

Attractions

ALAMOSA

Located at the junction of Colorado Highway 285 and U.S. Highway 160 in south central Colorado.

Alamosa is surrounded by unique recreational opportunities and mountain grandeur.

The following attractions are within one hour of Alamosa:

The Rio Grande National Forest; the Rio Grande, Alamosa and Conejos Rivers; The Great Sand Dunes National Monument and Preserve. There are also many other attractions to see. Visit historic downtown Alamosa or relax in Cole Park for a stroll or a picnic.

For more information, contact the Chamber at (719) 589-3681 or phone the Alamosa Visitors Center toll free (800) BLU-SKYS or (719) 589-4840 or visit their website at www.alamosa.org

ALAMOSA NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

Located four miles east of Alamosa on Hwy. 160, then two miles south on El Rancho Lane.

Bring your binoculars when visiting this refuge. Featuring 11,168 acres bordered by the Rio Grande, this refuge provides habitat for a diverse group of species.

Careful watchers will spot high-flying hawks, bald and golden eagles; water-bound geese, ducks, sandhill cranes, and light-stepping mule deer. For the easiest viewing, plan to visit during the spring and fall when flocks in the refuge are largest.

ANTONITO

Gateway To Colorado. Located five miles north of the Colorado – New Mexico border on Highway 285.

Conejos River Canyon, Platoro Dam, 7 State Wildlife Areas, San Juan Wilderness Area, and

the Rio Grande National Forest all offer great recreation for the whole family.

There is fishing, hunting, camping, backpacking, mountain biking, cross-country skiing, snowmobiling and lodging. Small museums including the Jack Dempsey Museum and Pike's Stockade are open seasonally. Many festivals are held throughout the year including the historic Manassa Pioneer Days and Rodeo. Check the Calendar of Events section. Antonito is unique in the number of murals it boasts, in town and in the Mission Churches. There are also gift shops, lodging, gas stations, a grocery store and restaurants.

Please phone Conejos County Tourism toll free (800) 835-1098 or visit our website at www.conejosvacation.com

BUENA VISTA

Located on Hwy. 24 approx. 135 miles southwest of Denver.

"Buena Vista" means "good view" in Spanish, and the town is appropriately named. It's set in the beautiful Arkansas Valley at the foot of the Collegiate Peaks Range, with 14 of Colorado's 55 "fourteeners" (peaks 14,000 ft. or higher) within a half hour of the town.

Fishermen can pack up to a high lake or drive right to the edge of the Arkansas River for excellent trout fishing.

River runners will be interested to know that sections of the Arkansas near Buena Vista have earned the title of "White-water Capital of Colorado." Scenic drives reveal historic sites and ghost towns.

Winter sports include miles of cross-country skiing in the surrounding valley and mountains, snowmobiling on marked trails, and downhill skiing.



(Photo courtesy Cottonwood Hot Springs)

CAÑON CITY

Located 35 miles west of Pueblo on U.S. Hwy. 50.

Cañon City is home of the Royal Gorge Bridge and Park, the world's highest suspension bridge, world's steepest incline railway, world's scariest sky coaster and aerial tram. Many other attractions and recreational opportunities abound in the Cañon City area, which include white-water rafting on the Arkansas River, the Royal Gorge Route Railway, helitours, horseback

riding, Historic Downtown Cañon City shopping, and more.

Cañon City is full of historical characters and Western heritage.

Don't forget Temple Canyon, a city owned, 640 acre park which offers visitors a more natural experience. Nestled in an area brimming with American Indian legends, the park's main attraction is nature's own rendition of an amphitheater.

Skyline Drive is a free, one-way road along a "hogback" on the west side of Cañon City. It

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