

Hiking in Colorado: Places to Go, What to Know



Favorite local hikes by the staff of the Outdoor Adventure Program

Fort Collins Area

<u>Name</u>	<u>Difficulty</u>	<u>Description</u>
Arthur's Rock (Lory State Park)	Moderate (1.7 mi one way)	The Arthur's Rock Trail is probably the most popular trail in Lory State Park. It makes a moderate climb for 1.7 miles to the base of Arthur's Rock, offering great views of Horsetooth Reservoir and the city of Fort Collins. Dogs ok on leash.
Horsetooth Rock (Horsetooth Mountain Park)	Moderate (1.4 mi one way)	The Horsetooth Rock Trail is located in Horsetooth Mountain Park. This is a great half-day hike with views of Fort Collins and Horsetooth Reservoir at the top. A park permit is required and can be purchased at the trailhead. Dogs ok on leash.
Greyrock (Poudre Canyon)	Moderate (4.5 mi one way Meadow Trail, 3.2 mi one way Summit Trail)	Greyrock Trail is 19.4 miles from Fort Collins up the Poudre Canyon. The trail starts on the opposite side of the Poudre River from the parking area. It climbs gently west for about 0.6 miles to a junction where it splits into the Meadow and Summit trails. These trails take different routes and rejoin near the summit. It is about 0.9 miles from the junction to the summit of Greyrock. Dogs ok on leash, but many are running off-leash.

Rocky Mountain National Park, Estes Park, Colorado

<u>Name</u>	<u>Difficulty</u>	<u>Description</u>
Twin Sisters Peaks (Estes Park)	Moderate (3.7 mi one way)	Twin Sisters Peaks is located just south of Estes Park on Highway 7. This is a great day hike with just over 2400 feet of elevation gain in just under 4 miles to the first peak. The hike to Twin Sisters is quite popular for its magnificent view of Longs Peak. Dogs not permitted.
Gem Lake (Estes Park)	Moderate (2 mi one way)	Gem Lake, located just outside Estes Park, is a remarkable and popular destination. It's a steady climb to the lake; starting below the striking Twin Owls and ending with a steep stone staircase. Dogs not permitted.

Pingree Park, Colorado

<u>Name</u>	<u>Difficulty</u>	<u>Description</u>
Emmaline Lake (Commanche Peaks Wilderness)	Moderate (5.9 mi one way)	Emmaline Lake is located 50 miles from Fort Collins near Pingree Park. The trailhead is located at the Tom Bennett Campground, 15 miles up the Pingree Park Road. Going all the way to Emmaline Lake makes for a challenging day for an experienced hiker. Cirque Meadows is a nice intermediary stop along the way. This trail is rewarding regardless of the distance traveled. Dogs on leash only.

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Colorado State Forest State Park

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Lake Agnes (Gould, Colorado)	Easy (0.8 mi one way)	Lake Agnes Trail is located west on Colorado Highway 14 over Cameron Pass approximately 68 miles from Fort Collins. A mere 1.6 miles, the round-trip hike to scenic Lake Agnes is ripe with rewards. Nestled beneath both the Nokhu Craggs and Mount Richthofen, this sparkling lake promises both incredible photo opportunities and good high-country fishing for those who make the short climb. Dogs ok on leash.
Kelly Lake (Gould, Colorado)	Moderate to Difficult (4.5 mi one way)	Isolated on the west side of the Rawah Wilderness, this high mountain lake has it all: isolation, great scenery and good fishing. Access is through the main entrance to the Colorado State Forest State Park near Gould, Colorado. Take County Road 41 (10 miles) to it's terminus and hike through aspen, lodgepole and finally spruce forests. The effort is worth it. Dogs ok on leash.

Red Feather Lakes, Colorado

<u>Name</u>	<u>Difficulty</u>	<u>Description</u>
Mount Margaret	Easy (3.9 mi one way)	Mount Margaret Trail is located northwest of Fort Collins in the Poudre Canyon area near Red Feather Lakes. Except for the last leg of the trail, it follows an old road bed. This trail is easy to hike and provides a relaxing walk through beautiful scenery. Dogs on leash.

Vedauwoo, Wyoming

<u>Name</u>	<u>Difficulty</u>	<u>Description</u>
Turtle Rock Trail	Moderate (3 miles round trip)	Vedauwoo means "earth spirit", and it is well named. The looming granite domes soar everywhere, while sagebrush meadows alternate with aspen groves. This loop trail takes only 2 hours but offers unique scenery and isolation. Loop starts and finishes in the Vedauwoo Glen Recreation Area off I-80, 23 miles east of Laramie. Dogs ok on leash.

Snowy Range, Wyoming

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Medicine Bow Peak	Moderate to Difficult (1.6 mi one way)	Medicine Bow Peak is located in the rugged, beautiful mountains of the Snowy Range in central southern Wyoming west of Laramie. Medicine Bow Peak is the highest peak in the Snow Range. This hike can be continued on with the Medicine Bow Peak Trail for a nice 3 mile loop. Dogs ok on leash.

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