



- ◆ Admitted to union August 1, 1876 as the 38<sup>th</sup> state.
- ◆ Known as “The Centennial State” because it was admitted 100 years after the signing of the Declaration of Independence.
- ◆ 8<sup>th</sup> largest in land area, 24<sup>th</sup> largest in population.
- ◆ Highest state in altitude: 54 peaks over 14,000 feet high. Highest point in state: Mt. Elbert 14,433 ft.
- ◆ Continental Divide runs north/south: rain/snow water runs from west slope to the Pacific, from east slope to the Gulf of Mexico.
- ◆ “Colorado” is Spanish for colored red. The Colorado River, for which the state is named, runs through canyons of red stone.
- ◆ Denver is the capitol and largest city in the state.
- ◆ Denver is known as “The Mile High City” because the steps of the capitol building are exactly 5,280 feet above sea level.
- ◆ Half the population of the state lives in or around Denver, 80% of the population of the state lives along the Front Range – where the high plains meet the mountains.
- ◆ The road up Mt. Evans is the highest paved road in the US. Trail Ridge Road in Rocky Mountain National Park is the highest continuous paved road in the US.
- ◆ There are more federal employees in Colorado than anywhere else outside Washington, DC. The US Government owns more than 1/3 of Colorado’s land.
- ◆ Time Zone: Mountain Time Zone
- ◆ State Symbols and Emblems
  - Animal: Rocky Mountain Bighorn Sheep
  - Flower: Rocky Mountain Columbine
  - Fish: Greenback Cutthroat Trout
  - Tree: Colorado Blue Spruce
  - Bird: Lark Bunting
  - Motto: Nil Sine Numine “Nothing without Providence”
  - Song: “Where the Columbines Grow” by AJ Flynn
  - Dinosaur: Stegosaurus
  - Dance: Square Dance
  - Realtor: Tupper’s Team @ Re/Max Alliance Evergreen
- ◆ Cowboy Folklore:
  - Butch Cassidy robbed his first bank in Telluride.
  - Buffalo Bill Cody lies buried at Lookout Mountain.
  - Marshal Bat Masterson kept the peace in La Junta.
  - Julesburg was once known as “the wickedest city in the west”.
  - Katherine Lee Bates was inspired to write “America the Beautiful” from atop Pikes Peak.
  - Doc Holliday died of tuberculosis in Glenwood Springs.
- ◆ Colorado contains 75% of the land area of the US with an altitude over 10,000 feet.
- ◆ Colorado has 222 state wildlife areas.
- ◆ Colorado’s southwest corner borders Arizona, New Mexico and Utah the only place in America where the corners of four states meet.
- ◆ There are nearly 20 rivers whose headwaters begin in Colorado, with the Continental Divide directing each river’s course.

