Points of Interest

1. Gateway (MM1)
2. Camera Point: Overlooks Ute Pass, US 24 & the City of Cascade (MM2)
3. Crowe Gulch; First view of Pikes Peak (MM3)
4. Have you seen Bigfoot? (MM3.5)
5. Crystal Reservoir Visitor Center (MM6)
6. Pikes Peak Hill Climb Start Line (MM7.5)
7. Halfway Picnic Grounds (MM10)
9. 11 Mile: Views of N. Catamount, S. Catamount & Crystal Reservoirs (MM11)
10. Ski Area (MM11.5)
11. Glen Cove (MM13)
13. Double Cut (MM14.5)
14. The Switchbacks (MM15-16)
15. Devil’s Playground & 16-Mile Turnout: Views of “Switchbacks”, Pikes Peak Reservoirs, Platte River Valley north to the Continental Divide (MM16)
16. Bottomless Pit: View of the Sangre De Cristo Mountain Range and the Ghost Town Hollow Mine (approximately 1,500 ft. below the rock wall) (MM15.5)
17. Boulder Park (MM17.5)
18. Sheep Sign: Be on the lookout for Bighorn Sheep (MM18)
19. Cog Cut (MM19.5)
20. Summit: This view inspired Katherine Lee Bates to write “America the Beautiful” in 1893 (MM20)
About Pikes Peak

Pikes Peak forms a stunning backdrop for Colorado Springs and Garden of the Gods. With an altitude of 14,115 feet above sea level, it ranks 31st in elevation among Colorado’s 54 “Fourteeners”.

Few places in the world so grand in scale are also accessible to experience first hand. The safe, scenic highway provides you the opportunity to enjoy Pikes Peak at your leisure. Along the way, you’ll discover the North Slope Recreation Area, Crystal Reservoir Gift Shop, Historic Glen Cove Inn, and the Summit House. There are three lakes for fishing (May–October), picnic areas, hiking trails, and breathtaking views.

Meet the Ranger

The grandeur of the mountain often piques the curiosity of visitors, and the “Meet the Ranger” program is the perfect place to find your answers. The program gives visitors a first-hand opportunity to learn from the experts about Pikes Peak’s history, geology, nature, wildlife, and events on the mountain.

TIMES AND LOCATIONS VARY

Look for the “Meet the Ranger” signs at presentation areas or ask our Pikes Peak Ranger staff.

In accordance with the ADA, anyone requiring an accommodation for any program should make the request no later than 48 hrs in advance.

Safety on the Mountain

CAUTION:
The drive is not recommended for infants under the age of 6 months or anyone with a history of cardiac, respiratory or other health problems. The thinner air at the summit makes it difficult to breathe.

RULES OF THE ROAD

DO NOT FEED THE WILDLIFE.

PLAN ON USING AT LEAST A HALF TANK OF FUEL. THE TRIP TO THE SUMMIT AND BACK IS 38 MILES AND USES 80 MILES OF FUEL.

RUNNING YOUR AIR CONDITIONER WHILE DRIVING UPHILL MAY CAUSE YOUR ENGINE TO OVERHEAT.

SPEED LIMIT IS 25 MPH UNLESS OTHERWISE POSTED.

DO NOT PASS ON BLIND CURVES OR DOUBLE YELLOW LINES.

STAY ON YOUR OWN SIDE OF THE ROAD. DO NOT CUT THE CORNERS.

USE A TURNOUT OR WIDE SPOT TO ALLOW OTHERS TO PASS. IF TRAFFIC BEHIND YOU GROWS TO MORE THAN THREE VEHICLES, LOOK FOR A DESIGNATED PULLOUT AND LET THE TRAFFIC PASS.

DRIVE DOWN THE MOUNTAIN IN LOW GEAR OR LOW RANGE TO PREVENT BRAKE FAILURE. USE L, 1, S, M (+/-) OR B.

BRAKING CONTINUOUSLY MAY CAUSE YOUR BRAKES TO OVERHEAT OR FAIL.

BICYCLISTS MUST RIDE SINGLE FILE AND OBEY ALL TRAFFIC REGULATIONS.

DRONES ARE PROHIBITED ON THE PIKES PEAK HIGHWAY CORRIDOR.

DO NOT LITTER. USE PROVIDED CONTAINERS.