



3 Days, 300 Lakes & 3 Scenic Trails on the Grand Mesa

3 days

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Northwest Colorado's Grand Mesa is one of the largest flat-top mountains in the world, and its landscape sets it apart from much of the rest of Colorado — that so many lakes can be found so close together is a bit of an anomaly in this high-altitude state. Alexander Lake Lodge in Cedaredge is the perfect homebase for activities and exploration of the area.

Sustainability Activity

Travel Like a Local: There are special places and unique vistas around nearly every Colorado corner. You can help ensure these places exist for generations to come by staying on roads and trails, keeping speeds in check, leaving campsites and picnic spots just as you found them, and following instructional signs while you're out and about in our state.

Insider's Tip

The Reel Deal:

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The [Colorado Parks & Wildlife fishing app](#) can help you discover 1,300 fishing locations, check conditions and regulations and more. Search CPW Fishing in the Apple App Store and on Google Play.

Day 1

ACTIVITY

Grand Mesa - Scenic and Historic Byway

The byway climbs through Plateau Creek to cool evergreen forests.

LUNCH

Mesa Lakes Lodge

Mesa Lakes Lodge has cabin rentals and a full service restaurant. It is located on the Grand Mesa, only an hour from Grand Junction or Montrose.

ACTIVITY

Fishing in Jumbo, Mesa Lake and Waterdog Reservoirs

At 800 square miles, Colorado's Grand Mesa is one of the largest flat-top mountains in the world, and its landscape sets it apart from much of the rest of Colorado ? that so many lakes can be found so close together is a bit of an anomaly in this high-altitude.

ACTIVITY

Dine, Dance & Sleep at Alexander Lake Lodge

The perfect place to settle for the night, this lodge in Cedaredge is your one-stop shop for the evening's activities.

Day 2

Insider's Tip

Breakfast at the Lodge: Stick around the lunch for your morning meal before heading out for adventure.

ACTIVITY

Hike Crag Crest National Recreation Trail

The Crag Crest National Recreation Trail is a 10.3 mile circular trail consisting of a crest portion and a loop portion. It is recommended that you get an early start to avoid afternoon thunderstorms.

COTREX

[Map the Trail](#)

LUNCH

Grand Mesa Lodge

Be at the center of it all on the Grand Mesa Colorado. Enjoy the breathtaking scenery any time of the year. 14 Cabins located on Island Lake. Views, views views from our restaurant and bar....

ACTIVITY

Hike Land O' Lakes Trail

Because of the scenic view it offers, the Land Of Lakes Trail #713 is one of the most used trails on the Grand Mesa. It is a very short trail which is paved for the entire distance, making for a quick and easy hike.

COTREX

[Map the Trail](#)

DINNER

RJ's Steakhouse

RJ's Steakhouse and Red Dog Saloon is a full service restaurant located on Hwy 65 the Grand Mesa Byway, just outside of scenic Cedaredge, Co. Dining room, Saloon, and Patio available for seating...

Insider's Tip

Stick Around R J's: Hang out for some post-meal live music and entertainment before heading back to your lodging.

LODGING

Alexander Lake Lodge

With a history dating back to the mid 1890s, Alexander Lake Lodge has become of a landmark in its own right! Cabins are available for rent. Restaurant bar free breakfast.

Day 3

Insider's Tip

Breakfast in Bed: Enjoy the early morning sunlight from your cabin as you make breakfast for yourself before climbing back in bed to relax one last time.

ACTIVITY

Guided SUP Tour at Alexander Lake Lodge

Have breakfast in your cabin before heading out on a stand-up paddleboard tour on the lodge's peaceful lake.

LUNCH

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ACTIVITY

Mountain Bike the Mesa Top Trail

Hit the singletrack on this popular new trail, with a relatively flat elevation.

COTREX

[Map the Trail](#)

Insider's Tip

Back to the Lodge: Settle in for dinner, dessert and a cozy campfire in your cabin.
Hello World.

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