



THEMES TO GUIDE YOUR TOUR



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Pilgrimages and Passages



On the Land, In the Loop



Driving Through History

LOOKOUT MTN. AREA

1. Historic Pillars

These pillars still mark the entrance to the Lariat Trail Scenic Mountain Drive. This five-mile route to the top of Lookout Mountain was built in 1912-13 and is remarkable for its engineering. Golden Historic Preservation Board. **Kiosk.**

2. Buffalo Bill Museum & Grave

Experience the Wild West! Exhibits feature items used by Buffalo Bill Cody, Wild West show posters, Native American artifacts, antique firearms. Exit 256. 303.526.0744 www.buffalobill.org. **Kiosk.**

3. Lookout Mountain Nature Center & Preserve

Connect with nature at this 110-acre park; trails wind through forest & meadow. Explore exhibits on migrating birds and the unique plants and animals of the ponderosa pine forest in this 'green-built' nature center. Exit 256. 720.497.7600. <http://lmnc.jeffco.us>

4. Boettcher Mansion

A 1917 summer home and hunting lodge, the Mansion is now a special events site. Magnificent setting, Craftsman-style details. Exhibits feature the Boettcher family and Lookout Mountain history. Exit 256. 720.497.7630. www.jeffco.us/boettcher/ www.colorarts-crafts.org

5. Chief Hosa Lodge & Campground

Historic lodge of Colorado granite, nestled within Denver's 2,413-acre Genesee Mountain Park. Indians camped here for centuries; buffalo and elk herds still graze today. Receptions, meetings, and other occasions. Exit 253. 303.526.1304; 303.526.1324 (campground) www.ChiefHosa.org

EVERGREEN AREA

6. Humphrey Memorial Park & Museum

Rustic elegance in a two-story Victorian log home. An 1870s ranch, world-wide family collections are displayed as the Humphreys enjoyed them. Open Apr-Oct, reservations required. South Soda Creek Road from Fillius Park. 303.674.5429 www.hmpm.org

7. Evergreen Lake

Recreational programs from ice skating to team sports and yoga at the Lake House. Modern showcase of rustic log and stone craftsmanship used for community meetings and other events. Evergreen Park & Recreation District 303.674.6441 www.evergreenrecreation.com Evergreen Nature Center in historic Warming House; TENAS 303.670.7781 www.dipper.org

8. Hiwan Homestead Museum

Historic gem of the Jefferson County Open Space system, the 17-room log mansion is furnished as it was in 1930. Collection of Indian artifacts; five buildings from original ranch complex. 1/2 mile from Hwy 74. 303.674.6262 <http://openspace.jeffco.us>

9. Historic Downtown Evergreen

Quaint Main St. and historic summer homes and businesses capture early mountain tourism and feature shops, restaurants. Evergreen Area Chamber of Commerce 303.674.3412 www.evergreenchamber.org **Please visit the interpretive kiosk.**

MORRISON AREA

10. Morrison Natural History Museum

Come discover Morrison's dinosaurs at a hands-on, family-friendly museum. Regional fossil finds include recently unearthed hatchling dinosaur fossils from the Denver area. Open daily. Gift shop. South of Morrison on Colo. 8. 303.697.1873 www.mnhm.org

11. The Fort Restaurant

A restaurant that is a close replica of Bent's Fort, the 1830s trading center in southern Colorado, offering a creative historic menu. 303-697-4771 www.thefort.com

12. Morrison Historical District

This historic town has a character all its own. One-of-a-kind shops, casual and fine dining, 70 historic sites. Morrison is the last of the small gateway towns in the area. Morrison Heritage Museum. 303.697.8526. www.historicmorrison.org **Please visit the interpretive kiosk.**

13. Dinosaur Ridge

Eighteen interpretive stops show dinosaur bones and tracks still in the rock, along with ripple marks, trace fossils, and other geologic features. Visitor Center, gift shop and displays. 303.697.3466 www.dinoridge.org

14. Red Rocks Park & Amphitheatre

Geologic wonders, spectacular vistas, and scenic trails; world-renowned Red Rocks Amphitheatre constructed in 1930s by the Civilian Conservation Corps, make this Denver's best-loved Mountain Park. Interactive displays on park history at Visitor Center. Guided tours, 303.697.6047. Ship Rock Grille, 303.697.4939 x111. www.redrocksonline.com

GOLDEN AREA

15. Mother Cabrini Shrine

Honors Saint Frances Xavier Cabrini, who was canonized in 1946. Once the summer camp for Queen of Heaven Orphanage for Girls, now a place of pilgrimage and prayer. Open daily; daily Mass. Gift shop. Exit 256 or 259. 303.526.0758 www.motherscabinishrine.org

16. National Renewable Energy Laboratory (NREL)

Nation's premier laboratory for research, development, and deployment of renewable energy technologies. See what's new in energy for your home, car, and community at Visitor Center; self-guided tours. I-70 Exit 263. 303.384.6565 www.nrel.gov

17. Golden Oldy Cyclery

This sustainable museum (now "net zero" carbon) of Cycling History focuses on sustainable transportation, especially Victorian Colorado bicycle riders, cycles, and cycling culture. Small groups by appointment, evenings preferred. 720.497.1100. www.goldenoldy.org

18. Colorado School of Mines Geology Museum

The Geology Museum started in 1874. The collection has more than 54,000 minerals, fossils, gemstones, meteorites, and artifacts in attractive displays. 13th & Maple. 303.273.3815 www.mines.edu/academic/geology/museum/

19. Foothills Art Center

Exhibitions of national and local painting, sculpture, and fine crafts are hosted in this beautiful National Historic Register building. Art classes, free tours. 15th & Washington. 303.279.3922 www.foothillsartcenter.org

20. Rocky Mountain Quilt Museum

The Quilt Museum is the common thread that ties together the preservation of the past, celebration of the present, and inspiration for the future of quilts as a living art form. Classes, Lecture Series and Group Tours. QuiltMarket gift shop. 11th & Washington. 303.277.0377 www.rmqm.org

21. Bradford Washburn American Mountaineering Museum

The American Mountaineering Museum details the history of mountaineering and the role Americans have played in its development. 710 10th St. 303.996.2755. www.bwamm.org

22. Historic Downtown, Golden Visitors Center

Home of Colorado's Territorial Capitol in 1862, quaint bustling downtown offers opportunity to explore businesses and museums located in historic buildings. Tour Public Art & Sculpture. Visitor Center, 10th & Washington. 303.279.3113 Downtown Merchants Association, Golden Chamber of Commerce www.goldenco-chamber.org

23. Golden Pioneer Museum

Prehistoric Native American artifacts, mining equipment, military items, household items, clothing, and photographs; history and genealogy research library. 10th St. west of Washington. 303.278.7151 www.goldenpioneer-museum.com

24. Astor House Museum

Opened in 1867, the Astor House was the finest stone hotel west of the Mississippi. It offered rooms to lawmakers, laborers, miners, students, and families. Visitors are encouraged to wander around a

"modern" 1890s kitchen that dished 100 meals a day and to peek in the guest rooms. 303.278.3557. 822 12th St. www.AstorHouseMuseum.org

25. Clear Creek History Park

Take a fresh look at the frontier. Many of the buildings were once part of the 1878 Pearce Homestead, lovingly relocated to downtown Golden. Explore the one-room schoolhouse, smell herbs from the gardens, and find out how hard it was to cook on a wood stove. Visit the bee hives or talk with the chickens. Open seasonally. 303.278.3557 11th & Arapahoe www.ClearCreekHistoryPark.org

26. Historic Residential Districts

Historic neighborhoods on 8th, 9th, and 12th Streets capture life and architecture of the late 19th century. Golden founders lived in the 12th St. District near the School of Mines campus in the late 1800s. Golden's 9th Street Historic District includes Gothic Revival style houses, well maintained facades and streetscapes, and landmarks from the city's commercial heritage. Golden Landmarks Association, 303.279.1236 www.goldenlandmarks.com

27. Colorado Railroad Museum

More than 60 historic rail cars and locomotives from Colorado's mountain railroads, two floors of indoor exhibits, picnic area, and railroad gift shop. West 44th Ave off McIntyre Rd. 303.279.4591 www.crrm.org

28. Clear Creek Canyon

Spectacular first route of the railways through the mountains and a gateway to Colorado's history. Geologic wonders and secluded spaces protected as open space. US 6 west of Golden. Golden Earth Days Council sponsors a canyon clean-up each fall.