystalline material, volcanic glass, and other curious formations. It is also the home of the mountain sheep, less accustomed to civilization than their cousins at Sheep Lake.

Farther to the west lies the Medicine Bow Range, or, as the Indians so picturesquely named it, the "Never Summer" range. Of its many peaks the most prominent are Bowen, Nimbus, Red, Cumulus, Howard, Lead, and highest of all in this range, Mount Richthofen, 12,953 feet in elevation.

Regretfully the high vantage point is left and the start is made down to new scenes. Strange as it may seem, Milner Pass lies below and one descends in order to cross the Continental Divide. The road drops down into the forest zone, passes Poudre Lakes and crosses Milner Pass at an elevation of 10,759 feet. The Atlantic slope lies behind and, crossing the backbone of the continent, one travels down the Pacific slope to the headwaters of the Colorado River. The valley of the North Fork is hemmed in by mountains. The Continental Divide makes a loop here and blocks progress to the west, north, and east. The valley opens to the south, however, and the road proceeds down the North Fork of the Colorado River.

Grand Lake, the sapphire gem on the western edge of the national park, is one of the largest and most beautifully situated lakes in the State. It is a mile and a half in length and nearly a mile in width. Its clear, cold water is of great depth. The lake lies at an elevation of 8,369 feet and claims the highest yacht club in the world. The

annual regatta is an event of much interest. At the head of the lake Mount Craig rises to a height of 12,005 feet, while Shadow Mountain, Bryant, Wescott, and Mount Enentah are near by.

At Grand Lake are comfortable hotel accommodations and here the night is spent. The Grand Lake Lodge is located in the national park, overlooking the lake. There are other hotels in the village, by the shore of the lake. Fishing, boating, horseback riding, and mountain climbing are some of the outdoor sports that draw people here for their summer vacation.

Leaving the lake the road follows down the Colorado River, passes the town of Granby and commences the climb up a beautifully timbered valley to Berthoud Pass. Here, close to timberline, the watershed between the two oceans is again crossed. The road approaches near Georgetown, famed for its railroad loop, and then passes through Idaho Springs, with its hot springs and medicinal baths.

Soon the valley of Clear Creek is left behind and the climb to Bergen Park is made where the Denver Mountain Parks are entered. The roads here are built on easy grades and of liberal width. Attractive regions are passed and Lookout Mountain is reached, where Colonel Cody, "Buffalo Bill," is buried, overlooking the plains that he knew so well.

From Wildcat Point a charming view of foothills and plains, with Denver some 12 or 14 miles away, may be enjoyed; then the descent over the Lariat Trail, as winding as the name suggests, is made. The town of Golden, at one time the capital of the State, is entered, and thence a concrete highway leads to Denver.

#### FALL RIVER ROAD—HIGHDRIVE LOOP TRIP.

If one does not plan to take the Rocky Mountain Park tour, or to visit Grand Lake, an interesting trip is to take the Fall River road to the highest point, Fall River Pass, elevation 11,797 feet, and then return to Horseshoe Park, and take the Highdrive back to Estes Park. This trip covers approximately 40 miles.

Among the points passed on this trip are the fish hatchery, Horseshoe Park, Sheep Lake, Chasm Falls, Fall River Pass, and, on the return trip, Deer Ridge, and other points on the Highdrive.

#### BEAR LAKE ROAD.

The Bear Lake road takes one to the Glacier Creek public camp ground, 6 miles from Estes Park, and then follows on up the valley to Glacier Creek, passing near Sprague's Hotel. The road is passable for automobiles as far as Bear Lake, 10 miles from Estes Park, though the last few miles are narrow and steep in places. Bear Lake Lodge, on the eastern shore of the lake, offers excellent camp accommodations. The trail to Loch Vale starts from the Glacier Basin road about 9 miles from Estes Park. From this trail or from Bear Lake the hiker can reach some beautiful and scenic country. The trail to Fern Lake and the Flattop Trail to Grand Lake may be conveniently reached from Bear Lake.

#### LOOP TRIP.

One may combine portions of several roads by taking what is known as the "loop trip." Starting from Estes Park the route fol-

lows the Fall River road to Horseshoe Park, then the Highdrive to Beaver Park, then a cut-off road to Moraine Park, then a side trip up the Bear Lake road and back, returning to Estes Park by the Moraine Park road. This loop trip takes one by many of the hotels and other points of interest and offers beautiful scenic views. The circuit of the Highdrive alone is 15 miles and by way of Moraine Park the distance is 17 miles. If one takes the side trips to Bear Lake and other points the distance is about 40 miles.

#### LONGS PEAK AND WILD BASIN TRIP.

There are two roads leaving Estes Park for the Longs Peak district. One passes Marys Lake and the other passes up Fish Creek. These two roads join a few miles from Estes Park. The Longs Peak road skirts the national park for a distance of 3 miles. It lies between Longs Peak and the Twin Sisters, and several of the finest foot trips in the park are accessible from this road.

Continuing in a southerly direction, the road skirts the eastern boundary of the park and leads to Copeland Lodge on North St. Vrain Creek. From this point a trail leads into Wild Basin, a very attractive though less frequented portion of the park.

The road continues to Allens Park, thence to Ward, Nederland, and Boulder; another road leads down the South St. Vrain to Lyons.

#### ROAD SIGN INFORMATION.

The National Park Service is having standard signs placed along the roads and trails of this park for the information and guidance of the motorists and other visitors that use the park roads and trails.

These signs, in general, consist of information signs, direction signs, elevation signs, and name signs, all of which are of rectangular shape and mounted horizontally; and milepost signs, rectangular in shape but mounted diagonally; all of which usually have dark-green background and white letters or vice versa; and danger or cautionary signs, most of which are circular in shape and usually have red background and white letters.

#### TRAIL TRIPS.

##### GUIDES.

Travelers on trails are advised to secure the services of licensed guides for all except the shortest trips. Besides insuring security, the guide adds greatly to one's comfort and enjoyment. He knows the country and its features of interest, and also has a general knowledge of the trees and wild flowers. Information as to guides can be secured at the office of the superintendent of the park.

#### THE FLATTOP TRAIL.

The principal trail, because the only one which crosses the Continental Divide in direct line between Estes Park on the east and Grand Lake on the west, is the Flattop Trail. The trip may be made on horseback in either direction in one day, but it takes an accustomed trail traveler to do it with pleasure. The average visitor

who wishes to enjoy the trip and really see the heart of the Rockies in passing had better spend the night in one of the hotels in Moraine Park, Glacier Basin, or Bear Lake and make an early start the following morning.

The trail leads quickly to the steep eastern slope of Flattop Mountain, up which it zigzags among tremendous granite boulders, offering at every turn ever widening and lengthening views of the precipitous faces of these spirelike cliffs and of the superlatively beautiful country lying on the east.

There is little that is wilder in this land than the eastern face of Flattop Mountain. The trail winds under and then over enormous boulders; it skirts well-like abysses; it fronts distant views of wonderful variety; it develops remarkable profiles of Longs Peak. At one turn the traveler looks perpendicularly down 1,000 feet into Dream Lake.

For awhile the trail skirts the edge of Tyndall Gorge and looks across the vast bed of the glacier to the rugged peak of Hallett. It rounds the perpetual snows topping the cirque of Tyndall Glacier, a favorite resort of ptarmigan. It looks backward and downward upon the flat mile-wide top of the mighty moraine of ancient days, in the middle of which Bierstadt Lake shines, jewellike, in a setting of pines. It bewilders with its views of exquisite Forest Canyon and the bold heights of Trail Ridge.

Great is the temptation to linger on the inspiring ascent of Flattop, but one must not, for the journey is long. Flattop is well named. The western slopes of the Rockies are much gentler than the eastern precipices; for miles one may tramp on comparatively level rock along the top of the Continental Divide. The top of Flattop Mountain, then, is a vast granite plateau strewn thickly with boulders varying in size between a pumpkin and a cathedral. The trail wanders in and out among these rocks; it is marked not by paths but by cairns of loose rocks piled one on top of another. But to one who knows his general directions these are scarcely necessary, so open is the view.

Those who expect to find these bold mountain tops, 11,000 and 12,000 feet in altitude, devoid of life quickly find themselves greatly mistaken. Every altitude, everywhere in the world, has its own animal and vegetable life. Flattop, despite its height and seeming bareness, has its many and beautifully colored lichens, its many tiny mosslike grasses, its innumerable beautifully colored wild flowers. But these belong each to its own proper zone. Many species of arctic flowers of exquisite beauty are so small that they can only be found by attentive search.

A couple of miles south along this elevated snow-spattered crest, and "the Big Trail," as the Arapahoe Indians called it, plunges down the west side of the Rockies. The drop is into one of the impressive cirques at the head of the North Inlet. Sharp zigzags lead into dense forests through which the remarkable loveliness of the splendid granite walls are, unfortunately, seldom seen. The trail follows the river closely to Grand Lake.

To those who want to enjoy the supreme glories of the heart of the Rockies without crossing to the west side, the trip may be made as far as the summit of Flattop, where several hours may be spent in exploring the western front of the Continental Divide. It is an

easy climb to the top of Hallett. South of Otis Peak one may look down the Andrews Glacier into Loch Vale, a spectacle of real grandeur. And one may return the same day to his hotel in the eastern valley.

#### HIDDEN VALLEY AND TRAIL RIDGE.

One of the most interesting trail trips is that by way of Hidden Valley to Trail Ridge. Branching off from the Highdrive at Deer Ridge is a wagon road that leads to Hidden Valley, and follows up this valley for 2 miles, passing a succession of beaver ponds. From the end of the road the trail continues through attractive timbered country up to the crest of Trail Ridge, which is above timberline. The trail then follows Trail Ridge along a route that was formerly used by the Indians, and crosses the Fall River road west of Fall River Pass, near the head of Forest Canyon. One may continue by trail, crossing the Continental Divide at Milner Pass, and thence to the north fork of the Colorado River. One may then visit Grand Lake and return to Estes Park by the Flattop Trail. This entire circuit can be made on horseback, and usually takes three days, spending one night at Camp Wheeler on the Colorado River and another night at Grand Lake.

In a one-day trip, either on horseback or on foot, starting from Deer Ridge, one may reach the crest of Trail Ridge and return by the same route. Trail Ridge may also be reached from Fall River Pass by climbing the ridge south of the pass. If an early start is made, a good walker can make the trip from Fall River Pass to Deer Ridge in a day. The distance is about 13 miles. Deer Ridge is 6 miles from Estes Park, by road. In following Trail Ridge, the route lies above timberline for a distance of 6 miles, the elevation being from 11,400 to 12,400 feet. This ridge affords many views of scenic grandeur. One point of interest is Iceberg Lake, a small lake hidden in a precipitous glacial cirque, on the east side of Trail Ridge, about a mile and a half from Fall River Pass. The small ice field above the lake is perpetual, and Iceberg Lake owes its name to the fact that ice floats on the lake as late in the summer as August. From Fall River Pass one may visit Iceberg Lake and return to the pass in two or three hours.

#### TRAIL TO LAWN LAKE.

The glories of the Mummy Range, exemplified chiefly in Lawn Lake and the Hallett Glacier, may be seen from a trail starting from Horseshoe Park by way of Roaring River. There is a shelter on beautiful Lawn Lake. Lawn Lake has an altitude of 10,950 feet, and from its head Hagues Peak rises 2,600 feet higher.

The trip from the lake to the Hallett Glacier is difficult but well worth while. The glacier is one of the largest in the park. It is a great crescent of ice partly surrounding a small lake. While the glacier is extremely impressive, still it is small enough to permit a thorough examination without undue fatigue. Hagues Peak is a resort of Rocky Mountain sheep and ptarmigan.

## FERN AND ODESSA LAKES.

The group of luxuriant canyons east of the Continental Divide and north of the eastern spur which ends in Longs Peak is known as the Wild Gardens in distinction from the corresponding and scarcely less magnificent hollow south of Longs Peak, which is known as the Wild Basin.

Of these canyons one of the most gorgeous frames two lakes of exquisite beauty. The upper one, Odessa Lake, lies under the Continental Divide and reflects snowy monsters in its still waters. The other, a mile below, Fern Lake, is one of the loveliest examples of forest-bordered waters in the Rockies.

These lakes are reached by trail from Moraine Park. They constitute a day's trip of memorable charm. Fern Lodge, located at the edge of the lake, offers comfortable accommodation. Several splendid trips can be taken on foot with Fern Lake as a starting point. Winter sports are held here every year. Forest Inn, a camp located at the Pool, is close to the Fern Lake Trail.

A trail, recently constructed, connects Bear Lake with Odessa Lake. One of the finest trail trips in the park is the circle trip from Bear Lake to Odessa Lake, and thence to Fern Lake and Moraine Park. The distance from Bear Lake to the Brinwood by this route is  $9\frac{1}{4}$  miles, but a day is usually allowed for the trip.

## ROMANTIC LOCH VALE.

Within a right-angled bend of the Continental Divide lies a glacier-watered, cliff-cradled valley which for sheer rocky wildness and the glory of its flowers has few equals. At its head Taylor Peak lifts itself precipitously 3,000 feet to a total height of more than 13,000 feet, and from its western foot rises Otis Peak, of nearly equal loftiness, the two carrying between them broken perpendicular walls carved by the ages into fantastic shape. One dent incloses Andrews Glacier and lets its water find The Loch. On the eastern side another giant, Thatchtop, sheltering the Taylor Glacier, walls all in. It is easily reached by a trail that leaves the Bear Lake road,  $2\frac{1}{2}$  miles above Sprague's.

In this wild embrace lies a valley 2 or 3 miles long ascending from the richest of forests to the barren glacier. Through it tinkles Icy Brook, stringing, like jewels, three small lakes. Of these the lowest is inclosed by a luxuriant piny thicket. The two others, just emerging over timberline, lie set in solid rock sprinkled with snow patches, Indian paintbrush, and columbines.

This valley is called Loch Vale. It is only 8 or 9 miles by mountain road and trail from the well-populated hotels in Moraine Park, but it is little visited because the road is poor and the trail primitive.

Those who love to explore the undeveloped and less frequented regions will enjoy the wild beauty and impressive grandeur of Loch Vale. The Lake of Glass and Sky Pond, just below Taylor Glacier, can be visited in a day's trip. Another wonderful day can be spent in a trip to the foot of Andrews Glacier.

This valley makes a deep impression upon the beauty-loving explorer. The Loch at its entrance, shut in by forest, overhung by

snow-patched mountain giants, and enlivened by the waterfall pouring from a high, rocky shelf up the vale, makes a first impression never to be forgotten. Here, under trees on a tiny promontory, is the spot for lunch.

But the floor of the valley as, going forward, you emerge from timberline is the gorgeous feature of the vale, competing successfully even with the fretted and towering rocks. Such carpeting triumphantly defies art. Below the falls the brook divides and subdivides into many wandering streamlets, often hidden wholly in the luxuriant masses of flowering growths of many kinds and of infinite variety of color. One must step carefully to avoid an icy foot bath, for there is no trail. Low piny growths, dwarfed spruce, and alpine birches group in picturesque clumps. You pass from glade to glade, discovering new and unexpected beauty every few rods. Your highest ambition is to raise a tent back among those small spruces and live here all alone with this luxuriance.

The scramble up the rocky shelf that holds the falls is stiff enough to scrape your hands and steal your breath, and here you find another world. The same grand sculptures surround you, but your carpet is changed to tumbled rock—rock that carries in innumerable hollows patches alternately of snow and floral glory.

Here grow in late August columbines of size and hue to shame the loveliest of New England's springtime. For in these altitudes August is the eastern May. Here, all summer blooms at once. Indian paintbrush shades from its most gorgeous red through all degrees to faint green. Asters, from lavender to deepest purple, group themselves alongside snow banks. Alpine flowerlets never seen below the highest levels peep from the mosses between the rocks. Here, just over the edge of the rock shelf, lies a lake so clear that every pebble on its bottom shows in relief. It is truly the Lake of Glass.

Passing on, the vale still rises and at its head, in the very hollow of the precipices, hemmed in by snow and watered from the glacier, lies the gem of all, Sky Pond. From the boulders on the eastern side you draw a long breath of pleasure, for, looking backward, you see far down the vale over the rim of the falls the exquisite distant Loch shining among its spruces.

All that lacks is life and motion. But here are these, too, in the insects that hum about you. And presently a chipmunk scampers over a boulder and a marmot gives his sharp whistle.

#### GLACIER GORGE.

One of the noblest gorges in any mountain range the world over lies next south of Loch Vale. It is reached from the Bear Lake road,  $2\frac{1}{2}$  miles above Sprague's, by the Loch Vale Trail, although there are no trails in the gorge. Above Lake Mills the western wall of the gorge is formed by McHenry's Peak and Thatchtop; its head lies in the hollow between the Continental Divide and Longs Peak, with Chiefs Head and Pagoda looming on its horizon, and its eastern wall is the long, sharp northern buttress of Longs Peak itself. It is a gorge of indescribable wildness. Lake Mills lies near the mouth of the valley, Black Lake is toward the upper end, while Shelf Lake, Blue Lake, and several other lakes are perched on benches high above the valley floor.



This gorge is magnificently worth visiting. It may be done in a day from Sprague's or from Bear Lake. There is no trail to Keyhole on the great shoulder of Longs Peak, but the ascent can be made. The canyon is luxuriantly covered in places with a large variety of wild flowers.

#### THE TWIN SISTERS.

Nine miles south of the village of Estes Park, split by the boundary line of the national park, rises the precipitous, picturesque, and very craggy mountain called the Twin Sisters. Its elevation is 2,400 feet above the valley floor, which is about 9,000 feet high. The trail leads by many zigzags to a peak from which appears the finest view by far of Longs Peak and its guardians, Mount Meeker and Mount Lady Washington.

From the summit of the Twin Sisters an impressive view is also had of the foothills east of the park, with glimpses beyond of the great plains of eastern Colorado and many of their irrigating reservoirs.

#### THE ASCENT OF LONGS PEAK.

Of the many fascinating and delightful mountain climbs, the ascent of Longs Peak is the most inspiring, as it is the most strenuous. The great altitude of the mountain, 14,255 feet above sea level and more than 5,000 feet above the valley floor, and its position well east of the Continental Divide, affording a magnificent view back upon the range, make it much the most spectacular viewpoint in the park. The difficulty of the ascent also has its attractiveness. Longs Peak is the big climb of the Rocky Mountain National Park.

And yet the ascent is by no means forbidding. One may go more than halfway by horseback. A thousand men and women, and occasionally children, climb the peak each season. The three starting places are Hewes-Kirkwood Inn, the Columbines Lodge, and Longs Peak Inn, 9 miles south of Estes Park.

The trail winds up the timbered slope of Battle Mountain, passes Timberline Cabin, at an elevation of more than 11,000 feet, swings to the crest of Mills Moraine, overlooking Chasm Gorge, then skirts the slope of Mount Lady Washington, goes through Granite Pass, and leads to the shelter cabin in the center of the Boulder Field, at an elevation of 12,700 feet. Horses may be used to this point, but not beyond. From the Boulder Field Cabin, the route lies across the Boulder Field to the Keyhole, half a mile distant, and some 500 feet higher.

Passing through Keyhole, the imposing vista of the Front Range bursts upon the view. We look 2,000 feet down into Glacier Gorge. To the left we pass up a narrow, steeply inclined ice-filled gulch, called the Trough. Finally, after what is to the amateur often an exhausting climb, we pass along the Narrows, up a steep incline called the Homestretch, and we are there.

The view from Longs Peak in most directions is nothing less than sublime.

The trip to the Keyhole is well worth while for those who do not care to climb Longs Peak, but who do wish to see at close range the rugged grandeur of the mountains. Another splendid foot trip from

the Boulder Field Cabin is to Chasm View, half a mile distant, where one sees the precipitous east face of Longs Peak, from the summit of Chasm Lake, 2,500 feet below.

#### CHASM LAKE.

One may ride on horseback to within a quarter of a mile of Chasm Lake. The view from the lake is stupendous, and the upper gorge is one of the most impressive in the park. One may visit both Chasm Lake and the Keyhole in a day. This is an exceptionally fine trip, and if horses are used it is not a difficult one.

#### THE WILD BASIN.

This splendid area south of Longs Peak and east of the Continental Divide is the land of the future. Its mountain surroundings have sublimity. It is dotted with lakes of superb beauty. It is fitted to become the camping ground of large summer throngs.

It is entered from Copeland Lake by a poor road up the North Fork of St. Vrain Creek, which soon lapses into a rude trail. From mountain tops on the south of this superb basin may be had views, which are unsurpassed, of the snowy mountains.

Just south of Wild Basin are the beautiful St. Vrain Glaciers, which lie on the crest of the Continental Divide and form the headwaters of the Middle St. Vrain Creek. They, together with many other scenic features of sensational character, lie outside the park boundary.

#### FROM THE WEST SIDE.

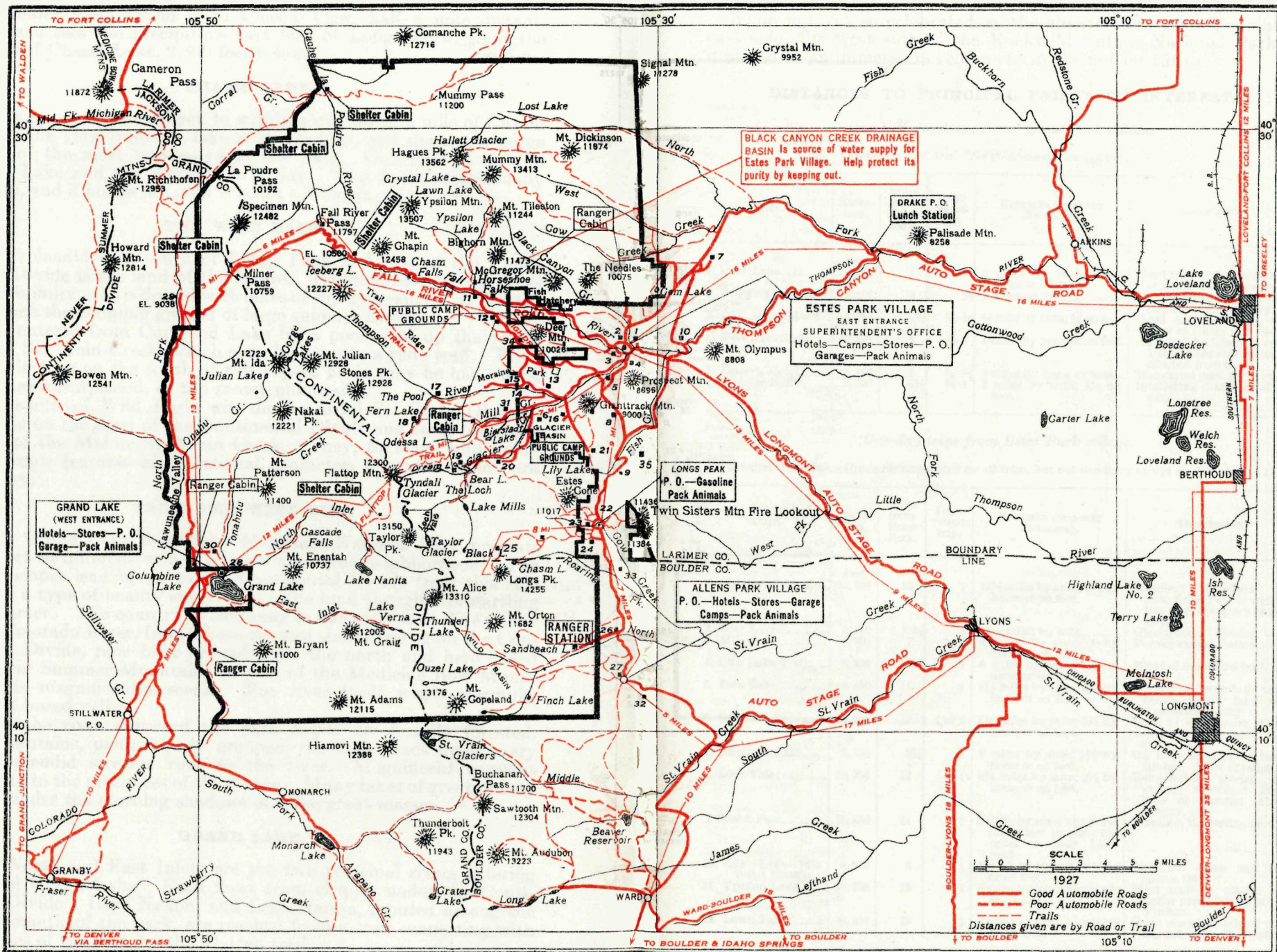
From Grand Lake the Rocky Mountain National Park presents an aspect so different as not to seem the same neighborhood. The gentler slopes leading up to the Continental Divide from this side produce a type of beauty superlative of its kind though less startling in character. The country is charming in the extreme. The valley of the Colorado River, from whose western shores rise again the Continental Divide, now bent around from the north and here called the Never Summer Mountains (a part of the Medicine Bow Mountains), is magnificently scenic. The river itself winds wormlike within a broad valley.

From the river eastward the park slopes are heavily forested. The mountains, picturesquely grouped, lift bald heads upon every side. Splendid streams rush to the river. Magnificent canyons penetrate to the precipices of the divide. Many lakes of great beauty cluster under the morning shadows of these great masses.

#### GRAND LAKE.

The North and East Inlets are the two principal rivers entering beautiful Grand Lake. Each flows from cirques under the Continental Divide. Lake Nokoni and Lake Nanita, reputed among the most romantic of the park, are reached from a trail connecting with both sides of the park by the Flattop trail.

Lake Verna and her unnamed sisters are the beautiful sources of the East Inlet and are reached by its trail.



### MAP OF ROCKY MOUNTAIN NATIONAL PARK

Note: Numbered blocks indicate the location of hotels, camps, and lodges listed under "Hotels, Camps, and Lodges" at the end of this pamphlet

While not yet so celebrated as the showier and more populated east side, the west side of the Rocky Mountain National Park is destined to an immense development in the not far future.

**DISTANCES TO PRINCIPAL POINTS OF INTEREST.**

*One-half day trips from Estes Park village.*

(Elevation 7,547 feet. No guide needed except for No. 6.)

Trips.	Elevation.	Miles from Estes Park.	Days round trip.	Remarks (one-way distances).	Description.
1. Gem Lake.....	<i>Feet.</i> 8,700	4	½	2 miles by auto; 2 by horse or on foot.	Good trip with distant view of Longs Peak from top.
2. Prospect Mountain.	8,896	2	½	2 miles on foot.....	Excellent panorama of range and Estes Park valley.
3. Old Man Mountain.	8,300	1½	¼-½	¾ mile by auto; ¾ on foot.	Good snappy climb, with view of village and park.
4. Deer Mountain.....	10,028	4	½-1	4 miles by horse or on foot.	Auto can be taken to top of Deer Ridge and mountain climbed from there.
5. Lester's Hotel.....	8,100	5	¾-1	5 miles by horse or auto..	Wonderful view of the range.
6. Wonder Basin.....	8,600	5½	½-1	2 miles by auto; 3½ on foot.	Interesting examples of erosion.

*One-day trips from Estes Park village.*

(Elevation 7,547 feet. Guide recommended for all trips, but not necessary except for Nos. 14 and 17.)

Trips.	Elevation.	Miles from Estes Park.	Days round trip.	Remarks (one-way distances).	Description.
1. Flattop Mountain.	<i>Feet.</i> 12,300	15	1	10½ miles by auto; 4½ by horse or on foot.	Excellent horseback trip from Estes Park or walking trip from Sprague's or Bear Lake.
2. Bear Lake.....	9,550	10½	1	10½ miles by auto.....	Glacial lake. Fishing.
3. Mill Creek.....	8,800	7	1	6 miles by auto; 1 by horse or on foot.	Former ranger station.
4. Cub Lake Trail....	9,350	9½	1	6 miles by auto; 3½ by horse or on foot.	Wooded mountain trail.
5. Fern Lake.....	9,550	11	1	6½ miles by auto; 4½ by horse or on foot.	Beautiful wooded trail; heavy forest; lake with wonderful setting.
6. Odessa Lake.....	10,000	12	1 or 2	6½ miles by auto; 5½ by horse or on foot.	Lake of spectacular Alpine beauty. Flowers and snow.
7. Bierstadt Lake....	9,350	9½	1	8 miles by auto; 1½ by horse or on foot.	On huge moraine in heavy timber. View of range.
8. Loch Vale.....	10,250	12	1	9½ miles by auto; 2½ by horse or on foot.	Remarkable glacial evidences; fire-killed forest; lake of unusual Alpine beauty.
9 Storm Pass.....	10,350	11	1	9 miles by auto; 2 by horse or on foot to pass; 6¼ miles to Bear Lake road.	Moraine; timberline growth.
10. Lily Lake (via Wind River).	8,975	8	1	6 miles by auto; 2 by horse or on foot.	Beautiful aspen and blue spruce trail.
11. Ypsilon Lake.....	10,550	12	1	8 miles by auto; 4 by horse or on foot.	Wild trail to glacial lake under precipices of Mount Ypsilon.
12. Lawn Lake.....	10,950	13	1	8 miles by auto; 5 by horse or on foot.	Good mountain trip of varying interest. Fall fishing.

## One-day trips from Estes Park village—Continued.

Trips.	Elevation.	Miles from Estes Park.	Days round trip.	Remarks (one-way distances).	Description.
13. Crystal Lake.....	<i>Feel.</i> 11,450	14½	1 or 2	8 miles by auto; 6 by horse or on foot; ½ on foot.	Timberline; glacial lake in glacial cirque.
14. Hallett Glacier.....	13,200	16	1 or 2	8 miles by auto; 6 by horse or on foot; 2 on foot.	Largest glacier in park. Great mountain view.
15. Specimen Mountain.....	12,482	24	1 or 2	22 miles by auto; 2 by horse or on foot.	Interesting volcanic formations. Mountain sheep.
16. Iceberg Lake.....	11,575	19	1 or 2	18 miles by auto; 1 by horse or on foot.	Splendid mountain trip with little lake of icebergs.
17. Trail Ridge.....	12,227	18	1 or 2	Entire distance on horseback.	Old Indian trail across the Divide. Marvelous view.
18. Twin Sisters and Lookout.....	11,436	12	1	8½ miles by auto; 3½ by horse or on foot.	National Park Service fire lookout. View of entire country.
19. Chasm Lake.....	11,950	14½	1	10 miles by auto; 4 by horse or on foot; ¼ on foot.	Timberline; terrific glacial work; high perpendicular precipices.
20. Hallett Peak.....	12,725	15½	1	10½ miles by auto; 4½ by horse or on foot; ½ on foot.	Short stiff climb. Expansive view of hundreds of square miles of country.
21. The Keyhole.....	13,214	17½	1	10 miles by auto; 7 by horse or on foot; ½ on foot.	Spectacular views of Glacier Gorge and Longs Peak.

The above trips may be combined as follows: 1, 2, and 3; 1 and 20; 2, 5, and 6; 3 and 4; 4, 5, and 6; 9 and 10; 11 and 12; 12, 13, and 14; 15, 16, and 17; 19 and 21.

## Other trips in the Rocky Mountain National Park.

(Guide recommended on all these trips.)

Trips.	Starting point.
1. Chasm Lake—Longs Peak.....	Longs Peak post office.
2. Glacier Gorge—Lakes Mills, Black, Blue, and Shelf.....	Glacier Basin.
3. Glass Lake—Sky Pond—Taylor Glacier.....	Do.
4. Loch Vale—Andrews Glacier—Mount Otis—Otis Gorge—Lake Haiyaha—Nymph Lake—Bear Lake.....	Do.
5. Nymph Lake—Dream Lake—Emerald Lake—Tyndall Gorge—Tyndall Glacier—Flattop Mountain.....	Bear Lake.
6. Fern Lake—Odessa Lake—Flattop Mountain—Tyndall Glacier—Hallett Peak—Continental Divide—Tourmaline Gorge.....	Fern Lake.
7. Spruce Lake—Spruce Canyon—Hourglass and Rainbow Lakes—Sprague Glacier—Continental Divide—Tourmaline Lake and Gorge—Odessa and Fern Lakes.....	Do.
8. The Pool—Forest Canyon.....	The Pool.
9. Copeland Lake—Wild Basin.....	Copeland Lake.
10. Top of road on Continental Divide—Mount Ida—Gorge Lakes—Forest Canyon—The Pool.....	Estes Park.
11. Fall River road—Chapin Pass—Mounts Chiquita, Ypsilon, and Chapin—Bill Currence's trail.....	Do.
12. Fall River Pass—Cache la Poudre River—Down to fire box No. 13—Up Chapin Creek to Chapin Pass—Fall River road.....	Do.
13. Horseshoe Park—Lawn Lake—"The Saddle"—Cascade Creek—Fire box No. 13, back as trip No. 12.....	Horseshoe Park.
14. Fall River road to Chapin Pass—Chapin Creek and Cache la Poudre to fire box No. 13—Boundary of park to la Poudre Pass—Headwaters of Colorado River—Camp Wheeler.....	Estes Park.
15. Trail Ridge—Continental Divide—Camp Wheeler.....	Do.
16. Camp Wheeler—Headwaters of Colorado River—Thunder Pass and Thunder Mountain.....	Camp Wheeler ("Squeaky Bob's").
17. Mount Richthofen.....	Camp Wheeler.
18. Specimen Mountain.....	Do.
19. Eight or more good climbs in the Never Summer Range.....	Do.
20. Flattop Mountain—Tyndall Glacier—Andrews Glacier—Flattop shelter cabin—Lakes Nanita and Nokoni.....	Estes Park.
21. North Inlet to source—Mount Alice—Wild Basin.....	Flattop shelter cabin.
22. Grand Lake via Camp Wheeler.....	Estes Park.
23. Grand Lake via Flattop.....	Do.

*Trips from Grand Lake.*

Trips.	Elevation.	Miles one way.	Days round trip.	Remarks.
	<i>Fect.</i>			
1. Cascade Falls.....	9,000	4	1½	4 miles by horse or on foot.
2. Flattop shelter cabin.....	10,500	10	1	10 miles by horse or on foot.
3. Lake Nanita.....	10,750	10	1	10 miles by horse or on foot.
Lake Nokoni.....	10,850	11	1	10 miles by horse or on foot; 1 on foot.
4. Bench Lake.....	10,923	12	1	10 miles by horse; 2 on foot.
5. Flattop Mountain.....	12,300	12	1	12 miles by horse or on foot.
6. Adams Falls.....	9,000	2	1½	2 miles by horse or on foot.
7. Shadow Mountain.....	10,100	3	1½	3 miles by horse or on foot.
8. Lake Verna.....	10,150	8	1	8 miles by horse; 5 on foot.
9. Hell Canyon Pass.....	11,400	13	2	8 miles by horse; 5 on foot.
10. Colorado River trail.....	8,500	5	1½	5 miles by horse or on foot.
11. North Fork road.....	9,038	13	1	13 miles by horse, on foot, or by auto.
12. Camp Wheeler.....	9,000	13	1	13 miles by horse, on foot, or by auto.
13. Milner Pass.....	10,759	18	1	18 miles by horse, on foot, or by auto.
14. Tonahutu Creek Big Meadows.....	9,385	5	1½	5 miles by horse or on foot.
15. Columbine Lake.....	8,600	3	1½	3 miles by horse, on foot, or by auto.
16. Fall River road to Continental Divide and Fall River Pass.....	11,797	22	1½	22 miles by horse, or on foot, or by auto.
17. Estes Park.....	7,547	40	1	40 miles by horse or auto.

**THE MOUNTAIN PEAKS.**

*Front Range peaks following the line of the Continental Divide, north to south.*

A little west of the divide.	On the Continental Divide.	A little east of the divide.	Altitude, in feet.
Shipier Mountain.....	Specimen Mountain.....		12,482
		Trail Ridge.....	11,400
	Mount Ida.....	Terra Tomah Peak.....	12,400
		Mount Julian.....	12,700
		Stones Peak.....	12,686
	Flattop Mountain.....		12,928
	Hallett Peak.....		12,928
	Otis Peak.....		12,300
	Taylor Peak.....		12,725
		Thatchtop.....	12,478
	McHenry's Peak.....		13,150
		Storm Peak.....	12,600
		Chiefs Head.....	13,300
	Pagoda.....	13,335	
	Longs Peak.....	13,579	
	Mount Lady Washington.....	13,491	
	Mount Meeker.....	14,255	
Andrews Peak.....	Mount Alice.....	13,269	13,911
		13,310	
Mount Craig.....		12,564	
		Tanina Peak.....	12,417
		Mahana Peak.....	12,005
Mount Adams.....	Ouzel Peak.....		12,629
			12,600
		Deer Mountain.....	12,115
		Twin Sisters.....	10,028
		Estes Cone.....	11,436
		Battle Mountain.....	11,017
		Lookout.....	11,930
		Mount Orton.....	10,744
		Meadow Mountain.....	11,682
		Mount Copeland.....	11,634
			13,176

*Peaks of the Mummy Range northeast of the Continental Divide from Fall River, north.*

	Altitude in feet.
Mount Chapin .....	12, 458
Mount Chiquita .....	13, 052
Ypsilon Mountain .....	13, 507
Mount Fairchild .....	13, 502
Hagues Peak .....	13, 562
Mummy Mountain .....	13, 413
Mount Dunraven .....	12, 548
Mount Dickinson .....	11, 874
Mount Tileston .....	11, 244
Bighorn Mountain .....	11, 473
McGregor Mountain .....	10, 482
The Needles .....	10, 075

*Peaks in the Grand Lake Basin.*

Snowdrift Peak .....	12, 280
Nakai Peak .....	12, 221
Mount Patterson .....	11, 400
Nisa Mountain .....	10, 791
Mount Enentah .....	10, 737
Mount Cairns .....	10, 800
Mount Wescott .....	10, 400
Shadow Mountain .....	10, 100
Mount Bryant .....	11, 000
Mount Acoma .....	10, 500

The above tables show that there are 56 named mountains within the very limited area of the park that reach altitudes of over 10,000 feet, grouped as follows:

Over 14,000 feet .....	1
Between 13,000 and 14,000 feet .....	14
Between 12,000 and 13,000 feet .....	20
Between 11,000 and 12,000 feet .....	11
Between 10,000 and 11,000 feet .....	10

**WILD LIFE.**

The national park is a sanctuary for wild life. Animals and birds are protected from hunting. Living trees may not be cut nor injured. Flowers may not be picked. The cooperation of visitors is requested, in order that the wild life of the park may be protected and become tamer, that the flowers may continue in their present abundance, and that the forests of the park may not suffer injury from fire or other cause.

**ANIMALS.**

The mountain sheep, or bighorn, can often be seen in certain localities, sometimes in flocks of 50 or more, and is one of the most characteristic animals of the park. Another is the beaver, whose dams and other structures, both old and new, are found along most streams at middle altitudes, though the animal itself appears rarely except at night. Elk occur in a few places, while deer are widely distributed and at times fairly common. Coyotes are occasionally seen, and a few brown or black bear inhabit the wilder parts of the park; but these, like the mountain lion, bobcat, and smaller carnivorous

animals are not only rare, but so shy and wary that they are seldom seen by visitors.

Among smaller animals, the most familiar are the marmot or woodchuck, the Fremont or pine squirrel, two kinds of chipmunk, and the interesting little cony or pika, which lives among the rocks on high mountains and is more often heard than seen. In all, about 35 species of mammals occur in the park.

#### BIRDS.

The commonest species are the western robin, the beautiful mountain bluebird, and, at middle elevations, the chickadee and junco. The hermit thrush and the solitaire, generally classed among the finest song birds in the world, are both fairly common in suitable localities; and but little inferior to these in musical performance are the purple finch, ruby-crowned kinglet, western meadowlark, and rock and canyon wrens. The graceful violet-green swallow is unsurpassed in beauty of form and color, and the crested jay, magpie, and nutcracker are conspicuous for their handsome appearance and vigorous flight. Among birds particularly interesting because of curious and unusual habits are the broad-tailed hummingbird, water ousel, campbird, nuthatch, nighthawk, and the ptarmigan, pipit, and rosy finch of the high peaks.

Although widely distributed through the park, birds are more numerous along streams and near open marshes and meadows than in the dense forests. About 100 species occur regularly in summer, and nearly 150 have been recorded during the whole year.

#### FLOWERS.

This park is especially notable for the occurrence of the blue columbine and many beautiful flowers of the gentian and primrose families; for the profusion of dwarf alpine plants on the meadows above timberline; and for the brilliance of certain species found in moist glades of the subalpine zone. Striking examples of the latter are the tall blue larkspur and monkshood, of many vivid hues, and the curious little red elephant.

Conspicuous and characteristic flowers of the lower altitudes are the mariposa lily, iris, wallflower, gaillardia, and numerous varieties of cinquefoil, pentstemon, and evening primrose. Among the less common groups, several delicate species of orchid, pyrola, violet, and anemone will delight the botanist. Over 300 distinct species of flowering plants have been collected within the park, and doubtless many more await discovery and identification by the careful student.

#### TREES.

The principal trees are the Engelmann spruce, which forms extensive primeval forests in the subalpine region, the lodgepole pine, the prevailing tree of middle elevation, very common in second growth, and the yellow pine, a large spreading tree, occurring mainly in the lower valleys and foothills. The limber pine is frequent in high rocky places, assuming picturesque forms at timberline, and



the Douglas fir, or false hemlock, is widely distributed, while the blue spruce and alpine fir are confined to moist stream banks. In addition to the coniferous trees, there are three species of poplar, of which the commonest is the well-known quaking aspen, growing in scattered groves throughout the park.

KEY TO THE EVERGREEN OR CONIFEROUS TREES OF THE ROCKY MOUNTAIN NATIONAL PARK.

A. Leaves needlelike, more than 1 inch long, in bundles or clusters. Fruit a cone, with woody scales:	
1. Leaves in bundles of five.....	Limber pine.
2. Leaves normally in bundles of three, 4 to 6 inches long. Bark of old trees reddish, thick, and furrowed.	Yellow pine.
3. Leaves normally in bundles of two, 2 to 3 inches long. Bark of old trees blackish, thin, and scaly.	Lodgepole pine.
B. Leaves needlelike, mostly about 1 inch long or less, not clustered, but growing singly along the twig. Fruit a cone, with leathery or papery scales:	
1. Leaves rigid to the touch, four-angled in cross section—	
<i>a.</i> Leaves very sharp pointed. Bark of old trees gray, thick, and ridged.	Blue spruce.
<i>b.</i> Leaves blunt pointed. Bark of old trees reddish, thin, and scaly.....	Engelmann spruce.
2. Leaves soft to the touch, somewhat pliable, and flattened—	
<i>a.</i> Leaves narrowed at the base to a short but evident stem; cones brown, pendent.	Douglas spruce.
<i>b.</i> Leaves not narrowed at the base, but bluntly stemless against the twig; cones purplish black, erect.	Balsam fir.
C. Leaves, or most of them, scalelike, very small, appressed, and clasping. Fruit a blue berry.	Red juniper.

## RULES AND REGULATIONS.

(Approved February 10, 1927, to continue in force and effect until otherwise directed by the Secretary of the Interior.)

### GENERAL REGULATIONS.

The following rules and regulations for the government of Rocky Mountain National Park are hereby established and made public pursuant to authority conferred by the act of Congress, approved January 26, 1915 (38 Stat. 798), as amended February 14, 1917 (39 Stat. 916), and the act of August 25, 1916 (39 Stat. 535), as amended June 2, 1920 (41 Stat. 732).

1. *Preservation of natural features and curiosities.*—The destruction, injury, defacement, or disturbance in any way of the public buildings, signs, equipment, or other property, or the trees, flowers, vegetation, rocks, mineral, animal, or bird, or other life is prohibited: *Provided*, That flowers may be gathered in small quantities when, in the judgment of the superintendent, their removal will not impair the beauty of the park.

2. *Camping.*—In order to preserve the natural scenery of the park and to provide pure water and facilities for keeping the park clean, permanent camp sites have been set apart for tourists visiting the park in their own conveyances, and no camping is permitted outside the specially designated sites. These camps have been used during past seasons; they will be used daily this year and for many years to come. It is necessary, therefore, that the following rules be strictly enforced for the protection of the health and comfort of the tourists who visit the park in their own conveyances:

(a) Combustible rubbish shall be burned on camp fires and all other garbage and refuse of all kinds shall be placed in garbage cans or, if cans are not available, placed in the pits provided at the edge of camp. At new or unfrequented camps garbage shall be burned or carried to a place hidden from sight. *Keep the camp grounds clean.*

(b) There are thousands of visitors every year to each camp site and the water in the creeks and streams adjacent is not safe to drink. The water supply provided is pure and wholesome and must be used. If, however, the water supply is not piped to grounds, consult rangers for sources to use. Tourists out on hiking parties must not contaminate watersheds of water supplies. They are indicated by signs, pipe lines, and dams. *There is plenty of pure water; be sure you get it.*

(c) Campers and others shall not wash clothing or cooking utensils or pollute in any other manner the waters of the park, or bathe in any of the streams near the regularly traveled thoroughfares in the park without suitable bathing clothes.

(d) Stock shall not be tied so as to permit their entering any of the streams of the park. All animals shall be kept a sufficient distance from camping grounds in order not to litter the ground and make unfit for use the area which may be used later as tent sites.

(e) Wood for fuel only can be taken from dead or fallen trees.

3. *Fires.*—Fires constitute one of the greatest perils to the park; they shall not be kindled near trees, dead wood, moss, dry leaves, forest mold, or other vegetable refuse, but in some open space on rocks or earth. Should camp be made in a locality where no such open space exists or is provided, the dead wood, moss, dry leaves, etc., shall be scraped away to the rock or earth over an area considerably larger than that required for the fire.

Fires shall be lighted only when necessary, and when no longer needed shall be completely extinguished, and all embers and bed smothered with earth or water so that there remains no possibility of reignition.

The possession of, the ignition, or setting off of firecrackers or fireworks is prohibited within the park.

*Especial care shall be taken that no lighted match, cigar, or cigarette is dropped in any grass, twigs, leaves, or tree mold.*

4. *Hunting.*—The park is a sanctuary for wild life of every sort, and hunting, killing, wounding, capturing, or frightening any bird or wild animal in the park, except dangerous animals when it is necessary to prevent them from destroying life or inflicting injury, is prohibited.

The outfits, including guns, traps, teams, horses, or means of transportation used by persons engaged in hunting, killing, trapping, ensnaring, or capturing birds or wild animals, or in possession of game killed on the park lands under circumstances other than prescribed above, shall be taken up by the superintendent and held subject to the order of the Director of the National Park Service, except in cases where it is shown by satisfactory evidence that the outfit is not the property of the person or persons violating this regulation, and the actual owner was not a party to such violation. Firearms are prohibited in the park except on written permission of the superintendent. Visitors entering or traveling through the park to places beyond shall, at entrance, report and surrender all firearms, traps, nets, seines, or explosives in their possession to the first park officer, and in proper cases may obtain his written leave to carry them through the park sealed. The Government assumes no responsibilities for loss or damage to any firearms, traps, nets, seines, or other property so surrendered to any park officer, nor are park officers authorized to accept the responsibility of custody of any property for the convenience of visitors.

5. *Fishing.*—Fishing with nets, seines, traps, or by the use of drugs or explosives, or in any other way than with hook and line, or for merchandise or profit, is prohibited. Fishing in particular water may be suspended, or the number of fish that may be taken by one person in any one day from the various streams or lakes may be regulated by the superintendent. All fish hooked less than 7 inches long shall be carefully handled with moist hands and returned at once to the water. Fish retained shall be killed. Thirty fish (not exceeding a total of 10 pounds) shall constitute the limit for a day's catch.

6. *Private operations.*—No person, firm, or corporation shall reside permanently, engage in any business, or erect buildings in the park without permission in writing from the Director of the National

Park Service, Washington, D. C. Applications for such permission may be addressed to the Director through the superintendent of the park.

7. *Cameras*.—Still and motion picture cameras may be freely used in the park for general scenic purposes. For the filming of motion pictures requiring the use of artificial or special settings, or involving the performance of a professional cast, permission must first be obtained from the superintendent of the park.

8. *Gambling*.—Gambling in any form, or the operation of gambling devices, whether for merchandise or otherwise, is prohibited.

9. *Advertisements*.—Private notices or advertisements shall not be posted or displayed within the park, excepting such as the park superintendent deems necessary for the convenience and guidance of the public.

10. *Mining claims*.—The location of mining claims is prohibited on Government lands within the park.

11. *Patented lands*.—Owners of patented lands within the park limits are entitled to the full use and enjoyment thereof; the boundaries of such lands, however, shall be determined, and marked and defined, so that they may be readily distinguished from the park lands. While no limitations or conditions are imposed upon the use of private lands so long as such use does not interfere with or injure the park, private owners shall provide against trespass by their livestock upon the park lands, and all trespasses committed will be punished to the full extent of the law. Stock may be taken over the park lands to patented private lands with the written permission and under the supervision of the superintendent, but such permission and supervision are not required when access to such private lands is had wholly over roads or lands not owned or controlled by the United States.

12. *Grazing*.—The running at large, herding, or grazing of livestock of any kind on the Government lands in the park, as well as the driving of livestock over same, is prohibited except where authority therefor has been granted by the superintendent. Livestock found improperly on the park lands may be impounded and held until claimed by the owner and the trespass adjusted.

13. *Authorized operators*.—All persons, firms, or corporations holding franchises in the park shall keep the grounds used by them properly policed and shall maintain the premises in a sanitary condition to the satisfaction of the superintendent. No operator shall retain in his employment a person whose presence in the park may be deemed by the superintendent subversive of good order and management of the park.

All operators shall require each of their employees to wear a metal badge with a number thereon, or other mark of identification, the name and the number corresponding therewith or the identification mark being registered in the superintendent's office. These badges must be worn in plain sight on the hat or cap.

14. *Dogs and cats*.—Cats are not permitted on the Government lands in the park and dogs only to those persons passing through the park to the territory beyond, in which instances they shall be kept tied while crossing the park.

15. *Dead animals*.—All domestic or grazed animals that may die on the Government lands in the park, at any tourist camp, or along

any of the public thoroughfares, shall be buried immediately by the owner or person having charge of such animals, at least 2 feet beneath the ground and in no case less than one-fourth mile from any camp or thoroughfare.

16. *Travel on trails.*—Pedestrians on trails, when saddle or pack animals are passing them, shall remain quiet until the animals have passed.

Persons traveling on the trails of the park, either on foot or on saddle animals, shall not make short cuts, but shall confine themselves to the main trails.

17. *Travel—General.*—(a) Saddle horses, pack trains, and horse-drawn vehicles have right of way over motor-propelled vehicles at all times.

(b) On sidehill grades throughout the park motor-driven vehicles shall take the outer side of the road when meeting or passing vehicles of any kind drawn by animals; likewise, freight, baggage, and heavy camping outfits shall take the outer side of the road on sidehill grades when meeting or passing passenger vehicles drawn by animals.

(c) Load and vehicle weight limitations shall be those prescribed from time to time by the Director of the National Park Service and shall be complied with by the operators of all vehicles using the park roads. Schedules showing weight limitations for different roads in the park may be seen at the office of the superintendent and at the ranger stations at the park entrances.

(d) All vehicles shall be equipped with lights for night travel. At least one light shall be carried on the left front side of horse-drawn vehicles in a position such as to be visible from both front and rear.

18. *Miscellaneous.*—(a) Campers and all others, save those holding licenses from the Director of the National Park Service, are prohibited from hiring their horses, trappings, or vehicles to tourists or visitors in the park. No pack trains will be allowed in the park, unless in charge of a duly registered guide.

(b) All complaints by tourists and others as to service, etc., rendered in the park should be made to the superintendent in writing before the complainant leaves the park. Oral complaints will be heard daily during office hours.

19. *Fines and penalties.*—Persons who render themselves obnoxious by disorderly conduct or bad behavior shall be subjected to the punishment hereinafter prescribed for violation of the foregoing regulations, or they may be summarily removed from the park by the superintendent and not allowed to return without permission in writing from the Director of the National Park Service or the superintendent of the park.

Any person who violates any of the foregoing regulations shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and shall be subject to a fine of not more than \$500 or imprisonment not exceeding six months, or both, and be adjudged to pay all costs of the proceedings.

20. *Lost and found articles.*—Persons finding lost articles should deposit them at the nearest ranger station, leaving their own names and addresses so that if not claimed by owners within 60 days articles may be turned over to those who found them.

## AUTOMOBILE AND MOTOR CYCLE REGULATIONS.

Pursuant to authority conferred by the act of Congress approved January 26, 1915 (38 Stat. 798), as amended February 14, 1917 (39 Stat. 916), and the act of August 25, 1916 (39 Stat. 535), as amended June 2, 1920 (41 Stat. 732), the following regulations covering the admission of automobiles and motor cycles into the Rocky Mountain National Park are hereby established and made public:

1. *Entrances.*—Automobiles and motor cycles may enter and leave the park by any of the entrances.

2. *Automobiles.*—The park is open to automobiles operated for pleasure, but not to those carrying passengers who are paying, either directly or indirectly, for the use of machines (excepting, however, automobiles used by transportation lines operating under Government franchise), and any person operating an automobile in contravention of the provisions of this regulation will be deemed guilty of its violation.

Careful driving is demanded of all persons using the roads. The Government is in no way responsible for any kind of accident.

3. *Motor cycles.*—Motor cycles are admitted to the park under the same conditions as automobiles and are subject to the same regulations, as far as they are applicable. Automobiles and horse-drawn vehicles shall have the right of way over motor cycles.

4. *Motor trucks.*—Motor trucks may enter the park subject to the weight limitations prescribed by the Director of the National Park Service.

5. *Intoxication.*—No person who is under the influence of intoxicating liquor and no person who is addicted to the use of narcotic drugs shall operate or drive a motor vehicle of any kind on the park roads.

6. *Permits.*—No permits for automobiles or motor cycles operated for pleasure are required.

7. *Fees.*—No fee is demanded for the operation of automobiles or motor cycles operated for pleasure.

8. *Distance apart; gears and brakes.*—Automobiles while in motion shall be not less than 50 yards apart, except for the purpose of passing, which is permissible only on comparatively level stretches of roads or on slight grades. All automobiles, except while shifting gears, shall retain their gears constantly engaged. The driver of each automobile may be required to satisfy park officers that all parts of his machine, particularly the brakes and tires, are in first-class working order and capable of making the trip; and that there is sufficient gasoline in the tank to reach the next place where it may be obtained. The automobile shall carry at least one extra tire. Motor cycles not equipped with brakes in good working order are not permitted to enter the park.

9. *Speeds.*—Automobiles and other vehicles shall be so operated as to be under the safe control of the driver at all times. The speed shall be kept within such limits as may be necessary to avoid accident. Maximum speed is limited to 12 miles per hour on grades and when rounding sharp curves. On straight open stretches the speed may be increased to 25 miles per hour.

10. *Horns.*—The horn shall be sounded on approaching curves or stretches of road concealed for any considerable distance by slopes,

overhanging trees, or other obstacles, and before meeting or passing other automobiles, motor cycles, riding or driving animals, or pedestrians.

11. *Lights*.—All automobiles shall be equipped with head and tail lights, the headlights to be of sufficient brilliancy to insure safety in driving at night, and all lights shall be kept lighted after sunset when automobile is on the roads. Headlights shall be dimmed when meeting other automobiles, motor cycles, riding or driving animals, or pedestrians.

12. *Muffler cut-outs*.—Muffler cut-outs shall be kept closed while approaching or passing riding horses, horse-drawn vehicles, hotels, camps, or checking stations.

13. *Teams*.—When teams, saddle horses, or pack trains approach, automobiles shall take the outer edge of the roadway, regardless of the direction in which they may be going, taking care that sufficient room is left on the inside for the passage of vehicles and animals. Teams have the right of way, and automobiles shall be backed or otherwise handled as may be necessary so as to enable teams to pass with safety. In no case shall automobiles pass animals on the road at a speed greater than 8 miles per hour.

14. *Overtaking vehicles*.—Any vehicle traveling slowly upon any of the park roads shall, when overtaken by a faster moving motor vehicle and upon suitable signal from such overtaking vehicle, give way to the right, in case of horse-drawn vehicles, allowing the overtaking vehicle reasonably free passage, provided the overtaking vehicle does not exceed the speed limits specified for the road in question.

When automobiles going in opposite directions meet on a grade, the ascending machine has right of way, and the descending machine shall be backed or otherwise handled as may be necessary to enable the ascending machine to pass with safety.

15. *Accidents, stop-overs*.—If, because of accident or stop for any reason, automobiles are unable to keep going, they shall be immediately parked off the road, or, where this is impossible, on the outer edge of the road.

16. *Fines and penalties*.—Any person who violates any of the foregoing regulations shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and shall be subject to a fine of not more than \$500 or imprisonment not exceeding six months, or both, and be adjudged to pay all costs of the proceedings, and such violation shall subject the offender to immediate ejection from the park. Persons ejected from the park will not be permitted to return without prior sanction in writing from the Director of the National Park Service or the superintendent of the park.

17. *Reduced engine power, gasoline, etc.*—The power of automobiles is reduced in high altitudes. Adjustment of the carburetor may be advisable, particularly for continued use at high elevations. Gears will be used more frequently than at low elevations, and more gasoline will be used per mile. In descending a long hill the automobile should be kept in gear and the compression of the engine utilized to retard the speed of the car. If brakes alone are used they are likely to become overheated. In climbing a long grade overheating of the engine should be avoided and the radiator refilled when necessary.

18. *Garages—Repairs—Supplies.*—Gasoline, oils, and accessories are available for purchase at stations in Estes Park and Grand Lake. Repair shops and garages are maintained at these points by dealers not under the jurisdiction of the National Park Service.

#### MAP.

The following map may be obtained from the Director of the United States Geological Survey, Washington, D. C. Remittances should be made by money order or in cash.

Map of Rocky Mountain National Park; 13½ by 20½ inches; scale, 2 miles to the inch. Price 10 cents.<sup>1</sup>

The roads, trails, and names are printed in black, the streams and lakes in blue, and the relief is indicated by brown contour lines.

#### PANORAMIC VIEW.

Panoramic view of Rocky Mountain National Park; 14 by 17 inches; scale, 2 miles to the inch. (Out of print.)

This view is based on accurate surveys and gives an excellent idea of the configuration of the surface as it would appear to a person flying over it. The meadows and valleys are printed in light green, the streams and lakes in light blue, the cliffs and ridges in purple tints, and the roads in light brown. The lettering is printed in light brown and is easily read on close inspection, but merges into the other colors when the sheet is held at some distance.

#### LITERATURE.

##### GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS.

Government publications on Rocky Mountain National Park may be obtained as indicated below. Separate communications should be addressed to the officers mentioned.

##### DISTRIBUTED FREE BY THE NATIONAL PARK SERVICE.

The following publications may be obtained free on written application to the Director of the National Park Service, Washington, D. C., or by personal application at the office of the superintendent of the park:

Automobile road map of Rocky Mountain National Park.

Shows the park road and trail system, hotels, camps, garages, superintendent's office, routes to the park, etc. Also contains suggestions to motorists.

Map of National Parks and National Monuments.

Shows location of all the national parks and monuments administered by the National Park Service and all railroad routes to these reservations.

Glimpses of our national parks.

Contains descriptions of the most important features of the principal national parks.

##### SOLD BY THE SUPERINTENDENT OF DOCUMENTS.

The following publications may be obtained from the Superintendent of Documents, Government Printing Office, Washington, D. C., at the price given. Remittances should be by money order or in cash.

**The National Parks Portfolio.** By Robert Sterling Yard. Fourth edition. 270 pages, including 310 illustrations. Bound securely in cloth, \$1.<sup>1</sup>

Contains nine chapters, each descriptive of a national park, and one larger chapter devoted to other parks and monuments.

<sup>1</sup> May be purchased also by personal application to the office of the superintendent of the park, in the town of Estes Park, but that office can not fill mail orders.



The Geologic Story of Rocky Mountain National Park, by Willis T. Lee, Ph. D., 1917. 89 pages, including 101 illustrations and 5 maps. 30 cents.<sup>1</sup>

Contains detailed description of trails and scenic features, as well as very interesting account of the geologic and geographic development of the park.

Mountaineering in the Rocky Mountain National Park, by Roger W. Toll, with 48 illustrations and 2 maps. Price, 50 cents.<sup>1</sup>

Contains directions for climbing principal mountains of the Rocky Mountain Park region. For beginners as well as experienced mountaineers.

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Rules and Regulations similar to this for other national parks listed below may be obtained free of charge by writing to the Director of the National Park Service, Washington, D. C.

Crater Lake National Park.  
 Glacier National Park.  
 Grand Canyon National Park.  
 Hawaii National Park.  
 Hot Springs National Park.  
 Lafayette National Park.  
 Lassen Volcanic National Park.  
 Mesa Verde National Park.

Mount Rainier National Park.  
 Sequoia and General Grant National  
 Parks.  
 Wind Cave National Park.  
 Yellowstone National Park.  
 Yosemite National Park.  
 Zion National Park.

### NATIONAL MONUMENTS.

*Glimpses of Our National Monuments*, a pamphlet of 73 pages, including 34 illustrations, contains brief descriptions of all the national monuments administered by the Department of the Interior.

**AUTHORIZED RATES FOR PUBLIC UTILITIES, SEASON OF 1927.**

All rates of the authorized public utilities are approved by the Government. Therefore complaints regarding overcharges should be made to the superintendent. Employees of the hotels, camps, and transportation lines are not Government employees, but discourteous treatment by public-utility employees should be reported to the park administration.

**TRANSPORTATION TO THE PARK.**

The Rocky Mountain Parks Transportation Co. operates the following regular daily automobile service from the named points to the Rocky Mountain National Park:

*Daily schedule for season of 1927.*

**BETWEEN DENVER AND ESTES PARK.**

- ★★ Indicates route via Thompson Canyon, distance 86 miles.
- ★ Indicates route via North St. Vrain Canyon, distance 70 miles.

(Fare, \$10.50 round trip.)

Read down.			Miles.	Stations.	Read up.			
★★	★	★	0 70-86	Lv. Denver.....Ar.	★	★★	★	★
7.45 a. m.	2.00 p. m.	3.45 p. m.		Ar. Estes Park..Lv.	11.00 a. m.	12.30 p. m.	6.00 p. m.	7.30 p. m.
★★	★	★			★	★★	★	★
12.30 p. m.	6.00 p. m.	7.45 p. m.			7.00 a. m.	7.45 a. m.	2.00 p. m.	3.30 p. m.

**DENVER TO DENVER-ROCKY MOUNTAIN PARK TOUR.**

Denver to Denver via Thompson Canyon, Estes Park, Fall River Pass, Grand Lake, Berthoud Pass, Idaho Springs. Twice across the Continental Divide, 240 miles.

(Fare, \$25.50, all way by automobile.)

Read down.	Miles.	Stations.	
7.45 a. m.	0	Lv. Denver.....	} 1st day.
12.30 p. m.	86	Ar. Estes Park.....	
2.30 p. m.		Lv. Estes Park.....	
6.30 p. m.	126	Ar. Grand Lake.....	} 2d day.
8.00 a. m.		Lv. Grand Lake.....	
2.30 p. m.	201	Lv. Idaho Springs.....	
5.00 p. m.	240	Ar. Denver.....	

**BETWEEN LONGMONT, LYONS, AND ESTES PARK, VIA NORTH ST. VRAIN CANYON.<sup>1</sup>**

Read down.	Miles.	Stations.	Read up.
10.10 a. m.	0	Lv. Longmont.....Ar.	9.20 a. m. 3.45 p. m.
4.35 p. m.	12	Lv. Lyons.....Lv.	
10.45 a. m.	35	Ar. Estes Park.....Lv.	8.50 a. m. 3.00 p. m.
5.30 p. m.			
12.15 p. m.			7.00 a. m. 1.00 p. m.

**BETWEEN LOVELAND AND ESTES PARK, VIA THOMPSON CANYON.<sup>1</sup>**

Read down.	Miles.	Stations.	Read up.
8.30 a. m.	0	Lv. Loveland.....Ar.	8.45 a. m. 3.30 p. m.
10.45 a. m.	33	Ar. Estes Park.....Lv.	
10.30 a. m.			6.45 a. m. 1.30 p. m.

<sup>1</sup> One-way fare between Loveland, Longmont, Lyons, Boulder, Greeley, La Salle, or Fort Collins and Estes Park, \$5.50; round trip, \$10.50. Special round-trip rate, limited to one day in addition to date of sale, between these towns and Estes Park, \$8.

BETWEEN LOVELAND AND ESTES PARK<sup>1</sup> VIA THOMPSON CANYON AND DEVILS GULCH.

Read down.	Miles.	Stations.	Read up.
3.00 p. m.	0	Lv... Loveland.....Ar.	11.00 a. m. 5.30 p. m.
5.00 p. m.	35	Ar... Estes Park.....Lv.	9.00 a. m. 3.30 p. m.

BETWEEN FORT COLLINS AND ESTES PARK, VIA THOMPSON CANYON AND DEVILS GULCH.<sup>1</sup>

Read down.	Miles.	Stations.	Read up.
2.00 p. m.	0	Lv... Fort Collins.....Ar.	11.45 a. m.
5.00 p. m.	44	Ar... Estes Park.....Lv.	9.00 a. m.

BETWEEN LASALLE, GREELEY, AND ESTES PARK.

Read down.	Miles.	Stations.	Read up.
★ 6.30 a. m. ★ 12.45 p. m.	0	Lv... La Salle.....Ar.	12.20 p. m. ★ 4.50 p. m.
9.45 a. m. 4.00 p. m.	6	Lv... Greeley.....Ar.	12.00 noon. 4.30 p. m.
10.45 a. m. 5.00 p. m.	28	Ar... Loveland.....Lv.	11.00 a. m. 3.30 p. m.
10.45 a. m. 5.00 p. m.	---	Lv... Loveland.....Ar.	8.45 a. m. 11.00 a. m. 3.30 p. m.
12.45 p. m. 7.00 p. m.	61	Ar... Estes Park.....Lv.	6.45 a. m. 9.00 a. m. 1.30 p. m.
★ ★			★ ★★ ★

★ Indicates route via Thompson Canyon.  
 ★★ Indicates route via Thompson Canyon and Devils Gulch.

BETWEEN BOULDER AND ESTES PARK,<sup>1</sup> VIA NORTH OR SOUTH ST. VRAIN CANYON.

Read down.	Miles.	Stations.	Miles.	Read up.
★★ 9.45 a. m. ★ 10.35 a. m. ★ 10.35 a. m.	0	Lv... Boulder.....Ar.	40	★ 9.20 a. m. ★★ 4.30 p. m. ★ 6.00 p. m.
10.35 a. m. 10.35 a. m. 4.35 p. m.	17	Ar... Lyons.....Lv.	58	8.30 a. m. 3.40 p. m. 5.10 p. m.
10.40 a. m. 10.45 a. m. 4.40 p. m.	---	Lv... Lyons.....Ar.	23	8.30 a. m. 3.35 p. m. 5.00 p. m.
1.45 p. m. 12.45 p. m. 6.10 p. m.	40	Ar... Estes Park Lv.	0	7.00 a. m. 12.30 p. m. 3.30 p. m.
★★ ★	★ ★★		★ ★★	★ ★★ ★

★ Via North St. Vrain Canyon.  
 ★★ Via South St. Vrain Canyon.

BETWEEN DENVER AND ESTES PARK, VIA BOULDER AND SOUTH ST. VRAIN CANYON.

(Fare, \$10.50 round trip.)

Read down.	Miles.	Stations.	Read up.
8.00 a. m.	0	Lv... Denver.....Ar.	6.15 p. m.
9.30 a. m.	35	Ar... Boulder.....Lv.	4.45 p. m.
9.45 a. m.	---	Lv... Boulder.....Ar.	4.30 p. m.
10.35 a. m.	52	Ar... Lyons.....Lv.	3.40 p. m.
10.40 a. m.	---	Lv... Lyons.....Ar.	3.35 p. m.
12.10 p. m.	72	Ar... Allens Park.....Lv.	2.05 p. m.
12.55 p. m.	84	Ar... Longs Peak District.....Lv.	1.20 p. m.
1.45 p. m.	93	Ar... Estes Park.....Lv.	12.30 p. m.

BETWEEN GRANBY AND GRAND LAKE.

(Fare, \$3 one way, \$5 round trip.)

Read down.	Miles.	Stations.	Read up.
3.00 p. m.	0	Lv... Granby.....Ar.	11.00 a. m.
4.00 p. m.	16	Ar... Grand Lake.....Lv.	10.00 a. m.

<sup>1</sup> One-way fare between Loveland, Longmont, Lyons, Boulder, Greeley, La Salle or Fort Collins and Estes Park, \$5.50; round trip, \$10.50. Special round-trip rate, limited to one day in addition to date of sale, between towns named and Estes Park, \$8.

**TRANSPORTATION WITHIN THE PARK.**

**AUTOMOBILE TRIPS.**

The Rocky Mountain Parks Transportation Co. operates the following regular daily automobile service from Estes Park, Colo., into the park:

**FALL RIVER ROAD AND HIGHDRIVE LOOP TRIP.**

(Approximately 40 miles. \$6.)

Lv. Estes Park.....	8.00 a. m.		Lv. Estes Park.....	1.30 p. m.
Ar. Estes Park.....	12.30 p. m.		Ar. Estes Park.....	6.00 p. m.

(Ten minutes stop each at Chasm Falls and Fall River Pass.)

**ESTES PARK-GRAND LAKE.**

(Approximately 40 miles. One way, \$6; round trip, \$12.)

Lv. Estes Park..	8.00 a. m.	2.30 p. m.		Lv. Grand Lake.....	2.00 p. m.
Ar. Grand Lake.	12.00 m.	6.30 p. m.		Ar. Estes Park.....	6.00 p. m.

**LONGS PEAK STATIONS.**

Estes Park to Columbines, Hewes-Kirkwood, and Longs Peak Inn.

(Approximately 9 miles. One way, \$1.25; round trip, \$2.50.)

Lv. Estes Park.....	9.00 a. m.	2.30 p. m.	7.30 p. m.
Ar. Longs Peak.....	10.00 a. m.	3.30 p. m.	8.15 p. m.
Lv. Longs Peak.....	11.00 a. m.	4.30 p. m.	6.45 a. m.
Ar. Estes Park.....	12.00 m.	5.30 p. m.	7.30 a. m.

**LOOP SERVICE.**

Two daily trips between Estes Park, Fish Hatchery, Horseshoe Park, Fall River Lodge, Horseshoe Inn, Fern Lake Trail, Brinwood Hotel, Stead's Hotel, Moraine Lodge, Glacier Basin, Bear Lake, Sprague's Hotel, and Y. M. C. A.

(Fare, 15 cents per mile of shortest road distance between starting point and destination. Complete loop trip, \$4.80.)

Lv. Estes Park.....	8.00 a. m.		Lv. Estes Park.....	1.30 p. m.
Ar. Estes Park.....	12.00 m.		Ar. Estes Park.....	5.30 p. m.

These rates in effect from June 15 to October 1, inclusive, for one or more persons. Before and after said dates scheduled trip rates apply only when four or more persons are available to make the trip.

**SPECIAL TOURING-CAR SERVICE.**

Fifteen cents per passenger mile, minimum of 4 passengers; and \$3 per hour, waiting time, for seven-passenger cars.

**PERSONALLY CONDUCTED TRIPS.**

The Lewis-Byerly Tours, Estes Park, will operate personally conducted scheduled trips within the Rocky Mountain National Park covering from 6 to 11 days. These tours include overnight stops at Estes Park, Fern Lodge, Bear Lake Lodge, and Grand Lake Lodge, with trips on foot from these locations. The trip across the Continental Divide to Grand Lake may be made on foot from Bear Lake or by auto from Estes Park via the Fall River road. The rates for these tours have been approved by the National Park Service and

vary with the duration of the tour and the service furnished. Detailed information can be obtained from the Lewis-Byerly Tours, Estes Park, Colo. The cost includes all expenses for board, lodging, guide service, and transportation. The tours are adapted to those who are able to take and enjoy trail trips on foot, and who wish to see some of the most rugged and scenic portions of the park.

### SPECIAL TRIPS, GUIDES, AND HORSES.

There are many competent guides in the vicinity of the park who will arrange special trips, either on foot or by saddle horse, and either stopping at hotels or camping out, according to the preference of the party. A list of authorized guides can be secured at the office of the superintendent of the park.

Rates for guides vary, according to the character of the trip, from \$10 to \$15 per day, not including horse hire or other expenses. In Estes Park and vicinity, the rates for horses are usually \$4 per day, \$2.50 per half day, \$21 per week, and \$75 per month. In the Longs Peak, Allens Park, and Grand Lake districts the usual charge per day is \$3.50.

### HOTELS, CAMPS, AND LODGES.<sup>1</sup>

OPERATED UNDER CONTROL OF NATIONAL PARK SERVICE.

The following hotels, lodges, and camps located within the park are operated under Government franchise. The rates which these hotels may charge are authorized by the National Park Service and are given below.

19. *Bear Lake Lodge*.—Located on Bear Lake, reached by automobile road; post-office address, Estes Park, Colo. Front Range Lodges (Inc.), proprietor. Capacity, 125 guests.

Tent accommodations:

Board and lodging, 2 in a room, per person, per day.....	\$4. 00
Board and lodging, 1 in a room, per day.....	5. 00
Board and lodging, 2 in a room, per person, per week.....	25. 00
Board and lodging, 1 in a room, per week.....	30. 00
Lodging only, 2 in a room, per person, per day.....	1. 00
Lodging only, 1 in a room, per day.....	2. 00

Cabin accommodations:

Board and lodging, 2 in a room, per person, per day.....	5. 00
Board and lodging, 1 in a room, per day.....	6. 00
Board and lodging, 2 in a room, per person, per week.....	30. 00
Board and lodging, 1 in a room, per week.....	35. 00
Lodging only, 2 in a room, per person, per day.....	2. 00
Lodging only, 1 in a room, per day.....	3. 00

Meals: Breakfast, \$0.75; lunch, \$1; dinner, \$1.50; sack lunches, \$0.75.

19. *Camp Haiyaha, The Bear Lake Trail School*, F. H. Cheley, director. Capacity, 72 boys. An alpine camp school of woodcraft and outdoor life for boys 14 to 20 years. Two terms of four weeks each. Winter address, 601 Steele Street, Denver, Colo.; summer address, Estes Park, Colo. Rates and illustrated booklet upon application.

18. *Fern Lodge*.—Located on Fern Lake, reached by Fern Lake Trail; post-office address, Estes Park, Colo. Front Range Lodges (Inc.), proprietor. Capacity, 60 guests.

Tent and cabin accommodations at same rates shown above for Bear Lake Lodge.

<sup>1</sup> Corresponding numbers on the map in the center of this pamphlet indicate the locations of the hotels and camps. Hotels without numbers are located in Estes Park village.

17. *Forest Inn*.—Located at "The Pool" on Fern Lake Trail; post-office address, Estes Park, Colo. F. D. Tecker, proprietor. Capacity, 50 guests.
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|---|-------|---------|
| Board and lodging, 1 person alone in tent, per day        | ----- | \$4. 00 |
| Board and lodging, 2 persons in same tent, per day, each  | ----- | 3. 00   |
| Board and lodging, 1 person alone in tent, per week       | ----- | 25. 00  |
| Board and lodging, 2 persons in same tent, per week, each | ----- | 17. 50  |
| Single meals, each  | ----- | 1. 00   |
| Board and lodging, 1 person alone in cabin, per day       | ----- | 6. 00   |
| Board and lodging, 2 persons in cabin, per day, each      | ----- | 4. 00   |
| Board and lodging, 1 person alone in cabin, per week      | ----- | 30. 00  |
| Board and lodging, 2 persons in cabin, per week, each     | ----- | 25. 00  |
30. *Grand Lake Lodge*.—Located near Grand Lake: reached by automobile road; post-office address, Grand Lake, Colo. Rocky Mountain Lodges (Inc.), proprietor. Capacity, 260 guests.
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|--|-------|--------|
| Single room without bath, including meals, per day   | ----- | 7. 00  |
| Single room without bath, including meals, per week  | ----- | 40. 00 |
| Double room without bath, including meals, 2 in a room, per person, per day  | ----- | 6. 00  |
| Double room without bath, including meals, 2 in a room, per person, per week   | ----- | 35. 00 |
| Single room with bath, including meals, per day  | ----- | 8. 00  |
| Single room with bath, including meals, per week   | ----- | 50. 00 |
| Double room with bath, including meals, 2 in a room, per person, per day   | ----- | 7. 00  |
| Double room with bath, including meals, 2 in a room, per person, per week  | ----- | 42. 50 |
| Division of American plan rates: Breakfast, \$1; luncheon, \$1.25; dinner, \$1.50; total for meals, \$3.75; balance for lodging. |       |        |
25. *Boulder Field Cabin*.—Elevation, 12,700 feet. A shelter for those climbing Longs Peak. Located 7 miles from auto road on Longs Peak trail, at Boulder Field. Ascent of peak from cabin requires 3 hours, or about 6 hours for round trip. Telephone for reservations. Capacity, 12 guests. Robert Collier, jr., licensed guide, manager; post-office address, Estes Park, Colo.
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|--|-------|-------|
| Lodging, per person, per night   | ----- | 2. 00 |
| Shelter over night   | ----- | . 50  |
| Breakfast  | ----- | 1. 25 |
| Lunch  | ----- | 1. 50 |
| Dinner   | ----- | 1. 75 |
| Sack lunch, \$0.75; coffee, \$0.25; sandwiches, \$0.25.                |       |       |
| Guide for Longs Peak, per person, \$2.50 (in parties of four or more). |       |       |

### PRIVATE HOTELS AND CAMPS.

The following hotels and camps, in or adjacent to the park, are located on patented lands. The National Park Service exercises no control over the rates and operations of these hotels. The rates given below are published for the information of the public, but the Service assumes no responsibility for their correctness.

#### HOTELS,<sup>1</sup> POST-OFFICE ADDRESS, ESTES PARK, COLO.

(Located in Estes Park village and vicinity.)

9. Baldplate Inn, Mace Bros., proprietors. Capacity, 60 guests.
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|--------------------------|-------|-----------------|
| Board and room, per day  | ----- | \$5. 00—\$6. 00 |
| Board and room, per week | ----- | 28. 00—35. 00   |
35. Camp Chipeta. Trail School for Girls, F. H. Cheley, director. Capacity, 64 girls. A vigorous camp for vigorous girls, ages 12 to 20 years. Two terms, four weeks each. Winter address, 601 Steele Street, Denver, Colo.; summer address, Estes Park, Colo. Rates and illustrated booklet upon application.

<sup>1</sup> Corresponding numbers on the map in the center of this pamphlet indicate the locations of the hotels and camps. Hotels without numbers are located in Estes Park village.

35. Camp Sky-Hi, F. H. Cheley, director. Capacity, 42 boys. An Indian and woodcraft camp for junior boys 10 to 14 years. Two terms, four weeks each. Winter address, 601 Steele Street, Denver, Colo.; summer address, Estes Park, Colo. Rates and illustrated booklet upon application.	
10. Camp Olympus, John R. Bell, manager. Capacity, 120 guests.	
Room and board, per person, per day.....	\$3. 50
Room and board, per person, per week.....	21. 00
4. The Crags, Joe Mills, proprietor. Capacity, 250 guests. American plan; rates include board and room:	
Single rooms, per day.....	5. 50- 6. 50
Double rooms, per day, per person.....	4. 50- 5. 50
Single rooms, with bath, per day.....	7. 50-10. 00
Double rooms, with bath, per day, per person.....	5. 50- 7. 00
Board and room, per week.....	28. 00-65. 00
3. Elkhorn Lodge, H. P. James, manager. Capacity, 250 guests.	
Board and room, per day.....	4. 50- 8. 00
Board and room, per week.....	28. 00-55. 00
8. Estes Park Chalets, Rocky Mountain Lodges (Inc.), propri- etor. Capacity, 270 guests (American plan).	
Board and room, per day.....	6. 00- 8. 00
Board and room, per week.....	35. 00-50. 00
Hupp Hotel, W. H. Derby, proprietor. Capacity, 100 guests.	
Board and room, per day.....	3. 00- 6. 00
Board and room, per week.....	17. 50-35. 00
(European plan, \$1.50 per day and up.)	
The Josephine (European plan). Capacity, 25 guests.	
Rooms, hot and cold water, and private bath, per day...	2. 00- 5. 00
7. Lester's Hotel, C. E. Lester, proprietor. Capacity, 100 guests.	
Board and room, per day.....	3. 50- 4. 50
Board and room, per week.....	18. 00-25. 00
Lewiston Hotels Co.:	
2. The Lewiston (American plan). Capacity, 125 guests.	
Board and room, per day.....	5.00 and up
Board and room, per week.....	28.00 and up
Lewiston Cafeteria (European plan). Capacity, 50 guests.	
Rooms, per day.....	1. 50- 2. 50
6. Mountainside Lodge, Ernest Evans, manager. Capacity 30 guests.	
Board and room, per day.....	7.00 and up
Weekly rates on application.	
National Park Hotel, Mrs. Harriet R. Byerly, proprietress. Ca- pacity, 80 guests.	
Board and room, per day.....	3. 50- 5. 00
Board and room, per week.....	18. 00-25. 00
Prospect Inn, Mrs. Stella M. Spanier, proprietress. Capacity, 50 guests.	
Board and room, per day.....	3. 00- 5. 00
Board and room, per week.....	18. 00-30. 00
Children under 7, three-fourths rate.	
31. Rocky Mountain Boys' Camp, D. C. Primrose, director. Ca- pacity, 50 boys. A riding camp for boys only, ages 12 to 18 years. Two terms of four weeks each. Winter address, 1507 Portland Avenue, St. Paul, Minn.; summer address, Estes Park, Colo. Rates and illustrated booklet upon application.	
Sherwood Hotel (European plan), J. C. Ewing, proprietor. Capac- ity, 80 guests.	
Rooms only, per day.....	2. 00- 5. 00
Rooms only, per week.....	10. 00-25. 00
20. Sprague's Hotel.—Located in Glacier Basin, reached by Glacier Basin road; post-office address, Estes Park, Colo. A. E. Sprague, proprietor. Capacity, 50 guests.	
One in room, per day.....	4. 50
With private bath.....	6. 00

<sup>1</sup> Corresponding numbers on the map in the center of this pamphlet indicate the locations of the hotels and camps. Hotels without numbers are located in Estes Park village.



## 20. Sprague's Hotel—Continued.

One in room, per week	\$30. 00
With private bath	40. 00
One in room, per 4 weeks	98. 00
With private bath	130. 00
Two in room, per day per person	3. 50
With private bath	4. 50
Two in room, per week, per person	21. 00
With private bath	28. 00
Two in room, per 4 weeks, per person	70. 00
With private bath	98. 00
Regular meals	1. 00
Special meals, chicken or fish	1. 50
Children taking bed and place at table, regular rates.	

## 1. Stanley Hotels. Capacity, 400 guests.

Board and room, per week 42.00 and up

## 21. Wigwam Tea Room, Mrs. Anna Wolfrom Dove, proprietress.

## 16. Windvale Ranch; J. A. &amp; J. C. Atchinson, proprietors. Capacity, 16 guests.

Board and room, per day 3. 00- 3. 50

Board and room, per week 18. 00-25. 00

## 16. Y. M. C. A. Conference Camp, Ira E. Lute, executive secretary. Capacity, 650 guests.

*(Located in Horseshoe Park and vicinity.)*

## 11. Fall River Lodge, Mrs. M. E. March, proprietress. Capacity, 50 guests.

Board and room, per day 4. 00- 6. 00

Board and room, per week 21. 00-40. 00

## 12. Horseshoe Inn, C. C. Patrick, proprietor. Capacity, 115 guests.

Board and room, per day 4. 00- 9. 00

Board and room, per week 25. 00-45. 00

## 5. Cascade Lodge, Dawson &amp; Magers, proprietors. Capacity, 75 guests.

Board and room, per day 4. 00- 6. 00

Board and room, per week 21. 00-35. 00

## 34. Deer Ridge Chalets, O. Bechtel, proprietor. Capacity, 25 guests.

Board and room, per day 3. 50- 5. 00

Board and room, per week 22. 50-30. 00

Reduced rates for the months of June, September, and October.

## 34. Allen's Highdrive Inn, E. S. Allen &amp; Son, proprietors. Capacity, 40 guests.

Board and room, per day 3. 50

Weekly rates on application.

*(Located in Moraine Park.)*

## 15. Brinwood Hotel, C. L. Reed &amp; Sons, proprietors. Capacity, 90 guests.

Board and room, per day 4. 00- 7. 00

Board and room, per week 22. 50-45. 00

## 13. Moraine Lodge, Mrs. M. I. McPherson, proprietress. Capacity, 120 guests.

Board and room, per day 3. 50- 7. 00

Board and room, per week 19. 00-40. 00

## 14. Stead's Ranch and Hotel, J. D. Stead, proprietor. Capacity, 200 guests.

Board and room, per day 4. 00- 7. 00

Board and room, per week 20. 00-32. 00

Board and room, with bath, per week 35. 00-45. 00

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HOTELS IN LONGS PEAK DISTRICT.<sup>1</sup>

33. Big Owl Tea Room, Miss Katherine G. Garetson, proprietress.  
Post-office address, Allens Park, Colo.
23. Columbine Lodge. Post-office address, Estes Park, Colo.  
C. H. Alexander, manager. Capacity, 80 guests.
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| Board and room, per day  | ----- | \$5. 00       |
| Board and room, per week | ----- | 21. 00-35. 00 |
24. Hewes-Kirkwood Inn. Post-office address, Allens Park, Colo.  
Hewes Bros., proprietors. Capacity, 60 guests.
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|--------------------------|-------|---------------|
| Board and room, per day  | ----- | 4. 00         |
| Board and room, per week | ----- | 21. 00-30. 00 |
22. Longs Peak Inn. Post-office address, Longs Peak, Colo. Mrs.  
Enos A. Mills, proprietress. Capacity, 125 guests.
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| Board and room, per day  | ----- | 4. 50- 9. 00  |
| Board and room, per week | ----- | 28. 00-55. 00 |

HOTELS, POST-OFFICE ADDRESS, ALLENS PARK, COLO.<sup>1</sup>

26. Copeland Lake Lodge, W. C. Coulehan, proprietor. Capacity,  
100 guests.
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| Board and room, per day  | ----- | 5.00 and up |
| Board and room, per week | ----- | 35.00-50.00 |
27. Crystal Springs Hotel, Wm. Morgan, proprietor. Capacity,  
25 guests. Rates on application.

HOTEL, POST-OFFICE ADDRESS, LYONS, COLO.<sup>1</sup>

32. Will's Hotel, Mrs. Burns Will, proprietor. Capacity, 80 guests.
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| Board and room, per day  | ----- | 4. 00- 5. 00  |
| Board and room, per week | ----- | 22. 50-35. 00 |

HOTELS, POST-OFFICE ADDRESS, GRAND LAKE, COLO.<sup>1</sup>*(On the western slope.)*

29. Camp Wheeler ("Squeaky Bob's"), Robert L. Wheeler,  
proprietor. Capacity, 40 guests.
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| Board and room, per day | ----- | 5. 00- 6. 00 |
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28. Corner Cupboard, Mr. and Mrs. Henry W. Rhone, proprietors.  
Cottage hotel, at the sign of the Big Yellow Teapot. Capacity,  
75 guests. European plan.
30. Grand Lake Lodge, see preceding list, "Operated under control  
of National Park Service."
28. Kauffman House, Mrs. Belle Kauffman, proprietress. Capacity,  
20 guests.
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| Room and board, per day                  | ----- | 3. 00 |
| Weekly and monthly rates on application. |       |       |
28. Lehmann's Hotel.  
Rates on application.
28. Rapids Hotel, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Ish, proprietors. Capacity,  
50 guests.
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|--------------------------|-------|---------------|
| Room and board, per day  | ----- | 5. 00- 6. 00  |
| Room and board, per week | ----- | 30. 00-37. 50 |
28. Wiswall Tavern, Bruce Wiswall, proprietor. Capacity, 75 guests.
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|-------------------------|-------|--------------|
| Board and room, per day | ----- | 4. 00- 5. 00 |
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## COTTAGES.

Furnished cottages may be rented in Estes Park and elsewhere on patented lands in or adjacent to the national park. Among those who have cottages for rent are C. H. Bond, Hayden Bros., and H. E. James, each of whom is engaged in a general real estate business (post-office address, Estes Park, Colo.). Also the following persons, whose post-office address is Estes Park, Colo.: C. E. Bryson, Mrs. Bitner, F. P. Clatworthy, J. J. Duncan, Miss E. M. A. Foot, Miss Stella Gray, E. X. Glover, Mrs. Elizabeth Hoover, J. F. Liebman, O. P. Low, John Manford, Mrs. Marshall, F. R. C. Rollins, J. R. Siebold, O. V. Webb, C. V. Williams.

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## THE NATIONAL PARKS AT A GLANCE.

[Number, 19; total area, 11,804 square miles.]

National parks in order of creation.	Location.	Area in square miles.	Distinctive characteristics.
Hot Springs..... 1832	Middle Arkansas.....	1½	46 hot springs possessing curative properties—Many hotels and boarding houses—19 bath-houses under Government supervision.
Yellowstone..... 1872	Northwestern Wyoming.	3,348	More geysers than in all rest of world together—Boiling springs—Mud volcanoes—Petrified forests—Grand Canyon of the Yellowstone, remarkable for gorgeous coloring—Large lakes—Many large streams and waterfalls—Vast wilderness, greatest wild bird and animal preserve in world—Exceptional trout fishing.
Sequoia..... 1890	Middle eastern California.	640	The Big Tree National Park—Scores of sequoia trees 20 to 30 feet in diameter, thousands over 10 feet in diameter—Towering mountain ranges, including Mount Whitney, highest point in continental United States—Startling precipices—Deep canyons.
Yosemite..... 1890	Middle eastern California.	1,125	Valley of world-famed beauty—Lofty cliffs—Romantic vistas—Many waterfalls of extraordinary height—3 groves of big trees—High Sierra—Waterwheel falls—Good trout fishing.
General Grant..... 1890	Middle eastern California.	4	Created to preserve the celebrated General Grant Tree, 35 feet in diameter—6 miles from Sequoia National Park.
Mount Rainier..... 1899	West central Washington.	325	Largest accessible single peak glacier system—28 glaciers, some of large size—48 square miles of glacier, 50 to 500 feet thick—Wonderful sub-alpine wild flower fields.
Crater Lake..... 1902	Southwestern Oregon.	249	Lake of extraordinary blue in crater of extinct volcano—Sides 1,000 feet high—Interesting lava formations—Fine fishing.
Platt..... 1902	Southern Oklahoma.....	1¾	Many sulphur and other springs possessing medicinal value.
Wind Cave..... 1903	South Dakota.....	17	Cavern having many miles of galleries and numerous chambers containing peculiar formations.
Sullys Hill..... 1904	North Dakota.....	1¾	Small park with woods, streams, and a lake—Is an important wild animal preserve.
Mesa Verde..... 1906	Southwestern Colorado.	77	Most notable and best preserved prehistoric cliff dwellings in United States, if not in the world.
Glacier..... 1910	Northwestern Montana.	1,534	Rugged mountain region of unsurpassed Alpine character—250 glacier-fed lakes of romantic beauty—60 small glaciers—Precipices thousands of feet deep—Almost sensational scenery of marked individuality—Fine trout fishing.
Rocky Mountain..... 1915	North middle Colorado.	378	Heart of the Rockies—Snowy range, peaks 11,000 to 14,255 feet altitude—Remarkable records of glacial period.
Hawaii..... 1916	Hawaii.....	242	Three separate areas—Kilauea and Mauna Loa on Hawaii; Haleakala on Maui.
Lassen Volcanic..... 1916	Northern California.....	124	Only active volcano in United States proper—Lassen Peak, 10,460 feet—Cinder Cone, 6,907 feet—Hot springs—Mud geysers.
Mount McKinley..... 1917	South central Alaska.....	2,645	Highest mountain in North America—Rises higher above surrounding country than any other mountain in the world.
Grand Canyon..... 1919	North central Arizona.	996	The greatest example of erosion and the most sublime spectacle in the world.
Lafayette..... 1919	Maine coast.....	12	The group of granite mountains upon Mount Desert Island.
Zion..... 1919	Southwestern Utah.....	120	Magnificent gorge (Zion Canyon), depth from 1,500 to 2,500 feet, with precipitous walls—Of great beauty and scenic interest.



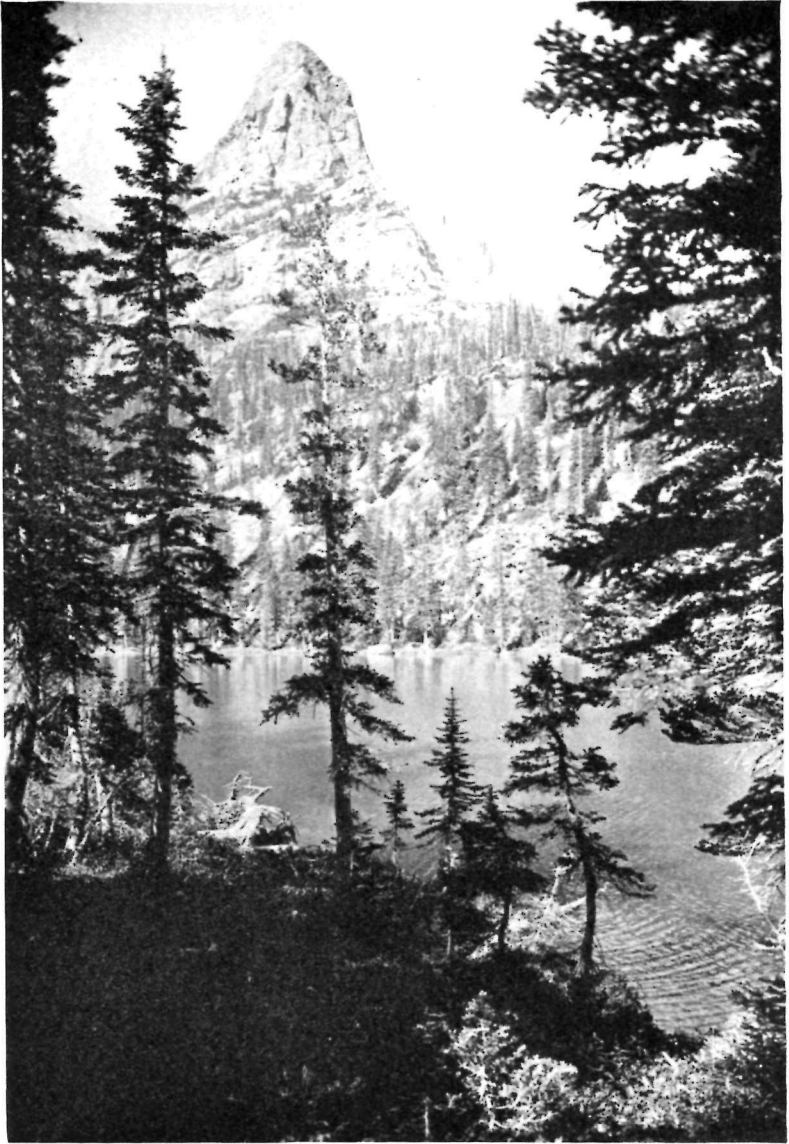


CHICKADEE LAKE IN WILD BASIN



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BEAVER HUT WITH MUMMY RANGE IN BACKGROUND.



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LITTLE MATTERHORN FROM ODESSA LAKE.