

# colorado

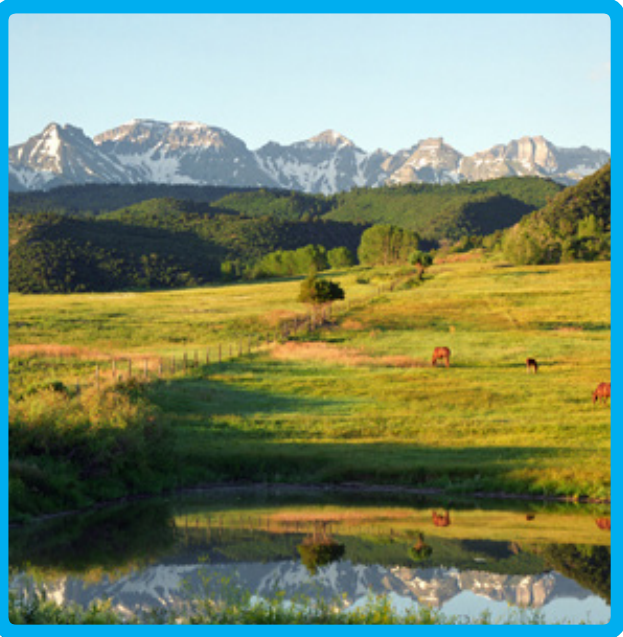
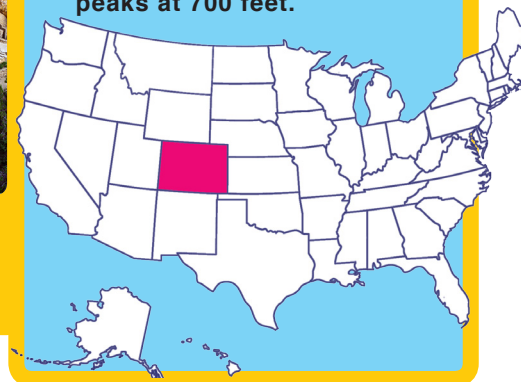
## parks for kids



### Buddy Bison's Fact Bites!

- Colorado is the only state that is entirely above 1,000 meters in elevation.
- In 1976, the state of Colorado turned down the Winter Olympics because of the resulting cost, pollution and population boom.
- Colorado is nicknamed the "Centennial State."
- The tallest sand dune in America can be found in the Great Sand Dunes National Monument in Colorado. It peaks at 700 feet.

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### 1. Mesa Verde National Park

Visit the Chapin Mesa Archaeological Museum to learn all about the people who used to live there or take the train to Long House Trail to see one of the biggest houses in Mesa Verde. Hike the Petroglyph Point Trail!

### 2. Mueller State Park

Go to the visitor center to learn about the prominent land formations, hike the Wapiti Self-Guided Nature Trail or try your hand at cross-country skiing and snowshoeing. Find the Lost Pond then camp overnight.

### 3. Eldorado Canyon State Park

Go rock climbing, hike the Fowler Trail, go mountain biking, or look at the continental divide from the viewpoint on Rattlesnake Gulch Trail.

### 4. Lory State Park

Hike the Well Gulch Nature Trail to learn about local ecology, then traverse Waterfall Trail to view a series of waterfalls. Camp overnight or go horseback riding.

### 5. Dinosaur National Monument

Become a Junior Ranger! See dinosaur bones, take a long hike, go fishing, stay overnight, and be sure to see the petroglyphs.

### 6. Hovenweep National Monument

Listen to a presentation about the park and its inhabitants or hike the Square Tower Group Trail and complete a booklet of activities from the visitor center. Become a certified Junior Ranger!

### 7. Curecanti National Recreation Area

Keep your eyes peeled for a bald eagle if you're visiting in the winter! Camp overnight; go fishing, horseback riding, or swimming; or hike the Neversink Trail.

