



### Colorado's Canyons & Plains: The Ultimate Adventure

4 days

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Experience the outdoor adventures found in the Canyons & Plains of Colorado while learning about the heritage of the region.

## Sustainability Activity

### 5 Steps to Care for Coloradans:

As Colorado continues to take steady and thoughtful steps to reopening, the health and safety of visitors remains our highest priority. Here are some ways to be conscientious and caring on your adventures, while ensuring you make the most out of every second of your vacation. [Learn More >>](#)

## Insider's Tip

### Local Knowledge:

Only the Lamar locals know that the [Wash Spott Car Wash](#) has an excellent old-timey soda fountain ice-cream shop tucked inside. Worth a visit whether you're getting a car wash or not!

Day 1

## ACTIVITY

## Hike the Reilly & Levsa Canyons Trails in Trinidad State Park

The Levsa Canyon Trail is a moderate one-mile walk with views of mountains, lakes and wooded coves. The Reilly Canyon Trail is for the hiking enthusiast ? it branches off from the Levsa, continuing four miles farther toward the Reilly Canyon and historic town of Cokedale.

## COTREX

[Map the Trail](#)

## LUNCH

## **Trinidad Smokehouse**

Signature barbecue favorites with delish sides including bacon-wrapped jalapeños, Southwest tacos and fried pickles. A fan fave are the pterodactyl hot wings.

### **ACTIVITY**

## **Trinidad History Museum**

Explore Trinidad's past and place in the American West. Complex includes 1870s adobe Baca House, 1882 Victorian-style Bloom Mansion, Santa Fe Trail Museum and the new Borderlands of Southern...

### **DINNER**

## **Las Animas Grill**

Bringing Trinidad a freshly made menu, craft beers and cocktails with excellent customer service!

### **ACTIVITY**

## **Trinidad Lake State Park**

Close to Trinidad, with fishing, hiking, biking and boating. Enjoy 73 campsites, electricity, showers, laundry and group shelters. The ideal hub for exploring scenic southern Colorado.

### **LODGING**

## **La Quinta Inn & Suites Trinidad**

Take advantage of our pet-friendly hotel's many modern amenities, free hotel features, friendly service, and convenient location near the city's downtown hub.

Day 2

### **BREAKFAST**

## **The Cafe**

Breakfast, lunch, coffee and drinks in a charming location on Trinidad's Main Street.

### **ACTIVITY**

## **Bike or Hike Wormhole Loop Trail**

These non-motorized multi-use trails are free and open to the public. You can hike up for views of the surrounding mountains and mesas.

### **LUNCH**

## **Sita's Kitchen**

Sita's Kitchen ? feeding body & soul. All vegan all the time, & as organic & local as possible.

### **ACTIVITY**

## **Ride the Rails**

Amtrak's Southwest Chief departs from La Junta on Saturdays and Sundays in the summer for day trips to Las Vegas. Volunteers narrate the excursions as you learn the stories of people, plants and animals of the area.

### **DINNER**

## **Mexico City Cafe**

Mexico City Cafe originated over 15 years ago. It was started by Mona Munoz Chaparro. It has grown steadily from it's inception. We now offer an outdoor patio when the weather is warm. As well as...

### **ACTIVITY**

## **Koshare Indian Museum**

The Koshare Indian Museum is one of Colorado's great repositories of Southwest art and Native American artifacts. Antiquities, pottery and textiles represent the great prehistoric cultures of the...

### **LODGING**

## **Holiday Inn Express La Junta**

Our Holiday Inn Express hotel is located on US Highway 50, just minutes from downtown and close to area attractions.

Day 3

### **BREAKFAST**

## **LA Cafe**

Your home-town restaurant bringing our community together with good home-town cooking.

### **ACTIVITY**

## **Follow Dinosaur Footprints at Picketwire Canyonlands**

Located in the Comanche National Grassland, just south of La Junta, these primitive canyons are home to the largest dinosaur tracksite in North America. The round-trip hike to the dino tracks is 11.2 miles, so plan to head out early and take plenty of water (about a gallon per person).

### **LUNCH**

## **Delicia's Tamal House**

Locally owned business serving authentic Mexican food-Tamales, chile rellenos, burritos and ALL menu items prepared FRESH All Day, EVERY DAY.

**ACTIVITY**

## **Bent's Old Fort National Historic Site**

Bent's Old Fort National Historic Site features a reconstructed 1840s adobe fur trading post on the mountain branch of the Santa Fe Trail where traders, trappers, travelers, and the Cheyenne and...

**DINNER**

## **Lucy's Tacos**

Dishing up fresh tortillas and even fresher ingredients from downtown La Junta.

**ACTIVITY**

## **John Martin Reservoir State Park**

A sportsman's paradise, the park offers fishing, wildlife viewing, hiking, bike riding and boating. Features 109 electrical campsites and 104 non-electric sites, which can accommodate RVs,...

**LODGING**

## **Days Inn - Lamar**

You will find that the west is the best at Days Inn Lamar hotel off Highways 50 and 287 near John Martin Reservoir State Park. Get a deep sleep on a comfortable pillow-top mattress, then begin...

Day 4

**BREAKFAST**

## **Lucys Tacos**

Tacos to fill all taco cravings ? spicy chicken, barbacoa, adovada taco and more, as well as steak nachos, burritos, homemade salsas.

**ACTIVITY**

## **Boggsville Historic Site**

Come visit this restored mid-19th-century settlement.

## LUNCH

### **Bjs Super Burger**

Great burgers, amazing shakes, friendly service. Ask for the pureed jalapeño on your burger for zesty flavor in every bite!

## ACTIVITY

### **Go Birding**

In the spring and fall, the Two Buttes Trail is the perfect place to spot migrant birds.

## COTREX

[Map the Trail](#)

## DINNER

### **JJ's Restaurant**

Traditional American burgers and sandwiches in Eads.

## ACTIVITY

### **Sand Creek Massacre National Historic Site**

See where 675 U.S. volunteers led by Colonel John Chivington launched an attack on a peaceful village of Cheyenne and Arapaho who were camped under the protection of the American Flag. Around...

## LODGING

### **Cobblestone Inn & Suites**

Our hotel is located just off of U.S. Highway 287 and Colorado State Highway 96. Our beautiful hotel is also conveniently located nearby the Eads Municipal Airport, The Sand Creek Massacre National...

### **Insider's Tip**

#### **More Time:**

If you have a little extra time by the end of day four, the [Willow Creek Nature Trail](#) is a short hiking path with some great birding in the town of Lamar.

Hello World.

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