



Things to Do During Your Stay in Cañon City

Royal Gorge Bridge & Park

The Royal Gorge Bridge is one of the world's highest suspension bridges, and an unforgettable quarter-mile journey through the clouds. The Royal Gorge Park is a unique combination of natural adrenaline, human achievement and scenic beauty that must be experienced to be believed. With its 360-degree panoramic view of the Royal Gorge—the Grand Canyon of the Arkansas River—a journey across the Royal Gorge Bridge is undoubtedly the high point of any Colorado vacation.

After a 14-month closure the Royal Gorge Bridge and Park has reopened! Phase I of the rebuild includes a new visitor center, aerial tram, and several other attractions. There are special rates for parties of 20 or more. Free designated parking for cars, RVs and coaches. Oversized vehicles are not permitted on the Bridge. Dog kennels available (no charge, cleaned and sanitized after each use). Cart rentals (additional fee, seasonal only). Phase I includes:

- **SKYCOASTER:** The Royal Rush Skycoaster is the most awesome adrenaline rush in the state. Imagine a free-fall tower sweeping you 50 mph to hand momentarily 1,200 feet above the Arkansas River, which looks like a tiny flue line below. You'll have bragging rights with all your friends as the Royal Rush was named the world's scariest skycoaster. There is an extra fee to ride the Skycoaster.
- **SILVER ROCK RAILWAY:** All aboard their scale model of Old 424, a locomotive dating back to 1893 and modeled after Southern Pacific's C.P. Huntington. It's a great way to start your day at the park: taking in the natural beauty of the Royal Gorge area from the comfort of an open-air car. This one-mile ride is a favorite of children and parents alike.

Phase 2 is scheduled to be ready November 2014 and includes the Aerial Tram, Zip Rider, Children's Playland, and Plaza Theatre.

The park is open 9:30 am to 6:00 pm in September 2014, 9:30 am to 5:00 pm in October 2014 and 9:30 am to 4:00 pm in November and December. Check their website www.RoyalGorgeBridge.com for the latest hours, pricing, group pricing, etc.

Helitours of Royal Gorge

The adventure begins as your helicopter lifts vertically off the Royal Gorge Heliport, giving you the thrilling sense of freedom only found in a helicopter. Moments later, you are soaring over the canyon rim as the earth opens up to reveal a nearly 1,000 foot drop to the Arkansas River below. With breathtaking views of the suspension bridge, sheer granite canyon walls, and majestic mountains, this is the ultimate scenic adventure! For more information, visit their website: www.royalgorgehelitours.org

Arkansas River/Royal Gorge River Rafting

The world famous white water of the Royal Gorge is Colorado's premier river rafting location. Experience the amazing scenery of the Royal Gorge and the sheer towering 1200' cliff walls that surround as you raft below the world's highest suspension bridge. Challenge the classic class IV, V rapids of Sunshine Falls, Sledgehammer & the Narrows to name a few. The Royal Gorge is suitable for first time rafters seeking an exciting challenge as well as experienced paddlers alike. Good physical condition is recommended at high water.

So why put off the excitement and thrills that the Arkansas River has to offer? Your next adventure is just a phone call away! Contact Royal Gorge Rafting today to set up your own rafting experience. Give them a call at (719) 275-7238 or check them out online at www.royalgorgerafting.net.

Royal Gorge Zip Line Tours

Located within one mile from Mountain View RV Resort is the Royal Gorge Zip Line Tours. Take to the skies with the Royal Gorge regions newest outdoor adventure! Colorado Zip Line Tours near the Royal Gorge. Experience the World's First Quick Jump belay system! They offer 20 zip lines in total between their classic and extreme course spanning over 3 miles of exhilarating adventure. Choose from their region's most popular tours: the Classic Course or zip along our newer Extreme Zip Line Course—one of the fastest courses in North America! They encourage you to compare their tours to see the length of their lines and total tour experience far exceeds any other Colorado Springs Zip Line Tour. Below you will find some quick information about their World Class Zip Line Tours.

- 9 lines spanning over one mile of zipping!
- Reach speeds of 45 mph! On this two-hour guided tour.
- 11 lines spanning over 1 ½ miles, on a three-hour guided tour.
- Including the World's First Free Fall Quick Jump belay!
- Whitewater Rafting & Zipline Packages are available including a delicious lunch at the White Water Bar & Grill!
- Zip line trips depart every 30 minutes on either the Extreme or Classic courses.
- Weight requirements for either course are 50 to 250 pounds.
- Participants must be able to hike up to 3/4 of a mile on varied incline.
- Reservations can be made online using their reservations link on their website: <http://www.royalgorgeziplinetours.com/> or give them a call at (719) 275-7238

Discover Downtown Cañon City

Downtown has much from great watering holes to some of the best pizza on the planet (Pizza Madness) - no kidding. Many visitors simply miss historic downtown because it's just north, one block off of highway 50 and that's a shame. Cañon City's downtown area is listed on the National Historical Register for its abundance of turn-of-the-century architecture. Submerge yourself in the ambiance of another era, even as you enjoy local dining, boutiques, music, and art galleries.

Straight Scoop: Downtown is totally "walkable" and not to be missed. From the train station at the Santa Fe Depot (west end of town), just cross highway 50 driving north, park, and wander. The architecture is really classic and not many Colorado downtowns have this historic flavor. Download the PDF files above for historical walking tours. Insider Information: We mentioned Pizza Madness, but there is also McClellan's brew pub which has some great brews. If you're looking for high end, delicious French cuisine, try Le Petite Chablis located at 512 Royal Gorge Blvd. We love this place. A great website for more information on downtown is: www.DowntownCanonCity.com See more at: <http://www.canoncitycolorado.com/#sthash.oUtSQAsz.dpuf>

Robison Mansion

The Historic Robison Mansion & Carriage House is an exquisite 1884 home located down by the Arkansas River (you can access this mansion from the Riverwalk). It is an elegant Victorian mansion set on a majestic 2.5 acre manicured lawn, fenced and gated grounds with some of the oldest trees in Cañon City. The house was purchased by a private company and now is rented out for special events, parties and weddings. While there are no tours of the Robison House, you can walk the perimeter and grounds for great photo opportunities.

Skyline Drive was built back in the 1930's with the use of prison labor from the Colorado Penitentiary. This is a one-way route that heads southeast from US Highway 50 (northwest of Canon City) up the side of the hogback until you gain the ridge top. From there, the road travels along that very narrow ridge top for several miles before reaching the end of the ridge. At that point, the road turns a hairpin curve and descends on a long traverse down the eastern side of the hogback. There are several pullouts and parking areas along the way so you can get out and enjoy the views safely (wouldn't want to be looking at those views and not paying attention to the road, now would we?) The hogback itself is composed of hardened layers of sandstone that were turned up sometime during the more recent mountain-building days in this part of Colorado: somewhere between 25 and 65 million years ago.

Cañon City Golf Courses

- **Four Mile Ranch Golf Club** has won several awards that include: Golf Digest 2008 #4 Best New Public Course in the United States, Travel and Leisure Golf 2008 Top 10 Best New Courses, Golf.com Top 10 New Courses You Can Play, and Colorado Avid Golfer Best New Course Public/Resort. Address: 3501 Telegraph Trail, Cañon City. Telephone # (719) 275-5400. You can reserve a tee-time online at <http://www.fourmileranch.com/teetimes>
- **Shadow Hills Golf Course** is an 18-hole course that features 6,410 yards of golf from the longest tees for a par of 70. The course rating is 69.9 and it has a slope rating of 125. Address: 232 County Road 143, Cañon City. Telephone # (719) 275-0603. Website address: <http://www.golfshadowhills.com/golf>

The Arkansas Riverwalk

The Arkansas Riverwalk contains seven-miles of trail that wind along the Arkansas River through Cañon City and beyond. The trail covers many types of terrain and natural areas including dense cottonwood forests and native wetlands. The trail has a hard-packed, crushed gravel surface and follows an old railroad bed much of the way. The trail is open to many uses, which include running, walking, biking and even horseback riding on the John Griffin Park Bluff Trail. Your dogs are welcome too, but please keep them on a leash and be sure to pick up after them.

Nature enthusiasts have encountered numerous species of birds and fowl along the Arkansas Riverwalk. Be sure to keep a look out for wildlife such as bears and mountain lions, they have been known to frequent the areas around the trail as well.

Trailheads and parking lots are located in several locations. Going from west to east, the Tunnel Drive Trailhead is located west of Cañon City off of Highway 50 and overlooks the Arkansas River and railroad tracks as it heads west into the entrance of the Royal Gorge. It is a narrow trail that winds its way through three tunnels of solid granite! Get out and enjoy the Arkansas Riverwalk experience, be courteous to others and take out with you what you took in. Have a great time!

The Abbey

Ever wondered what was inside that beautiful historical building? Now you can take a guided tour and learn the history of the Benedictine Monks and the Abbey School. Guided one hour tours are available every Saturday June through the end of September at 11 am and 1 pm or by appointment (tours by appointment available for groups of 6 or more) for \$5.00 per person. Their knowledgeable guide will take you back in time, explaining the history of the building, the monks who served there and the student body. You will visit the chapel, Abbot's quarters and dining, sacristy, bell tower, library, parlor, original kitchen, pantry and dining halls, upper floors and the basement. (This tour does involve stairs, or you may join us for a tour of the main floor only.)

Visitors are always welcome to stop by the Monastery and enjoy a self-guided tour (by donation) of the main floor of the Monastery anytime during regular business hours. Monday-Friday 9am-4pm or Saturdays during the summer 10am-3pm.

For more information, please call Patti Jo Wagner at 719-275-8631, Ext. 4 or visit their website: www.theabbeycc.com

Winery at Holy Cross Abbey

Several years ago, some simple Benedictine Fathers had a dream... a dream of a fine winery located on the grounds of the historic Holy Cross Abbey in Canon City, Colorado. Today, that dream is a reality, and the staff at the winery proudly invites you to share in the vision of those dynamic and innovative monks. Since July 2002, The Winery at Holy Cross Abbey has been attracting visitors from all over the world. Located on the pastoral and serene grounds of The Holy Cross Abbey, nestled against the spectacular backdrop of the Wet Mountains, the winery and tasting room are shining examples of what draws visitors to Cañon City and Fremont County. Visit their website for more information:

www.abbeywinery.com

The tasting room and gift shop is open Monday through Saturday from 10:00am until 6:00pm (5:00pm January through March), and on Sundays from 12:00pm until 5:00pm. For more information call 877-422-9463 (HCA WINE).

Royal Gorge Region Hiking

From this website address you can download a nice hiking/trail map of the area:

http://www.canoncitycolorado.com/files/5613/3460/0251/Royal_Gorge_Region_Trails_Map.pdf

Royal Gorge Anglers

Ready for a fly fishing adventure outside the lower 48? Royal Gorge Anglers has been hosting international fly fishing travel for anglers for over 20 years. Let their destination fly fishing travel experts show you the ropes, and get you squared away with any gear you might need for your next big adventure!

Royal Gorge Anglers is your one-stop resource for everything Fly Fishing so enjoy your time on their website at www.royalgorgeanglers.com or call them at (888) 994-6743. And remember they are always available to assist you. Welcome to the World's Local Flyshop!

Store Hours: Monday-Saturday: 7:30AM-5PM / Sunday: 7:30AM-1PM / **Email:** store@royalgorgeanglers.com

Museum of Colorado Prisons

Exhibits at the Museum cover over 140 years of history, depicting prison life from early Territorial Prison days forward. The cell house has two floors, the upper level with 30 inmate cells, hallway, office space, and gift shop, while the lower level houses the dining room, archival storage (former trustee sleep area), general purpose room, original kitchen, isolation cells, Federal Prison Display, and laundry room. Each cell on the upper level tells a story of some phase of life behind walls and bars. Exhibits include the office furnishings used by Warden Roy Best, and documentation on the Prison Riots of 1929 and 1947. Other exhibits feature infamous inmates such as Alfred Packer (convicted of cannibalism), Antone Woode (a twelve-year old convicted of murder), working and living conditions, punishments, and assorted other topics. All of the artifacts and exhibits depict lives of inmates and guards as they lived and worked in the Colorado Prisons.

Open 7 days a week from 10am to 6pm. For more information, visit their website: www.prisonmuseum.org

Royal Gorge Railroad

Experience the romance of travel by train aboard Colorado's Royal Gorge Route Railroad. Your journey begins at the historic Santa Fe Depot, where you'll depart for the spectacular ride along the winding Arkansas River, complete with high-desert vistas and dramatic views of the 1,000-foot granite cliffs that tower above the train.

Enjoy it all in comfort and style, in air-conditioned rail cars while relaxing in coach, vista dome, bar or club class for breakfast, lunch, dinner, murder mystery (see below), or one of our award-winning wine dinners. Celebrate the day with a special vintage from our extensive wine list, or order your favorite libation from our full bar. At your leisure, step outside to one of our open-air cars for a closer look at one of Colorado's most spectacular natural wonders. **Purchase your train tickets in the RV Park office and save 5%!!!** Or visit www.RoyalGorgeRoute.com or call (719) 276-4000 for more information.

Royal Gorge Route "Murder Mystery" Train

A Murder Mystery on the Royal Gorge Route Railroad. Enjoy an evening of delicious food, breathtaking scenery, outstanding service and a Classic "who dunnit" murder mystery. **Purchase your train tickets in the RV Park office and save 5%!!!** For more information call 888-724-5748, or view www.RoyalGorgeRoute.com or e-mail to reservations@royalgorgeroute.com

Saturday evenings May 24th through Oct. 25th

Last Murder Mystery of the season is Friday, October 31st

iLean Ride Co. Segway Tours

Walk?!! Why, when you can see the sights while riding a Segway! They offer tours up and over Skyline Drive in Cañon City. Ride up 800 feet and 3 miles along a Dakota Hogback Ridge while taking in hair raising views of the Arkansas Valley below. This Tour is extreme and not for those afraid of heights.

For those that are afraid of heights, they offer The historic and picturesque Cañon City Tour. Segway through town, over the Arkansas River, around beautiful parks and then cruise down Main Street. Relaxing and fun!

iLean Ride is the 1st and only 1/2 mile Segway Dirt Moto Track of its kind. Challenge yourself on dips, hills, whoops and curves with the off road FAT TIRESEGWAY. For more information visit their website canoncitysegway.com or give them a call @ 719-315-4044.

Jeep Tours

Make the most of your short time in Colorado and select a high quality, scenic and informative jeep tour. Their interpretive tours offer a variety of information including western history, geology, and even paleontology while traveling on some of the most scenic roads and trails in Colorado. Their tours offer a fun and interesting way to see and learn about Colorado. Each tour has its own unique scenery. Some tours take you along the rim of the famous Royal Gorge, while other tours explore the bright red monoliths that make up Red Canyon Park. Colorado Jeep Tours also can take you along the Gold Belt Tour through the late 1800's mining districts of Cripple Creek and Victor. All of their tours are incredibly scenic and accommodate most ages and abilities. Colorado Jeep Tours is conveniently located on Main Street in Cañon City right across from the McDonalds. For more information and to learn about their special packages go to their website: www.coloradojeeptours.com or to make a reservation call them at (719) 275-6339.

Play Dirty and ATV

If you want a more hands-on approach to seeing the great sights in this region, ATV tours and rentals might be more to your liking than a Jeep tour. Enjoy the fun of riding through the back country of the Rocky Mountains from 8,500 to 14,000 feet. Guided or unguided adventures are available. If you select unguided, they provide maps, operational and safety training, pickup and delivery (in their area), and helmets. Two recommendations for ATV rentals or tours are: ① **Play Dirty ATV** located in the Texas Creek area just 18 miles west of Mountain View RV Resort. Contact information: website www.playdirtyATVtours.com or call 1-877-288-2656. ② **All Season Rentals** located near Salida 50 miles west of Mountain View RV Resort. Contact information: website www.allseasonrentals.com or call 1-888-530-0651.

Florence Antiquing

It is no longer a secret around Colorado that Florence has one of the best—if not the best—antique and collectable shopping districts anywhere. There are over 20 shops that present treasures to entice anyone, we call it “recreational shopping.” New visitors are amazed at the quality, size and abundance of merchandise in the stores. Old friends return often as they know new treasures arrive daily. Stores offer old stuff, some new and some with a lot of each. Serious collectors, home decorators, professional browsers or stranded husbands can spend hours perusing the offerings looking for that one “rare beauty.”

Florence is also home to several fine art galleries that present the work of many acclaimed artists and craftsmen. Original work in paint, clay, silver, fiber or whatever the artist can find is available. Many artists have their studios in the galleries, or nearby, giving the collector a chance to meet and watch the artists work. Most of the antique stores offer artwork also.

Mountain Biking

There are a number of mountain biking trails in the Cañon City area from beginner to advanced (with the majority of the trails being intermediate level). You can also take a nice, flat ride on the Arkansas Riverwalk, perfect for families. Conveniently located in downtown Cañon City, **Red Canyon Cycles**, is the premier location for all your bicycle needs. They are specialists in repairs, local rides, trails and outdoor activities. You can call them at (719) 285-8169 or visit them on their website: www.redcanyoncycles.com. For **bicycle rentals** contact: Royal Gorge Bicycle Rentals, (719) 275-7238. Located at: 302 Royal Gorge Blvd Cañon City, CO 81212. For mountain biking **trail information** in this area, you can check out the following websites:

<http://redcanyoncycles.com/group-rides/>

<http://www.mtbproject.com/trail/4221967>

<http://www.mapmyride.com/us/canon-city-co/>

http://www.singletracks.com/Colorado-bike-trails_6.html?filterBy=%7Cloc:38.400000~-105.216667~25~Canon%20City%2C+CO

http://www.blm.gov/co/st/en/fo/rgfo/recreation0/recreation_activities/mountain_biking.html

Rock Climbing at Shelf Road

A sport climber's mecca with nearly 1000 routes on bombproof pocketed limestone. Routes vary from 5.7- 5.13 mostly bolted routes with lots of untouched rock! There are several walls in neighboring areas and a lifetime of bouldering. Shelf Road is home to many quality sport routes on quality, vertical limestone. The area has been improved with the addition of a few new crags. Rock & Ice #103 [October 2000] (the one with Josune Bereziartu on the cover) has a mini-guide to the new areas, which are not yet covered in any guidebook. The other good guides are Shelf Road Rock by Fred Knapp and Rock Climbing Shelf Road by Mark Van Horn.

Directions: To get to Shelf Road from Mountain View RV Resort, travel east on US Hwy 50 through Cañon City. Take a left at the light right before Wal-Mart (Dozier Street) or take a right a Reynolds. Travel north and the road will curve to the left and intersect Field (not Fields as Knapp says) Avenue. Turn north on Field and travel on this weird two lane road for about five miles, when it joins up with Fremont County Road 9 via a 'Y' type intersection. From here, it is 9.4 miles to the entrance to Shelf Road, which is marked with a sign indicating as much.

For more information about Shelf Road and the climbing that is available, check out this website:

www.rockclimbing.com/routes/North_America/United_States/Colorado/Southern_Colorado/Shelf_Road

Cheyenne Mountain State Park

Located only 47 miles from Mountain View RV Resort is Cheyenne Mountain State Park offering archery, biking, birding, hiking, nature trails, horseshoes, nature/interpretive trail, wildlife viewing and so much more. Visit "The Trail's End" visitor center for boundless resources, educational exhibits, souvenir and refreshment shopping, or just to relax by the stone fireplace and the wall of windows. With an amazing 2701 acres, you can explore nature's diversity with prairie-to-peak ecosystems on 20 miles of hiking and biking trails. The Limekiln Trailhead offers parking with quick access to the trail system with restroom facilities, picnic tables, and a playground for the kids. Continue up the road and find 41 day-use, handicap accessible, picnic areas each with its own table and grill. From here, there is easy trail access and views to astound you!

The Archery Range offers great opportunities for archers to keep their aim true! Located at Hwy 115 and Pine Oaks Road, the north side offers a covered shooting line with targets ranging from 10 to 80 yards while the south side of Pine Oaks Road offers a more challenging, real life scenario with trails leading to numerous field targets and 3D targets (\$3 individual permit is required for Field Range access). For more information about Cheyenne Mountain State Park, visit their website: <http://cpw.state.co.us/placetogo/parks/CheyenneMountain>. For a trail map to the park, visit this website: www.americasstateparks.org/park_maps/Cheyenne%20Mountain%20State%20Park%20Trail%20Map.pdf

Cripple Creek

The historic town of Cripple Creek, Colorado sits on the southwest slopes of majestic Pikes Peak. More than 100 years ago, this charming community attracted tens of thousands of gold-seekers to its hillsides in search of their fortunes. The Gold Rush is part of Cripple Creek's colorful history, and today, visitors can choose from a variety of heritage-rich experiences such as descending 1,000 feet underground on a gold mine tour or by visiting one of Cripple Creek's museums. The area would see many changes as the Gold Rush put Cripple Creek on the map. Soon, major transportation systems and railroads were developed and the gold camp grew. While World Wars and Labor Wars have aided in the decline in the number of mines currently in operation in Cripple Creek, visitors can visit the Cripple Creek & Victor Gold mine, which is still in operation today. In recent history, gaming was introduced into Cripple Creek in 1991 and it has become one of the major industries of Cripple Creek.

Cripple Creek is rich in heritage, and our colorful history is fascinating. We encourage visitors to stay and play in Cripple Creek. Discover Cripple Creek's past, and leave here rich – rich from your experience, and maybe a little more! www.visitcripplecreek.com