



Fall in Love with Westcliffe

3 days

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Escape to Westcliffe, where open space stretches far across Colorado's Wet Mountain Valley and stars shine brighter than almost anywhere else in the world.

Sustainability Activity

How to Give Back to These Special Places:

Volunteer with [Trails for All](#) or make a donation to [All the Range](#), 210 Main St., Westcliffe.

Insider's Tip

High-Elevation Travel: Wear layers as temperatures can range widely from morning to afternoon. Stay hydrated so you can enjoy these activities at altitude.

Day 1

ACTIVITY

DeWeese Reservoir State Wildlife Area

Reflecting magnificent peaks, DeWeese Reservoir State Wildlife Area backs up behind an impressive dam at the head of Grape Creek Canyon, just a half-dozen miles north of Westcliffe. The wildlife...

LUNCH

Tony's Mountain Pizza

Family friendly in Westcliffe. Plan your next get-together here. Occasional live entertainment, casual cocktail area. Take out available.

ACTIVITY

Hike the Alvarado Loop

It's a remarkable feeling to be surrounded by the golds, reds and burnt oranges of fall colors, and what better place to experience them than in the Sangre de Cristo Mountains of Custer County? The Alvarado Loop is a locals' favorite for leaf peeping. The trailhead is located at the Alvarado Campground, just a few miles southeast of downtown Westcliffe.

COTREX

[Map the Trail](#)

DINNER

Alpine Lodge & Restaurant

Open year round. Quaint mountain cabins nestled among pines and aspens and bordered by San Isabel National Forest with its famous Rainbow Trail to the high country. Two-bedroom cabins sleep 2-4,...

Cliff Lanes

Eight fully automated lanes with fully computerized scoring and gutter guards for the kids. The area's largest video and game arcade. Full service cafe and bar.

LODGING

Dazzler's Best Casita B&B

Pure clean mountain air, panoramic Sangre de Cristo mountain views, and your own private casita and patio await you at Dazzler's Best Casita. You can expect freshly baked cookies, afternoon...

Day 2

BREAKFAST

Sugar & Spice Mountain Bakery

Your family friendly home town bakery. Call ahead and order for your next event or family gathering. Books, gift items and catering also available.

ACTIVITY

Bishop Castle

For nearly 60 years, Jim Bishop has been constructing one of the most impressive monuments to perseverance in Colorado. Bishop castle is a monumental statue in stone and iron.

LUNCH

Lodge at San Isabel, General Store & Restaurant

Welcome to The Lodge, located in the beautiful San Isabel National Forest of southern Colorado in an area called the Wet Mountains, The Lodge features a restaurant, gift shop, general store, cabin...

ACTIVITY

Guided Horseback Riding

Hit the backcountry on horseback with the experienced horsemen and guides of Music Meadows Ranch and Bear Basin Ranch.

DINNER

Chappy's Mountain View Bar & Grill

A great downtown Westcliffe restaurant and bar with flame cooked steaks, burgers, chicken, dogs and brat's, served with homemade sides or fresh cut french fries. Nachos, soup & salad.

ACTIVITY

Go Stargazing

Westcliffe's Wet Mountain Valley has long been known for its beautiful mountain vistas and big open skies, but now word is getting out about its world-class dark night skies. In 2015, Silver Cliff and Westcliffe were recognized by the International Dark-Sky Association as the ninth International Dark Sky Community in the world. It's also the first in Colorado and, with an elevation of almost 7,900 feet, the highest in the world. Come see the stars as you've never seen them before.

LODGING

Westcliffe Inn

28 spacious, modern, ground-level rooms with amenities including: 39" Flat Screen Televisions with DirecTV service; Free Hi-Speed Wireless Internet Service, Spa, Dry Sauna; and Online...

Day 3

BREAKFAST

Candy's Coffee

If you're looking for amazing coffee in our tiny town, Candy's is the place to be! More than a coffee shop - Coffee, Tea, Espresso, Gazpacho, Veggie Sandwiches, Paninis, Smoothies

ACTIVITY

Royal Gorge Bridge & Park

Royal Gorge Bridge & Park is open daily. Marvel at awe-inspiring panoramic views from one of the world's highest suspension bridges and enjoy more excitement than ever. Experience the Royal...

LUNCH

Silver Cliff Mountain Inn and Restaurant

At Silver Cliff Mountain Inn, aka Willie's Place, you'll enjoy a variety of home style, southern based meals. Our recipes are tried and true, passed down from generation to generation. With our...

ACTIVITY

Enjoy the Arts

In the Wet Mountain Valley, you'll find an arts-centered destination filled with creative and adventurous people. Take the afternoon to stroll through downtown Westcliffe/Silver Cliff and enjoy the variety of artwork produced by local and nationwide artists.

DINNER

Belle's BBQ & Burgers

Belle's BBQ & Burgers began in 2011 as a small, outdoor barbecue space. Now located in a historic downtown location, it continues to serve family recipes passed down for generations. Patrons will...

ACTIVITY

4Kings Bar & Grill

Grab a drink or munch on a burger at this local Westcliffe spot.

LODGING

Courtyard Country Inn

Located in the heart of Westcliffe. Rooms open directly onto the courtyard where you can sit and relax with family: enjoy the Koi pond, waterfalls, and much more. Room offers the comfort of...

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