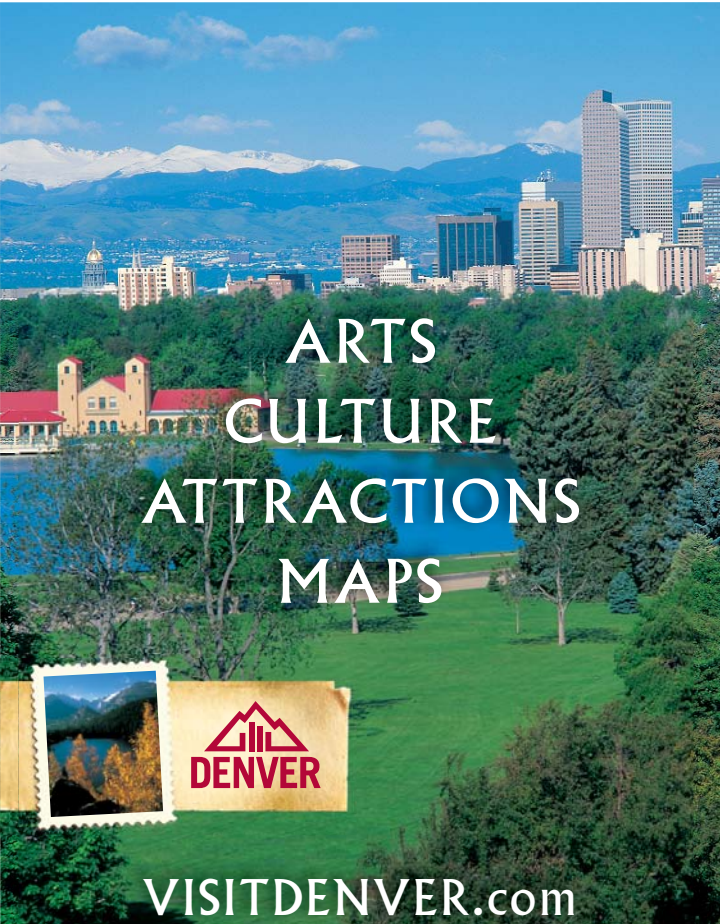


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A CITY OF MANY COLORS AND CULTURES



DENVER IS AN ENERGIZING MIX of 300 days of annual sunshine, brilliant blue skies, breathtaking mountain scenery and diverse cultures; a vibrant mosaic of 2.9 million people who are all proud to say, “I am Denver.”

The city surrounds visitors with sights, sounds, smells and flavors as varied as America itself...in cultural facilities and museums that showcase the arts and history of different peoples and in quaint neighborhoods that still treasure Old World traditions.

Throughout the year, Denver celebrates cultural diversity with events that boast a distinctive Rocky Mountain flair. Enjoy the colorful spectacle of the nation’s largest Cinco de Mayo celebration, attracting more than 250,000 people to Civic Center Park and transforming Santa Fe Drive into a festive stage for live entertainment, art and incredible Mexican food.



In March, the Denver Powwow offers the opportunity to witness the pageantry and history of Native-American culture. This event attracts 700 dancers of all ages from 70 tribes, and is one of the nation’s largest annual gatherings in which modern ways and old traditions come together. Craftspeople share their work at the popular Powwow art fair and live performances take place throughout the weekend.



The Denver Art Museum, the first institution to showcase Native-American art as art – not as anthropology – is a must, any time of year. The Museo de las Américas showcases modern and traditional art from throughout the Americas. Art galleries like the Native American Trading Post and Artists on Santa Fe tempt visitors to take a little piece of culture home.

Visitors interested in African-American culture will find many opportunities to explore it in Denver. The annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Parade (march and parade combined), brings locals and visitors together to remember and honor a great national hero. Every spring and summer the historic Five Points neighborhood hosts the Five Points Jazz Festival and the Black Arts Festival. In June, the annual Juneteenth festival is a party of music, food and dance in celebration of the day Texas slaves realized their freedom, with more than 100,000 people attending.



Whatever your cultural interests, the Mile High City is certain to have something for you. Denver celebrates the Chinese New Year with ribbon dancers, tai chi swordsmen and lion dancers.

The Denver St. Patrick's Day Parade stretches for miles and blends traditional Irish scenes with Western stagecoaches, horseback riders and cowboys.



In June, the Cherry Blossom Festival transforms Sakura Square for a weekend of Japanese Taiko drums, dancing and sushi.

The Dragon Boat Festival celebrates the ancient and colorful sport of dragon-boat racing with diverse Asian food, entertainment, crafts and vibrantly decorated boats at Sloan's Lake.



Come autumn, the Longs Peak Scottish-Irish Highland Festival brings pipe bands and kilts from Colorado and around the world to the Rocky Mountains. In Denver, drink in the fun of Oktoberfest at the annual

block party in the Ballpark Neighborhood, complete with German dancing, music, brats, beer and fun for all ages.

Throughout the year, visitors to Denver will find ample opportunities to explore the city's unique attractions and diverse neighborhoods. We invite you to discover local favorites and hidden gems in the Mile High City.

VISITOR INFORMATION CENTERS

DOWNTOWN

16th & California Street

COLORADO CONVENTION CENTER

Main entrance at 14th & California Street

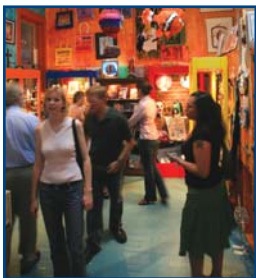
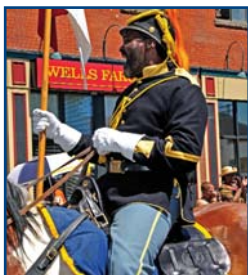
DENVER INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

Main Terminal

Visitor information is also available at the Information Desk at Cherry Creek Shopping Center.



DENVER has long been a gathering place for people of all cultures. First were the high plains Native Americans who followed the buffalo herds and lived throughout the Front Range. When prospectors discovered gold in 1858, thousands of men crossed the Great Plains and settled in and around Denver. More than a third of the cowboys riding the cattle drives of this era were African Americans, many of them freed slaves who migrated West after the Civil War.



Asian immigrants helped build the railroads and many of them settled in Denver. Hispanic Americans have a long history in the region and their influence can be felt everywhere. Today, Denver is a city of many colors and cultures, a rich tapestry of diverse and fascinating people.



NEIGHBORHOODS AND HIDDEN GEMS



DENVER boasts a collection of distinctive neighborhoods where the curious traveler can find hidden gems, like locals' favorite eateries, shops, booksellers and galleries.



Five Points is the center of the African-American community and the location of the Black American West Museum, the Blair-Caldwell Library and the Crossroads Theater. The Art District on Santa Fe, including the Museo de las

Américas, RiNo (River North Art District), and Tennyson Street Cultural District are home to dozens of galleries, shops, and restaurants. Trendsetters love Old South Gaylord and Old South Pearl, enclaves of see-and-be-seen restaurants and shops near beautiful Washington Park.

Highlands is a hip neighborhood of outdoor cafés, shops and galleries. Federal Boulevard, south of Alameda, is the center of Denver's Asian community. Here, dozens of Vietnamese, Thai, Chinese, and Pan-Asian shops, restaurants and markets line the street.





DENVER'S many acclaimed restaurants are a great place to relax and recharge after a day on the town. From white tablecloths to white paper napkins, Denver is home to innovative, award-winning chefs, and is one of the nation's hot spots for creative cuisine.

Give in to the temptation of some of the best sushi between Chicago and L.A. or to the spicy lure of "haute Mexican." Relax at an outdoor café along the 16th Street Mall or explore historic LoDo (Lower Downtown).

Pay a visit to north-west Denver, home to some of the city's most traditional Mexican restaurants and bakeries, as well as tasty South



American and Latino restaurants that capture flavors from Brazil to the Caribbean. Whatever your fancy, chances are there's a local microbrew to wash it down. Denver is America's beer capital with more than 100 beers brewed locally each day.

When the sun sets, the nightlife soars. From intimate clubs to spectacular venues such as the famous Red Rocks Park & Amphitheatre, music fills the air. Jazz, rock, Celtic, folk – virtually every genre can be found on any given night. And there are scores of dance clubs, martini bars, pubs, sports bars, and comedy clubs to keep you up and at 'em into the wee hours.

SHOPPING DENVER STYLE



DENVER offers a variety of opportunities for “retail therapy.”

From marquis names to local gems, Denver has it all. Take a walk down the 16th Street Mall, a mile-long promenade lined with

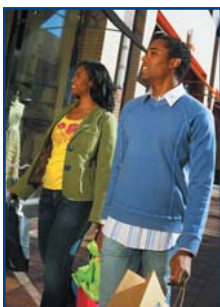
stores and outdoor cafés. Denver Pavilions, located on the mall, houses 50 stores and restaurants in a two-square block entertainment center.



Or, explore the Victorian buildings of trendy Larimer Square and Historic LoDo (Lower Downtown). This historic neighborhood is

filled with independent shops and boutiques, from bookstores to wineries to galleries, as well as some of the hottest restaurants, clubs, live music venues, and pubs in the city.

The Cherry Creek Shopping District is the largest shopping mecca between St. Louis and San Francisco. Stroll the tree-lined streets of Cherry Creek North or explore the upscale Cherry Creek Shopping Center. Together, these are home to nearly 500 world-class shops, department stores, galleries, spas and one-of-a kind boutiques.





DOWNTOWN, the Denver Performing Arts Complex boasts 10 different venues and hosts Broadway shows, musicals, concerts, operas, ballets, and the symphony. Sit back and enjoy the latest production from the Tony Award®-winning Denver Center Theatre Company or the Colorado Symphony Orchestra. You will also find opera, ballet and modern dance in the new state-of-the-art Ellie Caulkins Opera House.



A few blocks away, the Denver Art Museum houses an extensive permanent collection of classical and contemporary art including Western, American Indian and pre-Columbian. The museum's Hamilton building, with bold art inside and out, is now one of the city's architectural icons.

Also of architectural note is the David Adjaye-designed Museum of Contemporary Art Denver, which houses a revolving array of international exhibitions. Additionally, the Museo de las Américas features permanent collections and touring exhibits of ancient, folk, and modern Latino art.

Denver's diverse arts scene also includes neighborhood theatres, which stage innovative productions with an edge. In addition, a series of film festivals celebrate independent filmmakers and African-American, Latino and Asian cinema.



LOCATED at the base of the Rocky Mountains, Denver is an easy hour's drive from the Continental Divide and some of the world's most beautiful scenery.



Take a leisurely drive up the highest paved road in America to the 14,260-foot summit of Mount Evans, or bask in the tranquil beauty of Rocky Mountain National Park, an awe-inspiring paradise filled with lakes, waterfalls, meadows of wildflowers and wildlife.

Visit quaint, historic places like Georgetown and Idaho Springs. Try your luck panning for gold in old mining towns or opt for the modern alternative – world-class casinos in the heart of the high country. Splash down a Colorado river on a whitewater raft, try a scenic round of golf or enjoy a spa treatment at a luxury Rocky Mountain resort.

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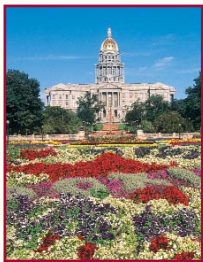
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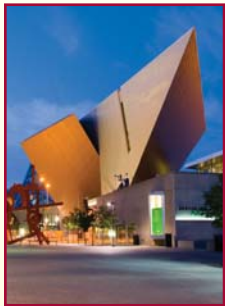
1 COLORADO STATE CAPITOL.

Modeled after the U.S. Capitol with a gold plated-dome, the building has free tours on weekdays. Panoramic view from the rotunda. www.colorado.gov



2 CIVIC CENTER PARK.

A two square-block oasis with flower gardens, Western statues and a Greek amphitheatre. www.denvergov.org



3 DENVER ART MUSEUM.

The Hamilton Building designed by architect Daniel Libeskind houses a famed Native-American collection, Western art, European paintings and world-class touring shows. www.denverartmuseum.org

4 BYERS-EVANS HOUSE MUSEUM.

Tour one of Denver's oldest homes – an elaborate 1883 Victorian mansion. www.coloradohistory.org/hist.../byers_evans/byers_evans/htm

5 THE CELL.

The Center for Empowered Living & Learning is a non-profit institution dedicated to educating citizens on the most salient issue of our time – terrorism. www.thecell.org



6 CLYFFORD STILL MUSEUM.

A museum dedicated to the works of Clyfford Still, considered one of the most important painters of the 20th century, and part of the first generation of Abstract Expressionist artists. www.clyffordstillmuseum.org

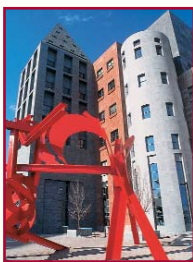


7 HISTORY COLORADO CENTER.

From descending into a rock mine to soaring off a ski jump in the mountains, true Colorado experiences come alive at this immersive three-story multimedia museum. www.historycolorado.org

8 DENVER PUBLIC LIBRARY.

Designed by Michael Graves, this red, blue, green and sandstone building has 47 miles of bookshelves and a Western art collection. www.denverlibrary.org



9 U.S. MINT.

Guided public tours by reservation only. www.usmint.gov



10 COLORADO CONVENTION CENTER.

This beautiful facility offers 584,000 sq. ft. of exhibit space, all within walking distance of 8,400 hotel rooms. www.denverconvention.com

11 DENVER PERFORMING ARTS COMPLEX.

The second largest performing arts center in the world under one roof with 10 venues seating 10,000 people for Tony Award®-winning theatre, symphony, Broadway road shows, opera and dance. www.dcpa.org



12 INVESCO FIELD AT MILE HIGH.

Home to the Denver Broncos, the Denver Outlaws, and the Colorado Sports Hall of Fame. www.invescofield.com

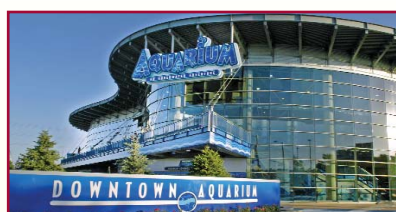


13 ELITCH GARDENS THEME & WATER PARK.

America's only downtown theme park has more than 50 thrill rides, a complete water adventure park, elaborate gardens, shows and more. www.elitchgardens.com

14 CHILDREN'S MUSEUM.

Fun, hands-on experiences for newborns through eight-year-olds and their adult caregivers. www.cmdenver.org



15 DOWNTOWN AQUARIUM.

This world-class aquarium has more than 15,000 fish, mammals and plants in a spectacular facility that holds one million gallons of water. www.downtownaquariumdenver.com

16 PEPSI CENTER.

20,000-seat home of the NHL Colorado Avalanche, NBA Denver Nuggets, and the NLL Colorado Mammoths. www.pepsicenter.org

17 MUSEUM OF CONTEMPORARY ART DENVER.

With a spectacular building designed by David Adjaye, Denver's newest museum offers five galleries with changing exhibits. www.mcadenver.org

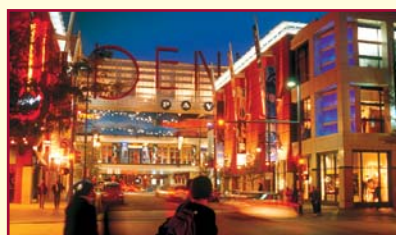


18 LARIMER SQUARE.

A restored section of Denver's oldest street, this block of Victorian buildings now houses restaurants, shops, clubs and nightspots. www.larimer-square.com

19 TABOR CENTER / WRITER SQUARE.

An indoor and outdoor shopping complex in the heart of downtown. www.taborcenter.com



20 DENVER PAVILIONS.

An entertainment complex in the heart of downtown with 50 stores, a Cineplex, a retro bowling alley, restaurants and nightspots. www.denverpavilions.com

21 16TH STREET MALL.

Free shuttle buses run up and down this mile-long pedestrian promenade, which is lined with outdoor cafés and shops. www.visitdenver.com



22 LODO.

Short for Lower Downtown. This 26 square-block historic district is filled with turn-of-the-century warehouses that are home to 90 sports bars, brewpubs, restaurant, jazz cafés and 30 art galleries. A walking tour passes 33 bronze plaques that tell the area's history. www.lodo.org



23 COORS FIELD.

Built in 1995, this 50,000-seat stadium is home to Major League Baseball's Colorado Rockies. The row of purple seats is exactly one mile above sea level. www.rockies.mlb.com

24 SAKURA SQUARE.

The center of Denver's Japanese community, this full square block has gardens, fountains, restaurants and a famed Buddhist temple.



25 MOLLY BROWN HOUSE.

The Victorian home of the "Unsinkable Molly Brown" who was made famous by the Broadway musical and movie based on her adventurous life. www.mollybrown.org

26 KIRKLAND MUSEUM OF FINE & DECORATIVE ART.

The museum offers a nationally important display of 20th Century decorative arts featuring a retrospective of Colorado's distinguished painter, Vance Kirkland (1904-1981). www.kirklandmuseum.org

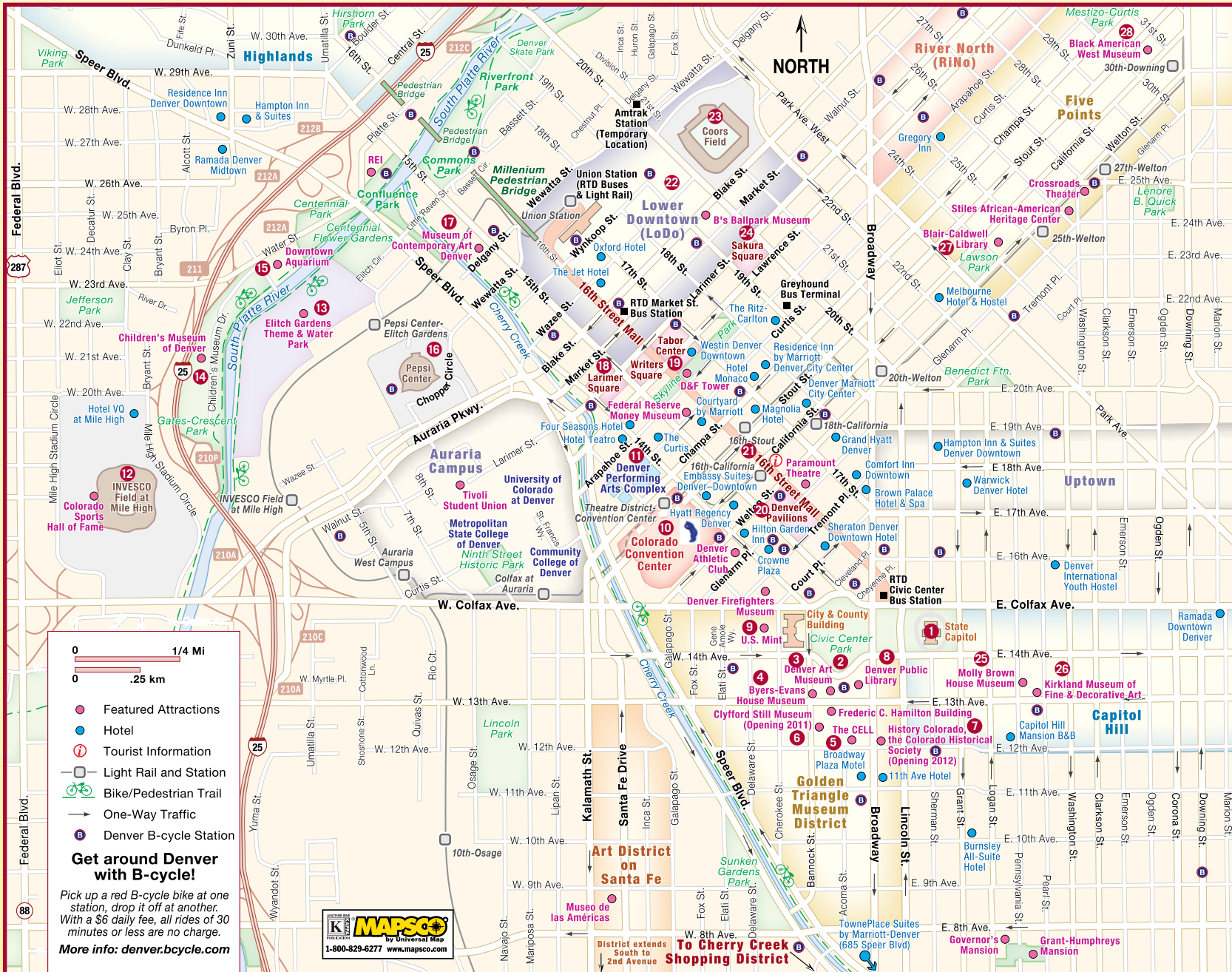
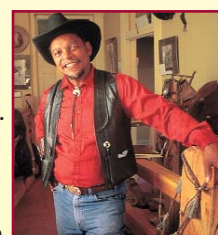


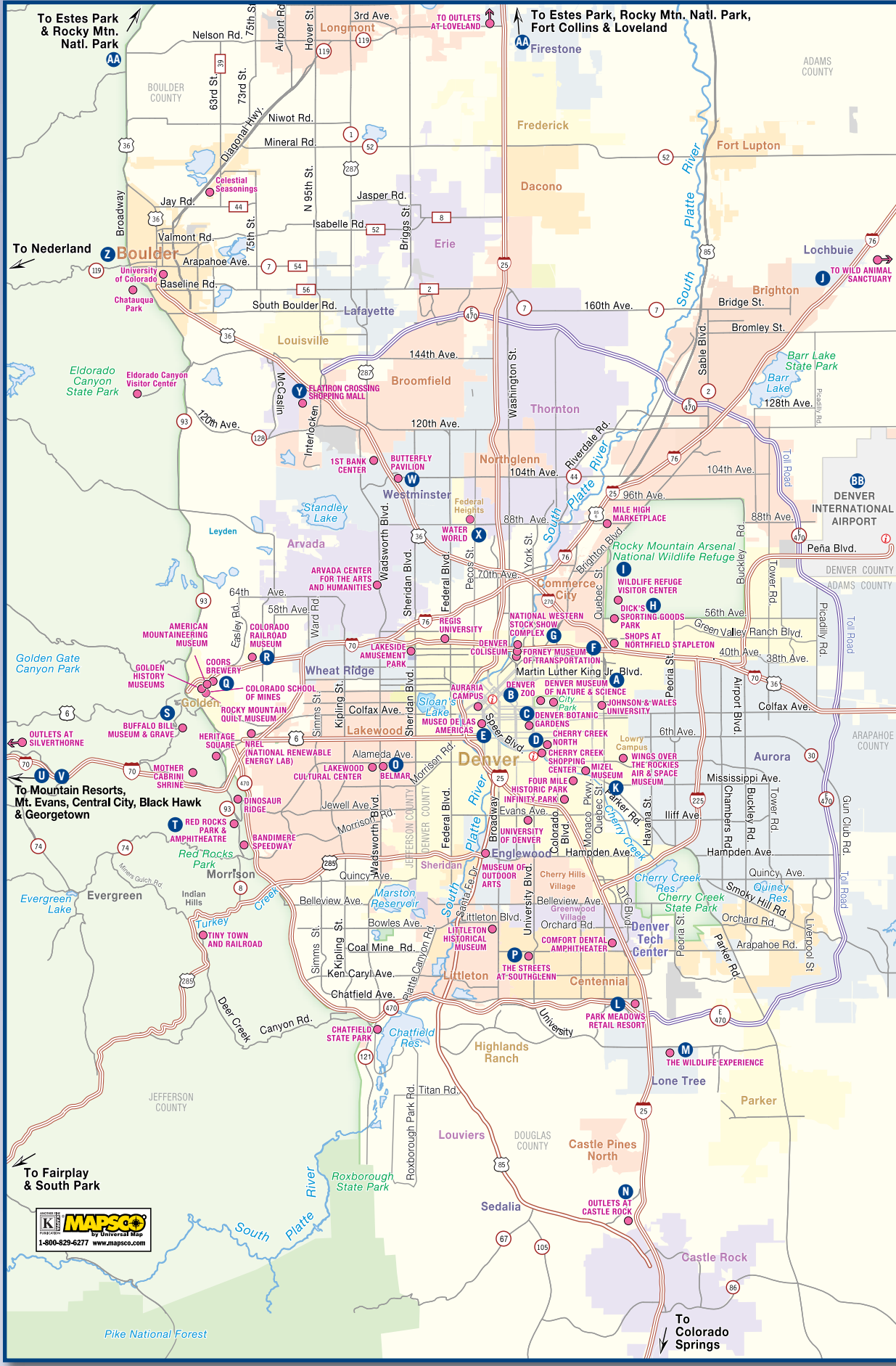
27 BLAIR-CALDWELL LIBRARY.

This African-American Research Library is the only library of its kind between Detroit and Oakland focusing on the history, literature, art, music, religion and politics of African Americans in Colorado and throughout the Rocky Mountain West. www.aarl.denverlibrary.org

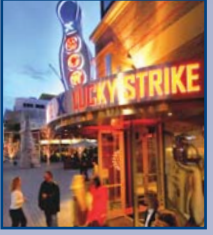
28 BLACK AMERICAN MUSEUM & HERITAGE CENTER.

This museum tells the story of the contributions that African Americans made in settling the West. www.blackamericanwestmuseum.com





O BELMAR. The downtown district for the City of Lakewood features shops, restaurants, outdoor cafés, cultural art amenities, a movie theatre, a 2.1 – acre park and public plaza. www.belmarcolorado.com



P THE STREETS AT SOUTHGLENN. For the perfect mix of retailers, restaurants, entertainment and essential services, visit The Streets at SouthGlenn. www.shopsouthglenn.com



Q COORS BREWERY. The largest single brewery in the world offers free tours – and samples! www.MillerCoors.com

R COLORADO RAILROAD MUSEUM. Visit Colorado's largest railroad exhibit with more than 100 historic cars and locomotives. www.ColoradoRAILROADMuseum.org



S BUFFALO BILL MUSEUM & GRAVE. The final resting spot of the West's most famous scout and showman is located on top of Lookout Mountain. A museum tells his life story. www.buffalobill.org

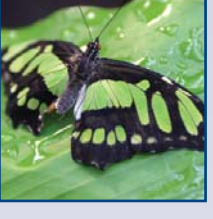


T RED ROCKS PARK & AMPHITHEATRE. This fantastic 9,000-seat arena has been carved from huge red rock boulders and offers a summer concert and film series, a museum, visitor information center, restaurant and hiking trails. www.redrocksonline.com

U CENTRAL CITY & BLACK HAWK. These old gold mining towns have come alive with casino gambling and now have more than 30 casinos with over 10,000 slot machines. www.centralcitycolorado.com, www.blackhawkcolorado.com

V GEORGETOWN. One of the prettiest villages in Colorado, Georgetown has more than 200 restored Victorian homes. www.georgetowncolorado.com

W BUTTERFLY PAVILION & INSECT CENTER. This enclosed tropical paradise has more than 1,200 free-flying butterflies. www.butterflies.org



X WATER WORLD. This is America's largest family water park featuring 42 attractions on 60 beautifully landscaped acres. www.waterworldcolorado.com

Y FLATIRON CROSSING SHOPPING MALL. One of the largest malls in metro Denver boasts an indoor shopping paradise and an outdoor street lined with stores and restaurants. www.flatironcrossing.com

Z BOULDER. This beautiful college town is home to the University of Colorado and the Pearl Street Mall, a brick pedestrian mall lined with outdoor cafés and shops. www.bouldercoloradousa.com



AA ROCKY MOUNTAIN NATIONAL PARK. One of the most scenic spots in America has 412 square miles of lakes, wild-flowers, meadows and mountains. www.nps.gov



BB DENVER INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT (DEN). The 5th busiest airport in North America, 10th busiest in the world, with nearly 1,700 daily flights offering nonstop service to more than 160 worldwide destinations. www.flydenver.com

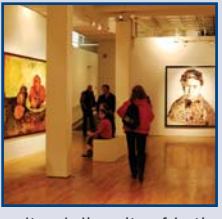
METRO DENVER

A DENVER MUSEUM OF NATURE & SCIENCE. The fourth largest museum of its kind, this museum is a maze of dioramas, dinosaurs, gems and treasures from around the world. Includes an IMAX theatre and planetarium. www.dmnms.org



B DENVER ZOO. Home to more than 4,000 animals, this is the fourth most popular zoo in America. www.denverzoo.org

E MUSEO DE LAS AMÉRICAS. Denver's museum of Latino art, culture and history with exhibits and programs to celebrate the rich cultural diversity of Latin American countries and the southwestern U.S. www.museo.org



F FORNEY MUSEUM OF TRANSPORTATION. Explore the history of transportation with over 500 exhibits including antique cars, locomotives, rare & exotic vehicles, and more. www.forney-museum.org

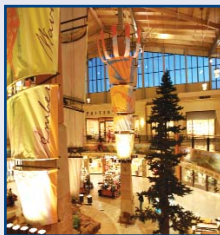


I ROCKY MOUNTAIN ARSENAL NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE. Home to more than 330 species of animals, as well as nine miles of hiking trails and a tram ride that offers wildlife viewing opportunities. www.fws.gov/rockymountainarsenal



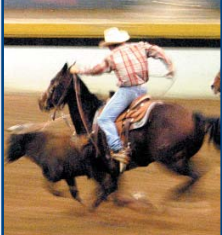
J THE WILD ANIMAL SANCTUARY. The oldest and largest carnivore sanctuary in the U.S. for animals including tigers, lions, bears, leopards and wolves, all of which have been confiscated from illegal or abusive situations. www.wildanimalsanctuary.org

K MIZEL MUSEUM. This museum features changing exhibits on the history, culture and art of Jewish heritage around the world. www.mizelmuseum.org



L PARK MEADOWS RETAIL RESORT. Built to resemble a ski lodge, this shopping emporium features wood beam ceilings, fireplaces and 115 department stores and shops. www.parkmeadows.com

G NATIONAL WESTERN STOCK SHOW & RODEO. Home to the National Western Stock Show & Rodeo held annually in January. Also, is the site of numerous events throughout the year. www.nationalwestern.com



C DENVER BOTANIC GARDENS. Considered one of the best botanical gardens in the nation with the 10th largest conservatory; this is the most tranquil spot in the city with a Japanese garden, rose garden and 15,000 varieties of plants. www.botanicgardens.org

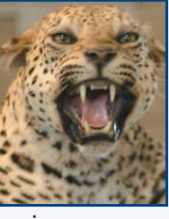


D CHERRY CREEK SHOPPING DISTRICT. With nearly 500 shops and restaurants, this is Denver's largest indoor and outdoor shopping paradise. Shop in the enclosed, upscale Cherry Creek Shopping Center or the tree-lined streets of Cherry Creek North. www.shopcherrycreek.com, www.cherrycreeknorth.com



H DICK'S SPORTING GOODS PARK. Home to the MLS Colorado Rapids professional soccer team, the park includes an 18,000-seat stadium and 24 soccer fields, the largest soccer complex in the nation. www.dickssportinggoodspark.com

M THE WILDLIFE EXPERIENCE. Welcome to a world-class collection of wildlife art and natural history exhibits, interactive galleries and an IWERKS giant screen theatre. www.thewildlifeexperience.org



N OUTLETS AT CASTLE ROCK. Colorado's largest outlet mall is just 25 minutes south of downtown Denver on I-25. www.outletsatcastlerock.com

For a complete listing of attractions, visit www.VISITDENVER.com.