

2018

# *Tours and Treks*

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## Tour Signup

**Call 303/866-2394 or email [reservations@state.co.us](mailto:reservations@state.co.us) to register for a tour or learn more.** Lodging prices based on double occupancy. Dates, times and prices subject to change.

**Registration Fee:** You'll be charged a one-time, nonrefundable annual registration fee of \$10 when you sign up for your first tour or trek in 2018. The fee covers processing and handling of all History Colorado reservations in the Tours and Treks program.

**Deposit and Cancellation Policy:** Overnight tours require a 50% nonrefundable deposit due 30 to 45 days prior to tour date. Final payment for all tours is due approximately 7 days prior to tour date. Cancellations with less than one week's notice are nonrefundable. See [HistoryColorado.org](http://HistoryColorado.org) for more about our policy.

## Travel Rewards Program

You'll automatically be entered to receive prizes based on the number of days you participate in Tours and Treks. The prizes begin with your tours in 2018. Each day on a tour or trek counts as a day of participation.

**5 days**—Personalized nametag or History Colorado water bottle

**10 days**—History Colorado luggage tags

**15 days**—History Colorado fleece hooded sweatshirt

**20 days**—History Colorado travel bag

### **What's a TOUR?**

"Tours" are two- to six-hour jaunts in the Denver area and include walking, bus and bicycle tours.

### **What's a TREK?**

"Treks" are usually overnight trips, or they visit areas more than 50 miles from Denver.



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## Welcome History Colorado Travelers!

Our 2018 tours reflect the growing interest and excitement in the History Colorado Tours and Treks program. With such increased demand, you'll find more of what you love in this year's offerings as we not only boost the number of tours and treks available but also repeat some of our most popular outings! We encourage you to sign up early, but should you find yourself on a wait list please keep in mind that these lists often move quickly—especially just prior to the tour. Also, bigger wait lists sometimes enable us to offer a second bus or tour date to accommodate the larger interest. Your History Colorado membership and support have enabled us to grow and diversify this long-running museum program, and for that we thank you!

This year we'll offer new treks to our neighboring states of Wyoming and Utah. Join us also for deeper explorations of Denver's various neighborhoods both by bus and on foot. Our very popular rail trips also return in 2018.

History Colorado's Tours and Treks program is made stronger by your suggestions on places to visit and on ways to improve our itineraries and increase efficiency overall. Thank you for your support and for bringing history alive. We look forward to another year of exploring the geography, archaeology and history of our beautiful state together!



# 10 FEBRUARY Sat / 10 am–3 pm

## Denver's Firsts and Denver's Oldest

BUS TOUR = Moderate

Getting older comes with costs, but if you stick around long enough you have the distinction of being the oldest. So let's go find those fine firsts of Denver—or, if they aren't around, how about the oldest? Want to see the city's first park? Done! Oldest school? We'll spell it out for you! We've got your restaurant, your skyscraper, your theater. We'll even throw in a ditch! It's time for the good side of getting older as we explore Denver's firsts and oldest together.

**\$54. Members \$42**

*Includes bus transportation and a break for lunch on your own dime.*



## 15 FEBRUARY Thu / 10 am–3 pm Sweet Spots of Denver

BUS TOUR = Moderate

History Colorado offers feasts for the mind, but in honor of all the sweethearts among us, let's explore our city's sweet side! Join us for a relaxed amble about Denver to sample some of its elegant examples of epicurean ecstasies.

Cupcakes and chocolates, cookies and candy, and more! In the middle we'll have lunch so you don't set yourself over the edge, and along the way there'll be fanciful stories of the city's sugary history, some of which even reached the White House. Part history, part gastronomy, all fun!

**\$54. Members \$42**

*Includes bus transportation and a break for lunch on your own dime.*



## 24 FEBRUARY Sat / 10 am–3 pm

# Forgotten Suburbia: Northwest Suburbia by Bus

BUS TOUR = Easy

Born of agricultural zeal, a drive for sobriety, the relentless progress of trains, a hunger for profit, and much more, the suburbs surrounding the metropolitan core have stories as diverse as downtown. Denver's northwest suburbs once gave us carnations and mushrooms. The area's first gold strike and the invention of your car's turn signal happened here too. There are so many places to see and tales to tell, so we could never do it all—but we'll pack the day full. There's more between Denver and Boulder than Highway 36; isn't it time you learned about it?

**\$54. Members \$42**

*Includes bus transportation and a break for lunch on your own dime.*





# 28 FEBRUARY Wed / 8 am–4 pm

## Museum Sampler: Southwestern Weld County

DAY TREK by BUS = Moderate

Weld County is big and still growing, with loads of history to share, so we've chosen some museums to give you a taste of the southwestern part of the county's rich stories. Pioneer Harvey Parish built ditches to nourish his fields, working tenaciously until one day his prosperity led to his being the first mayor of Johnstown. Frederick's original town hall now serves as a museum of the city's history, built as much below the surface as above it. These stories and more will round out your understanding of this popular destination for new arrivals to Colorado: Weld County.

**\$90. Members \$75**

*Includes bus transportation, guides, admission fees and a break for lunch on your own dime.*



Courtesy Ray Vincent

## 6 MARCH Tue / 9 am–6 pm History by the Pint: Northern Colorado Breweries

DAY TREK by BUS = Moderate

It's time for a sip or two of one of Colorado's most popular industries—beer! Join us as we stop at some of the breweries that are creating the best-known and tastiest beers in the state. We'll learn how beer is made and why Colorado is one of the top-producing states for craft beer. Brewery tours and tastings at New Belgium and Odell in Fort Collins and a visit to one of Colorado's only hop farms at High Hops Brewery in Windsor will round out our day. It's a great way to have your history and drink it too!

\$120. **Members \$100**

*Includes bus transportation, brewery tours, guides and a break for lunch on your own dime.*



Courtesy Rick Ciminelli

## 9-11 MARCH Fri / noon – Sun / 6 pm Monte Vista Crane Festival

OVERNIGHT TREK by BUS = Ambitious

We've seen the lark bunting in summer and the prairie chicken in winter, so join us to see the sandhill crane in early spring. The cranes will be making their annual northward trek, spending time at the Monte Vista National Wildlife Refuge in the San Luis Valley in March. The 20,000-strong flock arrives to refuel on grain and begin their courtship rituals. Along with birding, enjoy local food, history, workshops and lectures. It's a unique Colorado event not to be missed even if you're prone to shivering on a cold morning! Warm up with us on this action-packed tour.

**\$500. Members \$425 (single supplement \$100)**  
**RSVP by February 9**

*Includes bus transportation, two nights' lodging in Alamosa, all event costs and gratuities, guides and three meals, including a welcome dinner.*



# 11 MARCH Sun / noon–5 pm

## Ireland Forever!

### An Irish Tour of Denver

BUS TOUR = Moderate

Join Tom “Dr. Colorado” Noel and former Denver City Auditor Dennis Gallagher for an annual tour tradition! We’ll start with libations and a Celtic meal and enjoy a slideshow on Colorado’s Irish landmark people and buildings. Afterward, board our deluxe coach for a grand driving tour by such places as the Mullen family residences and associated landmarks, Mary Coyle Chase house, Campion mansion site, St. Patrick’s Church for a visit with the Sisters and their holy cookies, the beautiful Holy Ghost Church and much more! Denver Go Bragh!

**\$80. Members \$64**

*Includes one drink ticket, a light lunch, all guides and bus transportation.*



## **24** MARCH Sat / 10:30 am–2:30 pm **The Heart of Louisville: A Walking Tour**

WALKING TOUR = Moderate

Join us for a walk along the storied streets of Louisville. The original miners who gave the city its start tried some unique ways to make a community, and they might never have imagined the fields around their homes filling up with such a modern, energetic city. We'll explore the heart of original Louisville on foot, hearing the tales from a local historian. After lunch, we'll see the Louisville Museum, with its artifacts and photographs of the city's history. Louisville is more than just a suburb; it's got a long and rich history. Let's walk the tales together.

**\$35. Members \$24**

*Provide your own transportation to starting location.  
Includes a break for lunch on your own dime.*



# 31 MARCH Sat / 10 am–3 pm

## Dynamic Denver Streets: Exploring Colorado Boulevard

BUS TOUR = Easy

We've seen Colfax and Broadway. Now we continue our survey of the city's main byways with the street that CDOT calls the state's busiest. As you sit in traffic, you might not consider Colorado Boulevard's history or the more compelling places along the roadway, but they're numerous and worth a look. Famous doctors, mayoral masterpieces, animal carnage and more have marked its length. From humble farmland beginnings in Weld County through the leviathan we all know (and sometimes love to hate) to the suburban palette at its southern end in Douglas County, we'll find the many faces of Colorado Boulevard.

\$54. **Members \$42**

*Includes bus transportation and a break for lunch on your own dime.*



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## **7** APRIL Sat / 10 am–4 pm **Eye on Boulder: An Architecture Tour by Bus**

BUS TOUR = Moderate

Mother Nature created the inspiring backdrop for Boulder, the monuments of stone mimicked on a smaller scale by the buildings erected by humble humans. We'll explore the main streets and side streets, looking for wonders in brick and stone, glass and wood and steel—like the buildings at Chautauqua Park, the Art Deco City Hall, gingerbread houses immortalized in fiction and other modern wonders. With the city's height limit long in place, you won't have to look to the sky for proof that an artistic eye can create something memorable. Join us for a relaxed look at Boulder's built environment.

**\$59. Members \$47**

*Includes bus transportation and a break for lunch on your own dime.*



# 10 APRIL Tue / 10 am–noon

## Baronial Beginnings: Park Hill Walking Tour

WALKING TOUR = Moderate

Like the Montclair neighborhood, Park Hill got its start through the efforts of a German baron. A Prussian immigrant, Baron Allois Gillaume Eugene von Winkler built a racetrack to attract investors. By the early 1900s Park Hill was emerging as one of the city's most fashionable places to live. The inspiring architecture of the houses crosses many styles—some in large mansions, some in houses more restrained—with tree-lined streets and grand boulevards in abundance. Our time in the southern sections of Park Hill will show you houses that would make the good baron proud. *Ja!*

**\$30. Members \$19**

*Provide your own transportation to starting location.*



Courtesy Lynda Heckendorn

# 14 APRIL Sat / 10 am–3 pm

## Forgotten Denver: Southwest Denver by Bus

BUS TOUR = Easy

Go west, young man! Better yet, go southwest! There's more to Denver than Washington Park and Cherry Creek. Join us as we turn our eyes south-westward, to take in the neighborhoods that were once *the* place to be, and all the stories that go along with them—including Bear Valley, Harvey Park, College View and Fort Logan, among others. Guaranteed to be a day of surprises and endless “Oh, I had no idea this was even here!” Author Shawn Snow will be your guide, so this is one not to miss! Grab your compass and let's go!

**\$54. Members \$42**

*Includes bus transportation and a break for lunch on your own dime.*





# 17 APRIL Tue / 10 am–noon

## A Land in Flux: Globeville Walking Tour

WALKING TOUR = Moderate

More than just a city-turned-neighborhood, where smelters belched and immigrants made their mark, Globeville is a fine example of how modern mindsets can have profound effects on daily lives. Industry brought the area together, interstates divided it, and now convenient proximity to an urban core makes Globeville, once again, a place in flux. With changes coming to both I-70 and the nearby National Western Complex, now's the time to revisit Globeville. Will it become a place of division or a beacon of unity reborn? We'll do the groundwork on Globeville together and let you decide.

**\$30. Members \$19**

*Provide your own transportation to starting location.*



Courtesy Bailey Saddle Museum

## 26–27 APRIL Thu / 8 am – Fri / 6 pm Museum Sampler: Eastern Colorado Classics

OVERNIGHT TREK by BUS = Ambitious

Early pioneers headed west, and now we're going east to find some of the history they left behind. Cities like Hugo, Flagler, Limon and Deer Trail all have museums to share their stories. Turning the land to a profit through agriculture was the pioneers' main purpose, and the arrival of the railroads helped their goods reach the wider world. Innovations in the stuff of daily life—from saddles to stoves—weren't just passing novelties; they often spelled the difference between success and failure, life and death. Find plentiful history on the east-central plains!

**\$375. Members \$300 (single supplement \$75)**  
RSVP by **March 23**

*Includes bus transportation, one night's lodging in Limon, guides, entrance fees and two meals, including a welcome dinner.*



## 2 MAY Wed / 10:30 am–3:30 pm

### The Best of the Bluffs: Exploring UCCS and Austin Bluffs

TOUR = Ambitious

Once a commuter campus, the University of Colorado at Colorado Springs has grown into an appealing alternative for many students. What began as the Cragmor Sanatorium for sufferers of consumption now serves as Main Hall on this rapidly changing campus, built on land donated by General Palmer, founder of Colorado Springs. Wrapped around the campus and marching southward are the iconic Austin Bluffs. We'll hike a trail or two for some fine views of Pikes Peak and more. An investment in your education and enjoyment—no student loans necessary—we'll see UCCS and the parkland that is Austin Bluffs!

**\$45. Members \$34**

*Provide your own transportation to starting location.  
Includes all interpretation, guides and lunch.*



# 8-12 MAY Tue / 7 am – Sat / 6 pm

## Roamin' Wyoming: A Wealth of Wonders

OVERNIGHT TREK by BUS = Ambitious

Continuing our march around the states bordering Colorado, it's time to explore the incredible number of historic, geologic and scenic offerings of eastern Wyoming. Where mighty dinosaurs once thundered, where Native Americans found prosperity and tragedy, where settlers left their marks in soil and stone, we'll pack the days full with sights. And while we're so close, we'll bound across the border into Montana to spend a day at the Little Bighorn Battlefield National Monument. Many of the tales have direct connections to Colorado and its history, so don't miss out on the wealth of wonder in store in Wyoming!

**\$925. Members \$850 (single supplement \$325)**  
RSVP by April 13

*Includes four nights' lodging, bus transportation, guides, interpretation, admissions and seven meals, including a welcome dinner.*



## 17 **MAY** Thu / 1–4 pm **Historical Treasures of Elizabeth**

WALKING TOUR = Moderate

Begun as a sawmill camp, Elizabeth prospered on the shoulders of logging, farming and ranching. The city declined with the departure of the railroad, but today it's growing again. This has led to some anxiety over the city's rural vs. suburban future. Join us for a tour of original Elizabeth to learn more of the city's history and see where History Colorado's preservation program dollars have made an impact on keeping Elizabeth's historic main street shining for another century. We'll also visit the hidden gem of the Rambler Ranch Museum, with cars and memorabilia making a car-lover's dream.

\$45. **Members \$34**

*Provide your own transportation to starting location.  
Includes guides and entrance fees.*



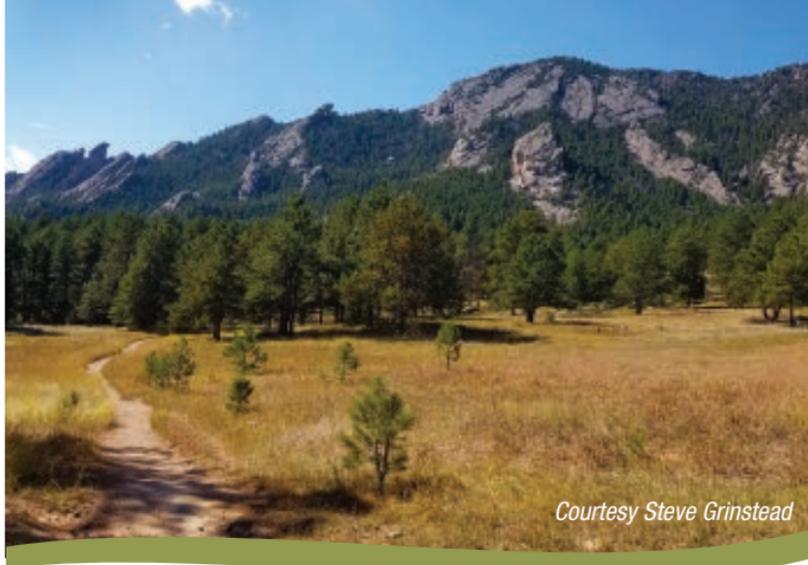
## **25** **MAY** Fri / 10 am–noon **Seventh Avenue Historic District Walking Tour**

WALKING TOUR = Moderate

The sidelines of cemeteries might not seem the ideal location for a neighborhood of refinement and domestic felicity, but the Seventh Avenue Historic District puts any doubt to rest. Like Ninth Avenue just to the north, Seventh rose to beauty through the efforts of gifted visionaries. Along this much-beloved parkway, fine houses rest in cozy tranquility. We'll seek out their architectural nuances as well as the fascinating lives of the people who've called Seventh Avenue home. Put on your walking shoes and pull out your parasol for another of Denver's noteworthy neighborhoods, beneath its canopy of green.

**\$30. Members \$19**

*Provide your own transportation to starting location.*



Courtesy Steve Grinstead

## 31 **MAY** Thu / 10 am–1 pm **Dig It! Hike with the State Archaeologist**

TOUR= Ambitious

Join experts from History Colorado's Office of Archaeology and Historic Preservation for a guided hike near important archaeological sites in Boulder County's Rabbit Mountain Open Space. The Front Range provides archaeologists many opportunities to learn about prehistoric lifeways in Colorado. This hike will visit some of these sites to explore the rich cultural history of early inhabitants before American settlement. You'll see how different types of artifacts help inform us about our shared past. The beautiful Boulder front range has many surprises in store, so grab your hiking boots and let's explore!

**\$35. Members \$24**

*Space is limited. Provide your own transportation to starting location and pack a picnic lunch.*



## 7-10 JUNE Thu / 7 am – Sun / 6 pm

# Rails and Hot Springs of Southwestern Colorado

OVERNIGHT TREK by BUS = Ambitious

Join Tom “Dr. Colorado” Noel on our traditional jaunt for choo-choosey Coloradans. This four-day grand tour includes a chance to stay at the Historic Strater Hotel in Durango. Take the waters during an overnight in Pagosa Springs and a stop in Ouray, and journey from Durango to Silverton upon the eponymous train. We’ll also have stops in historic Creede and drive through Black Canyon of the Gunnison National Park. Tom always has an eye for the most fascinating stories along the way, so with these stops and more, four days will pass in a flash. Don’t miss it!

**\$875. Members \$800 (single supplement \$300)**

**RSVP by May 4**

*Includes bus transportation, three nights’ lodging, guides, admissions and four meals, including a welcome dinner.*



# 14 JUNE Thu / 10 am–3 pm

## Forgotten Denver: Northeast Denver by Bus

BUS TOUR = Easy

When William Larimer platted the city of Denver in 1858, his eyes were turned to the northeast. He felt the growth of the city would naturally lead in that direction. It's time to turn our eyes northeastward; there's a plethora of fascinating history to learn. From the gates of City Park and the traces of rails and runways to the sites you'll see using your ABCs (Armor, Bison, Carillon), you'll end up surprised at what you learn! Marching proudly toward the prairie and the sunrise, northeast Denver's shining prosperity has proven that Larimer's vision was very well founded.

**\$54. Members \$42**

*Includes bus transportation and a break for lunch on your own dime.*





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**19** JUNE Tue / 4:30–9 pm

## All Aboard!

### Riding the Rails with RTD

TOUR = Moderate

The metropolitan area's FasTracks network keeps growing. New lines are opening over the next few years, but we won't let our annual Summer Solstice ride be interrupted while we're waiting to find out which ones will finally pull into the station. Join Tom "Dr. Colorado" Noel and master guide Ryan Mulligan for one of our most popular yearly programs as we ride the rails, with drinks and a celebration of high summer along the tracks. We don't know *which* line we'll ride for the evening, but no matter; it'll be a festive evening full of anecdotes you'll want to tell your friends.

**\$80. Members \$64**

*Includes train transportation, one drink ticket, light dinner and interpretation.*



# 21-24 JUNE Thu / 7 am – Sun / 5 pm

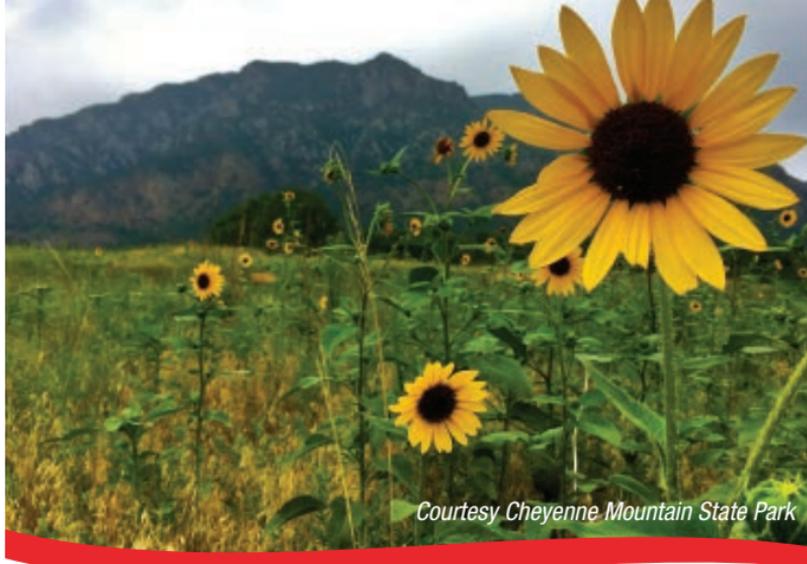
## Lessons of the Past: Amache and Southeastern Colorado

OVERNIGHT TREK by BUS = Ambitious

During the tumultuous days of World War II, Colorado joined in on the drama of displacement as Americans of Japanese descent were moved to internment camps. The Granada Relocation Center, better known today as Camp Amache, housed more than 7,000 people at its peak, two thirds of them American citizens. Join us for an exploration of the camp as part of the University of Denver's research on site. While in southeastern Colorado, we'll also seek out some of the other historical and natural offerings, such as the Crowley County Heritage Center and Comanche National Grassland.

**\$800. Members \$725 (single supplement \$225)**  
**RSVP by May 18**

*Includes bus transportation, three nights' lodging, guides, entrance fees and five meals, including a welcome dinner.*



*Courtesy Cheyenne Mountain State Park*

## **27** JUNE Wed / 9:30 am–1 pm **Cheyenne Mountain State Park Hike**

TOUR = Challenging

Nestled between its NORAD installation–holding neighbor and a bustling, burgeoning city, Cheyenne Mountain State Park offers the chance to see something quiet and green, a step away into silence and pine scents. On our hike of the park, we'll see views of both the eponymous Cheyenne Mountain and the city of Colorado Springs. The intersection of several ecological zones, the park is rich in diversity equal to its views. Not all history was written by people, so let's explore the history of the natural world a little together, with a picnic in the park to make the day a winner.

**\$35. Members \$24**

*Provide your own transportation to starting location and pack a picnic lunch.*



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## 1 JULY Sun / noon–5 pm Downtown Denver Scavenger Hunt

TOUR = Ambitious

A series of cryptic clues and shifty characters lines up before you as you unravel the mysteries of the Denver Code for our first annual Scavenger Hunt! **No running involved**, just a chance to use your skills of observation and investigation as you walk the streets of downtown or take the Mall Shuttle. Where are those floating doors? Did George Washington *really* leave his initials in downtown Denver? Those sleuths who navigate successfully will find a celebratory meal at the end and the chance to claim the title of Breaker of the Denver Code! Even DaVinci would give it a try.

\$46. **Members \$34**

*Provide your own transportation to starting location.  
Includes guide, interpretation and snack.*



# 19–22 JULY Thu / 8:30 am – Sun / 6 pm

## Rails in Paradise: The Pikes Peak Region

OVERNIGHT TREK by BUS = Ambitious

Join Tom “Dr. Colorado” Noel for History Colorado’s grand tour of the many railroads on and around America’s most famous mountain. The trek includes a trip to the 14,115-foot summit on the Pikes Peak Cog Railway, a ride on the historic Cripple Creek & Victor Narrow Gauge Railroad and a journey on the scenic Royal Gorge Route Railroad. We’ll visit Manitou Springs, Cripple Creek, Victor and Cañon City with stops at the massive Cresson Mine and the Winery at Holy Cross Abbey. Gold, trains and historic heights—we’ll experience Colorado’s railroad paradise on this splendid adventure!

**\$850. Members \$775 (single supplement \$225)**  
**RSVP by June 15**

*Includes bus transportation, three nights’ lodging, guides, interpretation, all admissions and four meals, including a welcome dinner.*



## **28-29** JULY Sat / 8 am – Sun / 6 pm **The Burroful Bonanza of 285: South Park and Fairplay**

OVERNIGHT TREK by BUS = Ambitious

Connecting the metro area with the breathtaking scenery and rich history of Fairplay is Highway 285. It's a corridor of change as the region draws more people. The highlight of our exploration will be the annual Burro Days, celebrating its 70th year. They race most everything they can think of—from burros and llamas to outhouses—while serving up food, crafts and fun. Between Fairplay and the Front Range, we'll hunt up the history of the past and the developing stories of today, including stops in Conifer, Alma and Como. Don't be stubborn; let's honor them together!

**\$425. Members \$350 (single supplement \$100)**  
**RSVP by June 29**

*Includes bus transportation, one night's lodging in Fairplay, guides, entrance fees and two meals, including a welcome dinner.*



*Courtesy Centennial Canoe Outfitters*

## **3-6** **AUGUST** Fri–Mon **Paddle into the Wild: Gunnison River Canoe Trek**

OVERNIGHT TREK = Challenging

History Colorado teams up again with Centennial Canoe Outfitters for this exciting trip through a wild, remote area. Along the journey, historian Dr. Andrew Gulliford of Fort Lewis College will share stories of the colorful characters who helped shape the landscape. No shortage of campfire stories on this trip! There'll be time for day hikes to see Ute rock art and majestic walls of red sandstone. The river is gentle with occasional small rapids to add spice to the ride. Camping along the river's banks and a rare opportunity to explore the Dominguez Canyon Wilderness are sure to leave you in awe.

\$484. **Members \$424.** Children 6–12 \$354

**RSVP by July 20**

*Space is limited. Information and reservations:  
Centennial Canoe Outfitters 720/283-0553.*



## **3-5** **AUGUST** Fri / 8 am – Sun / 7 pm **On Michener's Trail: Exploring Northeastern Colorado**

OVERNIGHT TREK by BUS = Ambitious

Join us for a unique celebration of author James Michener's time in Colorado. In honor of the 40th anniversary of the TV miniseries *Centennial*, we'll retrace Michener's footsteps through Weld and Morgan Counties, visiting the places that inspired him to write the novel of the same name. An instructor at the forerunner of today's University of Northern Colorado in the 1930s, Michener was compelled to return to Colorado in 1970 to write his seminal work on the history of our state. Join expert guides including Dr. Michael Welsh of UNC as we visit Keota, the Pawnee Buttes, Dearfield, Greeley and Fort Morgan.

**\$550. Members \$475 (single supplement \$150)**

**RSVP by July 6**

*Includes bus transportation, two nights' lodging, guides, interpretation and three meals, including a welcome dinner.*



## **9** **AUGUST** Thu / 8 am–5 pm **Hidden Histories of Monument and Sedalia**

DAY TREK by BUS = Moderate

Between the vertical wall of the Front Range south of Denver and the busy artery of the interstate are historical spots, quietly telling their tales. In Monument is Maguireville—two barns filled with memorabilia in a collection that's still growing. These items, seldom available to the public, are diverse and fascinating. Farther north, we'll visit the Crull Cabin, which illustrates the life of hardy folks in the 1800s, before we end in historic Sedalia. It's not the rapid pace of the interstate, but sometimes history is best shared slowly, in quieter places. Let's get off the highway together.

**\$100. Members \$89**

*Includes bus transportation, guides, admission fees and a box lunch.*



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## **16-20** **AUGUST** Thu / 8 am – Mon / 6 pm **Travel Through Time: Sights of Northwestern Colorado**

OVERNIGHT TREK by BUS = Ambitious

Time to leave the tumult behind for the tranquility of northwestern Colorado. Join historian Dr. Andrew Gulliford to trace the footsteps of ancient giants at Dinosaur National Monument, learn of the tragedies and triumphs of the Utes in Meeker, tread where the pioneers did in Steamboat Springs and much more. Hayden, Craig, Rangely and other towns will fill out our roll call, and above it all, the transcendental tapestry of the mountains. Free time in Steamboat and two nights at the iconic Rabbit Ears Motel will provide respite along the way. Breathtaking *and* historic in northwestern Colorado!

**\$875. Members \$800 (single supplement \$350)**  
**RSVP by July 13**

*Includes bus transportation, four nights' lodging, guides, interpretation, admissions and six meals, including a welcome dinner.*



## **23-25** **AUGUST** Thu / 8 am – Sat / 6 pm **Southern Colorado's Scenic Byways: The Highway of Legends and Gold Belt**

OVERNIGHT TREK by BUS = Ambitious

We continue our journey along scenic and historic byways with two offerings: the Highway of Legends and the Gold Belt Scenic Byway. Around the Spanish Peaks, we'll learn how Mother Nature's violent past has created a memorable landscape. Near Cañon City, we'll explore how gold transformed this quiet enclave. With visits to Walsenburg, Florence and Trinidad, ancient forest remnants in Florissant Fossil Beds National Monument and views to enrapture the eye, it's a tour not to miss. Only 23 more byways to go!

**\$575. Members \$500 (single supplement \$125)**  
**RSVP by July 20**

*Includes bus transportation, two nights' lodging, guides, entrance fees, and three meals, including a welcome dinner.*



## **29** **AUGUST** Wed / 10 am–3 pm **Denver's Crime and Punishment**

BUS TOUR = Moderate

With the discovery of gold, early Denver rose quickly out of the prairie to become a wild and wicked western town. With a massive migration of adventurous pioneers, all of the crime and vice that accompanies such a phenomenon came along for the ride. The city has dealt with its share of crime ever since. Join us for a unique exploration of Denver's history of crime and punishment, learning about notorious offenders and prominent protectors of the law. Our hosts with the Denver Police Department have a lot of history to share, including a visit to the nascent Denver Police Museum.

**\$54. Members \$42**

*Includes bus transportation and a break for lunch on your own dime.*



## **6** SEPTEMBER Thu / 10 am–3 pm **City Farm to Table: A Denver Food Journey**

BUS TOUR = Moderate

Join us for an examination of the history behind the locally grown food that's reached our tables, both past and present. With us will be Blake Angelo, the City and County of Denver's Manager of Food System Development. We'll tour a modern city farm and have a presentation on how Denver is managing our food future. Before seeing some of the historic sites that fed us in the past, there'll be lunch at one of the city's dynamic new interpretations of "eating together." It's a day for the practicalities and joys of food. Bon appétit!

**\$54. Members \$42**

*Includes bus transportation and a break for lunch on your own dime.*



# 11-16 SEPTEMBER Tue / 7 am – Sun / 8 pm

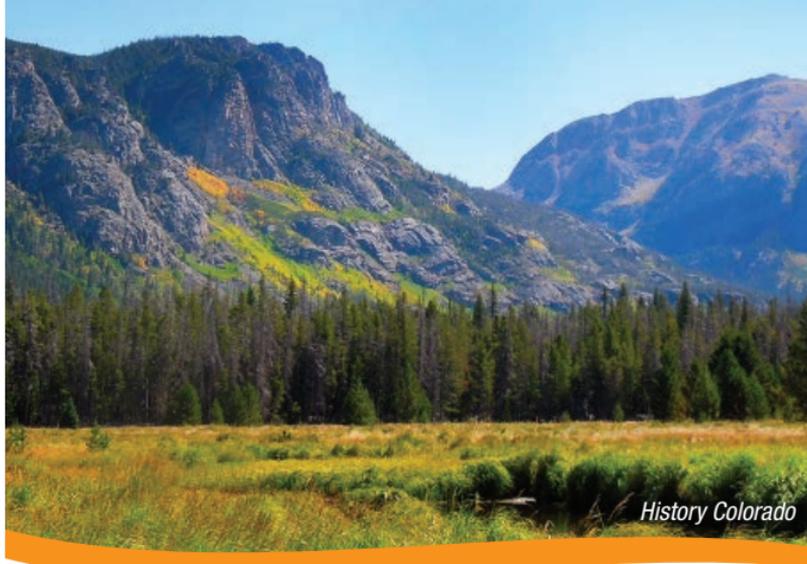
## Our Sister State: Trekking the Wonders of Utah

OVERNIGHT TREK by BUS = Ambitious

We continue our journey to our neighboring states, now taking time to explore the one most topographically like our own. That's right, we're off to Utah! From the history and splendor of Salt Lake City to the parklands preserving the glorious scenery around Moab, we'll fit as much as possible into our time, knowing we couldn't possibly see it all. People moving across the state for thousands of years have left marks as monumental as the landscape. Join us for a chance to trace some of those footsteps; you won't even need to bring a golden spike.

\$1,200. **Members \$1,125 (single supplement \$425)**  
**RSVP by August 10**

*Includes bus transportation, five nights' lodging, guides, all entrance fees and six meals, including a welcome dinner.*



## 18-21 SEPTEMBER Tue / 8 am – Fri / 6 pm Rocky's Fall Colors Trek

OVERNIGHT TREK by BUS = Ambitious

Rocky Mountain National Park's popularity over the past century has drawn innumerable tourists, making it one of the top ten most-visited parks. Explore Rocky's history amidst a myriad of autumn colors on this exclusive trek with historian Dave Lively. We'll see both "sides" of RMNP, including a visit to State Forest State Park and Walden, overnights on the west side in Grand Lake, and time in popular Estes Park. From Native American battle sites to homesteads, beautiful vistas and striking scenery, to everything in between, we'll enrich ourselves with one of Colorado's best treasures.

**\$875. Members \$800 (single supplement \$350)**  
**RSVP by August 17**

*Includes bus transportation, three nights' lodging, guides, interpretation, entrance fees and four meals, including a welcome dinner.*



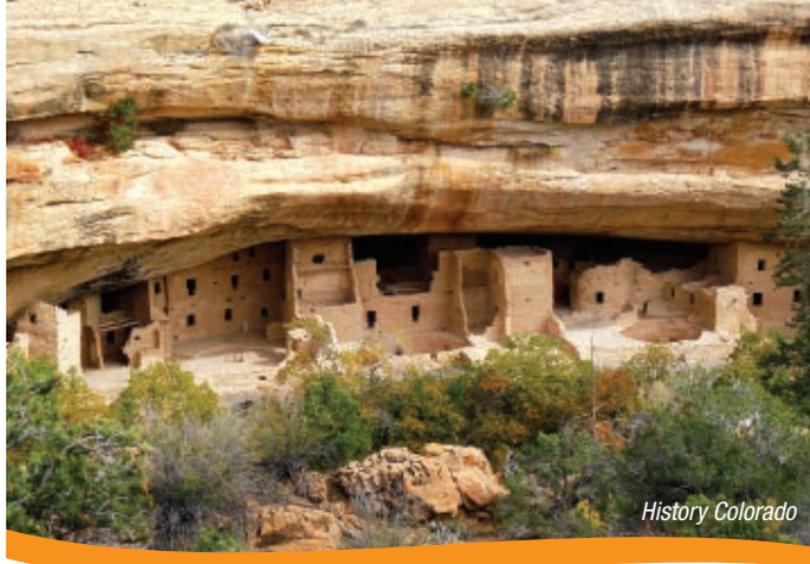
## **28** SEPTEMBER Fri / 10 am–noon **Get Schooled: University of Denver Architecture Tour**

WALKING TOUR = Moderate

From its simple beginnings in downtown Denver through the work of one of the most influential families in the state's history, the University of Denver has prospered—becoming an oasis of education within the neighborhoods and busy streets of south Denver. The architecture of the campus befits the institution's lengthy lifespan, with edifices of yesteryear now surrounded by fine new buildings in stone filled with students from around the world. Join our guide—university architect Mark Rodgers—as we learn about the ongoing evolution of this beautiful campus. It's a lesson you'll enjoy, and there won't be a test!

**\$30. Members \$19**

*Provide your own transportation to starting location.*



## 5–8 OCTOBER Fri / 5:30 pm – Mon / noon

### Mesa Verde: Colorado's World Heritage Site

OVERNIGHT TREK = Challenging

See Mesa Verde National Park—Colorado's only UNESCO World Heritage site—through the eyes of historian Dr. Andrew Gulliford. Mesa Verde has more than 4,000 archaeological sites, and we'll visit both mesa-top perches and cliff dwellings. We'll delve into the history behind Mesa Verde's "rediscovery" and hear how it captivated people around the world. A stop at the new visitor's center will allow us to see long-stored artifacts and experience the Ancestral Puebloan culture. Enjoy the adventure of this special trip with the camaraderie of a smaller-sized group during the cooler days of fall.

**\$600. Members \$525 (single supplement \$175)**

**RSVP by September 7**

*Space is limited. Includes three nights' lodging at the Far View Lodge, guiding services, entrance fees and a welcome dinner.*

**No bus transportation is provided.** *This trek requires you to drive to the starting point and from site to site.*



# 12 **OCTOBER** Fri / 1–4 pm **History Colorado's Ninth Annual Organ Crawl**

TOUR = Moderate

Join us in exploring three historic Fort Collins organs! Whether making monumental sounds on a Sunday morning or standing silent and austere, organs bring to life the spirit of the divine and the music of the past's greatest composers. Our crawl will take us to the Colorado State University Organ Recital Hall, where CSU's internationally renowned Casavant Frères Organ resides. We'll also visit the reverberant hall of First United Methodist Church and stop at St. Luke's Episcopal Church. Be ready for uplifting music and intriguing history!

**\$45. Members \$34**

*Provide your own transportation to starting point.*



*Courtesy Shawn Snow*

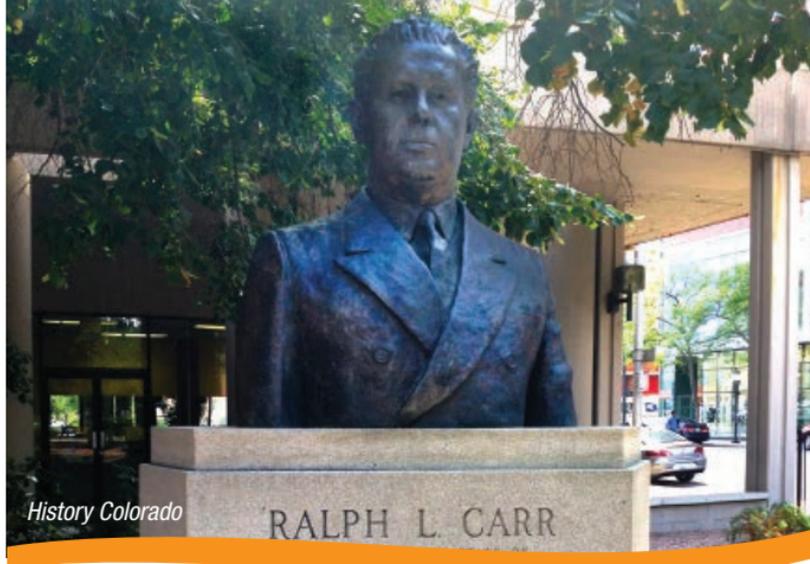
## **18** **OCTOBER** Thu / 6–8 pm **Denver's First Cemetery: Cheesman Park**

WALKING TOUR = Moderate

Time to tempt the zombies! Knowing that Cheesman Park once held Denver's first cemetery will encourage you to tread lightly on our walking tour, lest you disturb what lies beneath. We'll share the gruesome and the grandiose history surrounding the park. Guaranteed to get you into the spirit (so to speak), it's not one to be missed. Don't be afraid; your tour guide will be one of flesh and blood and interested in enriching your brains, not eating them.

**\$30. Members \$19**

*Provide your own transportation to starting location.*



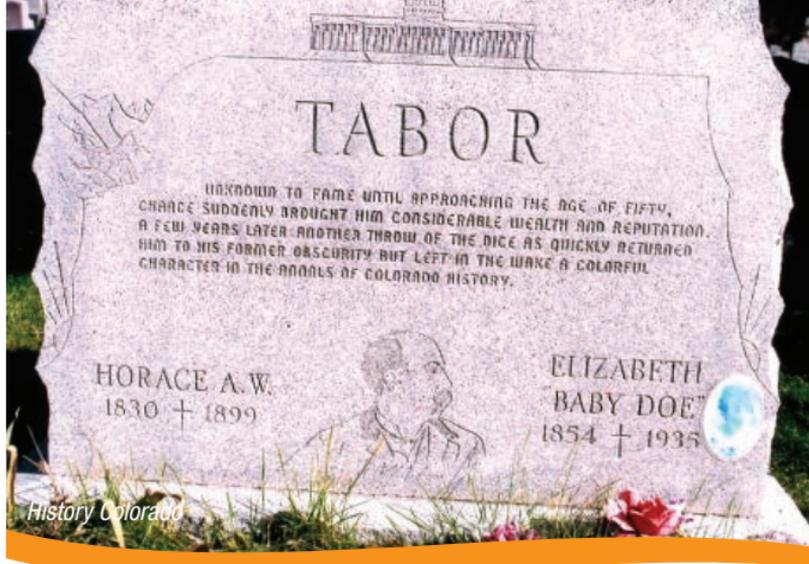
## **21** **OCTOBER** Sun / 10 am–3 pm **Denver's East Asian Heritage**

BUS TOUR = Moderate

Join Tom “Dr. Colorado” Noel as he continues our journey through the rich tapestry of the city's immigrant past by looking at those who joined us from the other side of the Pacific. We'll explore our Asian heritage, from the lost Chinatown—known in the day as Hop Alley—to the numerous Vietnamese restaurants along South Federal Boulevard. Important individuals such as Minoru Yasui and Ralph Carr, whose statues decorate Sakura Square, have shown us better ways when racial hysteria blinded us to our failings. Let's unravel the storied skein of the people of East Asia in Denver.

**\$80. Members \$64**

*Includes bus transportation, a light lunch, guides and interpretation.*



## **27** **OCTOBER** Sat / 1–4:30 pm **History Colorado's** **30th Annual Cemetery Crawl**

TOUR = Moderate

Join Tom “Dr. Colorado” Noel and a host of ghosts as they guide us through Colorado’s second-largest and most history-haunted necropolis, Mount Olivet Cemetery. Meet underground celebrities exhumed for this creepy occasion, as a star-studded cast portrays some of Colorado’s most historic characters, such as Horace and Elizabeth “Baby Doe” Tabor and Governor William Gilpin. We’ll also inspect the most elaborate private mausoleum in the Rockies. So grab your imagination and let’s dig into history.

**\$50. Members \$34**

*Provide your own transportation to starting point.  
Tombside taxi service provided by the Model A Ford Club  
of Colorado, weather permitting.*



## 29 **OCTOBER** Mon / 10 am–3 pm **Wonderful RiNo: Denver's River North by Bus**

BUS TOUR = Moderate

It's natural for neighborhoods to change over time. Once-prosperous areas fall on hard times, perhaps to be discovered and reimagined anew. Few of Denver's neighborhoods epitomize this phenomenon as well as River North, known today as "RiNo." Once residential, then industrial, then peopled by artists and empty spaces, today this trendy spot close to downtown has energy bursting from its seams, with epic changes still in store. Join us as we explore RiNo by foot and by bus, learning what was, what's been lost, and what's coming up for the rhinoceros next door.

**\$54. Members \$42**

*Includes bus transportation and a break for lunch on your own dime.*

*History Colorado*

# 1 **NOVEMBER** Thu / 9 am–5 pm **Roam the River: The South Platte River Story**

DAY TREK by BUS = Moderate

Except when it floods, as it did most memorably in 1965, most people don't give the South Platte River much thought. It's the river that gave us our start and sustains much of the metropolitan area's population. Long neglected, the South Platte has come back to the forefront as a desirable amenity for nature-starved urban dwellers. Though we won't see its beginnings in the Rockies or its end at the Missouri River, we'll trace the river's path through the metro area as we paddle our way through its stories and sites.

**\$90. Members \$74**

*Includes bus transportation and a break for lunch on your own dime.*



*Courtesy Darren Eirich*

## **9** **NOVEMBER** Fri / 9 am–noon **Behind the Scenes at the Capitol**

WALKING TOUR = Challenging

There's more to our iconic state capitol building than its golden dome and the fact that it lent its name to the neighborhood of Capitol Hill. The Colorado State Capitol has much to share. As the heart of the state, it's intimately linked to the evolution of our politics. Given its art, rare stone and even poetry about the importance of water, you'll want to include this one in your calendar, because we'll also see some hidden spots. There'll be many steps and stairs, so plan accordingly. Join us behind the scenes in that coruscating beacon of granite and gold!

**\$35. Members \$24**

*Space is limited. Provide your own transportation to starting point.*



## 14 NOVEMBER Wed / 1–3 pm Cocoa on Historic Market Street

TOUR = Moderate

You may have crossed it, perhaps even driven along it, but now it's time to hear the stories of one of our original downtown streets: Market. Join historian Kevin Pharris and Tom "Dr. Colorado" Noel for a special program to discover the evolution of this street's name and learn about the brides of the masses, stagecoaches and buildings rising on the ashes of the old. We'll focus on what makes this street stand out from the rest. Market's shimmer might have dimmed with the fortunes of downtown, but it's brilliant again. Join us for the wonders of Market Street!

**\$75. Members \$59**

*Space is limited. Provide your own transportation to starting point. Includes walking tour, sit-down lecture, cocoa and desserts.*



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**17** **NOVEMBER** Sat / 1–3 pm  
**Look Up!**

## **The Ghost Signs of LoDo**

WALKING TOUR = Moderate

The streets around Union Station were once home to the heavy and unromantic equipment that sustained a thriving boom town. Hardware, plumbing supplies, tractors and more kept the city running. Though the warehouses have become offices and living spaces, the spirits of Denver's early industrialists haven't *entirely* left downtown—their *ghosts* remain. All you have to do is look up! Join us for a tour of Denver's hidden ghost signs, with history, architecture and more to entice you. Along the way, we'll share some of the salacious stories of the people who skulked in scandal and shadow among the warehouses.

**\$30. Members \$19**

*Provide your own transportation to starting point.*



## 29 NOVEMBER Thu / 10 am–3 pm

### The Know-It-All Tour: Denver Trivia by Bus

BUS TOUR = Easy

By popular demand, we once again ask: “Think you know Denver?” We drove around town last year to see who knew what, and we crowned a winner. Now, it’s *your* chance to be the Denver “Know-It-All” as we reveal a new slate of trivia. We’ll ask questions like, “What used to be on this site?” and “What occupations do those statues honor?” After lunch, we’ll let you show your stuff. It’s not a test, just a great way to learn and to exercise your gray cells along the way—in other words, the pursuit of trivia, Denver style.

**\$54. Members \$42**

*Includes bus transportation and a break for lunch on your own dime.*



## 5 DECEMBER Wed / 6–8 pm 2019 Tours and Treks Summit

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*Light refreshments provided.*

*RSVP: [goo.gl/forms/r1ObSEMVuznOWNfq1](https://goo.gl/forms/r1ObSEMVuznOWNfq1)*

*or call 303/866-2394.*



## **7** **DECEMBER** Fri / 4:30–9:30 pm **Christmas Lights of Denver**

BUS TOUR = Easy

Come enjoy the history and beauty of Denver's holiday lights with History Colorado! The festive evening begins with an informal program exploring our state's historic holiday traditions. Then it's all aboard a comfortable, heated bus as we drive through some of the Denver area's most beautiful neighborhoods. Your host will delight and entertain you with stories of Denver's holiday lore. We design a new route for this annual event every time, so join us for some unexpected lighting surprises! This is sure to get even a Scrooge into the holiday spirit.

**\$54. Members \$42**

*Includes cookies, hot chocolate and bus transportation.  
Dinner not provided.*



# 12 DECEMBER Wed / 5:30–9 pm

## Jazz Up the Holidays at the Grant-Humphreys Mansion

TOUR = Moderate

We've explored the Grant-Humphreys Mansion's spooky side many times, but this year we're starting a new tradition. Join us to celebrate the delights of the season. We'll lift our glasses to the diverse traditions December brings, enjoying stories of Colorado holidays past with Tom "Dr. Colorado" Noel and historian Mary O'Neil and their band of merry elves. Some of them even know how to sing, and they'll entertain us with many a familiar tune. So let's hang the stockings on the chimney with care, in hopes that *you* soon will be there!

**\$85. Members \$69**

*Provide your own transportation to starting point.  
Includes interpretation, holiday dessert buffet and snacks.*

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Activities include boarding a bus, short periods of standing or walking, and limited stairs. Examples are a five-hour bus ride, a tea in a historic setting or a house tour.

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## TOUR DIFFICULTY = Moderate

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## TOUR DIFFICULTY = Ambitious

May involve several nights away from home and activity-filled days. Be prepared to walk up to two miles a day on easy to moderate terrain, drive (possibly on rough roads) or spend long periods outside.

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TOUR DIFFICULTY = Challenging

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If you have questions about any of the tours or treks,  
contact Tour Director Shawn Snow at  
shawn.snow@state.co.us  
or 303/866-3683.

*Cover photo:*

*Tour Director Shawn Snow and tour leader Kevin Pharris  
enter Colorado after exploring the wilds of the Oklahoma Panhandle.  
Start thinking about our next adventure to Oklahoma in 2019!*



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## **2019 Tours and Treks Summit**

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