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Denver has 300 days of sunshine, a walkable downtown, thriving arts and culture, and an award-winning culinary scene. Denver is near the mountains, not in them. There are 200 named peaks visible from Denver, including 32 which exceed 13,000 feet (4,000 meters). The mountain panorama visible from Denver is 140 miles (225 km) long.

Located on the Rocky Mountain east slope, Denver has a mild, dry and sunny climate with more annual hours of sun than San Diego or Miami. In winter, Denver is dryer than Phoenix with an average daily high of 45°F (7°C) in February. Golf courses remain open all year.

Denver really is exactly one mile high. There is a step on the State Capitol Building that is exactly 5,280 feet (1,609 meters) above sea level. In Denver's rarified air, golf balls travel 10 percent farther, as do cocktails. Alcoholic drinks pack more of a wallop than at sea level. The sun feels warmer in the thinner atmosphere, but your coffee is cooler because water boils at 202°F (94°C).

Denver has one of the most walkable downtowns in the nation. Within a mile radius, downtown Denver has three major sports stadiums, the nation's second-largest performing Arts Center, three colleges, an assortment of art and history museums, a mint that produces 10 billion coins a year, a river offering whitewater rafting, more than 11,000 hotel rooms, a downtown theme and water park, an aquarium and hundreds of chef-driven restaurants.

In 1858, there was not a single person living in the Denver metro area. Thirty years later, the Gold Rush caused Colorado’s population to boom to almost 200,000, and in a 30-year period, Denver saw some of the wildest events in the wild West. This fascinating period is relived in museums and hundreds of elegant Victorian buildings.

Denver has one of the most unique city park systems in the nation with miles of bike paths. Denver has more than 200 parks within the city and 20,000 acres of parks in the nearby mountains.

Visitors can explore the city using B-cycle, Denver's pioneering bike-sharing program. Pick up a bike at one of 80-plus stations (located near hotels and major attractions), take a ride and return it at any other station – all for a small membership fee.

Denver is a cultural city with the second highest educated population in America. The Denver Performing Arts Complex has nine theaters seating 10,000 people and is second only to New York's Lincoln Center. The seven-county metro area has a self-imposed sales tax for the arts that raises up to $40 million a year, which is distributed to 300 arts organizations and facilities. Denver's live music scene entertains year-round, ranging from intimate venues like the Paramount Theatre to legendary open-air spots like Red Rocks Park & Amphitheatre.

Denver loves its sports and is one of only a few cities to have seven professional sports teams; from basketball to football to soccer to baseball. Denver also has horse racing and a professional rodeo.

From global warming and renewable energy to environmental cleanup, Denver is emerging as a model for sustainable cities. The Colorado Convention Center is green through and through, including a rare LEED Gold certification for existing buildings and the Blue Bear Farm that grows more than 5,000 pounds of fresh produce annually. Denver International Airport is dedicated to sustainable practices, including a Community Stewardship philosophy that includes energy and environmental management, green buildings and noise abatement. The Denver Zoo's Toyota Elephant Passage uses a biomass gasification...
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system, which can turn human trash and animal waste into energy to power the exhibit. Plus, many of Denver’s famous craft breweries are committed to recycling programs and responsible water usage.

Denver is farm-fresh. Whether you're enjoying a night out on the town at one of Larimer Square’s independently owned fine dining spots or digging into the offerings from one of the city's many gourmet food halls, you can count on fresh, local ingredients. The city's beer world is booming, too, with new craft breweries opening every month, along with several distilleries and wineries.
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https://www.denver.org/things-to-do/denver-attractions

eTuk Ride Denver
Explore the heart of Denver in a tuk-tuk. eTuks are 100% electric and made in Denver. What’s included- awesome local guide, pick-up at your downtown Denver hotel (subject to location) or at Union Station (17th Street and Wynkoop). Tours depart in rain, snow, or shine (Denver-style!). eTuks have heated seats and covers to protect riders from the elements. The most fun you can have on three wheels! https://etuks.com/denver/public-tours/denver-city-tour/

American Museum of Western Art- The Anschutz Collection
1727 Tremont Place
The American Museum of Western Art, located in the historic Navarre Building, is the permanent home of the Anschutz Collection. Over 300 paintings by more than 180 artists are displayed in a salon style, providing guests with a survey of Western art, as well as a better understanding and appreciation of the history and beauty of the American West over time. https://anschutzcollection.org

Butterfly Pavilion
6252 W. 104th Avenue, Westminster, CO; 15 min. from downtown Denver off Hwy 36 at 104th Avenue. The Butterfly Pavilion is the first stand-alone Association of Zoos and Aquariums-accredited non-profit invertebrate zoo in the world and a leader in invertebrate knowledge, inspiration and connection. The Pavilion provides unique hands-on learning experiences, exhibits and educational programs, conducts new research which sets the standard for zoos across the country, and builds innovative solutions for species and habitat conservation around the world. https://butterflies.org

Denver Art Museum
Two buildings, the second designed by architect Daniel Libeskind, highlighting Western and regional art.
Treasures of British Art through July 2020- the Berger Collection showcases about 60 paintings gifted to the museum by the Berger Collection Educational Trust (BCET) in 2018. The BCET’s gift is the largest gift of European old masters to the DAM since the museum received the Kress Collection in the 1950s. The exhibition presents a chronological selection of works ranging from the 1400s through the late 1800s, telling the story of Britain’s rich cultural history.
The Light Show- through May 3, 2020- explores physical and symbolic representations of light in art through a thought-provoking narrative. The exhibition features about 250 objects drawn from the DAM’s nine curatorial departments. The Light Show focuses on the quest by humanity and artists to understand physical light in the natural world as well as metaphorical, spiritual, and divine representations of light. https://denverartmuseum.org/

Discover Denver
A citywide building survey focused on identifying buildings that are historically, architecturally or culturally significant to Denver’s history
https://www.discoverdenver.co/about

Clyfford Still Museum
Considered one of the most important painters of the 20th century, Clyfford Still (1904–1980) was among the first generation of Abstract Expressionist artists who developed a new and powerful approach to painting in the years immediately following World War II. After the artist’s death in 1980,
the Clyfford Still Estate was sealed off from public and scholarly view. Still’s will stipulated that his estate be given in its entirety to an American city willing to establish a permanent museum dedicated solely to his work, ensuring its survival for exhibition and study. In August 2004, the City of Denver, under the leadership of then Mayor John W. Hickenlooper, was selected by Still’s wife, Patricia Still, to receive the substantial Still collection. [https://clyffordstillestate.org](https://clyffordstillestate.org)

**Colorado History Museum** [https://www.historycolorado.org](https://www.historycolorado.org)

Our History Colorado Center opened in 2012 in Denver’s Golden Triangle Creative District. An award-winning tourist destination and a hub of learning and entertainment, the center houses core exhibits along with traveling exhibitions through our Smithsonian Affiliation. It offers public programs, events, and educational programs that foster cultural understanding through authentic perspectives. The History Colorado Center is also home to the Office of Archaeology and Historic Preservation, State Historical Fund, and Stephen H. Hart Research Center—the portal to our entire collection.

**Colorado State Capitol Building**

The Colorado State Capitol Building wasn’t completed until the early 20th century, but it serves as a perfect cap to a tour of Denver's gold rush past, because of its 24 kt. gold dome. You can tour the building and get all the way up to the top of the dome for an unparalleled view of The Mile High City and the Rocky Mountain Front Range.

**Denver Botanic Gardens**

Botanical showcase for native and international plants, events and educational and research programs. Just south of City Park, 24 acres make up the Denver Botanic Gardens. No less than 32,000 diverse and delightful plants from such faraway places as Australia, Africa and the Himalayas are displayed. There are dozens of gardens to enjoy, including the internationally recognized Japanese Garden. Explore the whimsical Mordecai Children’s Garden, where kids can interact with plants and the natural world. [https://www.botanicgardens.org/](https://www.botanicgardens.org/)

**The Brown Palace**

Built in 1892 to accommodate the brave flocking west in search of precious metals, the Brown Palace is pure gold, from its distinctive triangular shape to its soaring eight-story-high atrium, and because almost every president since 1905 has paid a visit (it has three commander-in-chief-sized suites). The six on-site restaurants are made all the sweeter thanks to the honey supplied by the rooftop beehives, and the artesian water comes from the hotel’s own well. An afternoon tea is served from 12pm to 4p daily, space is limited, reservations required.

**The United States Mint- Denver Mint**

320 West Colfax Avenue. Learn the rich history of the United States Mint and how we produce billions of coins each year for the American public with a free, guided tour of the Denver facility. Tours are strictly for adults and children 7 years and older. Free tour tickets are available at the Tour Information window located at the Gift Shop entrance gate on Cherokee Street, between West Colfax Ave and West 14th Ave. The Tour Information window opens at 7 a.m., Monday- Thursday, and remains open until all tickets have been distributed. Tickets are for same-day tours only; no advance tickets are available. Tickets will be distributed on a first-come, first-served basis and are limited to 5 per person. There is an extensive list of prohibited items, including all purses and bags. The Mint does not provide lockers or
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storage for any items. [https://www.usmint.gov/about/mint-tours-facilities/denver/visiting-the-denver-mint](https://www.usmint.gov/about/mint-tours-facilities/denver/visiting-the-denver-mint)

IMAX Theater shows require a special ticket but do not require Museum admission.
Gates Planetarium

Denver Center for the Performing Arts (DCPA)
The DCPA is the nation’s largest non-profit theatre organization that brings Broadway tours, DCPA Theatre Company productions, statewide education programs, once-in-a-lifetime events to the Denver community and visitors. [https://www.denvercenter.org/plan-your-visit/first-timers-guide](https://www.denvercenter.org/plan-your-visit/first-timers-guide)

Denver Zoo
Denver Zoo is home to more than 4,000 animals representing 615 species and has championed more than 600 conservation and research projects in 60 countries. Winter is a great time to visit the zoo. Animals are out and about enjoying the sun and cool temperatures. Hours are from 9am to 4pm. Plan your visit: [https://www.denverzoo.org/visit/](https://www.denverzoo.org/visit/)

Up-Close Animal Encounters- If you’ve ever dreamed of getting nose to beak with a penguin, smelling the fish on a sea lion’s breath or getting the insider’s scoop on elephants, then Up-Close Animal Encounters at Denver Zoo are for you. Up-Close Animal Encounters provides guests with one of a kind experiences by combining exclusive animal encounters, intimate keeper interactions and guided tours. Program fees are required- admission tickets must be purchased separately. There are restrictions in place for each encounter. Find details at [https://www.denverzoo.org/up-close-animal-encounters/](https://www.denverzoo.org/up-close-animal-encounters/)

Daily Schedule

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The Toyota Elephant Passage (TEP) features two miles of interconnected trails on 10 acres of varied terrain and is one of the largest and most-complex elephant habitats in North America. Asian elephants, greater one-horned rhinos and Malayan tapirs can rotate among five unique, abundant habitats with a sixth yard exclusively for the tapirs. Mud wallows, scratching trees, shade structures and more than one million gallons of water for swimming and bathing have been developed to ensure active and healthy animals. Visitors can explore and discover the rich history of animals in Asian culture, their complicated relationship with humans and the efforts of Denver Zoo and colleagues to protect their future. TEP is
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separated into three distinct sections: the Chang Pa Wildlife Preserve; The Schoelzel Family Village; and the Village Outpost; each reflecting a different area in tropical Asia – an animal preserve, an urban center and a rural village.

Downtown Aquarium
The Downtown Aquarium features fascinating sea creatures, sharks and more. There are more than 15,000 fish, mammals and plants, including an exhibit of Sumatran tigers which love to swim. And if you’re left with the urge to get a little wet yourself, you’re in luck: Swim with the Fish and Dive with the Sharks programs let you swim alongside giant groupers, Moray eels, guitarfish, sand tiger sharks, green sea turtles and 400 of their closest friends. This family-friendly attraction has a restaurant where you can dine next to sharks and schools of colorful tropical fish. Also stroll the grounds around the aquarium for kid-focused activities, like petting zoos and educational programs.

16th Street Mall
Designed by famed architect I.M. Pei, the pedestrian promenade is red, white and gray granite in a repeating pattern that when seen from above, resembles the skin of a diamondback rattlesnake. Free MallRide shuttle buses travel up and down the 16th Street Mall stopping on every corner. Hop on and hop off as the shuttles come and go every few minutes and make everything downtown easy to reach. There are 42 outdoor cafés along the mall. Denver Pavilions near the south end of the mall, is a shopping and dining complex with 12 movie theaters and more than two dozen shops and restaurants. At the north end of the mall, 16th Street continues as a pedestrian path over three bridges connecting downtown to Commons Park and LoHi, a hip neighborhood filled with restaurants and brewpubs. After dark, horse-drawn carriages and pedi-cabs carry people up and down the mall, while nearly a million lights twinkle above in the more than 200 trees which line the promenade.

Fiske Planetarium at CU Boulder
The largest planetarium between Chicago and Los Angeles offers a diverse range of fulldome films, star talks, live talks, laser and liquid sky shows, concerts, and special live events, as well as host large public gatherings during astronomical and NASA-related events. Serving CU faculty and students, local schools and teachers, our community, and out of town visitors. https://www.colorado.edu/fiske/plan-your-visit

Denver Sports

Denver Pepsi Center, 1000 Chopper Circle, (303) 405-1100

The Denver Nuggets play the Minnesota Timberwolves Sun, Feb. 23rd at the Pepsi Center.

The Colorado Avalanche play Tampa Bay Lightning on Feb. 17th and NY Islanders on Feb. 19th at the Pepsi Center.

Colorado Avalanche Practice Center
South Suburban Family Sports Center
6901 South Peoria Street, Centennial, CO

The practice and training camp home of the Colorado Avalanche is located inside a 150,000 square foot family entertainment center containing two National Hockey League ice rinks and 37,000 square feet dedicated to family fun.
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Located in southeast Denver, Family Sports offers a snack bar, hockey and golf pro shops, a heated driving range, a nine-hole golf course, miniature golf, and a full-service bar and restaurant. Upon entering the lobby, patrons will be treated to one of the finest entertainment venues along the Front Range. Rows of state-of-the-art video games, a laser tag arena, and a climbing wall are just some of the attractions which will appeal to children and adults of all ages.

The Avalanche portion of the facility is on the west side of the complex and contains administrative space and dressing room facilities dedicated solely to the hockey club. The second-floor houses offices for the Avalanche Hockey Operations staff, a video room, and a newly expanded weight room.

The main level of the building features the Avalanche dressing room, which includes a changing area, players' lounge, training room facilities complete with a steam room, whirlpool, and hot tub, equipment storage space, and direct access to the ice.

Avalanche Practice Schedule & Times
Practices at Family Sports Center are free and open to the public. Please be aware that all practice times and places are subject to change. During the regular season, the Avalanche typically practices on non-game days when the team is at home. All practices will take place at Family Sports and are free and open to the public. Practice times are usually 11:00 a.m.

Denver Golf Courses
With more than 200 public and resort courses in the state, designed by world-famous architects and tucked into the most scenic nooks and crannies, the lush green fairways nearly outnumber Colorado's renowned ski slopes. Here's a short list of some of the best courses easily accessible from Denver.

FOX HOLLOW GOLF COURSE offers 27 championship holes on three distinctly different nines, wide open spaces, Rocky Mountain vistas, sparkling streams and wildlife. A choice of five sets of tees allows for all golfers to feel at home. With the potential combination of different nines and different tees, the avid golfer need not tire of playing at Fox Hollow. Golf Digest recognized Fox Hollow as a Top 10 course in its category. After golf, The Den at Fox Hollow offers great food and drink.

GREEN VALLEY RANCH GOLF CLUB is home to all three Colorado Open Championships and located 20 minutes from downtown Denver. Green Valley Ranch GC is a perfect location for golfers looking for a convenient and challenging round. Make par or better on each of the last three holes and you'll earn a free drink. That's because the course's homestretch is one of the toughest in the state, especially the 639-yard, double-dogleg eighteenth.

FOSSIL TRACE GOLF CLUB- aside from Jim Engh's ubiquitous multi-tiered greens and deep grass-faced bunkers, you'll have to navigate around the ruins of a chimney in the middle of the first fairway as well as rusted mining equipment and a series of rock outcroppings and cliffs on two of the back-nine's par fives. Some might consider such hazards gimmicky, but almost all agree that Fossil Trace is downright fun. Book your tee time early, as this Golden experience tends to fill up fast.

ARROWHEAD GOLF CLUB is considered Colorado's "Most Scenic Course" and the "Best Course to Bring Out-of-Staters." Robert Trent Jones Jr.'s 6,636-yard 1974 masterwork weaves through towering sandstone monoliths and canyons setting up some of the most awe-inspiring views you've ever witnessed on a golf course—or anywhere. With upgraded maintenance, course conditions now rival the majesty of the surroundings.
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THE RIDGE AT CASTLE PINES NORTH- designed by former PGA Tour great Tom Weiskopf this course is located just minutes outside of Denver in Castle Rock. The Ridge is nestled into towering pine forests and offers two distinctly different nines. The front nine is a 6,939-yard layout closed in by homes, while the more secluded back nine runs through dense pines and outcroppings.

Day Trips

Lariat Loop & Historic Byway

A 40-mile stretch in the foothills west of Denver, the Lariat Loop connects the communities of Golden, Morrison, Lookout Mountain and Evergreen, featuring some of the area’s best historical and cultural attractions, not to mention spectacular mountain views and wildlife viewing opportunities. Just a short drive from downtown Denver, it is an excellent day trip.

The Lariat Loop takes its name from the historic Lariat Trail, a five-mile road from Golden up the front of Lookout Mountain to Buffalo Bill's Museum and Grave. The Loop is a combination of two historic routes: Lariat Trail Scenic Mountain Drive and the Bear Creek Canyon Scenic Mountain Drive. These routes were originally part of several of the "scenic circles" developed and promoted by Denver in 1915-1920’s to help Coloradans experience the mountains in proximity to the city. A handful of the attractions include:

COLORADO RAILROAD MUSEUM- 17155 W. 44th Ave., Golden
Railroads transformed Denver from a dusty, frontier town to the largest most opulent city between Chicago and San Francisco. With more than 60 historic narrow- and standard-gauge locomotives and cars on exhibit on 12 acres at the foot of North Table Mountain, the Colorado Railroad Museum is a train enthusiast’s dream come true. The museum building, a replica of an 1880-style depot, houses thousands of rare old photographs, artifacts and documents illustrating the colorful histories of the railroads that have served the state for more than 125 years. The Railroad Book Store has more than 1,000 titles and an assortment of railroad gifts, DVDs, magazines and memorabilia

BUFFALO BILL GRAVE & MUSEUM- 987½ Lookout Mountain Rd., Golden
The Buffalo Bill Grave & Museum exhibits contain items used by Buffalo Bill Cody, Wild West Show posters, Native American artifacts and antique firearms. Located on Lookout Mountain, the Museum is reached via 19th St. and the Lariat Trail.

BOETTCHER MANSION- 900 Colorow Road, Golden
The Boettcher Mansion was built in 1917 as the summer home and hunting lodge of Charles Boettcher, one of Colorado's most enterprising entrepreneurs. Built in the Arts & Crafts style it offers a grand setting on 110 acres at 7,500 feet, with views of the Continental Divide and Denver. The interior features a collection of Craftsman-style furniture, plus an exhibit of historic news clippings and photos.

DINOSAUR RIDGE- 16831 W. Alameda Pkwy., Morrison
This outdoor museum features Denver's prehistoric days where dinosaur bones and tracks are found in the rock, along with ripple marks and other trace fossils. Some of the best-known dinosaurs (Apatosaurus, Diplodocus, Stegosaurus and Allosaurus) were first discovered here in 1877.

RED ROCKS PARK & AMPHITHEATRE- 18300 W. Alameda Parkway, Morrison
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At the south end of the loop is Red Rocks Park & Amphitheatre, known in older times as Garden of the Angels, Garden of the Titans, and Park of the Red Rocks. Dramatic 300-foot-high red sandstone monoliths crafted over millions and millions of years flank the 9,000-seat amphitheater. Hike the hills around the amphitheater and explore the Visitor Center highlighting the geological history of the spot, as well as a performers' hall of fame.

MORRISON HISTORICAL DISTRICT- 103 Bear Creek Ave., Morrison
In a spectacular setting, this unusual historic town is still close to Denver, but with a character all its own. With its one-of-a-kind shops and restaurants and 70 historic sites, Morrison is the last of the small gateway towns in the area.

Coors Brewery- 13th & Ford, Golden
Distance from Denver- 29 miles (47 km)
The legendary Coors Brewery in Golden can brew up to 22 million barrels and package up to 16 million barrels annually, making it the biggest single-site brewer in the world. Take a free 30-minute, self-paced tour of the brewhouse, malthouse and packaging complex to view firsthand how more than 100 work teams make some of the most popular beer in the world.

National Center for Atmospheric Research (NCAR)
Distance from Denver- 31 miles (50 km)
1850 Table Mesa Dr., Boulder
NCAR is the world's foremost attraction for learning about the 21st century's hottest topic: climate change. The NCAR lab is open to the public free of charge seven days a week and offers a wide array of hands-on educational exhibits that visitors are welcome to explore on their own, on a guided tour, or with an audio tour.

Central City and Black Hawk
Distance from Denver- 40 miles (64 km); take I-70 west and Exit 243 onto Central City Pkwy
Central City and Black Hawk are home to more than 30 casinos with blackjack tables, craps, roulette, poker games and more than 10,000 slot machines. In 2009, gambling stakes were raised to $100 and casinos began opening their doors 24 hours a day. The two cities also have some of the best-preserved Victorian architecture in the West.

Rocky Mountain National Park
Distance from Denver- 71 miles (114 km); take I-25 north to Exit 217 US Hwy. 36 west to Estes Park
https://www.nps.gov/romo/planyourvisit/winter_activities.htm
One of the U.S. National Park system's crown jewels, Rocky Mountain National Park features 400 square miles of scenic beauty. Most hiking trails can be used for cross-country skiing and snowshoeing. Check the Free Ranger-Led Programs for snowshoe opportunities with a ranger; reservations are required. Snowshoe walks are offered on both sides of the park from January through March, depending on conditions. Estes Park is a resort town on the edge of the park with restaurants and shops.

Colorado Springs
Distance from Denver: 60 miles (97 km); I-25 south to Colorado Springs
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Things to see include the Air Force Academy, one of three United States military colleges; the Broadmoor Resort; the Pro Rodeo Hall of Fame; and Garden of the Gods, made of naturally formed, 500-foot-high (152 m) red sandstone rock monuments at the base of Pikes Peak.

Bundle up and see the stars: winter is great for Colorado stargazing

Winter in Colorado is made for stargazing. The evening sinks into darkness early and quickly. This early-evening blackness introduces more hours of star-strewn night, a boon for anybody interested in staring at the cosmos and the cold carries gifts.

“As the temperature drops the humidity in the air freezes into ice crystals so instead of a fog of water vapor you have ice crystals, which makes the air more transparent,” says Mike Hotka, an amateur astronomer.

In addition to the longer night, sky hours and the superior optics, the winter heavens offer a range of cool things to also observe. Like the Orion nebula, a cloud of dust, gases and stars. Hotka calls the nebula a “naked-eye object” meaning people can see it without telescopes. The nebula, located within the constellation Orion, looks a bit like the middle star in Orion’s sword, but look closer and watch it glow from the energy of the multiple stars embedded in the nebula.

If you happen to spend the night in the high country after a day of skiing, make a point of looking up. Ski resorts offer excellent places for stargazing. The state, in fact, has gobs of ideal stargazing spots.

A few more things. Bring a flashlight, especially an LED flashlight, but point it only at the ground, and once a stargazing spot is found, turn it off. It takes the eyes 20 minutes or more to fully adjust to the dark. If you plan to sit, bring a folding camp chair. And seek assistance. Smartphone applications have been embraced by both astronomy fanatics and casual night-sky observers alike.

Try one of these apps: Star Walk, Google Sky Map, Starry Night, and Planets.

Where to see the stars in Colorado’s winter night sky

Red Rocks Park in Morrison- distance from Denver: 17 miles
Park in RRs’ lower lot and pull out the chairs or take the short hike up to the amphitheater, spread a blanket or cushion on the stairs and take in the night.

Lookout Mountain Road in Golden- distance from Denver: 20 miles
Lookout Mountain Park is an ideal place to park your vehicle & walk to the overlook. Park anywhere in a designated parking area, face west and you’re guaranteed an incredible open view.

Golden Gate Canyon Meadow in Golden- distance from Denver: 38 miles
Set up at Panorama Point- a place popular for its expansive views of the Continental Divide, just outside the Aspen Meadows Campground- and enjoy the view.

Rocky Mountain National Park and Estes Park have several stargazing areas. The RM Nature Association offers Trek Adventures at Dusk, a custom educational experience for children led by a local naturalist. It is available via an evening snowshoe tour or bus tour. Visitors can explore the night sky at the Estes Park Memorial Observatory in a private observation session or during a pre-scheduled public viewing.

Planetariums and observatories
Fiske Planetarium, fiske.colorado.edu, 2414 Regent Drive, Boulder, 303-492-5002
Gates Planetarium, dmns.org, 2001 Colorado Blvd., 303-322-7009
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Chamberlin Observatory, denverastrosociety.org/chamberlin.html, 2930 E. Warren Ave., 303-871-5172

Wherever you head, prep with warm clothing, a headlamp, a blanket and/or chairs, and a thermos of hot cocoa. And be sure to bring a companion to share in Colorado’s twinkling wonders.

COLORADO SKI COUNTRY

SUMMIT COUNTY, VAIL AND BEAVER CREEK
Distance from Denver: 75 miles (120 km); I-70 west, Exits 205, 203, 176 and 167
Summit County offers some of the world's best skiing a little more than an hour west of Denver. Breckenridge is a 130-year-old gold mining town with colorful Victorian buildings which house shops, cafes and restaurants. Copper Mountain is a ski resort offering all forms of outdoor recreation. Keystone is a ski resort along with five-star dining. Arapahoe Basin offers an authentic and family-friendly Colorado ski experience complete with two learning areas, a full-service Snowsports School, on-site rentals and three dining locations. Guests can visit our website for discounted lift tickets for every day of the season. Vail is a European-style mountain village lined shops and outdoor cafes, as well as the largest ski mountain in North America.

Dillon/Silverthorne is a lovely pair of towns built on the shores of Lake Dillon. The area offers factory-outlet shopping in more than 100 stores. Frisco is another old Victorian mining town that has been restored but still retains its Old West atmosphere.

WINTER PARK
Distance from Denver: 65 miles (105 km); I-70 west to Exit 232, to Hwy. 40
Winter Park Resort boasts more than 29 feet of annual snowfall. It is Colorado’s longest continually operated ski resort featuring over 3,000 acres of terrain including groomers, terrain parks, bumps, steeps and trees. This terrain is strewn across the Seven Territories all accessible on one pass or ticket: Winter Park, Mary Jane, Parsenn Bowl, Vasquez Ridge, the Cirque, Eagle Wind and the Terrain Parks.

ECHO MOUNTAIN
Distance from Denver: 50 miles (105 km); I-70 west to Exit 252- CO 74 towards Evergreen Pkwy (south)
19285 Colo. Hwy. 103, Idaho Springs, CO 80452
https://echomntn.com/getting-here
Located away from the I-70 corridor, Echo is the closest ski area to Denver- 50 minutes from downtown Denver- and 20 minutes west of Evergreen. The beautiful drive, along with affordable rates and night skiing, offers Denver residents and visitors the perfect opportunity to easily escape the city and hone their skiing or snowboarding skills.

LOVELAND SKI AREA
Distance from Denver: 53 miles (85 km); I-70 west to Exit 216 before the Eisenhower tunnel.
Loveland boasts 1,800 acres of remarkable terrain, FREE snowcat skiing along the Continental Divide, an innovative lesson program and more snow than any Front Range or Summit County resort.
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**Downtown Denver**- lively area with street food & al fresco bars on pedestrian 16th Street Mall, theater district. Approximate travel time from Denver International Airport (DIA): by car- 40 min; by train- 60 min.

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**LOWER DOWNTOWN (LoDo)**- revitalized area w/trendy shops in the Larimer Square District & Beaux Arts style Union Station. Approx. travel time from Denver International Airport: by car- 35 min; train- 45 min.

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Denver International Airport (DIA)

The DIA webpage https://www.flydenver.com readily highlights information for the traveler. Find a layout map of the airport on the following page.

The opening webpage dashboard readily displays

- Security locations, estimated wait time and a link for a map
- Parking information, availability, and link for a map
- Denver weather and road conditions
- Flight search

Links included on the opening webpage

- Flights, Airlines
- Security
- Parking, Transport
- Dining
- Relax
- Shop
- Services
- Map
- Events

Visitors are in for an extraordinary Colorado experience when they pass through DIA. Artists worked with architects, designers and construction companies early in the airport design process to create a seamless integration of art, architecture and environment. The result is a variety of sculptures, murals and installations creating one of the most extensive airport art programs in the world.

DIA’s Art and Culture Program administers the City and County of Denver’s “one percent for art” ordinance which enhances public places and features nearly 40 site-specific works including sculptures, murals and other installations. The pieces are displayed in outdoor landscapes, inside Jeppesen Terminal and on concourses, as well as in the train tunnels and on the train itself. In addition to its permanent art collection, the airport curates temporary exhibitions collaborating with museums, cultural institutions and arts organizations to present the highest quality two- and three-dimensional work.

The vision of the Art and Culture Program is to:

- Offer acclaimed public art and cultural programming, always fresh, always of the highest caliber, always specific to the airport
- Make the creative energy and cultural legacy of the Rocky Mountain Front Range region palpable to anyone who visits the airport
- Create a cultural experience that engages airport users, attracts audiences from the surrounding area, and wins recognition in the world beyond
Arrival - Getting from Your Flight to the Airport Station

When you exit the aircraft, follow signs for baggage claim or the transit center. You will need to board the airport tram to get to Jeppesen Terminal where baggage claim, and ground transportation is located.

Domestic arrivals are located in the center of the main terminal on level 5. International arrival is located at the north end of the terminal. Baggage claim is also located on level 5.

To get to Denver Airport Station, follow signs to the Transit Center and proceed to the south exit on level 5 (look for the large American flag). Exit the terminal through the sliding glass doors and take the escalator located in the center of the plaza down to level 1.

Departure - Getting from the Airport Station to Your Flight

When you arrive at the airport, the train or bus will come to a stop at Denver Airport Station on level 1 of the airport. Please collect all your personal belongings before exiting the vehicle.

To catch your flight, you will need to take the escalator to level 5. The escalator is located in the middle of Denver Airport Station, between the bus gates and the train platform. Additionally, elevators are located on either end of Denver Airport Station.

The five-story escalator will carry you to the plaza on level 5, directly across from the security check point on the south end of the terminal. Proceed through the sliding glass doors to enter Jeppesen Terminal.

Level 6 - Airline ticket counter and baggage check

Level 5 - TSA Security and baggage claim

Level 1 - Denver Airport Station

- **Rail Platforms** – Serving the University of Colorado “A” Line
- **Bus Gates** – Serving routes AA, AB, AT, and other providers
- **Flight Information Display Screens** – check flight status as you arrive on the train
- **Public Transportation Display Screens** – check bus and rail schedules
- **Flight Check-In Kiosks** – check in for flight and print boarding pass
- **Baggage Check** – check bags from this level for United, Delta, American and Southwest Airlines. Must drop bags at least 90 minutes before flight.
- **Ticket Vending Machines** – purchase tickets for University of Colorado “A” Line
- **RTD Customer Care** – purchase tickets, ask questions and get directions

RTD Customer Care Hours of operation- Mon-Fri: 8am- 5:30pm; Sat / Sun: 8am- 4pm
RTD Customer Care (303) 299-6000
The Sheraton Hotel does not have a shuttle service to or from DIA. The best options for getting to or from the airport are:

**Airport Rail- University of Colorado “A” Line to Union Station**

Rail service is available between Union Station and DIA with six stops in between and takes about 40 minutes to get from the airport to downtown. Rail vehicles have overhead storage, luggage towers and bicycle racks. Travelers must be able to handle their own luggage.

- Train station is down the escalator below the Westin Hotel at south end of Jeppesen Terminal
- Purchase tickets at vending machines on rail line platforms
  - Adults- $10.50; Disabled/over 65- $5.25; Ages 5-19- $3.20-; Under 5 years - $3.00
- Daily Train Schedule: 6am - 8pm- every 15 minutes; 8pm- 1am- every 30 minutes; 3am- 6am- every 30 minutes
- From Union Station take the Free 16th Street MallRide bus, which departs every 4-15 minutes. Exit the bus at 16th Street and Court Place. [https://www.rtd-denver.com/services/free-mallride](https://www.rtd-denver.com/services/free-mallride)
- The Sheraton Hotel is on your right.

**Uber or Lyft**

- After reserving your ride, go to level 5 of the east or west terminal for pickup
- Fares range from $25-$40, depending on service selected and car pool options.

**Taxi**

Flat rates are the same for all companies- DIA to downtown Denver is $51 + $3.75 gate fee

- **East Terminal**- Island 1, exit Door 507
- **West Terminal**- Island 1, exit Door 510
  - Freedom Cabs: (303) 444-4444
  - Metro Taxi: (303) 333-3333
  - Trans Voyage Taxi: (303) 353-4482
  - Union Taxi: (303) 922-2222
  - Yellow Cab: (303) 777-7777
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Parking

Sheraton Denver Downtown Hotel

Self-parking = $40/day  Valet = $49/day  Oversize Valet = $55/day

Surface Lots Downtown

Several websites are available to reserve parking in nearby surface lots. Prices vary but start at $11/day within a 0.5-mile walk depending on when and number of days reserved.

Check websites to provide arrival and departure dates for accurate pricing and availability and to reserve space. Enter the Sheraton address- 1550 Court Place then sort and filter by distance, price, overnight parking, in/out privilege, etc.

- https://www.parkme.com/denver-parking
- https://www.parkwhiz.com/
- https://spothero.com/denver-parking
- https://www.parkingpanda.com/denver-parking
- https://www.parkopedia.com/

RTD Park-N-Ride

The RTD Park-N-Ride lots are another option for parking farther from the Sheraton Hotel. Some locations allow free parking and others are $4/day. Bus or train fare will be required to navigate to the Sheraton Hotel. See website for details and Park-N-Ride location maps.

https://www.rtd-denver.com/rider-info/how-to-park

RTD Customer Care (303) 299-6000
Update on SRM 2020 Annual Meeting, Technical Training & Trade Show Format

What happened to the traditional SRM meeting format?
While changed up a bit, there will still be opportunity for some of our traditional meeting format. However, we’re hoping to build learning and engagement with lots of time for discussion and networking in the sessions, based on feedback we got from the membership. A lot of this format change comes from how they conducted the 10th International Rangeland Congress in Saskatoon, http://2016canada.rangelandcongress.org/program.html. As SRM member and Past President Mort Kothmann so aptly puts it “Adapt, evolve or become extinct.”

When did you ask for feedback?
We administered an informal, online pre-meeting questionnaire in 2017 to SRM members to inform our initial thoughts about the 2020 meeting program. A link to the online questionnaire was sent through the RangeFlash, newsletter, and through email networks to known SRM members March through May of 2017. A total of 88 members responded to the survey.

What was the feedback?
Survey respondents were quite adamant that they wanted to have a conversation instead of being talked to. More than two-thirds of participants wanted more opportunities for questions, interactive discussions and member participation in moderated scientific debate during sessions.

* The top priority was to give more time to “Outside perspectives on current topics in rangeland management” (84% of respondents).
* One in three wanted to see fewer concurrent sessions and fewer presentations on proposed or unfinished research.
* For more specific details, see the article on the 2020 website: http://www.srm2020.org/a-new-look.

But my group had plans for a symposia/workshop with talks and times already scheduled.
We encourage you to think ‘out of the box’ of traditional symposia/workshop. How about breaking up your session into two separate days? What if the content and direction of the presentations and discussion were modified to reflect the theme change? Could a more fruitful discussion be had, and new perspectives/solutions/alternatives discovered? Would this result in attendees leaving with a deeper understanding of the topic? Example: Foraging Behavior I – Translating Science into Practical Application and Foraging Behavior II – Transformation: Using Foraging Behavior to Improve Rangelands.
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We’re not totally rigid on the 3 speakers. If you really need 4 speakers to cover the topic, that’s fine. Just be sure you are leaving ample time for questions and discussion.

**But what about Graduate Student Presentations?**

We are not saying Grad Students cannot be one of the speakers in these sessions. What better way to represent the spectrum of our membership than to include a graduate student in the speaker panel? Better yet, how about organizing or participating in an Ignite Session on your research topic? Job seekers are told to ‘know your elevator speech’. This is a great opportunity to learn how to give that elevator speech and then have a for more in-depth discussion after you peek your listeners’ interest.

For more information on the different types of presentation formats we proposed, and to ask us questions, please see the call for proposals page on the 2020 meeting website, [http://www.srm2020.org/program.html](http://www.srm2020.org/program.html).

You can also direct questions to Program Co-Chairs Justin Derner (justin.derner@ars.usda.gov) and Hailey Wilmer (hailey.wilmer@ars.usda.gov). “Change, Mother Nature’s mighty law.” R. Burns

**Two-hour session types:**

**Symposium**- Innovative and captivating speakers organized around emerging themes in rangeland ecology and management knowledge. Symposia are the core scientific aspect of the SRM program. Each session will synthesize a topic that makes significant contributions to the art and science of rangeland management and ecology through novel collaborations, methods, or interdisciplinary approaches. Three (3) speakers will each have 20 minutes to speak and five minutes for questions, with remaining time for questions and discussion. Topics should have broad appeal and applicability to the SRM audience and offer benefits to rangeland ecosystems and human communities. Symposia are explicitly integrated and provide a synthesis of key conceptual advancements.

**Workshops**- Contribute to the development of practical, leadership and communication skills within SRM! An interactive, educational experience in which attendees develop new practical skills to apply to their rangeland science and management work. Workshops related to outdoor/livestock/safety skills that require arena space are planned for Thursday at the National Western Stock Show facility.

**Ignite-style Sessions**- “Enlighten us but make it quick!”; 5-minute talks organized around a conceptual theme which stimulates an exchange of new ideas in rangeland ecology and management. Each talk will feature 20 slides which advance automatically every 15 seconds (see [http://www.ignitetalks.io/](http://www.ignitetalks.io/)). The time remaining after all session speakers will be reserved for panel discussion, and question and answer periods. The short format is intended to inspire a conversational and storytelling experience, and to challenge presenters to succinctly communicate key ideas.

Session types are found in parenthesis at the end of each title listed under Concurrent Sessions in Program at a Glance.
Abstracts, Campfire Conversations

- **Poster Presentations** - authors will present in pods/groups of similarly themed topics with presenters representing a range of backgrounds and career stages to facilitate mentoring opportunities. In addition, we encourage poster presenters to use innovative approaches in their posters – for example, see the following:
  - [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1RwJbhkCA58](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1RwJbhkCA58)

- **Campfire Conversations** - a lively collaborative dialogue around questions for the future of the Society for Range Management and rangelands. These questions may be a single issue, challenge, controversy, or opportunity of immediate relevance to the Society for Range Management. Preference will be given to innovative, provocative, and complex topics with the potential to translate rangeland knowledge and transform the future of SRM.

  We encourage SRM committees and working groups, managers, researchers, advocates, outreach professionals, students and young professions to submit abstracts that flesh out the question for the Program Committee. Submitters of abstracts chosen for Campfire Conversations will work with the Campfire Committee to facilitate conversations following the World Café model (description below). These conversations will take place Tuesday at the Denver meeting. A product of these Campfire Conversations are summary papers which will be submitted to Rangelands.

  World Café is a method for connecting diverse perspectives and sharing collective discoveries on issues that matter. The world cafe will take place in a large conference room with round tables. Each table has a topic and a facilitator.

  First, participants select a table for the first round of discussions (20-30 minutes) and the facilitator welcomes them with the directions and ground rules. Then, the facilitator and participants around each table will dig into a topic question and the facilitator will record key insights on flip chart paper. The facilitator will moderate the discussion and ensure fair opportunities to contribute are available to all participants.

  At the end of the first small group round, participants will move to another table. Once seated at a second table, they will hear a summary of the discussion developed by the last group, from the facilitator, and will then build upon this discussion with their own ideas. Rotation continues for 3-4 rounds. Notes from the small group rounds will be synthesized into a summary document for use in writing papers for Rangelands.

  We are recruiting volunteer Campfire Conversation facilitators! Volunteers will commit to several conference call trainings, will attend the Campfire sessions as table leads, and will help synthesize the results of the discussions. If you are interested, please contact Hailey Wilmer (Hailey.Wilmer@usda.gov) or Terri Schulz (tschulz@tnc.org).

- **Plenary Sessions**
  
  **“Embracing complexity and humility in rangeland science”**

  **Dr. Lauren Porensky** is an ecologist interested in plant communities, herbivores, and spatial complexity. Her research focuses on balancing livestock production with conservation and restoration in semi-arid rangelands. Porensky got her PhD at UC Davis working on livestock
management and wildlife conservation in central Kenya. She currently investigates the interactive effects of grazing, fire, prairie dogs, and variable weather on plants, livestock and humans in the northern Great Plains.

“Socio-ecological systems – emphasizing the human dimensions”

Dr. Leslie Roche is a UC Cooperative Extension Specialist in Rangeland Science and Management with the UC Davis Department of Plant Sciences. She earned a Ph.D. in Ecology from UC Davis, and was a USDA-NIFA Postdoctoral Fellow and Project Scientist before joining the faculty in September 2015. Her research and extension program is at the intersection of agricultural, environmental, and social issues of ranching and livestock production on California’s grazinglands. She works across diverse systems and uses interdisciplinary and collaborative approaches to evaluate adaptive decision-making and management strategies to address key challenges and connect solution-oriented research with the needs of local communities, natural resource managers, and policymakers.

Do you want to have a spot at the Trade Show?

SRM 2020 is taking a slightly different direction than in the past and we are excited about the changes and innovations. The Technical portion of the meeting will be Monday-Wednesday, February 17-19, 2020. We anticipate 1400 attendees from the U.S., Canada and Mexico as well as other nations around the world. Each morning will feature a series of plenary speakers around a common theme, followed by sub-plenary concurrent sessions, workshops, symposia and ‘ignite’ sessions in the afternoon.

On Thursday, February 20, attention will shift to the Range Practicum held at the National Western Complex. Witt Hibbard has agreed to give a one-day low stress livestock handling workshop. There will also be several concurrent sessions including a Soil Health demonstration/education section, horse-mule packing demonstration, wild horse training and adoption, a Producers Forum Women in Ranching, and the Great Plains Fire Exchange, plus several others. This event will attract the ranching community as well as attendance from the Technical portion of the meeting.

There are opportunities to participate in the trade shows, sponsor coffee breaks or to be a general sponsor for both venues. Additionally, there are sponsorship opportunities for Technical and Companion tours, activities throughout the week, events and competitions for high school and college students, International presenters, and many others. We are happy to customize a sponsorship to fit your interests as well.

SRM is working with the Sheraton Denver Downtown Hotel to provide a premier set-up for our 2020 vendors to:

- Ensure the greatest amount of traffic and interaction for all vendors with conference attendees
- Feature refreshments in the exhibit hall via two mixers, coffee breaks, and other planned activities
- Locate poster / papers/silent auction near the exhibit hall
- Provide interaction with the Decorator for Exhibitor Service Kit upon registration and 90 days prior to the conference

For those of who joined us in 2010, this is the same hotel venue. For those returning and new folks, we hope you’ll join us in Denver in 2020!
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Technical Tours

Sunday Feb. 16

**All day tour to Rocky Mountain Arsenal**- weather permitting
8am- 4pm- Bus leaves hotel at 8am, returns by 4pm
Cost $60- lunch & drink included
The Arsenal has a fascinating and tumultuous history not only in terms of policy and past human uses, but in ecology and the natural surrounding within which it rests. This tour will focus on ecological, biological, and managerial interaction between different types of grazers and multiple uses on the Arsenal. For example, prairie dogs and bison compete for forage, and may serve as a rough analogue for other competitive uses, such as livestock and prairie dogs, in other areas. Dietary overlap, competition for resources including space, and implications of introducing an Endangered Species like black-footed ferrets back into a system sets the stage for a series of ecological and administrative questions surrounding the topics and how the convergence of policy, biology, and ecology can alter management decisions.

**Bison; all day tour to West Bijou Bison Ranch**- weather permitting
9am- 3pm- Bus leaves hotel at 8am, returns by 4pm
Cost $60- catered lunch by a local Native-owned restaurant included
Attendance preference will be given to Native producers and managers, though all are welcome. The Nature Conservancy speaker Matt Bain, from Smokey Valley Ranch in Oakley, KS will speak on multi-species use. The ranch is managed using holistic management principles.

**Grassland & Forest; all day tour to Kiowa Creek Ranch**- weather permitting
8am- 6pm- Bus leaves hotel at 8am, returns by 6pm
Cost $60- lunch & drink included
Functional and Resilient Landscapes: Seeing the Grassland for the Forest. Dry, frequent-fire conifer landscapes throughout temperate regions of the planet, which include the western and southeastern United States, are as much grassland as they are forest. So why do range and forest managers often see similar resource concerns, but have significantly different Desired Conditions and resulting tools and approaches? Broad forest and range based ecological concepts as they relate to forest and range management, as well as managing for a suite of ecosystem services suggests that fully integrated ecological based management is central to better managing these landscapes. This tour will examine and discuss the science, controversies and objectives of management and restoration projects of dry-forest systems. Looking at forestry through an ecology lens leads projects in a different direction than traditional silvicultural management approaches, including the integration of rangeland ecology and concepts often exclusively applied to rangelands or grasslands. The science and data monitored from these ecosystems is enhancing our ability to understand how these ecosystems function to provide multiple benefits and ecosystem services in a forest that is highly integrated with urban populations. It is also leading some federal agencies, such as the USFS, to adjust the ways in which they approach planning processes and long-term management for timber, range, and wildlife.
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Training Events

Thursday Feb. 20

Range Practicum- Hands on Land & Livestock Training
National Western Complex, 4655 Humboldt Street, Denver, CO 80216

The Range Practicum will be held off-site at the National Western Complex. A bus will be available for transport to the National Western Complex- please check box on registration form if you plan to ride the bus.

Contact Randy Reichert for questions (970) 370-3950

Range Practicum Schedule

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Range Practicum Program

- Low-stress livestock handling workshop with Witt Hibbard
- BLM field monitoring methodologies
- Native American Range Council presentation
- NRCS rainfall simulator & soils training- soil health & pasture productivity demonstration
- Pesticide sprayer calibration & demonstration
- Prescribed fire demonstration
- USFS horse & mule packing workshop
- Western States Reclamation & Restoration equipment demonstrations
- Wild Horse Training Demonstration- The BLM and USFS will have some wild horses for attendees to observe and admire. The BLM will be demonstrating wild horse training and will feature trained and untrained wild horses from the Mantle Ranch Adoption and Training Facility in Wyoming. The Carson National Forest will be demonstrating “bait mare” bait trapping and loading horses from the trap. There will also be some wild horses available for adoption.
- Winter livestock water workshop

Producer Forum- Women in Ranching (WIR)

This session highlights leading women in ranching. The panel is seasoned and diverse and includes women with non-traditional backgrounds and those whose families have been in the business for several generations. The objective is to get a breadth of perspective as to what ranching is to them and why women are critical to the mission of sustainable ranches. The concept grew from the Western Landowner’s Alliance’s WIR network; to create opportunities for leadership & skills development; build a strong peer network in support of personal growth & care; and promote land management best practice which sustain whole & healthy lands.

The Women in Ranching panel consists of: Pat Pfeil, FL; Mary Budd Flitner, WY; Ashley Hibbard, MT; Julie Sullivan, CO; Nancy Ranney, NM; and Mimi Hillenbrand, SD
Training Events

Nick Trainor/Trainor Cattle Company is providing the herd for the low-stress livestock handling workshop. A fifth-generation rancher from SE Colorado, Nick built Trainor Cattle Co. with a well-thought-out business plan and now manages the 26,000-acre Lowry Ranch (the ranch is featured in an ecological tour for students on Feb. 17th). Nick manages his businesses via holistic management principles and is a member of Holistic Management International and Executive Link- a Ranching for Profit alumni management group.

Thursday Feb. 20

Healthy Grasslands Expo
8am-4pm; Cost $60
Speakers will include renowned author Dr. Fred Provenza of the book “Nourishment”. This training is tailored for the layperson and suburban or urban dweller. Attendees will learn how grasslands have evolved through the behavior of foraging animals and human manipulation; about ecosystem processes and grassland function; understand how a fully functioning ecosystem stores carbon.

Rocky Mountain Arsenal Wildlife Refuge
9am-2pm; Cost $60- lunch included
Learn about the history and wildlife of the refuge.
www.fws.gov/refuge/rocky_mountain_arsenal/

Social & Companion Tours

Sunday Feb. 16

Ski Trip- Winter Park Resort
7am-6pm- Bus leaves hotel at 7am, returns by 6pm; Cost $170
Fee includes ski train to resort, lift ticket and ski rental- this is almost $60 discount on lift tickets!
20 people are required to gain the discount rate; fees will be refunded if minimum is not met. Can’t make the tour on Sunday? Gather 19 friends & organize your own ski package at the discounted rate. Contact Mae Smith for WP Resort group tickets & rental info msmith@sheridan.edu.

Coors Brewery Tour
1pm-6pm- Bus leaves hotel at 1pm, returns by 6pm; Cost $50
Take a tour of the largest single-site brewery in the world. We will also visit Buffalo Bill’s Museum and Grave and take in scenic view at Lookout Mountain. Maximum number for bus- 55. The grave site overlooks the panoramic view of the Rocky Mountains from atop Lookout Mountain. Museum is family friendly with kids’ activities- designing a brand, throwing a rope, and has rare artifacts from the Wild West show, including one of Buffalo Bill’s Stetson hats.

Monday Feb. 17

4th Annual Range Runners Fun Run
5:30pm-6:30pm
Regular Member $35; Student/YPC $25
A 5K fun run to help support the Young Professionals Travel Scholarship. A commemorative t-shirt is included with registration before January 10, 2020.
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DIY Painting for the kids and young at heart
10a- Noon
Cost $30
A professional will help guide your child through the process of creating a beautiful painting.

Tuesday Feb. 18

Denver Museum of Science & Nature/IMAX/Planetarium/Denver Zoo
9am- 4pm- Bus leaves hotel at 9pm, returns by 4pm
Cost $20 per family up to 4
Travel a short distance to four of Denver’s popular attractions. Visit what interests you. We’ll have a bus transport you in the morning and pick up in afternoon. The $20 registration does not cover admission fees to the museum or zoo. Please check websites for admission fees.

Wednesday Feb. 19

DIY Painting
1:30pm- 3:30pm
Cost $35
Paint your own masterpiece, no experience necessary. A professional will lead you through the process of creating something you’ll want to display on your wall.

Student Activities

High School Youth Forum

Agenda- Tentative

Sunday, February 16
   Evening  Orientation Session

Monday, February 17
   8am – 10am  Mini Plenary Session
   10:30a- 5:30p  Ecological Tour- description/details below
                   Evening  Professional Interaction Dinner, Downtown Denver

Tuesday, February 18
   All day  Paper Presentation Session

Wednesday, February 19
   All day  Natural Resources Workshop
            Business Meeting
            Awards Ceremony

Thursday, February 20
   8am- 9am  HSYF- Concludes and checkout
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Ecological Tour- Lowry Ranch & Rocky Mountain Arsenal Nat’l Wildlife Refuge - weather permitting

Monday, Feb. 17- 10:30a- 5:30p- Bus leaves hotel at 10:30am, returns by 5:30pm. Cost included with HSYF delegate’s registration.

Travel from downtown Denver Sheraton to Lowry Ranch 10 miles east of Denver. Travel time will be ~1 hour. The ranch is owned by the State of Colorado with oversight by the CO State Land Board. The property was a bombing and gunnery range during WWII and later became a military training site. The ranch is 25,590 acres of shortgrass and mixed grass prairie and riparian areas. Average annual precipitation is 15 inches. The ranch is leased for grazing using cow-calf pairs under a program that requires the lessee to manage using holistic principles considering all components of the rangeland ecosystem. The lessee is a young forward-thinking practitioner who is quite successful with the operation.

Lunch will be on or near the Lowry Ranch (~1/1:30 PM) then travel to the Rocky Mountain Arsenal National Wildlife Refuge (RMANWR). Travel time will be ~1 hour. Located just NE of Denver, the RMANWR is 15,000-acres of prairie, wetland and woodland habitat. The land has survived the test of time, transitioned from farmland to war-time manufacturing site to wildlife sanctuary. It may be one of the finest conservation success stories in history and a place where wildlife thrives. The refuge is a sanctuary for more than 330 species of animals, including bison, black-footed ferrets, deer, coyotes, and burrowing owls. The refuge was established, in part, to protect the bald eagle. Currently much of the resource management on the refuge is dedicated to prairie restoration. Following the attack on Pearl Harbor, the U.S. Army transformed the area into a chemical weapons manufacturing facility (arsenal) to support World War II. As production declined at war’s end, a portion of the idle facilities were leased to Shell Chemical to produce agricultural chemicals. The Arsenal was later used for Cold-War weapons production and demilitarization.


University Students

Undergraduate Papers have been folded into the regular poster/paper part of the program. There will be no separate event at the meeting in Denver.

Extemporaneous Public Speaking Contest will not be held in Denver as elected by the SRM Sub-committee for this event.

Rangeland Cup competition involves a team approach to problem solving. It promotes critical thinking and cooperative and collaborative work on topics relevant to rangeland science and management. Teams present their solutions during a poster session.

2020 Denver Topic

World population projections indicate that there will be 9.8 billion people on earth by 2050 (UN, 2017). Rangeland ecosystems represent the largest and most diverse land resource, providing multiple ecosystem goods and services to both local communities and the larger public. Traditionally, rangeland science and management have focused on agricultural production (e.g., forage and livestock), which are critical provisioning services that contribute to the nation’s food supply. However, society now places growing importance on the delivery of additional ecosystem services, such as water quality regulation, wildlife habitat and cultural/recreational services, and alternative energy development. Balancing multiple conservation and agricultural production goals
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on rangeland agroecosystems in an economically realistic manner will be a key challenge in an already variable and changing environment.

1. Identify the next transformational issue in rangeland management that will be a key component to obtaining/achieving agricultural production goals to meet the 2050 population projections. Consider multiple types of impacts (ecological, economic, social, etc.) and multiple ecosystems.
2. Discuss one or multiple management practices to implement to address the issue identified above.
3. Provide a specific recommendation to solve the issue you have outlined under prompt one and describe how it relates to agriculture production to meet the needs of the 2050 global population.

**Registration Deadline for Rangeland Cup is December 6, 2019.**

Please register at: [https://www.eventbrite.com/e/2020-srm-range-cup-competition-tickets-77039080965](https://www.eventbrite.com/e/2020-srm-range-cup-competition-tickets-77039080965)

**Plant ID Contest** - Dr. Barry Irving will again coordinate this popular SRM event. Dr. Irving will offer a teaching event along with the competition. Competitive Contest will be Tuesday immediately followed by Teaching Plant ID Contest.

**URME** - Dr. Justin Derner and staff will be in charge. The contest will be held early morning on Monday to be completed prior to the Plenary Session. Undergraduate teams will compete to test their knowledge and understanding of range management and ecology.

**Graduate Paper Competition** will not be held at the Denver meeting as decided on by the Subcommittee for this SRM University Student Activity.

**Graduate Poster Competition** will again be organized by Dr. Marc Horney. Graduate students’ posters will be imbedded in the technical posters along with professionals and academics. This contest offers graduate students an opportunity to compete in the presentation of their research in technical poster sessions throughout the week. The four categories are M.Sc., Oral; M.Sc., Poster; Ph.D., Oral; and Ph.D., Poster.

**University Website Display Contest** will be hosted each year in advance of the Annual Meeting. This contest replaces the University Chapter Display Contest. Each University or College Chapter/Club elects to create a website and develop an online presence that promotes 1) their club, 2) rangeland science, 3) their university and 4) the theme of the 2020 Denver Annual Meeting, “A New Look: Transformation & Translation.” The Website Display Contest will now serve as an excellent way to showcase what each School’s Chapter/Club is doing to support rangelands throughout the year, and to provide a recruiting tool for each program.

Chapters/Clubs will be judged on the current Annual Meeting’s theme, and on four major criteria listed at the bottom of this description. Chapters and Clubs desiring to compete in this contest must email their website link to the subcommittee Chair/Co-Chair between December 10th and December 20th. Any Chapters/Clubs that email their link after that deadline will not be permitted to compete in the contest.

Judging Criteria and points awarded for the displays include the following:

- Information and idea expressed (60 points): Theme; originality of posts
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- Web Design (20 points): Pleasing composition; dynamic; eye-catching; neat; easily read; good use of pictures; ease of navigation
- Number of postings (10 points): Number of postings throughout the year
- Club leadership (10 points): Contact names/emails for Chapter/Club advisors and coaches (faculty and graduate); leadership (Chapter/Club officers)

University Students

Sunday February 16th

Job Fair
9am- 5pm- Ballroom E

The annual RANGELAND EMPLOYMENT FAIR will be held at the Sheraton Denver Downtown Hotel. This is an outstanding opportunity for job seekers to talk with recruiters about available positions. Recruiters from a variety of organizations (federal government, private) and Universities (graduate student recruitment) have attended past employment fairs and recruited for both permanent and seasonal positions.

The mission of the 2020 Rangeland Employment Fair is to match prospective employers from federal agencies, state and provincial governments, academia, conservation organizations, and private industry with the high caliber of educated and enthusiastic prospects from SRM. Attendance at the annual meeting this year is expected to be over 1500 people. Approximately 25% of attendees will be students and young professionals.

The percentage of federal workers eligible to retire by 2025 is projected to be as high as 30%. The demand for students and young professionals with majors in Range Science and other related disciplines remains high. The USFS, BLM and NRCS have successfully filled entry-level positions at past SRM Annual Employment Fairs through On-the-Spot Hiring and the Pathways program. Private entities and universities have also successfully filled positions in the past.

Even though the demand for students and young professionals with majors in range science and management and related disciplines remains high, the supply of graduating students in these fields is decreasing. The SRM is addressing resource management workforce challenges by providing avenues such as the annual Rangeland Employment Fair.

Student preparation is essential for a successful first impression when meeting with a recruiter. The student’s employment application packet should include a cover letter, resumé, college transcript, military record (if applicable), and letters of recommendation as minimal documentation prior to arriving at the Employment Fair.

For questions, please contact Dan Fletcher (SRM 2020 Employment Fair Coordinator) at (435) 865-3049 or (435) 590-4834.

Tuesday February 18th

The Young Professionals Conclave in conjunction with Student Conclave is excited to host the 3rd Annual Bridging the Gap Mentorship Event at the SRM 2020 Annual Meeting.

4:30p-6:30p
Everyone is invited to participate- registration is FREE- courtesy of the Young Professionals and Student Conclaves! Registration is required for Bridging the Gap. Please register on the 2020 annual meeting registration form to secure your place at the event.

The objective of this mentorship event is to build more connections between the student/young professional membership of SRM and established professionals. Mentees and mentors will participate in a semi-structured activity to facilitate discussion and networking, with the intent of helping mentees navigate career opportunities in rangeland science and management.

Students and young professionals looking for a job, internship, grad position or career advice will not want to miss this event!

We have modified our program based on participant feedback and have new resources available to strengthen networking opportunities between mentees and mentors. Join us for drinks, appetizers, raffle prizes and conversation at the 2020 annual meeting!

**Student Conclave** will occur Sunday evening with a welcome and Wednesday with a business meeting/luncheon. The luncheon will be held offsite with announcements posted as information becomes available.

The SRM Student Conclave functions to improve undergraduate presence and interface among the community of the Society for Range Management. To help accomplish this goal the SRM Student Conclave has developed a blog that will host Student Conclave news, events, and highlights of state and student SRM chapters across the country. The SRM Student Conclave newsletter will now be posted on this site: [http://srmstudentconclave.blogspot.com](http://srmstudentconclave.blogspot.com)
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Sunday February 16

- All Day- Committee Meetings
- All Day- Technical Tours
  - RM Arsenal
  - Bison tour
  - Grassland/Forest tour
- All Day- Companion & Social Events
  - Ski trip
  - Coors Brewery tour
- 9am-5pm- Job Fair
- 3pm-5pm- Sessions & Committee Meetings (Sheraton Denver Downtown)
  - 1 Rangeland Technology & Equipment Council workshop
  - 2 Sustainable Rangelands Roundtable: Past, Present, Future
  - 3 Enhancing Rangeland Inventory & Monitoring w/Unmanned Aerial System Imagery
  - 4 Solar Grazing: An Emerging Opportunity for Rangeland Sheep Farms
- High School Youth Forum Orientation & Social
- Agency Family Meetings
Monday February 17

- All Day- High School Youth Forum
- All Day- Student Resume Review, Mentoring & Employment Interviews
- 6:30am- Undergraduate Range Management Exam
- 8am- 10am- Plenary 1
  - Welcome
  - SRM Honor Awards
  - Speaker- Leslie Roche
  - Speaker- Lauren Porensky
- 10am- 12pm- Concurrent Sessions
  - 1 Transforming Ranching through Precision Livestock Management in Extensive Rangelands (Symposium)
  - 2 Creating Success in Rangeland Management, Tapping into our Emotional Intelligence (Workshop)
  - 3 Strategies for Sustainability Transformations in Western Rangelands (Symposium)
  - 4 Social-Ecological Resilience in The Northern Great Plains: Connections and Feedbacks of Dominant Drivers (Ignite)
  - 5 Conservation Economics on Western Working Lands (Ignite)
  - 6 Managing Rangelands for Pollinators: Best Management Practices, Current Research, and Needs (Ignite)
- 12pm- 1:30pm- Lunch (on your own)
- 1:30pm- 3:30pm- Concurrent Sessions
  - 7 Transforming Public Rangeland Management Through Collaborative Multi-Stakeholder Partnerships (Symposium)
  - 8 What are animals eating? New methods for estimating diet composition on rangelands (Ignite)
  - 9 Applications of the State and Transition Model (STM) to Novel Resource Management Issues (Ignite)
  - 10 Annual grass management: new tools to slow the transformation of Western US Landscapes (Symposium)
  - 11 The future is here: applications of technological advances for precision livestock management in extensive rangelands (Symposium)
  - 12 Social Science Advancements to Rangeland Management? Perspectives from the Long-Term Agroecosystem Research (LTAR) Network (Ignite)
- 4pm- 6pm- Poster Sessions
- 5:30pm- 6:30pm- 4th Annual Range Runners Fun Run 5K
- 6pm- 8pm- Trade Show Mixer
Tuesday February 18

- All Day- Social & Companion Tours
  - Denver Museum of Nature & Science
- 8am- 10am- Plenary 2
  - Welcome
  - SRM Honor Awards
  - Speaker- Karen Launchbaugh
  - Speaker- Young Professionals Conclave
- 10am- 12pm- Campfire Conversations, Session 1
- 10am- 12pm- Concurrent Sessions
  - 13 Working together to find solutions for invasive species management: getting mitigation on the ground across ownerships (Symposium)
  - 14 Adaptive management of burned rangelands: challenges and opportunities for its co-production by land-agency staff and scientists (Symposium)
  - 15 Unheard: Amplifying Atypical Voices in Rangeland Management (Ignite)
  - 16 Healthy Ecosystems for Rangeland Development (HERD): sustainable rangeland management strategies and practices (Symposium)
  - 17 Greenhorn to Trailboss: Cultivating the Next Generation of Stewards (Workshop)
  - 18 Refocusing Rangeland Songbird Research: Connecting Songbirds, Land Management, and Critical Habitat Characteristics (Ignite)
- 12pm- 1:30pm- Lunch (on your own)
- 1:30pm- 3:30pm- Campfire Sessions 2
- 1:30pm- 3:30pm- Concurrent Sessions
  - 19 Open(source) Range (Ignite)
  - 20 Managing invasive species using geospatial technologies (Symposium)
  - 21 Partnerships are the New Conservation Paradigm (Symposium)
  - 22 Kenyan IRC 2020 (Symposium)
  - 23 The Art & Science of Stockmanship in Rangeland Management: Asking better questions and engaging more people (Symposium)
  - 24 Stakeholder Engagement to Improve Federal Rangeland Wildfire Mitigation and Response (Symposium)
  - 25 VGS Workshop
- 4pm- 5pm- Poster Sessions
- 5:30pm- 6:30pm- Bridging the Gap Mentoring Event
- 8pm- Dance
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Wednesday February 19

- 8am- 10am- Plenary 3
  - Welcome
  - SRM Honor Awards
  - Speaker- TBD
  - Speaker- TBD
- 10am- 12pm- Concurrent Sessions
  - 26 Has Scientific Communication Failed the Art of Range Management? (Symposium)
  - 27 Vulnerability of Beef Cattle Production to Ecological and Socio-Economic Challenges of Future Climates (Symposium)
  - 28 Researchers and Practitioners Integrating Knowledge to Restore and Reclaim Rangelands and Riparian Areas (Symposium)
  - 29 Stakeholder Engagement: Who, When, Why, and How (Workshop)
  - 30 Shared Monitoring, Shared Stewardship (Ignite)
  - 31 Targeted Livestock Grazing to Reduce Fine Fuels in the Great Basin (Symposium)
- 12pm- 1:30pm- Lunch (on your own)
- 1:30pm- 3:30pm- Concurrent Sessions
  - 32 Engaging Rangeland Managers in Grass-Cast to Improve Translation & Transfer (Symposium)
  - 33 Translation of key insights from long-term stocking rate studies to range managers (Symposium)
  - 34 Addressing Flexibility through Outcome Based Grazing Authorization (Symposium)
  - 35 Science to Action: Communication Needs of the 21st Century Rangeland Manager (Symposium)
  - 36 Ignite Your Rangeland Collaboration: Lessons Learned and Keys to Success (Ignite)
  - 37 Communication and Collaboration (Workshop)
- 4pm- 6pm- SRM Business Meeting & Awards Ceremony

Thursday February 20

- Training Events
  - All Day- Range Practicum- National Western Complex
  - 8am- 4pm- Healthy Grasslands Expo
  - 9am- 2pm- Rocky Mountain Arsenal Tour
2020 SRM Photo Contest

Categories
- Plants
- Landscapes
- Ranching
- Livestock
- People
- Wildlife
- Trail Boss look-a-like

Judging Criteria
- Relevancy to Category Topic
- Focus/Sharpness of subject
- Composition/Arrangement
- Creativity

Contest Rules
- Deadline for final submission is January 20, 2020. THERE IS NO ENTRY FEE.
- All photos submitted may be considered for use on the SRM website, or in other official SRM publications without compensation, but with photographer credit. Submission via email officially authorizes SRM to use the photos in these venues without further notification.
- All photos that clearly show a person’s face MUST have the proper release form to accompany the photo. This form is available upon request from the submission email listed below.
- All photographers submitting entries may be considered for random participation prizes, if given.
- Photos will be displayed for public view at the 2020 National SRM Annual Meeting in Denver, CO. Winner of each category, as well as Best in Show and Reserve Best in Show, will receive a prize to be determined later. These awards will be announced at the Annual Meeting.
- Limit of One Entry Per Category per member per year, you may submit one entry to each category.
- MUST be submitted by a current SRM member.
- MUST BE PRESENT TO WIN
- All photos submitted must be in JPG or TIF format (no BMP, GIF, etc.)
- Maximum photo file size of six (6) megabytes (Mb), minimum size of 2 Mb.
- Submissions will only be accepted via email to SRM2020photocontest@gmail.com
- Photographer MUST pick a category for photo to be judged in - failure to do so will result in your photo being disqualified.
- All submitted photos must follow the format below to be considered for judging. The names of the attachments are the names of the files themselves, you can change the name of the file wherever you have the picture stored in your documents folder, etc. Failure to follow the format will result in your photo being disqualified. DO NOT use initials for photographer name.
- More than one photo can be submitted per email. Please be sure to give descriptions and contact information for each photo, in the order that photos are attached. See example below. Photo titles will be displayed with the photo at the annual meeting, so please be creative but classy.
Photo Submission

- Email Subject: Photo Contest Entry
- Attachments: Category_PhotographerName_PhotoTitle & ModelReleaseForm_PhotographerName_PhotoTitle (if applicable)
- Body of Email
  1. Description of Photo, including photo title if there are multiple photos
  2. Location where photo was taken
  3. Contact Information

Photo Submission Example

Email Subject: Photo Contest Entry
Attachment: People_JohnDoe_RepairWork & ModelReleaseForm_JohnDoe_RepairWork
Body of Email
  1. Rancher fixing fence after tumbleweeds knocked it over
  2. Near Middle of Nowhere, WY
  3. John Doe john.doe@yahoo.com
     123456 CR 00
     Sweetwater, WY 88888
     123-456-7890

Multiple Photo Submission Example

Email Subject: Photo Contest Entry, multiple photos
Attachments: Landscape_JohnDoe_Sangre de Cristo Sunset; Wildlife_JohnDoe_Roadrunner
Body of Email
  1a. Sangre de Cristo Sunset, Colorado sunset over the Sangre de Cristo Mountain Range
  1b. Near Delhi, CO
  1c. Granny Smith grannysmith@apples.com
      111213 CR X
      Higbee, CO 88888
      098-765-4321

  2a. Roadrunner, roadrunner making it's escape from Wiley coyote
  2b. Near Branson, CO
  2c. Granny Smith grannysmith@apples.com
      111213 CR X
      Higbee, CO 88888
      098-765-4321
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