ONE DAY MOUNTAIN EXCURSIONS IN PICTURESQUE COLORADO

For the enjoyment of thousands of visitors who will this season come to Colorado, and for the pleasure of our own “homefolks” who appreciate frequent summer recreation in the mountains, The Colorado & Southern Railway has outlined several inexpensive and delightful trips—most of them made within the day. Brief descriptions of the most popular ones are herein given with fares and train schedules. During the entire summer season (June to September) reduced round-trip fares will be made to most State points, especially for the use of visitors.

What to See in Colorado

ALL of the famous Colorado scenic one-day trips, comprising the grandest scenery in the world, the picturesque summer resorts and the most interesting localities, are reached via The Colorado and Southern Railway from Denver; whose trains arrive and depart from the Denver Union Depot.

The following is a brief description of the most important pleasure trips:

The Far-Famed Georgetown Loop Trip

A Midsummer One-Day Trip to the Snowbanks

Leaving the Denver Union Depot in a train of open observation cars, the traveler is carried toward the pine-covered gorges of the mountains, where Nature seemingly has revealed in the delight of her own picturesqueness. It is sixteen miles to Golden, across a level stretch of country, which suggests some cozy valley in the far East—comfortable farm houses, fields of waving grain, shady groves and running streams of water. Soon the “hog-backs” or “foothills” are reached, in the midst of which nestles the town of Golden.

The altitude of Golden is 5,690 feet. It was formerly the capital city of the state. The State School of Mines, one of the foremost schools of its kind in the country, is located here.

A plunge from here is made into the entrance of Clear Creek Canon, and for nearly forty miles the train follows this picturesque “serpentine trail.”

CLEAR CREEK CANON. There is nothing like Clear Creek Canon in America. It is no exaggeration to say that, for wild, rugged scenery, Nature in her most majestic mood failed to provide its equal; it cannot be described; words seem puny and inadequate. And, after many a day-dream, when one is restored to the quiet of home, the effort to place the picture again before the fancy is fruitless. There remains a vision of a restless mountain torrent rushing madly down a wild chasm; overhead a haunting hand’s-breadth of gleaming sky; the grim walls of the canon close enough to touch at times as you flit by; the fantastic shapes carved upon the mountain, bold profiles and fairy castles; the tranquil summerland into which you occasionally dash, when the canon winds into a few brief acres, green, shady, inviting; a passing glimpse of a dazzling snow-summit, far away in the upper ether—these, and more, one may recall; and still there remains an indefinable sense of something elusive that you have not held fast, and cannot describe. It is the spirit of beauty, the power of enchanting scenery, which cannot be taken away from its home or ever reproduced in words.

Always climbing, climbing, the narrow-gauge engine wends its way over the serpentine trail, bringing into
view from time to time special points of interest, such as the Lion's Head, a perfect formation seemingly chiseled by a sculptor; down among the rocks the resting figure of a rhinoceros; the Old Roadmaster, who, even before one took the stage up Clear Creek, stood guard over the canon; the dark, towering form of Mt. Dexter; Hanging Rock, a massive smoke-begrimed ledge, projecting entirely over the winding track; the much-talked-of Mother Grundy, which, because of its "I-told-you-so" expression, is certainly properly named; Inspiration Point and the Lone Pine Tree—these and many more are the delightful surprises in store.

IDAHO SPRINGS is the first town of importance reached on the Loop excursion and no health resort in the world possesses finer climate. Celebrated indeed is the therapeutic value of the radio-active mineral springs located here. United States government analysis shows them identical in mineral content with the famous springs at Carlsbad in Austria; the State School of Mines' analysis pronounces them strong in radium and twenty-five times greater in radio-activity than the springs at Joachimsthal, Bohemia. Idaho Springs is rapidly gaining much well-deserved prominence as a Spa—and will soon be known throughout the country because of its baths and these wonderful waters. A handsome new and modern hotel of large capacity and perfect in appointment was recently completed.

GEORGETOWN nestles in a basin of the mountains with a narrow exit down the canon and an equally narrow inlet from above, Green Lake, one of the loveliest bodies of water in the Rockies, being within short distance. Four miles from Green Lake is Highland Park, a favorite summer camping ground. The waters of the lake are generously stocked each year with trout.

When the traveler reaches Georgetown he is of the opinion that the trip is certainly at an end, as the depot is at the base of a mountain, which necessitates the backing of the train out of the station before ascending the Far-Famed Georgetown Loop.

THE FAR-FAMED GEORGETOWN LOOP, that wonderful piece of engineering skill now world-known.

Passing above West Clear Creek, with just a glimpse of the picturesque bridge that spans Devil's Gate, the road runs under a great viaduct, and rises and rises until you have left the city hundreds of feet below and to the north; and with a sudden turn, the road is again seen, with the train now rushing toward the city and over the great high bridge, completing the "loop," and still climbing; down below is the track just passed:

Old Mother Grundy—Loop Trip
away again on the further side of the mountain; again crossing to the west side, suddenly turning to the east, until the “Big Fill,” seventy-six feet high—too sharp a curve for a bridge—has given another circle to the track; then, with a turn to the west, around the slope of Leavenworth Mountain; still another view of Georgetown, with five tracks in view, each seeming to have no relation to its neighbor, until another valley in the mountains discloses the pretty village of Silver Plume, named in honor of America’s greatest statesman, James G. Blaine, known as “The Plumed Knight.”

SILVER PLUME. Elevation, 9,176 feet; 54 miles from Denver. Terminus of the celebrated Georgetown Loop line. Here is Gray’s Peak, towering 14,441 feet above sea-level, or higher than Pike’s Peak. One can hardly describe the beauty of a sunrise seen from this mountain monarch or the grandeur of a sunset scene. Large numbers of tourists also visit the nearby mines.

![Lunch Pavilion, Silver Plume](image)

At the C. & S. Railway’s pavilion, where trains stop, excellent luncheons, on the a la carte plan, may be obtained daily throughout the summer season.

TRAIN SCHEDULES: From early in June to the middle of September daily trains leave Denver Union Depot at a convenient morning hour for The Loop, scheduled that the round trip may be made in about nine hours, returning to Denver late in the afternoon.

**FARES**

*From June 1st to September 30th the round-trip fare from Denver over The Loop, Saturdays and Sundays, is $3.54; other days, $3.96.*

![Trout Fishing in Picturesque Platte Canon](image)
From the moment of entering the gateway to the Canon the eye rests on a harmonious vista of foliage, rocks and natural magnificence. For over sixty miles one follows the Platte River which now surges through some narrow pass, now gently flows through some meadow park; ever changing views of high rocky cliffs unfold themselves on either side. At times the railroad hugs the base of canon walls so sheer and high the eye grows dazed looking upward. From the time the train enters the canon bands of campers and tourist parties begin to leave it at their favorite spots along the line, fishermen seeking the haunts of the trout, campers searching out some cozy nook to locate their tent and tour-
Canon. Practically the entire length of the Platte River here is stocked every season with millions of this gamy fish and there is little choice as to the best places to fish, as every point along the railroad furnishes good sport. This trip is the only one of its kind that can be easily made in one or two days' time from Denver, and its pleasure is enhanced by the fact that one can always find meals ready at hand should he stray too far from camp or have no definite stopping place in view.

There are many pretty resorts in the canon, such as Strontia Springs, South Platte, Foxton, Buffalo Park, Cluaderest, Pine Grove, Insmont, Baileys, Glenisle, Shawnee, Cassells, Grant, etc., where very good hotel accommodations may be had. If you camp out, rent a cottage or stop at one of the hotels in Platte Canon, you will ever remember your trip and eagerly look forward to the next season when you can again forget the cares of business and the noise of the city and come back among the pines and by the singing mountain streams of the west.
Colorado Springs, Manitou and Pike's Peak Region

The best view of Pike's Peak, and the one immortalized by the brush of Bierstadt, is from the Colorado and Southern Railway en route to Colorado Springs.

Colorado Springs is one of the most beautiful places in the country, and there is much to interest the tourist in and about the city.

Manitou is six miles from Colorado Springs, connected with it by steam and electric railways. Many points of interest may be visited. The Garden of the Gods, the Grand Caverns, Glen Eyrie, Cheyenne Canon, Williams Canon, Ute Pass, The Reproduction of the Cliff Dwellings of Colorado and New Mexico, and a score of features which have made the region famous might be named and described at length. Writers of worldwide fame have dwelt upon the attractiveness of the Pike's Peak region. The trip to the summit of Pike's Peak is well worth all the time and expense of a journey across the continent.

The Crystal Park trip is one which should not be missed by any visitor to Colorado. Automobiles start mornings and afternoons from both Colorado Springs and Manitou. Crystal Park, once almost inaccessible, is now reached by large, luxurious automobiles especially built for this splendid trip. The Crystal Park Auto Road was built at great expense and furnishes a panorama of magnificent views. These comprise most of that remarkable scenery for which Colorado Springs and the Pike's Peak Region are noteworthy. In very few places does Nature array so many of her superb scenes with so grand and lasting effect.

From Denver to Colorado Springs is a distance of seventy-five miles. The ride is accomplished in about two and one-half hours, and, as the mountains are continually in view, the trip is one of the popular outings, attracting thousands of sightseers every season.

As the Colorado and Southern Railway offers excellent service between Denver and Pueblo, via Colorado Springs, see that your ticket reads via Colorado and Southern from Denver. The tourist fares from many sections of the country are the same to each of the three points, and tickets will be furnished on request by agents of the trunk lines via Denver and Colorado Springs.
Springs to Pueblo over the Colorado and Southern with stop-over privileges at Denver and Colorado Springs in both directions without additional cost. On such tickets one may enjoy the sights of the Pike’s Peak region without further expense for railroad transportation, except for the side trips. Our trains between Denver, Colorado Springs and Pueblo run on practically an interurban schedule. They are fast and provided with superb equipment, electric lighted dining cars, etc.

FARES: During the summer months, beginning June 1, round-trip Saturday to Monday tickets will be on sale at reduced fares.
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Beautiful Estes Park

Estes Park is one of Colorado’s most popular summer resorts. It is located within seventy miles of Denver, at the foot of grim, scarred Long’s Peak. Here the Continental Divide, the main range of the Rockies, stretches out a spur like a huge crooked arm. Within its circle nestles a natural amphitheatre of a hundred thousand acres. This is Estes Park, carpeted with thousands of acres of meadow land and walled by fifteen snow peaks which rise sheer from three sides.

Estes Park offers everything to the vacationist that the heart of man could ask. The charm of the place is not to be catalogued, since it is born of the clean, rare air of the hills, of the glorious freedom of the great mountains and of cool summer breezes and rippling, running water. But this much may be said: for the golfer, there are two courses for choice, laid out in the sweet, piny, blue-skyed parklands. For the motorist, level natural-surfaced roads, perfect for speeding; a seven-mile boulevard, fifty feet wide, bisects the park, and from it radiate splendid roads to every point of interest. Horseback riding is an exercise especially adapted to the place, and in this hundreds participate.

The tennis player finds the weather and the conditions ideal. As for the fisherman, he must be hard indeed to please if the Big Thompson and its tributaries cannot furnish him sport to his fancy. Scarcely a day’s journey from the Park lies one of the wildest sections of the Rocky Mountains. Some of the canons and parks have never been fully explored, and offer an invitation to the hardy adventurer. In short, Estes Park offers a wonderful diversity of entertainment, from the study of glacial moraines of prehistoric days to the study of the twentieth century summer girl in all her glory.

There are numerous large, well appointed, splendidly conducted summer hotels in Estes Park, which rank with the best resort hotels in the country. There are also many smaller places.

Diverse Routes to Estes Park

The following attractive diverse routes to Estes Park are available via The Colorado & Southern Railway, through the Rocky Mountain National (Estes) Park District:

Tickets cover rail transportation Denver to Longmont, Lyons, Loveland or Fort Collins, Colo., through the celebrated agricultural district, with the snow-
The Garden Spot of Colorado

SOJOURN in Colorado is incomplete if one has not visited one of its extensive agricultural sections and learned of the vast wealth produced by its farms under irrigation.

Stepping aboard the north-bound Colorado and Southern morning train for Greeley, one is borne beyond the suburbs of Denver, through the thriving towns of Boulder, Longmont, Berthoud and Loveland to Fort Collins—75 miles. Thence, turning sharply to the east and southeast, he glides past Windsor, 25 miles to Greeley. For a hundred miles he has ridden through the far-famed agricultural region of Northern Colorado; the best developed, the most productive, the most prosperous, the most inviting of all the agricultural portions of the state, and where agriculture by irrigation is to be seen at its highest, most progressive, most successful stage. At Boulder is the State University, Colorado Chautauqua and Summer School; at Fort Collins the State Agricultural College, and at Greeley the State Teachers’ College.

A trip from Denver through this celebrated farming region is filled with interest. Great irrigation canals, sparkling lakes, fields of sugar beets, alfalfa, wheat, oats and potatoes are seen. Scores of up-to-date, comfortable homes, carefully kept lawns beautiful with flowers, attest the advancement of the farming population of Northern Colorado. On one side is a sweep of rolling fields; on the other the foothills, backed by the rugged mountains. Probably no other section of the state has

Write for handsomely illustrated booklet on Rocky Mountain National (Estes) Park, giving full information as to hotels, points of interest, etc., post free.

Big Thompson Canon, en Route to Estes Park

Long’s Peak from Estes Park
such acute contrasts of scenery. This also may be seen in one day, returning to Denver early in the evening. Round-trip fare, $5.88.

The Colorado Chautauqua is an institution known throughout the entire South and West. Its sessions cover a period of six weeks, beginning July 4th, and its fine programs include the greatest lecturers, educators, entertainers and musicians in America. The Chautauqua grounds are at the edge of Boulder in a location unsurpassed for beauty and the great variety of its surrounding scenery. Cottages may be rented or accommodations secured through the Chautauqua management at Boulder, Colorado, by addressing the Secretary.

**Trout Fishing in Colorado**

**COLORADO** contains countless streams and lakes that have made her famous as a trout-fishing state. Reference here will particularly be made to Platte Canon, through which flows the Platte River, and to the Big Thompson River, as the most accessible streams and because the Colorado & Southern Railway has long considered the fishing in streams along its lines one of its principal assets. Accordingly, it watches fish preservation in these streams and carefully fosters the legitimate sport of angling.

Until recent years the native trout held almost undisputed sway in these streams: but since the planting of the California rainbow and eastern brook, the native is not so plentiful, although many streams are being restocked with natives, and in time his numbers may be restored.

As the heretofore arid regions become populated by the thrifty farmer, the waters lose their finny inhabitants. Consequently, systematic restocking is imperative. It has been demonstrated that interference with the course of mountain streams, or their slightest pollution, destroys fish life. So it is not unnatural that some of our mountain streams are troutless.

A most notable example of what care and judicious "planting" of fish in a natural stream can do is seen in the Platte River. This is the state's ideal trout stream; but if it were not regularly restocked and constant care taken to prevent violations of laws protecting our fish, fishing in the Platte would soon become but a memory.

Local fishermen naturally know where the best fishing is to be found, just as the small boy of former days knew the "best hole;" so visiting anglers can do no better than to follow Denver fishermen as to the matter of location. Many local sporting-goods stores have fine assortments of rods, lines, flies and equipment; so one need not bring everything he has.

In the Leadville, Clear Creek and Fort Collins districts, trout fry of a size able to care for themselves are turned right into the stream. Each year this regular system of restocking is done, and the result is fishing that brings anglers from all points of the compass.
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