

# COLORADO

A scenic landscape photograph of a mountain lake. In the foreground, several people are sitting or standing on large, dark grey rocks. Two people are standing on a prominent rock in the middle ground, looking out over the lake. Another person is sitting on a rock nearby. In the bottom left corner, two more people are sitting on rocks. The lake is a deep blue color, reflecting the sky and the surrounding forest. The far shore is lined with a dense forest of tall, dark green evergreen trees. In the background, a range of rugged mountains rises, with some peaks covered in snow or light-colored rock. The sky is a clear, bright blue. The overall scene is peaceful and scenic, typical of a national park or wilderness area.

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*(Front Cover) Bear Lake and Longs Peak, Rocky Mountain National Park*

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## LAND OF MOUNTAINS

Colorado, where the West is nearest, is the annual vacation goal of thousands of Americans. And no wonder! There is something tonic about the crisp mountain air of Colorado, and the brilliance of its sparkling sunshine invites outdoor activity. Combine these with crystal-clear mountain streams and lakes, evergreen forests, some of America's most inspiring mountain scenery and a warm, hospitable people, and you have the IDEAL VACATIONLAND.

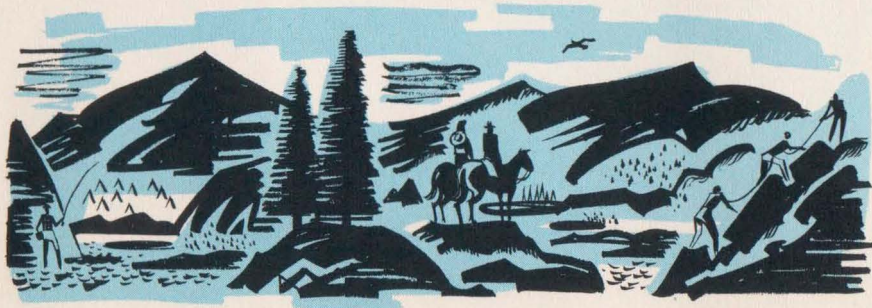
Colorado is one of the most mountainous states in the country. There are thousands of peaks that rise to a height of more than two miles and here are many of the nation's really high mountains—those rising above 14,000 feet. Also, Colorado is the home of Pikes Peak which is, perhaps, the best known mountain in America. Every school child has heard the famous expression of gold rush days: "Pikes Peak or bust," and promised himself that someday he, too, would see Pikes Peak.

Colorado has a magic formula which operates to the benefit of all who come under its spell. You will

want to get out and "do things," and doing things in the cool, invigorating air of Colorado will lead to the realization that you have suddenly acquired the appetite of a harvest hand. And sleep—well, you'll just naturally sleep like a baby.

Your ambition may lead to the expressed wish of climbing one of the 14,000 foot peaks, which is no small task but not too difficult for those in good physical trim. Experienced guides will take you up Longs Peak, for instance, and from the summit of its 14,255 foot eminence you will be rewarded with a view that you will never forget. Other lesser peaks can be scaled either afoot or on horseback, and the summit of Pikes Peak can be reached by either cog line or automobile road. There is a thrilling motor road to the summit of Mt. Evans, also, which discloses breath-taking mountain vistas.

Colorado is also famous for its many fine dude ranches, which every summer draw thousands of "dudes," "dudeens" and family groups from the East and Middle West. See section about Dude Ranches starting on page 33.



## COLORADO . . . Year 'round Vacationland

There are literally dozens of outdoor sports to be enjoyed in Colorado, but next to horseback riding or, perhaps, equalling it in popularity, is trout fishing. Brown, Rainbow and Cut-throat trout abound in great numbers in practically all of the lakes and streams. In some places you can depend on catching your legal limit almost every time you fish. Information about the best fishing may be obtained and tackle can be rented at all resorts. Tennis and golf are also popular sports in Colorado. Denver and Colorado Springs boast some of the finest municipal and private golf courses in the country, some of which have played host to national tournaments. All forms of water sports are enjoyed in the various lakes throughout the state, and, in addition, there is sail-boating on lovely Grand Lake, highest yacht anchorage in the world, adjacent to Rocky Mountain National Park. For those who "want to get away from it all" there are pack trips with experienced guides into primitive areas for fishing, big game hunting in season, or just "roughing it."



Not only in the summer is Colorado the goal for lovers of the out-of-doors, but likewise the fame of Colorado as a popular vacation region for the winter sports enthusiast is fast spreading. See Winter Sports section starting on page 36.

Colorado has four distinct seasons, but all have one thing in common—sunshine. Five of every six days in Colorado are sunny, the year 'round. Clear, deep blue skies and invigorating mountain air give added zest to every vacation pleasure . . . Spring, Summer, Fall and Winter.

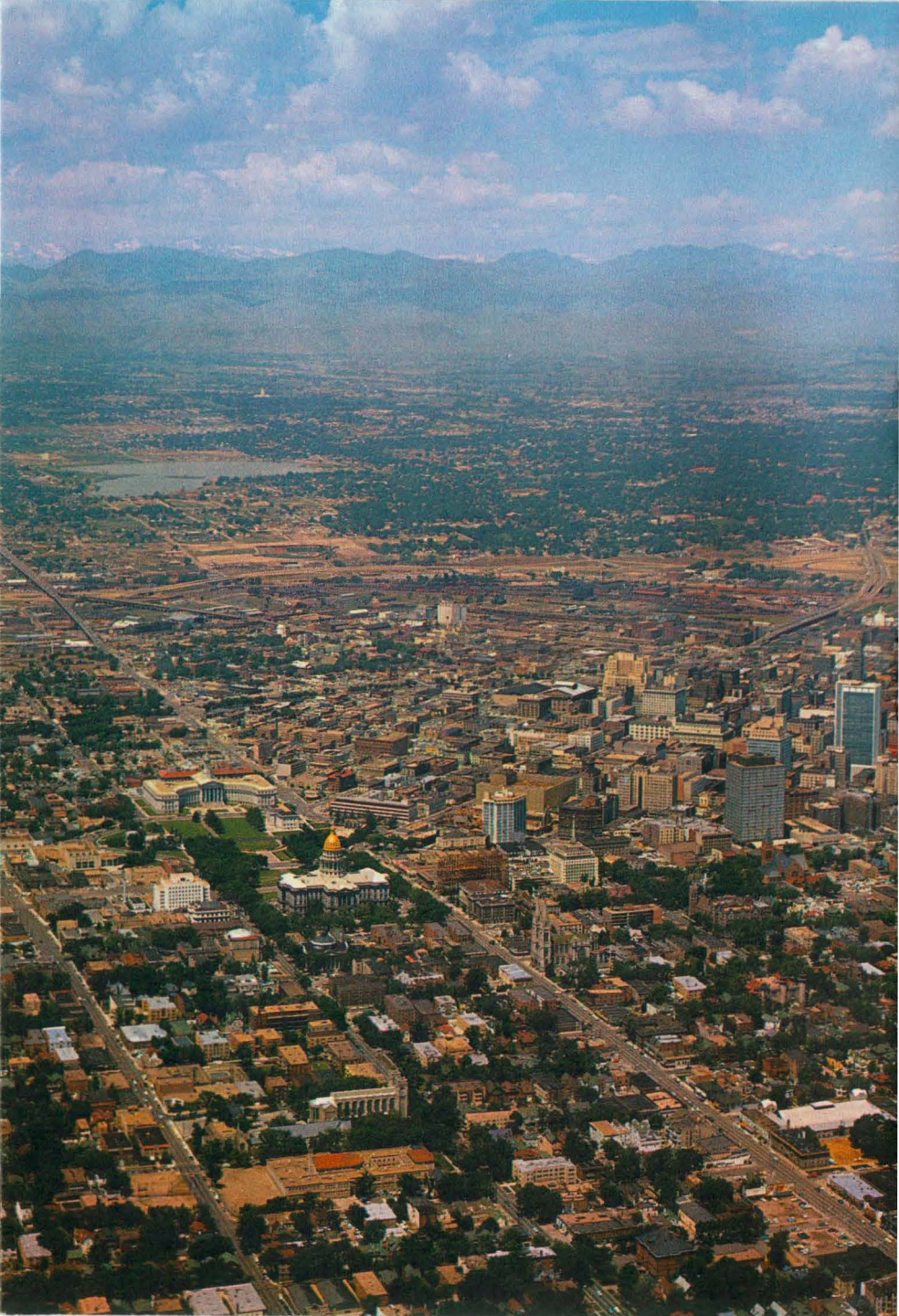
It is not within the scope of this book to cover the statewide scenic and historic attractions of Colorado, that would take volumes. We can touch upon the most prominent vacation regions, particularly those adjacent to Denver and Colorado Springs.



*"Springtime in the Rockies"—Mt. Elbert, Colorado's highest, 14,431 ft.*

*Snow-covered aspens along road to Bear Lake*





*Denver's new skyscrapers rival its famed mountain skyline.*

*(Photo by The Denver Post)*

# DENVER

## GATEWAY TO VACATION PLEASURE

The Rocky Mountain West's fastest-growing city is Denver, the capital of Colorado, which is known variously as the "Queen City of the Plains" and the "Gateway to the Rockies."

She stands proudly at the point where the Great Plains merge into the foothills of the Rockies, and is home to more than 800,000 metropolitan area dwellers who bask in her natural beauty for 40 miles along the foothills.

With early and commendable foresight, Denver planned for many fine

parks and boulevards which today evoke the admiration and envy of visitors from less fortunate or progressive communities.

Inside the city is a 1,684-acre park system, which, in its way, is just as special as the Denver Mountain Parks. Chief among the in-town parks is the 640-acre City Park, with an excellent zoo and a highly-rated Museum of Natural History.

Some 50 other parks, a dozen public swimming pools, and five municipal golf courses, one of them

*City and County Building, Denver*





*Scene from one of Denver's municipal golf courses*

an 18-hole toughie at Evergreen, high in the foothills west of Denver, round out Denver's municipal recreational facilities.

Denver is a city of beautiful homes and stately civic buildings, including the gold-crested State Capitol, the United States Mint and Customs Building, the City and County Building, the Colorado Museum of Natural History and the University of Denver.

In her famous Civic Center is an open-air Grecian-type theater, seating 1000, where outdoor musical and cultural events are held throughout the summer.

Only a few miles from the center of downtown Denver is the point where gold was discovered in Clear Creek in late 1858. Dozens of neighboring Colorado communities, like Central City, Leadville and Cripple

Creek are replete with historic sites reminiscent of the mining days which led to the building of the West.

Because of its delightful climate and easy accessibility to so many scenic attractions, Denver is a favorite convention city. Other cogent reasons for this popularity may be found in the fact that Denver has excellent hotel and lodging accommodations, and enjoys excellent transportation service from all points of the compass. The city's present accommodations now are being swollen by the addition of a newly completed 288-room ultra-modern addition to the famous Brown Palace Hotel. Another modern hotel of 1,000 rooms, complete with convention facilities and many other innovations, to be operated by the Conrad Hilton chain, will open early in 1960. It is being

erected on Denver's old Courthouse Square opposite one of the nation's newest downtown department stores, the mammoth May Company—Daniels & Fisher Store. This store features an outdoor ice rink on a less pretentious scale than that in Rockefeller Center, New York.

Potential or prospective visitors to Denver and Colorado can get complete information about how to make their visit more enjoyable by contacting the Colorado Visitors Bureau at 225 West Colfax Ave., Denver.

Its facilities include the Colorado Hospitality Center, a welcoming point for all of Denver's visitors; the Colorado Ski Information Center, which conducts a complete, statewide program of information for skiers or

other winter sports fans; and the Denver Convention and Visitors Bureau, through which all Denver conventions are solicited and serviced.

The Union Pacific Railroad serves Denver, and Colorado, with double main-line service from more trans-continental terminals than any other railroad.

Between Chicago-Denver and Portland there is the Domeliner "City of Portland"—"City of Denver." From St. Louis-Kansas City the Domeliner "City of St. Louis" serves Denver enroute to and from California.

From the Pacific Coast terminals of Los Angeles, San Francisco, Seattle, Tacoma, Portland and Spokane there is through service to Denver.

*Colorado Visitors Bureau, Denver*





*Buffalo Bill's grave atop Lookout Mountain*

## DENVER MOUNTAIN PARKS

A highly popular automobile tour out of Denver is the one-day scenic drive through the Denver Mountain Parks, an area of 121,000 acres. This is a 65-mile drive out through the foothills to a series of parks or preserves owned by the municipality of Denver. These mountain parks, preserved in their natural state, are the haven of considerable wild animal life such as elk, deer, buffalo and mountain sheep. While on this tour it is difficult to believe that metropolitan Denver is so near.

The climax of the tour is the visit to the summit of Lookout Mountain, where Buffalo Bill, famous frontiersman and scout, is buried. Here also is Pahaska Tepee, a rustic museum,

which contains many of Buffalo Bill's personal articles and mementos of the early West. From this eminence a thrilling panorama spreads before your eyes and the town of Golden lies at your feet like a toy village.

You return from Lookout Mountain by way of Bergen Park and the scenic gorge of Bear Creek Canyon, as well as the Park of the Red Rocks, where the "Theater of the Red Rocks," an amphitheater seating more than 10,000 persons, has been carved from the towering red cliffs. Here Denverites and tourists may enjoy picnic suppers while awaiting concerts of the city's excellent symphony orchestra or appearance of some of the world's great ballet troupes.

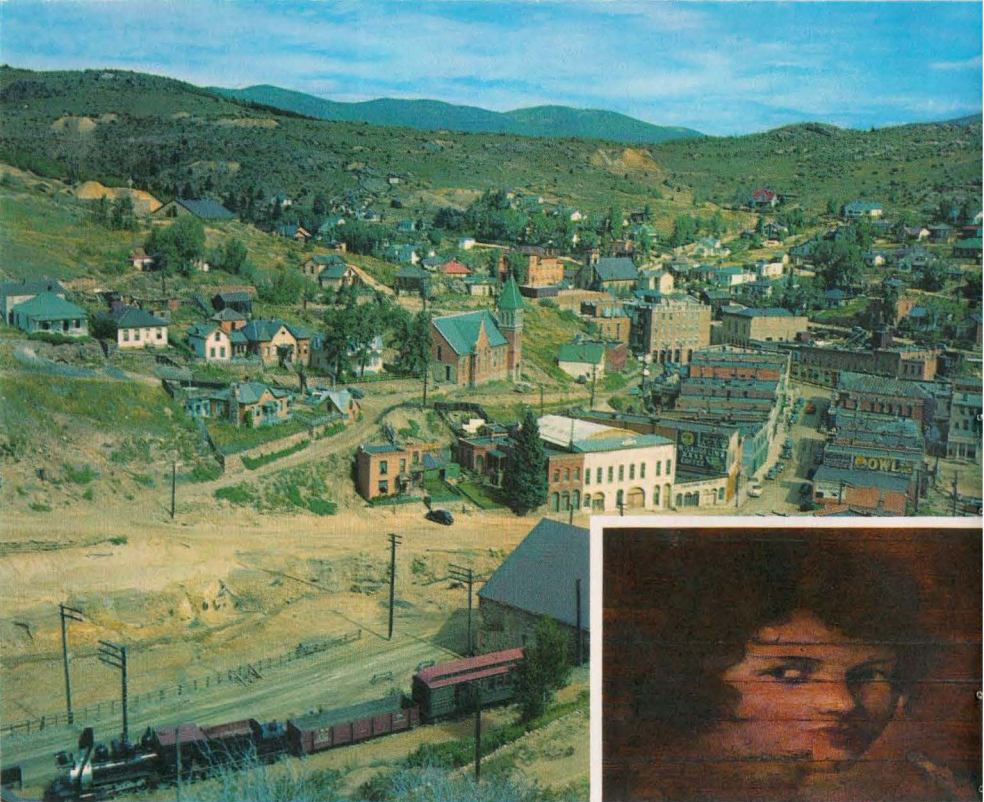
## MT. EVANS AND ECHO LAKE

One of the most thrilling mountain trips in America is the one-day trip from Denver to the summit of Mt. Evans over the world's highest automobile highway. Leaving Denver in the morning, the drive takes you to the top of Lookout Mountain, previously mentioned. From there the drive is through a green valley of stately pine forests and lovely pale green aspens. Soon you are in Idaho Springs where gold was discovered in 1859, which resulted in a sudden mushrooming of the state's population. Now Idaho Springs is a noted health resort.

After leaving Idaho Springs your route takes you ever higher and higher until at last the crest of lofty Mt. Evans is reached, 14,260 feet above sea level. Here the grandeur of the Rockies spreads out before you in a vista which extends well over one hundred miles in every direction. At your feet lies jewel-like Echo Lake. As your eyes take in this magnificent panorama you know that here is one of the superb mountain views in all the world. Your return is through scenically beautiful Bear Creek Canyon and the Park of the Red Rocks, arriving Denver in the late afternoon.

*Park of the Red Rocks Stadium near Denver*





*Central City, historic mining town,  
now famous for summer opera*



*"The Face on the Barroom Floor"  
of the Teller House.*

## CENTRAL CITY FESTIVAL

Many are the "summer stock" theaters, and play festivals, throughout America but none exceed the annual Central City Festival for historic interest and setting, for quality of production of its plays or operas, or for its array of stars of Opera, Broadway or Hollywood.

In its 25th year (1956) and with "The Ballad of Baby Doe," Central City fulfilled its role as one of the leading Festival centers in the world. The Central City Opera House, once

the loveliest theater west of St. Louis (in 1880's), was reopened in 1932 for the first Festival, starring Lillian Gish in "Camille." In addition to a modern restoration of the Opera House, the Central City Opera House Association owns and has restored the famed Teller House, once a Victorian relic, to a four story walk-up hotel of elegance beyond its greatest days. Jeep tours to all points of interest in Central City are conducted by University of Denver.



*Cowboys and grazing cattle are a frequent scene*

## BOULDER • FT. COLLINS • GREELEY

Only 29 miles northwest from Denver is the progressive city of Boulder, the home of the University of Colorado, and starting point for trips to glaciers and peaks in and near Rocky Mountain National Park. Just 27 miles from Denver is the pretty town of Eldorado Springs, so named because of its hot and cold springs. North of Denver are other charming cities, among them Greeley and Ft. Collins, both of which are on the motor bus routes to Rocky Mountain National

Park. Greeley, seat of the Colorado State College of Education, was settled by New Englanders under the patronage of Horace Greeley in 1870 about the time Greeley's slogan "Go West, young man" was becoming famous. Ft. Collins is home of Colorado State University. Situated on the Cache la Poudre River, it is the natural gateway to a number of excellent resorts which are tucked away in the mountain recesses for fifty miles or more up the river.

## ROCKY MOUNTAIN NATIONAL PARK

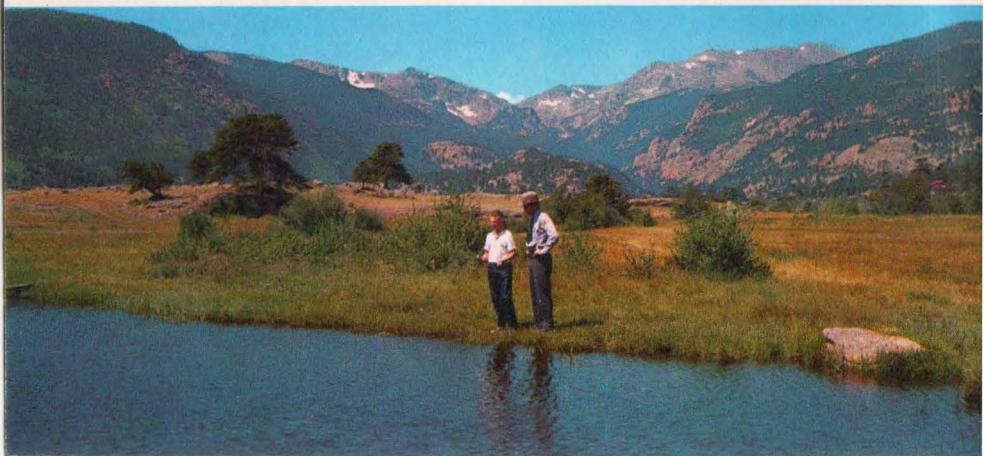
Rocky Mountain National Park is one of the wildest and most rugged sections of the Rocky Mountains. It is about 400 square miles in area, most of which is over 9,000 feet above sea level. Lying about 65 miles due northwest of Denver it is easily visited on a circle tour consuming two days and taking in Big Thompson Canyon, or South St. Vrain Canyon, Estes Park, Horseshoe Park, Hidden Valley, Fall River Pass, Trail Ridge Highway, Milner Pass, Grand Lake, Berthoud Pass and Idaho Springs. Stop for the night is made at Grand Lake. Most persons prefer to tarry longer either at Estes Park or Grand Lake to enjoy the many horseback and foot-trail trips to be made to near by points of interest. The Continental Divide runs through the Park and you pass over it twice on the circle tour. There are many resorts throughout this region offering accommodations, saddle horses, guides and fishing equipment.

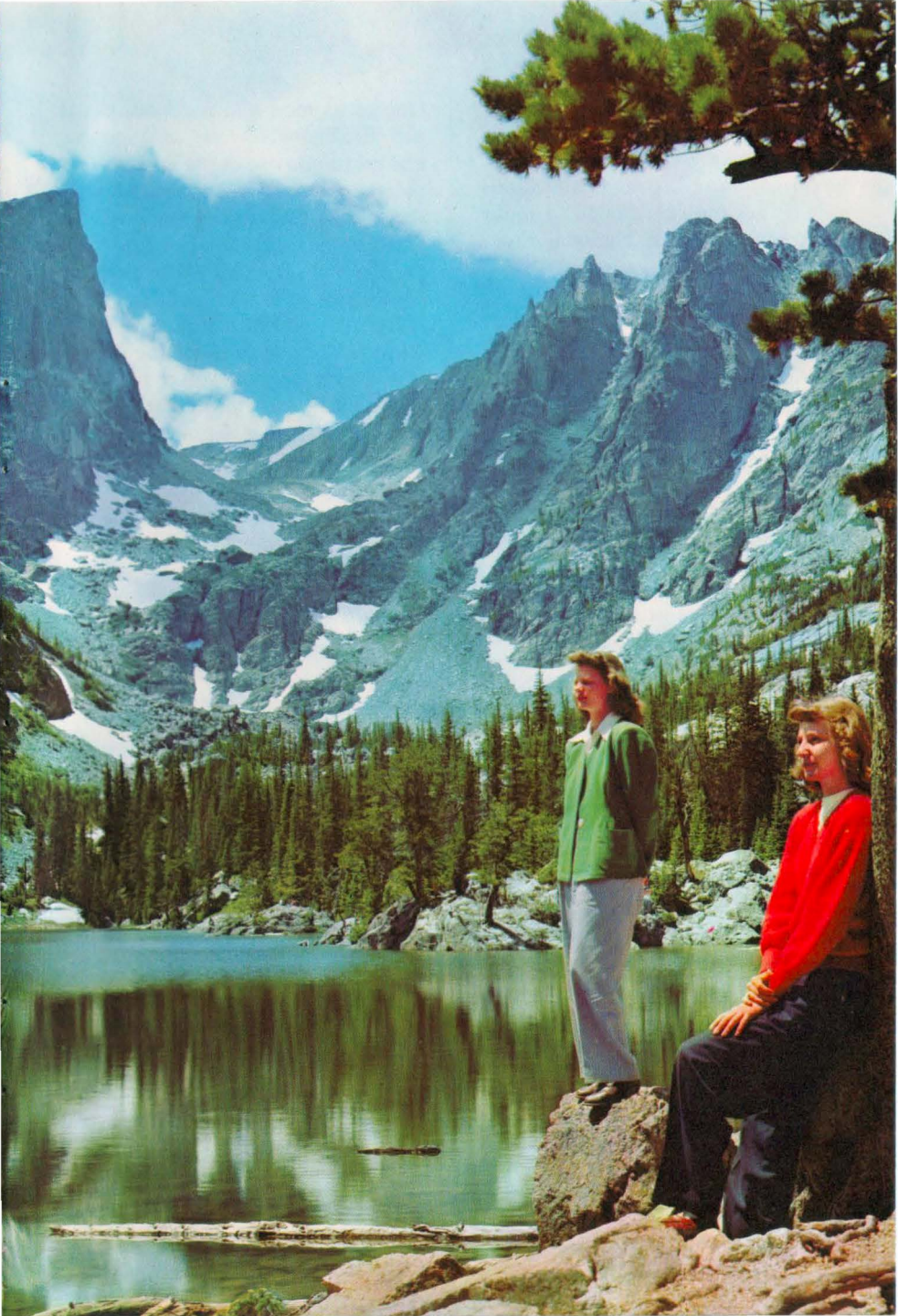


*Modern Gray Line Busses along Trail Ridge Road*

### COLORADO NATIONAL FORESTS

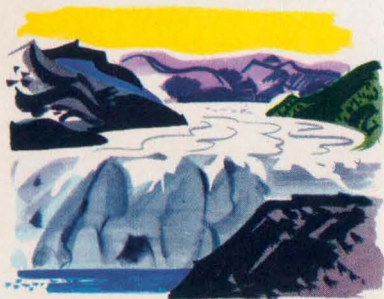
Some of the best hunting and fishing in Colorado is found within the state's National Forests. Nearly all of Colorado's 54 peaks above 14,000 feet in altitude lie within their boundaries, and they are reached by motor roads, as well as well-marked foot and horseback trails. Within easy reach of Denver are three of Colorado's great National Forests, the Roosevelt, the Arapahoe and the Pike.





## ROOSEVELT FOREST

The largest in area is the Roosevelt, in former years known as the Colorado. It lies east, northeast and south of Rocky Mountain National Park.



One of its most alluring features are the glaciers which are still carving and grinding away at the earth as they did thousands of years ago. Most of these large glaciers lie west of Boulder. The Arapahoe Glacier, largest in the Colorado Rockies, is the property of the city of Boulder and source of her water supply. Most of the glaciers within the boundaries of the Roosevelt Forest are accessible by U. S. Forest Trails and offer entertaining side trips. There are numerous inexpensive resorts west and northwest of Boulder. There are also several fine dude ranches located in Roosevelt Forest.

*Pack train descending from Arapahoe Pass to Dorothy Lake*



# BIG THOMPSON CANYON

North St. Vrain · South St. Vrain

Enroute from Denver to Estes Park Village or Rocky Mountain National Park you will wish to travel the most popular route which is north across the fertile, irrigated plains that produce much of Colorado's market garden supplies, and through the neat, prosperous looking little towns of Longmont, Berthoud and Loveland, all rich in Colorado history. For 50 miles the road lies through level and gently-rolling farm land with the snow-capped Continental Divide in view all the way.

At Loveland you turn west and before long reach the Big Thompson River and enter Big Thompson Canyon. This is one of the most memorable features of your whole visit to the Park. For sixteen miles the road lies between rugged rock walls that sometimes tower a good 1,200 feet above you. Beside you, most of the way, the river is a raging, foaming torrent . . . and no wonder, for it descends 3,000 feet in only 16 miles. Much of the canyon is so narrow that the road had to be blasted out of solid granite walls. Again there are stretches where the canyon does not crowd the river quite so closely, and here there is room for cabins, lodges and a stand of trees. In these little glens you will see some of the loveliest wild flowers you have ever laid your eyes on. The columbine, state flower of Colorado,

and wild roses grow in abundance, and they have the subtlest, most delicately colored petals imaginable. Here is rare mountain beauty in all its glory.



There are also excellent motor roads to the village of Estes Park and Rocky Mountain National Park through the North St. Vrain and South St. Vrain Canyons. Via the North St. Vrain the route lies through Longmont and follows the St. Vrain River through wonderfully rugged country, ever upward and enters Estes Park from the southeast.

The South St. Vrain route via Boulder or Longmont and Lyons, traverses the entire length of the canyon of South St. Vrain Creek from Lyons to Allenspark, then north through Roosevelt National Forest, entering Estes Park from the south. Visitors to Estes Park Village may go via Big Thompson Canyon and return via either of the St. Vrain Canyons, or travel the reverse of this route.



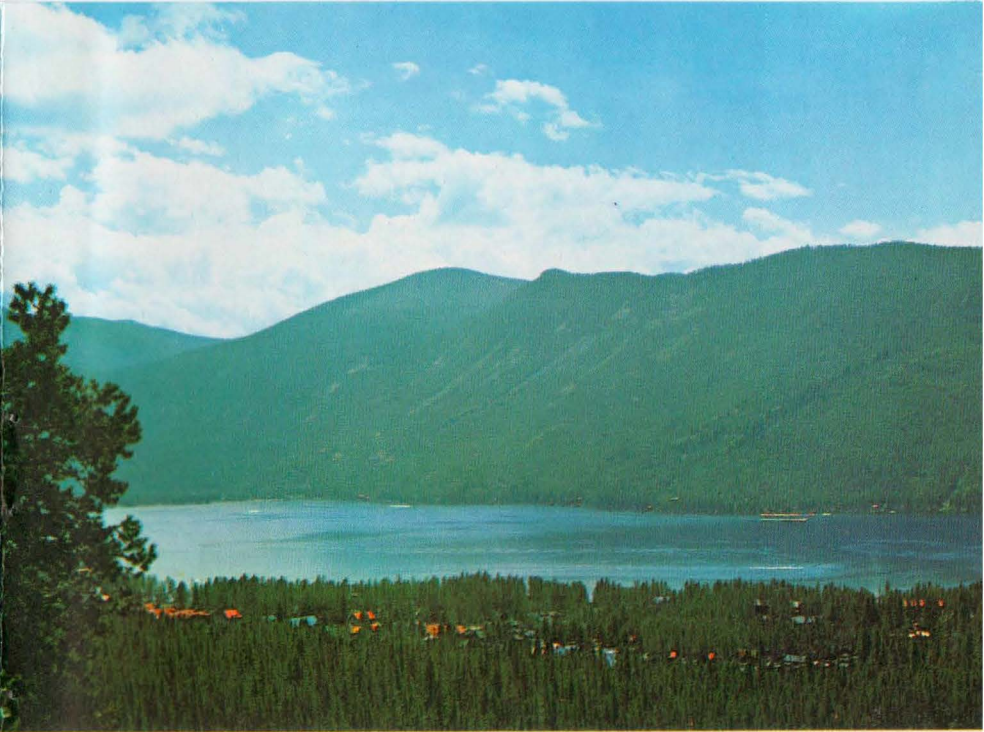
*Estes Park from aerial tramway on Prospect Mountain*

## ESTES PARK

As you approach Estes Park Village a magnificent panorama opens up before you. You find yourself in a lovely valley, ringed by lofty mountains, the dominant one being Longs Peak, the king of the range and one of the noblest peaks in the country.

The history of Estes Park as a mountain playground and resort region dates back to 1865, but it is still an ideal base of operation from which to see the eastern side of Rocky Mountain National Park. Most of the lodges, camps, cabins and hotels are

centrally enough located so that you can easily make saddle or hiking trips to the most outstanding scenic places. Chief among these are Longs Peak and Chasm Lake... to the top of The Twin Sisters peaks... Moraine Park... to the Wild Basin for a look at Bear Lake or unforgettably lovely Dream Lake, Tyndall Glacier and Flat Top Mountain... to Horseshoe Park... Lawn Lake, Fern Lake, Odessa Lake and many other beauty spots. There is excellent fishing, tennis, golf, and a variety of other sports to interest you, including skiing in season.



*Placid Grand Lake is rimmed by lofty mountains*

## Across the Divide to GRAND LAKE

Leaving Estes Park your circle tour takes you through Hidden Valley within sight of the majestic Mummy Range, up the steep slopes of Trail Ridge Road, you catch a glimpse of Iceberg Lake, never, even in summer, completely free from floating ice. As you come up from the thickly forested valleys you leave behind the aspens, oaks and maples and as you approach timberline you will note the pines getting scarcer and scrawnier. At 11,000 feet they become weird, twisted, gnarled old dwarfs due to their grim struggle with wind and

snow. Strangely enough you will find grass and flowers growing far above timberline... and the grass is the greenest, the flowers the tiniest and most intensely colored blossoms imaginable.

The panorama from the Continental Divide is superb... the Medicine Bow and the Never Summer ranges come into view in the west; below you lies the heavily forested Cache la Poudre region. Down Milner Pass your road winds through cool, green forests to picturesque Grand Lake, largest in Colorado, lying just outside the Park boundary. Rustic Grand Lake Lodge, surrounded by comfortable guest cabins, sits far up on the mountainside and from its broad veranda one looks down on



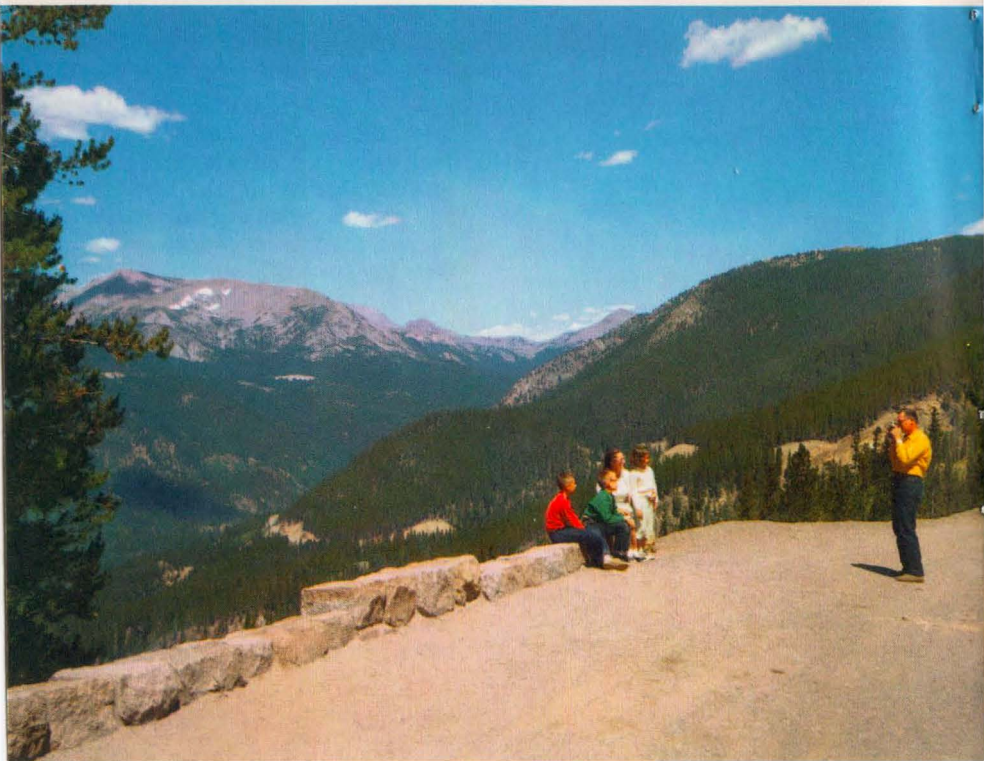
*Yachting on Grand Lake*

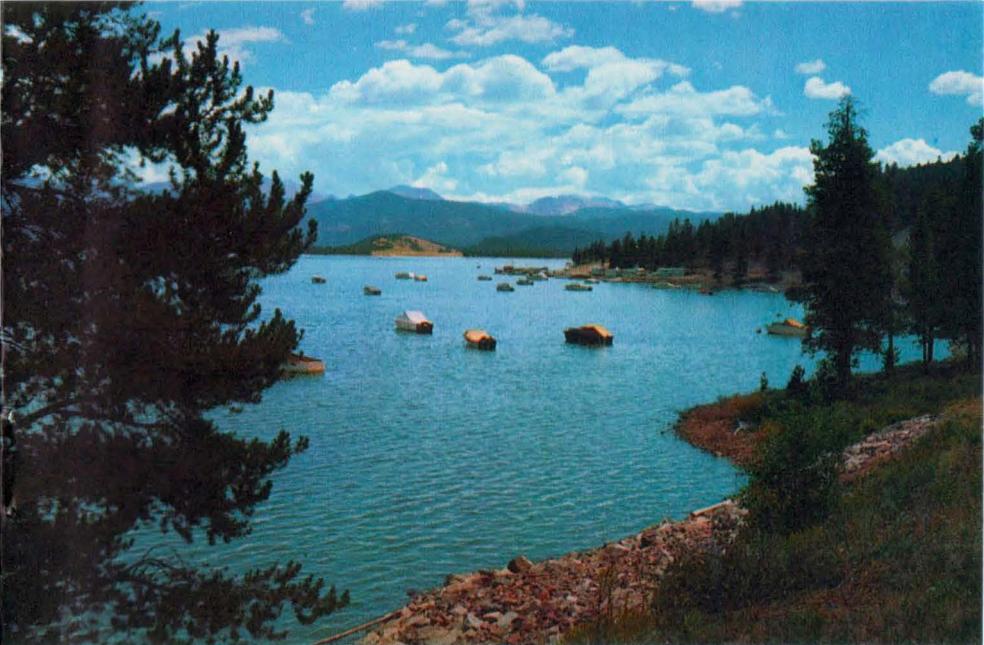
the surface of the Lake dotted with sailboats and other water craft. Grand Lake is the site of the Lipton Cup

yacht races each August. Fishing in Grand Lake, Shadow Mountain Lake, Lake Granby and in near-by streams is well-nigh perfect. Countless well-marked and safe horseback trails lead to scenic spots round about. At Grand Lake Village there is dancing and other nightly entertainment.

Leaving Grand Lake you follow the headwaters of the Colorado River, through the new Shadow Mountain Recreational area, to the town of Granby, thence up through Berthoud Pass you again cross the Continental Divide to return to Denver by way of Idaho Springs, Bergen Park, and Lookout Mountain, thus completing one of the West's outstanding scenic tours.

*You'll get out the camera often on Trail Ridge Road*





*Picturesque boat harbor on Granby Lake*

## SHADOW MOUNTAIN

### National Recreation Area

This new recreation area consists of Shadow Mountain and Granby Lakes, and the Federal lands immediately surrounding. The area is located between Grand Lake and Granby and adjoins the west entrance to Rocky Mountain National Park. It is under the same National Park administration with headquarters in Estes Park.

The area was established in 1952 to make available to the public certain features of the Bureau of Reclamation's Colorado-Big Thompson Project, adaptable for recreation.

During the summer, Ranger-Naturalists of the Park Service conduct nature trips and evening programs at various locations, as well as guided tours through the Granby Pumping Plant.

The Shadow Mountain area offers a variety of activities: camping, horseback riding (horses available at Grand Lake), swimming, hiking, picnicking and mountain climbing. Sightseeing boat cruises on Shadow Mountain and Granby Lakes are available.

Fishing here is always "at its best." The fishing laws of the State apply in the area and a license is required. The season is normally from late May to October 31.

The nearby towns of Grand Lake and Granby offer a variety of resort accommodations. Accommodations are also available at Grand Lake Lodge, or at popular Dude Ranches in this region.

# COLORADO GHOST TOWNS

Exploring Colorado's ghost towns is a favorite vacation pastime for many of the state's visitors, who avail themselves of Rent-a-Car service upon arriving in Denver.

Dozens of such towns dot the high mountain-sides and valleys throughout the state. They were built in the hey-day of mining bonanza times starting 100 years ago.

Among such towns which are of comparatively easy access are:

St. Elmo, located southwest of Buena Vista. More than a score of buildings, including the old general store and the city hall, are preserved. St. Elmo was a mining town.

Waldorf, located south of Georgetown, some 60 miles west of Denver. Waldorf was the site of a silver min-

ing mill at the foot of Argentine Pass.

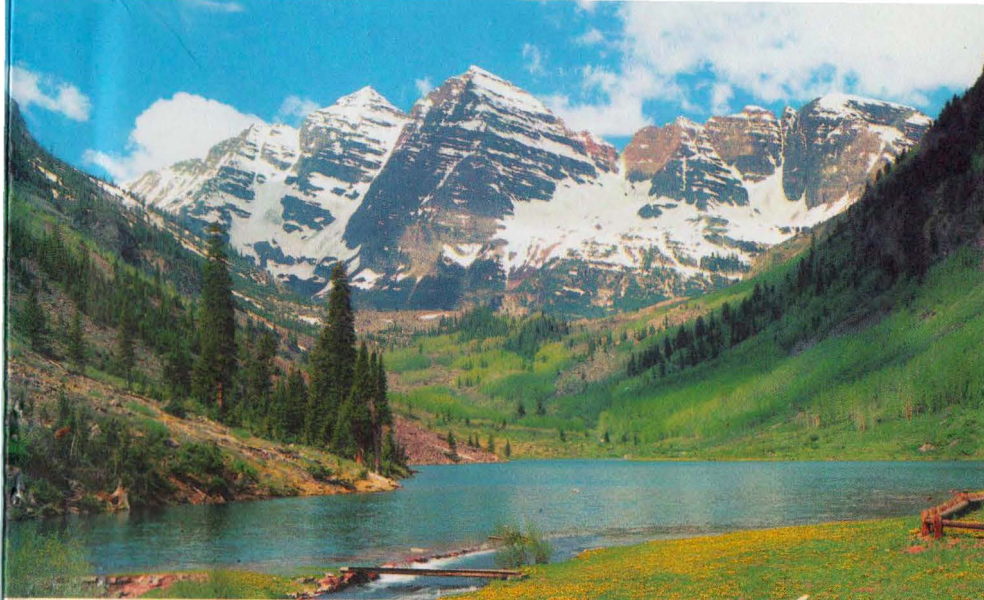
Buckskin Joe, located north of Fairplay, and not to be confused with the restored village of the same name on the banks of the Royal Gorge; Tin Cup, northeast of Gunnison and reached via Taylor River Canyon or Cumberland Pass, and Pittsburgh, located north of Crested Butte.

One of the nation's most unusual vacation experiences is a trip aboard the country's last regularly scheduled narrow gauge passenger train, which runs between Durango and Silverton in southwestern Colorado.

Starting in mid-June, the train leaves Durango daily at 9:15 A.M. for the 45 mile, three hour trip through the Animas Canyon in the heart of the San Juan mountains.

*Red Mountain Pass near Silverton*





*Maroon Belles and Maroon Lake, near Aspen*

## Historic ASPEN

### Recreational and Cultural Center

Nestled beside the Roaring Fork River, with its background of tranquil mountains, ASPEN the recreational and cultural center of Colorado's western slope opens its summer doors welcoming all visitors.

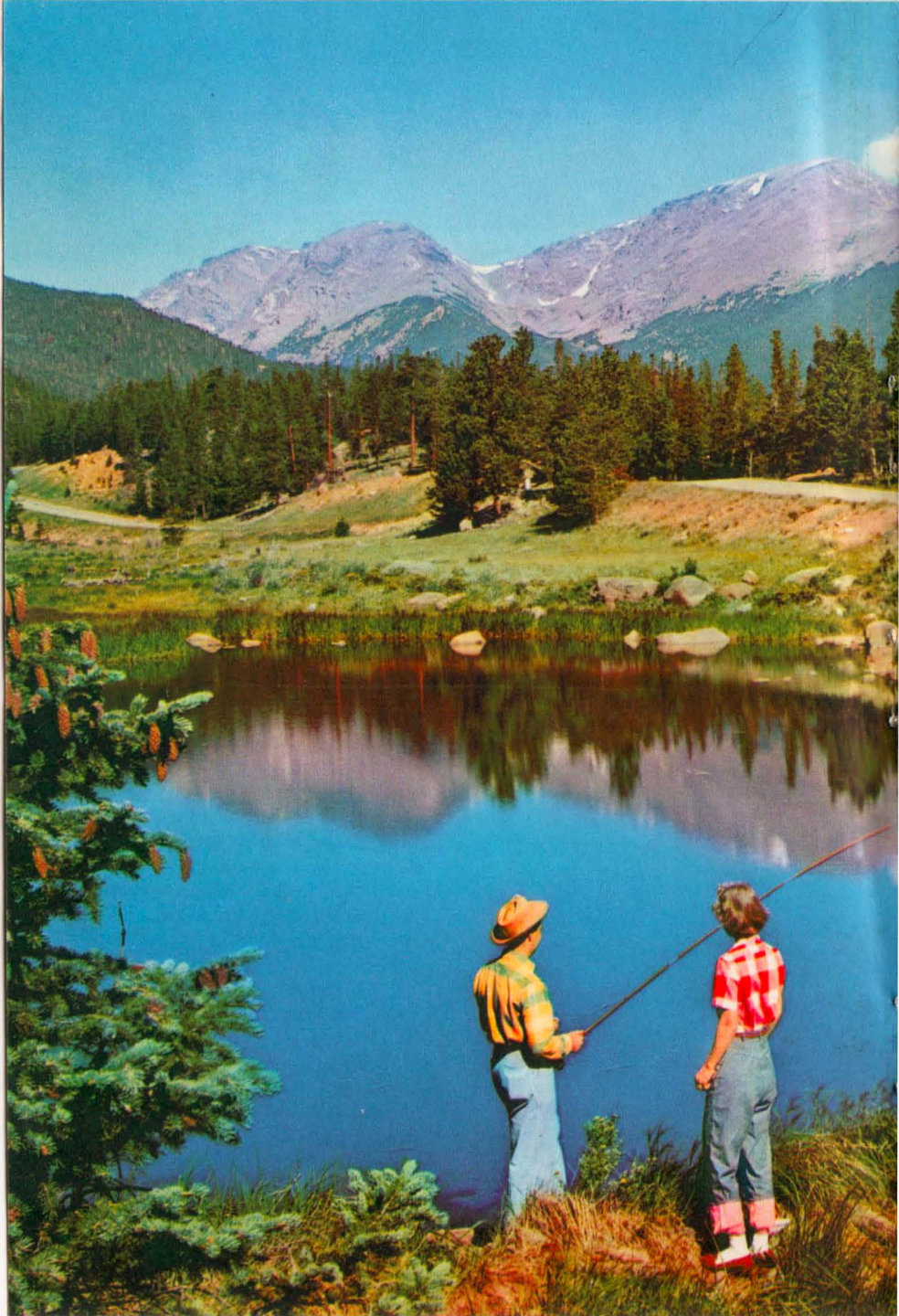
Considered one of the finest ski areas in Colorado, Aspen truly becomes a summer-time mecca when the snow melts.

The Aspen Institute for Humanistic Studies offers lectures, panel discussions and Executive Seminars throughout the summer. The Aspen Music Festival provides four concerts weekly (Wednesdays, Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays). Here vacationers are privileged to hear artists of international fame—many of whom reside in Aspen during the summer months

teaching at the Aspen Music School.

The forests and mountains are an endless pleasure to those who enjoy hiking, horseback riding, pack trips, mountain climbing, and wildlife. The Aspen area also contains some of the most splendid and much photographed scenery found in America, including the famous Maroon Belles and Maroon Lake. During the beautiful Fall season big game hunting is available nearby.

The village of Aspen offers fine accommodations, from simple dormitories and guest houses to luxurious lodges and hotels, as well as apartments, small lodges and cabins. There are restaurants to suit every taste and budget, including several of national fame which have bars and entertainment.





*Beaver Pond Lake and Mummy Range,  
Rocky Mountain National Park*



# COLORADO SPRINGS

## AND PIKES PEAK REGION

Colorado Springs proper was founded by General William J. Palmer in 1871 as a planned community, in contrast to the roaring gold town of Colorado City. With broad thoroughfares and beautiful parks, the area was publicized as a "health resort" and "scenic wonderland," and soon became a fashionable "spa" of international society.

Today Colorado Springs, with a population of over 100,000 (including environs of Cheyenne, Broadmoor, Nob Hill, etc.) is one of the world's most beautiful cities, the gateway to the Pikes Peak region. It has 21 parks and playgrounds in natural settings of breathtaking beauty.

Its calendar of sports and tourist attractions is never-ending. It is famous for its golf and tennis tournaments, and fine courses and courts are open to tourists. In Acacia and Bancroft Parks colorful square dances of the Old West are held weekly. Chuck Wagon dinners are served in the Garden of the Gods by the Junior Chamber of Commerce, and at the Flying W Ranch just north of the Garden of the Gods. There is year 'round ice skating at the Broadmoor Ice Palace; and skiing on the slopes of Pikes Peak during the December-June season.

Sightseeing tours you will want to take include: the Garden of the Gods

and Cave of the Winds . . . South Drive Tour of Broadmoor, Seven Falls and Helen Hunt Falls . . . to the summit of Cheyenne Mountain, including a visit to the beautiful Will Rogers Memorial . . . to Pikes Peak via the famous cog railway or by car, an unforgettable trip . . . to Cripple Creek, the world's most famous gold camp . . . and others of local interest.

A new tour is that to the new United States Air Force Academy just north of Colorado Springs.

There is a variety of accommodations for tourists. Two famous hotels are the Antlers downtown, and the suburban world-famous Broadmoor Hotel resort and convention center.

*Popular with citizens and tourists alike is this newest shade of blue . . . "Air Force Blue."*



*Graceful Will Rogers Memorial,  
Colorado Springs*



## **GARDEN OF THE GODS and Manitou Springs**

Just a few miles out of Colorado Springs lies the beautiful Garden of the Gods, a region of grotesque red rock formations. Through the majestic Gateway, pictured on opposite page, you'll see famous Balanced Rock (400 tons) towering 313 feet in the air; Steamboat Rock and hundreds of other formations.

At Manitou Springs take a ride on Mt. Manitou Scenic Incline—longest and highest cable railway in the world. It offers magnificent views and leads to beautiful Mt. Manitou Park at its summit.



## **CAVE OF THE WINDS**

Two miles from Manitou Springs, through beautiful Williams Canyon, lies the Cave of the Winds, a geological wonder and one of the outstanding scenic attractions of the Pikes Peak region. Competent and informative guides take you through a mile of underground passageways and chambers of fantastic beauty.

*Broadmoor Hotel across the lagoon, Colorado Springs*

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## UNITED STATES AIR FORCE ACADEMY

The Air Force Academy moved into its permanent home, 8 miles north of Colorado Springs, in the fall of 1958.

Three small classes of approximately 300 cadets each entered the Academy during its first three years of existence (at Lowry Air Force Base, Denver), and another class of 452 was sworn in June 27, 1958. In June 1959 its first commencement saw 207 cadets complete the four-year course. Full-sized classes of about 700 cadets each will begin entering in 1959. Sometime in the early 1960's the Air Force Cadet Wing will reach its full authorized strength of 2,520, the same as the Corps of Cadets at West Point Military Academy.

If the Academy does as well as West Point and Annapolis have done in motivating graduates for lifetime careers of service, it will save its cost several times over.

The entire program of instruction is geared to the preparation of Air Force career officers for the air-space age. The Superintendent, Major General James E. Briggs, wants the

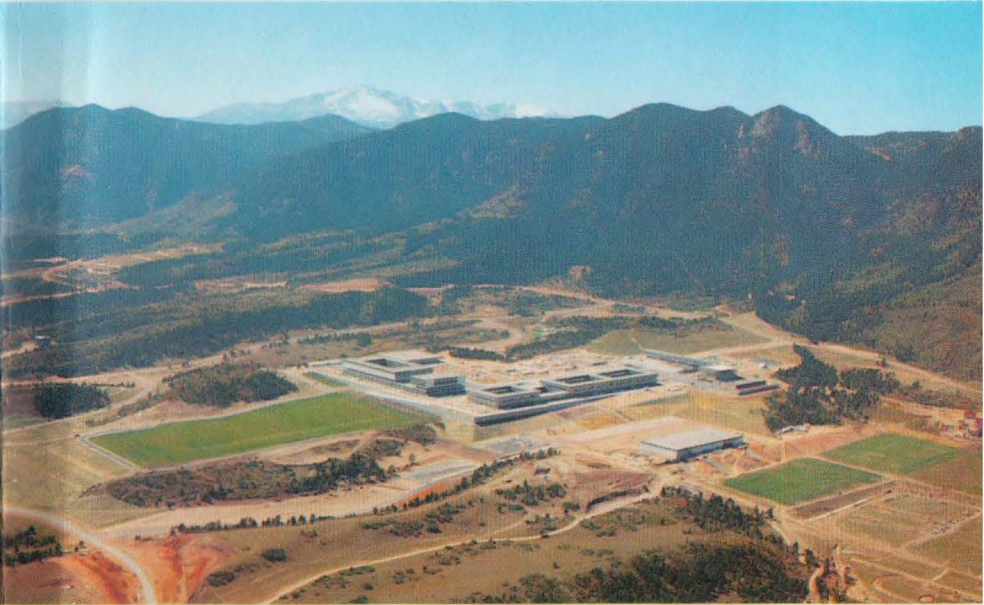
*The Falcon is Cadet Wing mascot and the Cadet bowl-ranked football team is known as "The Falcons."*

undergraduate Academy to provide a broad and secure foundation for continued growth of its products. He recognizes that tomorrow's Air Force will need scientists, in and out of uniform, and expects that many Academy graduates will go on to achieve some eminence in science and engineering, through post graduate study and service in research and development. But he points out that the Air Force of the future will need more than scientists: It will also need many officers with the stamina, the skill, and the adventurous spirit to pilot manned vehicles through air and space. In addition, he feels that, as future officers reach greater maturity and step into positions of broader responsibility, they must be able to merit and obtain the cooperation of civilian populations, both at home and abroad; to manage vast enterprises economically; to participate in the formulation of national policy; to lead other men; to plan and—if necessary—to execute military strategy and tactics.

In order to produce graduates with such qualifications and capabilities, the Academy's curriculum emphasizes general education in addition to that which is pointed more directly to professional military subjects. Recently, in an address, General Briggs put the matter this way:

"At the Air Force Academy we should not turn out narrow specialists in any field. Instead, we should strive to launch our graduates upon the main stream of thought and knowledge, to give them the fundamentals upon which future specialization in any Air Force career field may be based."





*A fitting backdrop to the Academy buildings and campus is the Rampart Range with Pikes Peak in the distance.*

A Department of Astronautics has been established to teach the fundamental physics of manned and unmanned flight through space. This department is headed by Colonel Benjamin P. Blasingame, who holds the degree of Doctor of Science from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and has been a leader in the development of the long-range Titan ballistic missile.

The cadet's professional education centers in the military airmanship program, which includes military studies, flying training, and physical education. Upon graduation, a cadet will receive a Bachelor of Science degree, a commission as a second lieutenant, and the wings of a navigator. While at the Academy he practices aerial navigation in navigational training aircraft known as "flying classrooms." He also receives an introduction to pilot training, al-

though full-scale pilot training waits until after graduation.

In addition, the cadet studies the principles of Air Force management and leadership and the application of those principles. He learns about the organization, support and employment of air, sea and land forces and about the national security structure. This instruction includes firsthand observation at U. S. and allied military installations.

Supplementing the Air Force Academy is a community center for civilian employes which includes homes, schools, churches, theater, post office, supermarket shopping center, and recreational facilities. The post office address is United States Air Force Academy, Colorado. Regular bus tours to the Academy are offered by The Gray Line from both Denver and Colorado Springs.



*Fall scene, San Juan Mountains*

## **SAN ISABEL National Forest**

Lying in the heart of the blood-red Sangre de Cristo range of mountains, southwest of Pueblo, is the primitive San Isabel National Forest. Here are hundreds of towering peaks, some soaring to 14,000 feet. This range has been pronounced the longest, highest, straightest and most rugged single line range in the world. In the San Isabel Forest region is a notable variety of scenery that takes you from the tropics to the arctic. There are hot springs; weird and mysterious Marble Cave of unknown depth; bottomless lakes and freshwater lakes without



inlet or outlet; a disappearing river; Royal Arch, a huge natural bridge; prehistoric Indian hieroglyphics; the Huerfano Glacier, most southern glacier in the Rockies; great stretches of verdant forests in which there is a teeming bird and animal life, and a host of other scenic wonders.

## MESA VERDE National Park

Tucked away in the far southwest corner of Colorado is Mesa Verde National Park, strangest, perhaps, of all of the wonders of this wonderful state. Caves built into the sheer canyon cliffs are the remains of the dwellings of a long-forgotten race, whose civilization is traced back to about the time of the birth of Christ. Strangely enough, many of the dwellings are in a good state of preservation. Buses operate from Grand Junction, Montrose and Durango during the summer season.

National Park Headquarters and

Spruce Tree Lodge are 19 miles from the Park entrance. For Lodge accommodations write Mancos, Colo. There are also accommodations in the many nearby historic and interesting towns.





# DUDE RANCHES

## IN COLORADO

The "dude ranch" vacation is annually becoming more popular with Americans. This type vacation usually includes a lot of horseback riding along scenic mountain trails, and in addition fishing, swimming, dancing, picnicking, moonlight rides to steak fries and wiener roasts, witnessing impromptu rodeos, and in general entering into the life of a real west-



*Crystal clear trout streams beckon the angler.*





ern cattle ranch. Such a vacation pays large dividends in health, effected by long hours in the open, and in relief to frayed nerves grown weary of the noise and bustle of our cities. Prac-

tically every section of Colorado has its quota of these dude ranches offering all degrees of comfort and accommodations. Some have elaborate facilities for the comfort and entertainment of guests or "dudes," while others offer a more-or-less "rough and ready" ranch life.

Guests are provided with their own horse and saddle for the duration of their stay. Under the watchful eye of friendly "wranglers" it is almost impossible to get hurt, and these colorful characters know the West like you know your own front yard. And, to top off each day of appetite-whetting outdoor activity there are wonderful meals, the like of which you don't get in the city. Fresh vegetables from the ranch garden and all the fresh, cream-topped milk you can drink make ranch meals a gourmet's delight. No need to mention that you'll sleep "like a log" in the crisp mountain atmosphere.





*The "ol' swimmin' hole" was never like this.*

## BOYS' AND GIRLS' CAMPS

Colorado has many excellent dude ranches and camps which are specifically for the youngsters from about eight years of age up through the "teens." Many of these are less than a day's ride from Denver.

The regularity with which many youngsters return year after year to these places testifies to their popularity with the younger set, as well as with the parents who notice the improvement in strong and robust bodies and a new keenness which helps in their studies.

Activities vary at each place, but the general list includes riding (with appropriate lessons in horsemanship), overnight saddle trips, fishing,

forestry, Indian lore and nature study. At some camps tennis, softball, track and field sports, handicrafts, rifle practice, archery, swimming and boating also may be enjoyed. All activities are under the supervision of experienced tutors and counselors, who are, for the most part, college men and women.

For the youngsters, a vacation at a Colorado camp is a momentous experience and an unforgettable thrill.

Union Pacific publishes a comprehensive directory of dude ranches along its railroad, including many in Colorado. It's yours for the asking! Call at or write any of the offices shown on page 44 of this booklet.



*Ski touring at Berthoud Pass*

## COLORADO'S WINTER WONDERLANDS

Colorado skiing long has been recognized by experts and novices alike as one of the greatest attractions of the nation's highest state.

The spectacular high country of the Rocky Mountains provides a long season, extending from mid-November to mid-May, and a variety of snow conditions and slopes to satisfy every skier's taste.

Because of the unique climate of the high country, "powder snow" prevails at all Colorado winter sports areas. The fine, light powder of the mountains is made to order for those who like zest and life in their skiing.

Bright, warm sunshine and thin, fresh air is the rule in Colorado's Rockies, and it's not unusual to find

pretty girls clad in bathing suits skiing on six inches of new powder atop a solid six-foot base of snow pack.

Throughout the state, many complete winter sports areas have been developed in recent years. A continuous program of improvement over the years has resulted in the building of facilities that are complete and of high enough quality to rank with the world's best.

Most major areas are located within a few hours of Denver, and can be reached by railroad, bus or auto over fine paved roads.

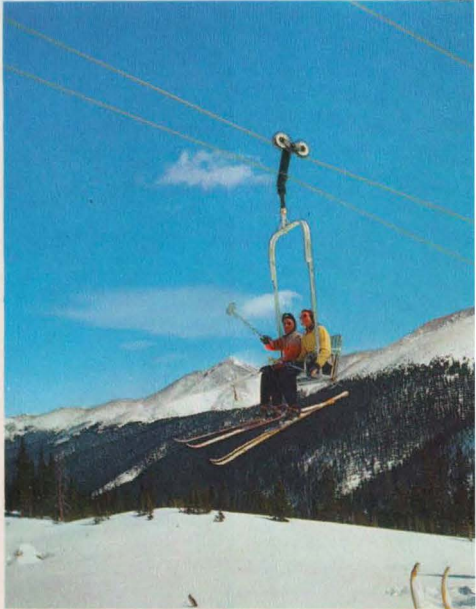
Among the major areas are Aspen, Hidden Valley, Steamboat Springs, Glenwood Springs, Arapahoe Basin, Winter Park, Berthoud Pass, Love-

land Basin, Climax, Cooper Hill, Monarch Pass, Wolf Creek Pass and Pikes Peak.

Aspen, already famed as one of the nation's great winter sports resorts, opened for the 1958-59 season with two entirely new areas, virtually tripling its facilities to the extent that its many lifts now can accommodate up to 8000 skiers an hour.

Major new facilities also were installed for the 1958-59 season at Arapahoe Basin, Loveland Basin, Winter Park, Berthoud Pass, and Hidden Valley, the new development in Rocky Mountain National Park near the village of Estes Park.

Open for week-long seven-day operation are all facilities at Arapahoe and Loveland Basins, Winter Park, Berthoud Pass, Aspen, Steam-



*Going up at Berthoud Pass*

*Sun-tanning is also a popular winter sport*





*View of ski-lift and ski runs at Winter Park*

boat Springs and Glenwood Springs. Other areas operate on weekends and holidays.

Complete and detailed information about Colorado's ski areas, their accommodations, and transportation facilities to them may be obtained by writing to the Colorado Ski Information Center, 225 West Colfax Avenue, Denver.

Detailed reports on snow conditions and highways are issued each Tuesday and Thursday by the Ski Information Center. These reports are available to all publications, travel agencies, ski clubs, transportation companies and other groups interested in winter sports.

During the season, many major regional and national skiing events are held at Colorado's ski areas.



*View of Aspen Village*



*The Snowy Range is a paradise for hunters and fishermen*

## MEDICINE BOW NATIONAL FOREST

### THE SNOWY RANGE

In southern Wyoming, resting on the northern Colorado boundary, is the Medicine Bow National Forest, one of our largest national forests. It can be easily reached by transcontinental travelers or Wyoming visitors by short motor trips from Laramie or Rawlins, Wyoming, on the main line of the Union Pacific. This region includes the beautiful Snowy Range area which abounds in lakes and streams. This magnificent range of mountains is dominated by Medicine Bow Peak. The entire region, dotted with glacial lakes, is wild and primi-

tive, affording big game hunting for bear, mountain lion, deer, and antelope. Many wild fowl are also to be found in the area. The streams and lakes are well stocked with Rainbow, German Brown and native trout. The entire region holds a special lure for the sportsman as well as the vacationist. There are comfortable lodges such as Saratoga Inn and Medicine Bow Lodge. For list of the fine dude ranches in this area see our booklet "Dude Ranches Out West." Lodge or ranch cars will meet guests at Laramie or Rawlins by appointment.



## UNION PACIFIC SERVES DENVER FROM MORE TRANS-CONTINENTAL TERMINALS THAN ANY OTHER RAILROAD

One of the reasons for the popularity of Denver and Colorado as a vacation destination is due to its being so conveniently located in mid-America. A glance at the map on the back cover of this booklet will show how completely Denver is served by Union Pacific's two "Main Line" routes from the East, and by three "Main Line" routes from Pacific Coast terminals.

Between Chicago-DENVER-Portland: the Domeliner "City of Portland"—"City of Denver" is the only train with three types of the newest dome cars: the Dome Diner (found only on Union Pacific), a Dome Coach and a Dome Lounge Car . . . plus the beautiful Pullman Redwood Lounge Car. The Pullman Sleeping Cars are of latest design with choice of bedrooms, roomettes and berth accommodations. The Coaches are, likewise, of newest design with individually reclining backs and full-length leg rests. Foam rubber cushioned seats assure head-to-toe comfort day or night.

Between St. Louis-Kansas City-DENVER-California: the Domeliner

"City of St. Louis" is the most popular train serving Denver enroute to and from Southern California. Enroute it also provides service between Denver, Salt Lake City and the Las Vegas-Hoover Dam area. There is a new Dome Coach for coach patrons and a Dome Lounge Car for Pullman passengers. As on all Union Pacific Domeliners the Pullman sleeping cars and the Coaches are of latest style designed for your complete comfort. There are also through Coaches and Pullmans, and Dome car service, between Denver and San Francisco, via Ogden (Southern Pacific).

Whether you are going to Colorado for vacation pleasure or business . . . you'll find the most pleasant, safest, and comfortable way to go is by train . . . by Union Pacific. Relaxation begins the minute you step aboard, you leave your cares behind, avoid the hazards of "driving yourself" over congested highways . . . arrive at your destination refreshed and ready for vacation fun, or to tackle a business meeting.



## "MEALS THAT APPEAL"

Experienced travelers tell us, and we believe them, that they enjoy their meals more on Union Pacific than on any other railroad. Not only do they praise the quality of the food but also they emphasize the courteous and gracious service. Skilled chefs prepare fresh foods, and courteous waiters serve you under the watchful supervision of an attentive Steward.

Union Pacific dining cars have repeatedly won U. S. Department of Health awards for sanitation.

There is a variety of dining car service, at popular prices, from the luxurious Dome Dining Cars, to the Standard Dining Car, or in peak seasons in new Coffee Shop-Lounge Cars. There are Special Menus for Children, or they may have half-portioned of regular meals. If special dietary meals are needed, they too will be prepared.

We invite you to try Union Pacific's fine Domeliners . . . you'll be glad you did, as are thousands of other satisfied passengers.

## FAMILY PLAN FARES

Union Pacific trains serving Colorado offer money-saving advantages for family groups, or husband and wife, traveling by either Coach or Pullman. Family fares can be purchased for either one-way or round trip. The head of the family pays regular fare, wife and children get greatly reduced fares. Your trip must start on a Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday, but return trip may start any day. If necessary the head of the family may return alone but rest of group must return together. Liberal stopovers are also permitted.



*It's like "Roof Garden" dining in a Dome Diner*



*Latest style Coaches assure comfort with economy*



*Pullman rooms afford privacy, comfort and safety*



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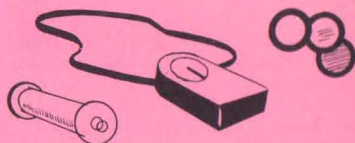
The Department of Tours of the Union Pacific Railroad operates escorted, all-expense tours to the major scenic regions of Colorado outlined in this book, also to other western national parks, California and the Pacific Northwest. These low-cost tours include every necessary item of expense. In addition, a courteous, well-informed escort accompanies each party to relieve you of all arrangements and travel details. All you need to do is sit back and enjoy every minute of your vacation.

For detailed information and literature address Union Pacific Department of Tours, One South La Salle Street, Chicago 3, Illinois, or ask any Union Pacific representative.

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## BRING YOUR CAMERA

Colorado offers a wide variety of picture material.

Mountain lakes and streams and snow-clad peaks provide an endless variety of composition in both black and white and color.

An exposure meter is desirable in this country on account of the wide variety of subject matter that will be photographed. Pictures embracing a large area of green timber will require more exposure, as also will pictures with a large shadow area. A medium yellow filter and panchromatic film will prove desirable for black and white pictures.

June and July are excellent picture months for Colorado, although the photographer may be interrupted by rain or even snow storms. August and September are also good photographic months, but when you are shooting color at that time of year, you will find that the fresh green colors are beginning to fade into brown.

Your questions about photography will be answered fully and completely if you will address Manager, Photographic Department, Union Pacific R.R., 1416 Dodge St., Omaha 2, Nebraska.

# Famous Vacation-Lands

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In addition to Colorado the Union Pacific serves many of the West's other national parks and outstanding scenic and recreational areas — pictured on this page.

No other railroad directly serves so many of these places, so when you travel to or from Colorado via Union Pacific you can conveniently include one or more in your itinerary.

Any Union Pacific representative will be happy to help you with your vacation plans.

*See list of Union Pacific offices on following page.*

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## CALIFORNIA



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## YELLOWSTONE NAT'L PARK



## GRAND TETON NAT'L PARK



# Union Pacific Travel Offices

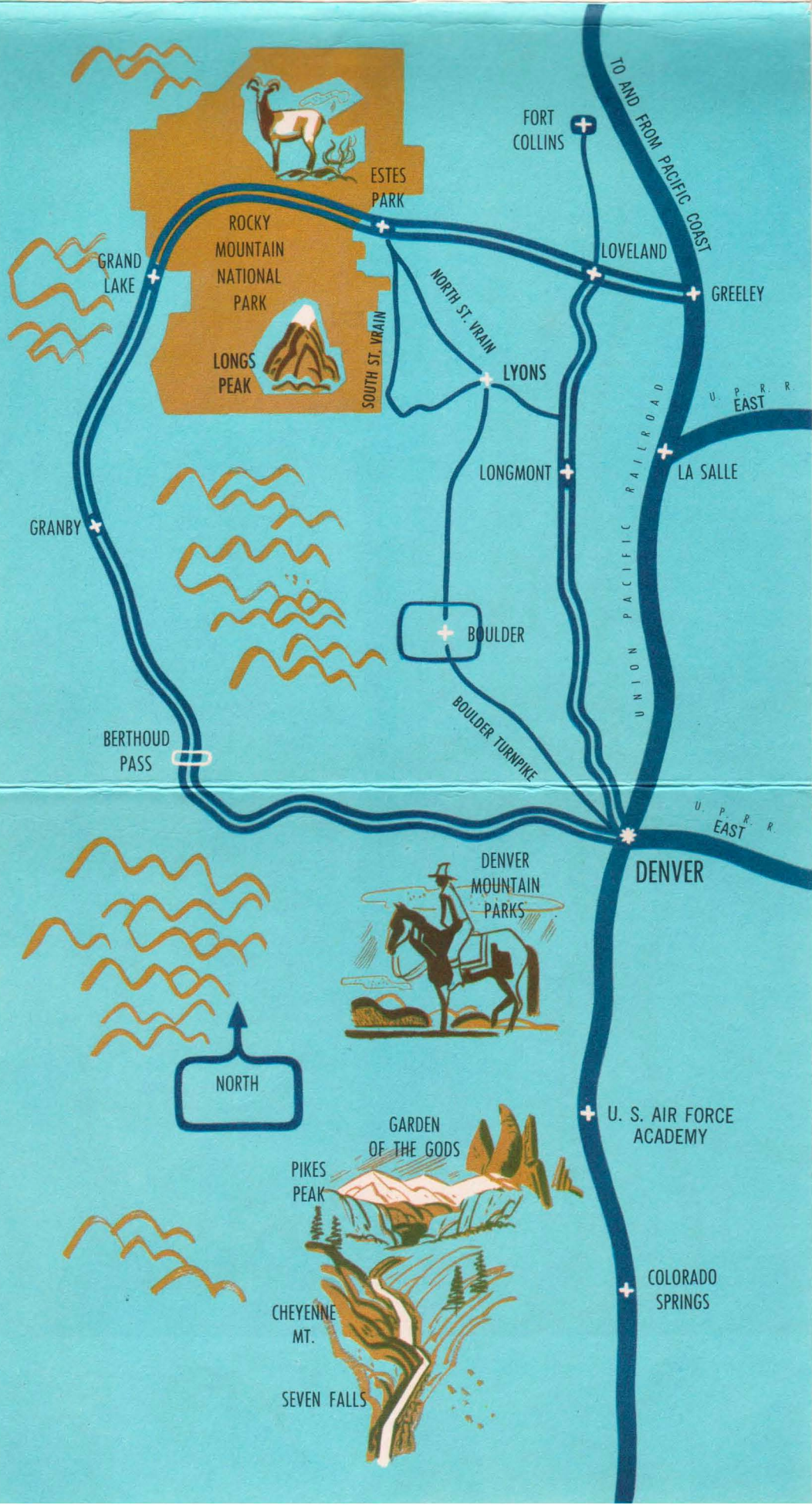
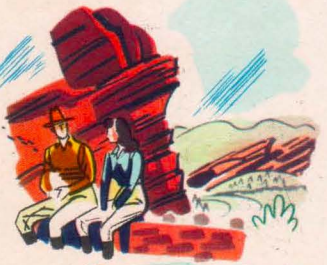
## Plan Your Trip With Expert Help

Let one of Union Pacific's courteous and informed representatives assist you with the details of your trip. There is no cost to you and you will find his helpful suggestions will add materially to your enjoyment of the trip. Write, phone, or call at any of the Union Pacific offices listed below.

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Alhambra, Cal.....51 S. Garfield Ave.  
Astoria, Ore.....968 Commercial St.  
Atlanta 3, Ga.....705 Fulton Nat'l Bank Bldg.  
Bend, Ore.....1054 Bond St.  
Beverly Hills, Cal.....9571 Wilshire Blvd.  
Birmingham 3, Ala.....701 Brown-Marx Bldg.  
Boise, Ida.....Idaho Bldg., 212 N. 8th St.  
Boston 8, Mass.....294 Washington St.  
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Des Moines 9, Ia.....407 Equitable Bldg.  
Detroit 26, Mich.....612 Book Bldg.  
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Eugene, Ore.....163 East 12th Ave.  
Fresno 1, Cal.....207 Rowell Bldg.  
Glendale 3, Cal.....404 1/2 N. Brand Blvd.  
Hollywood 28, Cal.....6702 Hollywood Blvd.  
Huntington Park, Cal.....7002 Pacific Blvd.  
Kansas City 6, Mo.....2 E. Eleventh St.  
Las Vegas, Nev.....Union Pacific Station  
Lewiston, Idaho.....Room 7, Union Depot  
Lincoln 8, Nebr.....234 S. 13th St.  
Long Beach 2, Cal.....144 Pine Ave.  
Los Angeles 14, Cal.....434 W. Sixth St.  
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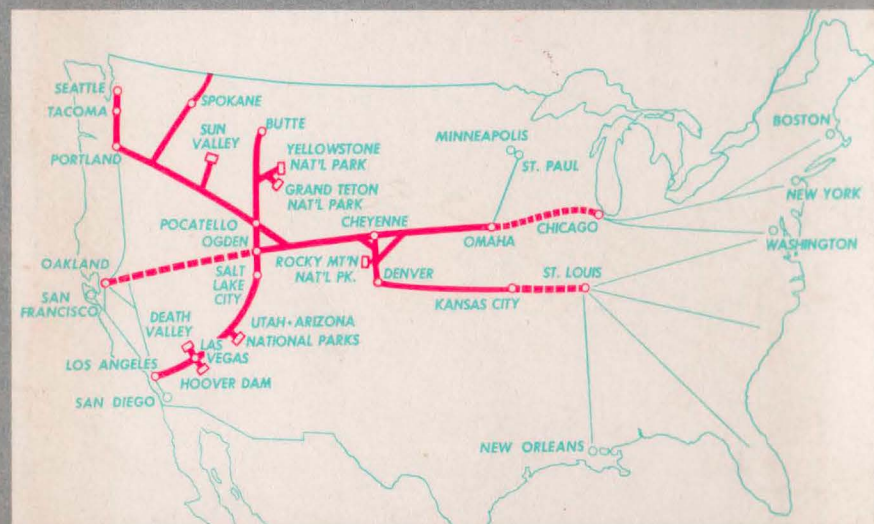
New York 20, N. Y.....626 Fifth Ave.  
Suite 350, Rockefeller Center  
Oakland 12, Cal.....214 Central Bldg.  
Ogden, Utah.....Ben Lomond Hotel Bldg.  
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Portland 5, Ore.....701 S. W. Washington St.  
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