**WHAT IS A FOURTEENER?**

A peak that rises 14,000 feet or more above sea level. Colorado is home to more of these than any other state. (Alaska has 22; California has 12; Washington has 1).

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**THIRTEENERS ARE COOL, TOO!**

We have more than 700 peaks that clock in between 13,000 and 13,999 feet.

**MOST INSPIRED**

Pikes Peak inspired Kathy Lee Bates to pen “America The Beautiful.”

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**Most Swiss**

Mt. Wilson, Sunshine Peak at 14,001 near Lake City

**Most Boastful**

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Mt. Bierstadt near Idaho Springs is often recognized as the perfect starter fourteener, followed by Grays Peak and Torreys Peak near Keystone.

**Easiest to Hike**

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**Holier Than Thou**

Wetterhorn Peak near Lake City rises nearly 2,000 feet higher than the Swiss peak for which it was named due to similarities in shape.

**Leaves No Trace**

The trailheads for Mt. Eolus, Sunlight Peak and Windom Peak in the southwest’s Weminuche Wilderness can be reached via the Durango & Silverton Railroad, which will drop you off one afternoon and pick you up when you’re ready to get back to civilization. For those wanting the full fourteener experience without all that pesky hiking, there’s a cog railroad that will take you to the top of Pikes Peak.

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**Sunrise Resources**

See glenrandall.com to read photoshotter’s guide to photography at sunrise.

**4,000 feet above**

Eagle County’s Fourteener: From hikers in Clarks to Gerty.

**58 fourteener trails**

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