



The Royal Gorge Region: The Warmer Side of Winter

3 days

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If you're seeking warmer climates in the colder months, visit the Royal Gorge region, where temperatures tend to stay warmer, thanks to the region's banana belt location. Your whole family can enjoy the area with trips to see dinosaurs, outdoor experiences and more.

## 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.

Day 1

### ACTIVITY

## Stroll along the Arkansas River

Stroll along Cañon City's Arkansas Riverwalk Trail, which follows the Arkansas River for more than seven miles, winding through wetlands, groves of cottonwoods and the John Griffin Regional Park ? a nature area located in central Cañon City. This is an ideal trail for those looking for a leisurely walk with beautiful scenery.

**Recommended Duration:** <https://tr> hours

### COTREX

[Map the Trail](#)

### LUNCH

## Bunk House Burgers

Bunk House Burgers is a locally owned, family partnership that is proud of its ranching history.

## ACTIVITY

### **The Winery at Holy Cross Abbey**

The Winery at Holy Cross Abbey has been making its own wines since 2002 and has won over 100 awards and medals in prestigious international wine competitions in the last 3 years alone. The...

## DINNER

### **Momo Sushi Bar, Wok & Grill**

Treat yourself today from our pan-Asian Kitchen or Sushi Bar Menu offering over 100 specialty items.

## ACTIVITY

### **Whitewater Bar & Grill**

The Whitewater Bar & Grill, Royal Gorge Rafting & Zipline tours make the perfect combination to any Colorado vacation! The Whitewater Bar & Grill is a rustic western style bar & grill with all of...

## Insider's Tip

### **Grab a Cold One:**

Have an ice-cold beer in a Mason jar at [Whitewater Bar and Grill](#) before heading off to bed.

## LODGING

### **Royal Gorge Cabins**

Royal Gorge Cabins offers 9 luxury cabin rentals in 1- and 2-bedroom sizes, as well as glamping tent rentals. Located 1 hour from Colorado Springs and 8 miles from Cañon City, the well-appointed...

Day 2

## BREAKFAST

### **Waffle Wagon**

Blueberry waffles, biscuits and gravy, breakfast burritos with green chili, great coffee and much more!

## ACTIVITY

### **The Royal Gorge Dinosaur Experience**

Experience the ultimate dinosaur adventure and home of the world-famous 'Bone Wars'! Come learn why our area is famous for dinos in a fun, guided museum tour and see fossils and casts of...

## LUNCH

### **Ortega's**

Check out our local Mexican food right in downtown Cañon City.

## ACTIVITY

### **Go Antiquing**

Head to Florence, Colorado's antique capital to peruse more than a dozen antique stores.

## DINNER

### **Papa's Pizza**

Papa's Restaurant has the best pizza in Florence and Fremont County, Colorado. Calzones, pasta, salads and sandwiches--all Excellent!

Call 719-784-7888 or visit for outstanding Italian!

## ACTIVITY

### **Green Parrot Lounge**

The Parrot ? booze and food, wifi, pool tables, dart boards, shuffle boards and video games.

## LODGING

### **Lark Landing B&B**

Lark Landing B&B is a luxury guest retreat offering an exclusive private suite overlooking the Arkansas River.

Day 3

## BREAKFAST

### **Two Sisters Restaurant**

Homestyle and Mexican food. Breakfast (served all day), lunch and dinner. Friendly and clean atmosphere.

## ACTIVITY

### **Climb Your Way to New Heights**

Believe it or not, it's entirely possible to go rock climbing in Cañon City during the winter and just north of town is Shelf Road, one of Colorado's finest climbing areas. Grab your gear at Red Canyon Cycles or book a climbing trip with Rock-N-Row.

## LUNCH

## **Diritos Italian Restaurant**

DiRito's Italian Restaurant proudly offers their daily homemade bread, signature roasted garlic, homemade meatballs and sausage, as well as numerous other homemade Italian specialty dishes. Don't...

### **ACTIVITY**

## **Fremont Center for the Arts**

Rotating, multi-media fine art shows by regional artists along with classes, interactive cultural activities and historical displays for children and adults.

### **DINNER**

## **Le Petit Chablis**

Housed in a restored Victorian home, this elegant restaurant blends a romantic atmosphere with authentic French cuisine.

### **ACTIVITY**

## **Get Spooked**

Take a nighttime self-guided tour of cemeteries in Fremont County for some spooky fun. Fremont County cemeteries date back to 1865, 11 years before statehood in 1876 but four years after Colorado became a territory in 1861 so there is plenty of history to explore.

### **LODGING**

## **Bighorn Mountaintop Lodge**

With a rustic fireplace, three bedrooms, two baths, a spacious modern kitchen, and laundry facilities, an overnight or extended honeymoon at the Bighorn Mountaintop Lodge is the ultimate Royal... Hello World.

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