

ANCIENT HISTORY

DINOSAURS & FOSSILS ABOUND HERE

The Rocky Mountain Dinosaur Center (RMDRC) was founded in 2004 by Mike and J.J. Triebold, of Triebold Paleontology Incorporated (TPI). RMDRC is located in downtown Woodland Park and encompasses 20,000 square feet, of which more than half is dedicated to exhibits. Visitors can see a wide collection of fossilized animals, see a working fossil laboratory and enjoy life-restoration as well as skeletons of these fascinating animals.

RMDRC holds over 30 life-sized specimens, primarily skeletons.

Mike Triebold has been collecting fossils for more than 20 years and has been featured on The Learning Channel's *Paleoworld*, the Discovery Channel's *Bone Head Detectives*, Fox television specials, *US News and World Report*, *Newsweek*, *National Geographic* and others.

RMDRC is home to many remarkable paleontological discoveries. It is now home to the world's largest complete fossil shark, which is approximately 25 feet long and is the largest skeleton found to date. This specimen is about 82 million years old.

For the kids, Woody's Paleo Playground includes a dig site, activities like create a dinosaur, dinosaur rubbings and educational videos non-stop.

Rocky Mountain Dinosaur Resource Center is located at 201 S. Fairview St. Woodland Park. For information call 719-686-1820 or visit rmdrc.com.

MORE FOSSIL AND DINOSAUR ATTRACTIONS

CANON CITY DINOSAUR DEPOT - Dinosaurs on display - the world's most complete Stegosaurus. Visit the Garden Park Fossil Area where it and many other dinosaurs have been excavated over the last 125 years. 330 Royal Gorge Blvd, Cañon City. 800-987-6379 dinosaurdepot.com

CLIFF DWELLINGS MUSEUM - MANITOU SPRINGS - Prehistoric Indian ruins. Displays of prehistoric artifacts, Native American dance performances. 719-685-5242 800-354-9971 cliffdwellingsmuseum.com



FLORISSANT FOSSIL BEDS NATIONAL MONUMENT

North of Cripple Creek about 28 miles, the peaceful ponderosa pine forests and rolling meadows of modern Florissant are a sharp contrast to the violent volcanic activity that occurred there millions of years ago.

Volcanic ash and mudflows preserved a priceless legacy - petrified redwood stumps and delicate plant and insect fossils dating to 35 million years ago. The historic Hornbek Homestead is located at the north end of the Monument.

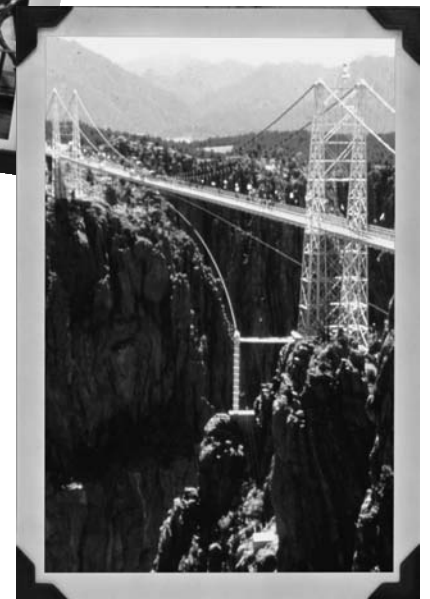
Enjoy visitor center exhibits, two self guided nature trails, hiking trails, and picnic areas. During the summer, a variety of ranger led programs are available.

Located about 18 miles north of Cripple Creek on Teller County Rd.1. 719-748 3253 nps.gov/flfo



ROYAL GORGE BRIDGE

Colorado's wonder. At 1,053 feet high, the panoramic vistas of the Gorge are as mesmerizing as the Grand Canyon.



The Bridge is a favorite destination for all ages. The park, open year round, offers a variety of attractions including an incline railway and aerial tram.

About the highest Suspension Bridge

- Construction on the world's highest suspension bridge began June 5, 1929, and completed Nov. 1929
- Length: 1,260 feet (384 meters)
- Width: 18 feet (5 meters)
- Main Span: 880 feet (268 meters)
- Towers: 150 feet high (46 meters)
- 2,100 strands of No. 9 galvanized wire
- Weight of cables: 300 tons
- 1,000 tons of steel in the floor of Bridge
- Walkway: made of 1,292 planks of deck; about 250 are replaced annually
- Original cost to build: \$350,000 with a cost today of about \$20 million
- Bridge will support in excess of two million pounds
- Listed on the National Historic Register

The park is located near Cañon City, an easy day trip from Cripple Creek & Victor.

For information, call 888-333-5597 or visit royalgorgebridge.com.

PIKES PEAK HISTORICAL SOCIETY MUSEUM

The Pikes Peak Historical Society Museum offers visitors an entertaining and educational tour of the Pikes Peak region, from early explorers to Ute Indians and Mountain Men to the early pioneers, railroads, and gold rush. Unique rocks, minerals, and fossils from the Florissant Lineament provide one of the richest geological exhibits in the Pikes Peak region. The Museum Gift Shop features beadwork and other crafts from the Northern Ute Indians, in addition to books on Colorado history and handmade crafts. This new museum is located at 18033 Teller County Road #1, across from the Florissant Post Office.

The Pikes Peak Historical Society Museum is open year round and admission is free. During the summer, the Museum is open daily, except Sunday and Tuesday, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Winter hours are Friday, Saturday and Monday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. For more information, call (719-748-8259 or visit pikespeakmuseum.org.