

# Colorado Scenic and Historic Byways

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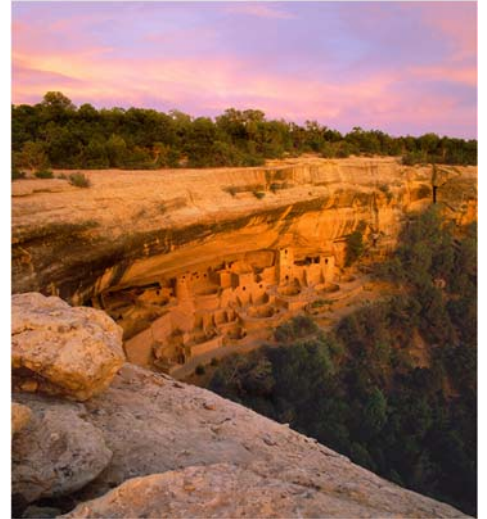
- 26 Colorado Byways
- 11 National Scenic Byways
- 2 BLM Backcountry Byways
- 10 National Forest Scenic Byways



# History



- Yankee Girl Mine Headframe
- Durango Silverton Narrow Gauge Railroad
- Cliff Palace, Mesa Verde National Park



# Historic Landscapes, Conservation, Preserving Scenic Vistas



- Visual Impact Assessment Guidelines
- Billboards, Utilities Cell Towers, Tree Conservation
  - Highway Beautification



# Historic Resources: Planning, Protection & Promotion



## Animas Forks Ghost Town, Alpine Loop

Prospectors first discovered silver in 1873 and settled where several streams met to form the Animas River, 12 miles northeast of present-day Silverton, in Colorado's San Juan County.



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## Arrowhead Lodge, Cache la Poudre-North Park

Originally built as a summer mountain resort the lodge opened for business in 1935. In 1984, Arrowhead Lodge was transferred from private to public ownership in a land exchange with the U.S. Forest Service. Today Arrowhead Lodge serves as a visitor center for people traveling and recreating in the Cache la Poudre River corridor.



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Colorado Historic Hot Springs Loop and Scenic Byways Campaign  
<https://coloradohistorichotspringsloop.newswire.com/news/hog-heaven-ride-your-motorcycle-on-the-colorado-historic-hot-springs-loop>



# Questions?



# Byways and Bicycles

- Explore Las Animas Dirt Series: Santa Fe Trail Bikeway & Highway of Legends Bikeway
- Pedal the Plains
- Ride the Rockies
- Fully Supported & Self Contained Road Tours
- Mineral Belt National Recreation Trail, 12 miles paved path, Leadville CO, Top of the Rockies
- Animas River Trail, 7 miles paved path, Durango CO, San Juan Skyway



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- Statewide Trail Efforts (Colorado the Beautiful 16 in 16)
  - Colorado Riverfront Trail, Grand Junction, Fruita - Dinosaur Diamond
  - Fremont Pass Trail - Top of the Rockies
  - Crested Butte to Carbondale Trail - West Elk Loop
  - Paths to Mesa Verde - Trail of the Ancients
  - Arkansas River Stage & Rail Trail - Collegiate Peaks



# Byways and Bicycles

- Bike Your Park Day September & Bike Travel Weekend June
- National Bicycle Tourism Conference  
<https://www.bicycletournetwork.org/>



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