

## Must See Denver Attractions

### Outdoor Adventure

Come early or stay over to enjoy numerous **skiing** opportunities 2 hours or less from Denver. For a quick opportunity, try **Echo Mountain**, just 36 miles from downtown with 9 runs - some suitable for beginners. **Loveland Ski** area is just 53 miles from downtown Denver and offers 1,365 diverse acres of terrain and breathtaking views from the second-highest chairlift in the world. If you're looking for something more advanced, **Arapahoe Basin Ski** area is less than 90 minutes from Denver has a clear focus on extreme terrain for the veteran skier.

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Denver offers miles of **hiking** trails suitable for all abilities. For urban hiking in the heart of Denver, try the 2.5 mile loop at **City Park** or the 3.5 mile loop at **Confluence Park**. If you're looking for nature and wildlife, try the 2.5 mile **Lowry Park** loop for view of both downtown Denver and the Rocky Mountains. Finally, the **Rocky Mountain Arsenal National Wildlife Refuge** offers more than 15 miles of hiking trails.

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**Rocky Mountain National Park** offers 415 square miles of spectacular mountain environments. Visit the overlooks on **Trial Ridge Road** or explore 300 miles of hiking, wildlife, and star-filled nights. Just 90 minutes from Denver visit not-to-miss experiences in Colorado Springs like the **Garden of the Gods** and **Pikes Peak**.

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### Art

**The Art District on Santa Fe** is a hub of Denver's art scene with 30 galleries and artist studios. The Santa Fe offers everything from contemporary and traditional art in a variety of styles including painting, sculpture, mixed media, photography, and graphic art. **The Golden Triangle Creative District** is home to eight museums and 15 galleries, including the **Walker Fine Art** gallery, as well as specialty art stores. Explore the history of Abstract Expressionism at the **Clyfford Still Museum**. Learn about the African American men and women who helped settled and develop the west at the **Black American West Museum** located in the former home of Dr. Justina Ford, the first Black female doctor in Denver.

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### Shopping

Denver has a variety of neighborhood boutiques offering one-of-a-kind gifts. **Rockmount Ranch Wear** is a Denver landmark making Western wear since before the streets were paved dressing celebrities and locals alike. **Larimer Square** is a one-stop shopping destination housed in historic buildings with everything from home furnishings, custom hats, jewelry, and apparel. Settle in at the **Tattered Cover Book Store** - one of the country's largest independent book stores - for hot tea, snacks, and an extensive selection of books.

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### Family Friendly

Denver is full of family-friendly fun. Start at **City Park** to enjoy the best of outdoor activities like hiking (see above), tennis courts, horseshoes, two lakes, and two playgrounds. Lions and Tigers and Bears - oh my! Take a walk on the wild side by visiting the **Denver Zoo** offering 83 acres and over 3,000 animals. A variety of animal encounters are also available year round. Also located at City Park is the **Denver Museum of Nature and Science**. Opened in 1868, the Museum strives to encourage a passion for science and nature with exhibits focusing on everything from gems and minerals and space to Egyptian Mummies and North American Indian cultures. The **Downtown Aquarium** is a unique public aquarium and dining/entertainment complex with over a million gallons of underwater exhibits home to over 500 species.

### Helpful Resources:

- Visit Denver - [www.denver.org](http://www.denver.org)
- Denver Black Pages - Connect to Black Denver - <https://denverblackpages.com/>
- LGBTQ+ Denver Resources - <https://www.denver.org/about-denver/lgbt/>
- Explore Denver Video - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UHMV5WK4anA>