Colorado Byways: A Guide Through Scenic And Historic Landscapes

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Scenic drives through parks and along state highways are some of the best ways to see the amazing sites that the state has to offer. Remnants of the cultures that inhabited the area and the dinosaurs that once roamed the land can be seen and better understood by visiting some of the national parks and monuments. Garden of the Gods, a registered National Natural Landmark, is a unique landscape of jagged stone towers and fins jutting up 300 feet from the earth, and giant balanced boulders and rock piles dotting the landscape, with distant mountains completing the scene. Almost equally impressive is the Mount Evans Scenic Byway, which extends almost to the summit. This is the highest paved road in the United States, reaching over 14,130 feet. Highway of Legends Scenic Byway, Lariat Loop Scenic and Historic Byway, Los Caminos Antiguos Scenic and Historic Byway[citation needed], Pawnee Pioneer Trails[citation needed], Peak to Peak Scenic and Historic Byway, San Juan Skyway National Scenic Byway[a], Santa Fe National Historic Trail[b] and Santa Fe Trail National Scenic Byway[a], Silver Thread Scenic Byway[1].

Colorado is noted for its landscape of mountains, forests, high plains, mesas, canyons, plateaus, rivers. Denver is the capital and the most populous city of Colorado, residents of the state are properly known as Coloradans, although the term Coloradoan has been used archaically and lives on in the title of Fort Collins newspaper, the Coloradoan.