

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)



NUMBER OF FOURTEENERS IN COLORADO: 58

The above number is passionately debated (Doesn't imagining us arguing about mountains confirm your stereotypes about Coloradans?). The

stalwart 54 camp (of which we are not members) says peaks that do not rise more than 300 feet above a saddle — a pathway between peaks — that connects it to another fourteener should not be counted. Those who believe they should, count 58 fourteeners within our borders.

THIRTEENERS ARE COOL, TOO!

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

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.

TALLEST

Mt. Elbert at 14,440 southwest of Leadville

A FEW INTERESTING PEAKS AMONG THE CROWD



MOST LIKELY TO HAVE A HIGHWAY TO THE TOP
Pikes Peak (near Colorado Springs) and Mt. Evans (near Idaho Springs) both have incredibly scenic and winding roads that go to the tippy top.

SHORTEST

Sunshine Peak at 14,001 near Lake City

EASIEST TO HIKE

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

HARDEST

Several vie for this title — Capitol Peak, Little Bear, Mt. Wilson, Sunlight Peak.



HOLIER THAN THOU

Mt. of the Holy Cross near Vail got its name from the cross-shaped snowfield on one of its faces.

MOST BOASTFUL



Mt. Massive near Leadville "has five summits above 14,000 feet ... If Massive were truncated at 14,000 feet, the area of the resulting plateau would be nearly half a square mile!"*

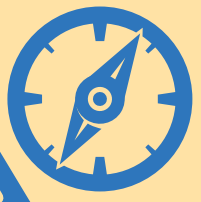
MOST SWISS

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.

WHO DO YOU THINK YOU ARE?
Before you go skipping up a mountainside, remember that climbing these peaks can be dangerous without preparation. Pick up one of the plentiful guide books on the subject, research your route and make sure it's one you have the level of fitness to tackle. Prepare for extreme weather, head up early — and be off the summit before afternoon lightning storms kick up.

LEAVE NO TRACE
Thousands climb our fourteeners each year. Help keep them clean and in tact for those who come after you by packing out anything you pack in, staying on designated trails and respecting wildlife. See Int.org for more information.

MOST POSTCARDED
Maroon Peak near Aspen and Mt. Sneffels near Ouray are likely the most photographed peaks in the state.



MUST-HAVE ITEMS

- Layers of clothing
- Hiking shoes
- Extra food and water
- First-aid kit
- Map/GPS device/compass
- Sunglasses and sunscreen

MOST OFTEN SEEN ON A BEER CAN

14,017-foot Wilson Peak near Telluride was the inspiration for the peak on cans of Coors Light.

SUNRISE
See glennrandall.com to read about one photographer's quest to photograph all 58 fourteeners at sunrise.
Check out 14ers.com for route information and other pertinent details and 14ers.org to learn how to preserve our peaks.

RESOURCES
*Colorado's Fourteeners: From Hikes to Climbs by Gerry Roach is considered one of the most definitive guides.
The Rocky Mountain Region's U.S. Forest Service offers road, weather and ranger information at fs.usda.gov/r2.



MOST INSPIRED

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



MOST FUN TO REACH BY TRAIN