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EAGLE RIVER

Would you like to trace a river to its source? No more interesting trip could be planned than one which follows the Eagle river to its beginning on the Continental Divide. Follow Highway 6 & 24 as far east as the junction, speedometer reading 25 miles. At the junction take Highway 24 for 35 miles to the top of Tennessee Pass where water from melting snow and springs form the stream which becomes the Eagle River. By the Indians, this river was first called Eagle Feather from the manner in which the tributary streams and creeks flow into the main stream from opposite sides.

This trip can be made in a day over paved highway and is certainly worth your while.

The Eagle River is one of the famous fishing streams of Colorado, where the limit of trout may be caught throughout the season.

OUR REMARKS TO EAGLE VISITORS

The people of Eagle welcome you and endeavor to make your stay in our home town an enjoyable one.

It is felt by the people of Eagle that a vacation or stay anytime during the year will provide enjoyment for all the family. Through the cooperation of the merchants whose advertisements you will see on the following

FACTS OF INTEREST ABOUT EAGLE

Eagle, county seat of Eagle County, is located in the heart of the Western Slope of Colorado. 6602 feet above sea level, it is located on Highways 6 and 24 with characteristic Colorado climate: warm summer days, cool nights and moderate winters. One of those rare places where the sun is sure to shine sometime during every day of the year.

Eagle is an incorporated town and accessible by railroad, bus, automobile and charter air service.

There are four churches holding regular Sunday services; 14 lodges, clubs, and civic organizations that have regular meetings.

The town is noted throughout the state for its well kept homes and flower gardens, and is proud of the large park providing picnic facilities for the traveling public.

pages, this paper has been made possible to help guide you to some of the interesting sights and entertainment while you visit our town.

PUBLIC LIBRARY

The Eagle Public Library offers a diversified channel of reading.

Community maintained, there are over 5000 volumes of books, which include such a variety as fiction, science, historic and a large selection of children's books.

Our library is proud of its complete set of Shakespeare, among other fine volumes.

EAGLE SKI TOW

The Eagle Ski Tow is located eight miles from the town of Eagle on the Brush Creek road. It is a rope tow. The run is good fun and excellent for beginners. An observation house overlooks

the run and here the hungry skiers may find good hamburgers. The skiing season is from January through February and on rare occasions into March.

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Eagle is located in the heart of the finest agriculture and stock raising districts in Colorado. Excellent purebred cattle in the Eagle vicinity are sold throughout the country. Mountain ranges and valley pastures produce an abundance of feed for cattle and sheep.

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BRUSH CREEK TO WOODS LAKE

Can you imagine a group of cabins nestled among the tall pines and willowy quakers surrounding a huge, mirror-like lake? Imagine the crackling of the pines in the fireplaces, the laughing of people coming from their horseback rides, fishing trips or trail rides. These things are symbolic of Woods Lake.

To get to Woods Lake, one should follow the paved road through Eagle to Brush Creek Road. At the forks of the road, follow West Brush Road. From this main graveled road, turn off at a marker to a private road which leads three miles to Woods Lake. This road is passable by automobiles or jeeps. It furnishes the traveler a full view of nature at its highest. Wild flowers, animals, and foliage are but a few of the many sights.

Woods Lake not only offers fishing, hunting, hiking and boat riding plus accommodation, but also is a central starting point to various lakes and mountain trails.

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In the fall of the year the scenery is very beautiful above Sweetwater Lake which is eight miles farther up the creek. There are many good accommodations for the traveler in this area. With the lake as the starting point visitors may hike and hunt in all directions. No road extends more than three or four miles above the lake, but horseback riding makes much beautiful country accessible.

Sweetwater Lake, one of the best known fishing lakes in the State of Colorado, is about one-half mile long and one-quarter mile wide. At the lower end of the lake, with careful observance, you can still see the old Ute Indian trail. The trail was used for many years by the Indians to go to their summer camps from their winter camping grounds. The first settlers remember seeing Indians using this trail just before the Meeker Massacre.

LAKE CREEK

To reach the foot of Lake Creek follow U. S. Highway 6 & 24 for 17 miles east from Eagle. Here you will turn south onto a gravel road. About one and one-half miles from this point, the road forks into East and West Lake Creeks. If you choose to travel west, proceed six miles through country noted for its scenic beauty, fishing and hunting to the end of the road, where you will find a resort provided for hunters and fishermen.

West Lake is famous for its pine and quaker covered mountains over which towers snow capped Mt. Jackson. If you choose to travel east you will also find fishing, hunting, hiking and horseback riding. You can drive about eight miles up West Lake before the road ends. And then, for those who like horseback riding, there is a trail that leads to beautiful picturesque lakes. This ride alone takes about four or five hours one way.

CRATER AT DOTSERO

Would you like to see a volcano that was once alive and dangerous but is now dead as far as residents of the Western Slope know? Two years ago a geologist looking at the crater said he did not believe it to be completely dead, but we really think you'll be perfectly safe in visiting it!

The road which leads to the crater turns off Highway 6 & 24 one and a half miles east of Dotsero and winds up a narrow gulch. (Dotsero is located on Highway 6 & 24, seventeen miles west of Eagle.) The road which leads to the crater is narrow and sometimes closed in winter and only traversible during the summer months by jeep or foot. A plant making building stone from volcanic ash may be visited during this trip. It is situated one mile west of the turnoff to the crater on the left-hand side of the highway. See for yourself this ancient but interesting spectacle!

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The massive creation of nature has the appearance of a grand and ancient castle standing 11,500 feet above sea level. From its crest one can look into Wyoming and Utah. A small glass house still stands on the top of the peak, once maintained as a lookout by the Forest Service. The Civil Aeronautics Administration has erected a beacon light and maintains its range station directly east of the peak, with a good graveled road leading into the area.

The Castle Peak country affords some of the best hunting country in the county.

HOLY CROSS CITY AND HOMESTAKE CREEK

Holy Cross City, named after the famous Mount of the Holy Cross, is now a ghost town located about ten miles, the way the crow flies, southwest of Red Cliff. From Eagle, the driver follows Highway 24 over Battle Mountain, past Red Cliff for three miles to the first intersection of the highway. Turn here to the right and drive seven miles to Gold Park over a graveled road. From Gold Park it is necessary to travel by jeep or horseback for another four miles to Holy Cross City.

SQUAW CREEK

For the solitude-seeking vacationers, who would like to spend an afternoon hiking, taking pictures, enjoying nature at its best, topped off with a picnic supper around a small campfire on a warm summer's twilight hour, a short motor trip up the Squaw Creek valley would be worthwhile. Hunting is excellent, for both large and small game abound in the surrounding mountains.

BEAVER CREEK

Beaver Creek is 20 miles east from Eagle on Highway 6 & 24. You start up the creek at a small town called Avon. Turn off just west of the filling station at Avon and drive south up the creek about two miles. You have to go on foot the rest of the way for four miles in order to reach Beaver Lake. From this lake it is four more miles to Turquoise Lake which is the head of Beaver Creek. There is wonderful fishing in both Beaver and Turquoise Lakes.

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ATTENTION HUNTERS Area Between Wolcott and State Bridge

Are you looking for an ideal place to hunt? Eleven miles east of Eagle on Highway 6 & 24 you come to the town of Wolcott. Continuing from there on Highway 131 to State Bridge are fourteen miles which include some of the best hunting spots anywhere in the state. It is a natural winter range for the entire distance and an excellent spot to get a deer.

In the fall when Domantle and the Piney Divide are being hunted, the deer go back and forth on the crossings along Highway 131 and with a little patience anyone can get a deer. There are several nice camping spots on the north slope of the Wolcott divide and every year deer are killed right from camp. Roads lead off from the main highway so that after killing your deer, it is very easy to get it out.

What more could anyone ask? Lots of deer, good camping spots, and easy access to an ideal hunting spot!

EAGLE COUNTY AIRPORT

The Eagle County Airport is situated on paved highway 6 & 24, four miles west of Eagle. It will accomodate large commercial aircraft, but is used chiefly for emergency and private use. The runway is dirt, but it is well marked and lighted. CAA operators are on duty 24 hours a day to check the weather and to direct planes.

CROSS CREEK

Cross Creek, one of the most scenic spots within easy reach of Eagle, is located twenty nine miles east of Eagle on Highway 24. The creek joins the Eagle River at the base of Battle Mountain. Here the visitor, after crossing the Cross Creek Bridge, turns right, finding a road leading through a gate to the recreation grounds.

These grounds are well developed by The New Jersey Zinc Company. Their facilities include fireplaces, picnic benches, a large baseball park and several small diamonds, as well as tennis courts and playground equipment. While some of the area is cleared for fun and games, there is much natural timber and the scenery is wonderful. This is an excellent place to hike, picnic or just relax. Fishing is prohibited as the stream is a source of water for the town of Minturn.

DEEP CREEK

If you are interested in a place to go where fishing and hunting are excellent, sightseeing and photography are well-rewarded, the Deep Creek area is the place for you. From Eagle you take Highway 6 & 24 west to a quarter of a mile of Dotsero, then turn right. Follow this gravel road for two miles to the mouth of Deep Creek. From here you turn left and travel along the creek one and a half miles. Leave your car here and walk the creek to Deep Lake which is ten miles further. The best time to visit this nature's wonderland is during the summer months (June—October). The road is always in tip-top shape.

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Gypsum Creek, Gypsum Reservoir, Red Table and Cottonwood Pass are located just south of Gypsum, seven miles west of Eagle on Highway 6 & 24, in cool scenic mountain country. Leaving Gypsum, you wind through fertile farming land, all irrigated by Gypsum Creek, which affords excellent fishing. Nestled among the pines and aspens is the Gypsum Reservoir which, fed by Gypsum Creek, offers many Brook and Rainbow trout which would please the most expert fisherman.

In this area is Cottonwood Pass, which is not only in very scenic country, but is full of deer and elk which give fine sport to hunters. This pass is beautiful all year round, but especially so when the fall colors give the effect of a huge Persian rug.

One of the lovely scenic side trips for which the Gypsum valley is noted, is the trip over Cottonwood Pass to Red Table Mountain affording a breath-taking view of mountain lakes, snow capped peaks and abundant wild life. There are good automobile roads to all of these places, although the country is ideal for hiking and horseback riding, too.

MOUNT OF THE HOLY CROSS

One of the most famous natural monuments to Christianity is to be found in Eagle County. This is known as the Mount of the Holy Cross.

The best view of the cross may be captured from the summit of Notch Mountain, directly opposite the beautiful peak. Travel east from Eagle on Highway 6 & 24, 25 miles to the junction. Follow Highway 24 through Minturn and at the foot of Battle Mountain turn south on a good dirt road to Tigiwon Park. (Better ask directions.) From there proceed on a good trail to the summit of Notch Mountain, where there is a comfortable shelter house. Here is an excellent place to snap satisfactory pictures of the cross.

A more distant view may be obtained from Shrine Pass or Battle Mountain.

The cross is formed by two ravines in which snow drifts to a depth of 50—60 feet on a 14,000 foot peak. The upright section is 2000 feet long and the arms are 800 feet across. To the right is found a large snow patch known as the Supplication Virgin and the Bowl of Tears, a small clear lake fed by the melting snows.

GORE CREEK and VAIL PASS

The route along Gore Creek running to the top of Vail Pass is one of the most scenic drives around Eagle. Located 17 miles east of Eagle, Gore Creek parallels U. S. Highway 6. After following the highway for about eight miles you leave the creek to continue on to Vail Pass. The top of the pass is located 30 miles east of Eagle. Here is a fine opportunity to view the scenery of the Rockies. Here you can photograph small streams, high cliffs or beautiful forests. From the top of the pass a secondary graveled road leads off to a view of the Mount of the Holy Cross. You can then continue on this road over Shrine Pass into Red Cliff. From Red Cliff you have a short 35 mile drive over historic Battle Mountain to Eagle. Built on the side of Battle Mountain is the Company owned zinc mining town of Gilman, said to have more automobiles per capita than any city or town in the world, yet having neither filling station nor garage.

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After you cross a wooden unpainted bridge, you will come to a marker. There, making a left hand turn, you will follow a narrow but very scenic road until you come to a lumber camp; go on about a quarter of a mile to Fulford. Here you will find an old general store and post office, an old well, and a few early day houses. But look up! You will see New York Mountain in all its beauty with its sheer rock cliffs, a Mecca for enthusiastic rock climbers.

During summer months Fulford is inhabited by those who still have faith that the once productive mountains have yet to give forth their hidden wealth of gold and silver ore.

FULFORD CAVE

Fulford Cave is believed to have been discovered about 1900 by Capt. N. Smith. Reports have been made of its beauty and extents, the maximum being six miles.

Drive south of Eagle on Brush Creek Road, a good gravel road, ten miles; turn left at the forks in the road. Follow this road to beautiful Yoeman Park and, keeping to the left, proceed to Fulford Camp Ground where excellent fishing and camping quarters are to be found. Observe the sign on the left hand side of the road at the start of the trail. Follow this steep trail, three quarters mile long, to the mouth of the cave. The trail is crossed by several confusing unmarked trails, but by bearing right at each junction, you can usually find the clearing at the base of a limestone wall and the switchback leading up just beneath the wall. The trail ends at two of the three known entrances to the cave.

In 1951 the cave was explored and mapped by members of the Colorado Grotto of the National Speleological Society. Their reports show that the cave consists of three levels and extends 1350 feet. The cave contains an interesting stream and waterfall of considerable beauty. The party also reported that due to the great amounts of broken rock masking passage openings and crawlways, it is possible that there are areas that they did not explore.

It is important to point out that unless you are a qualified cavern explorer you should enter only with proper guidance and equipment.

DEEP LAKE AND GRIZZLY CREEK AREA

Towering mountains, sheer rock walls, deep seated pine trees, a flowing creek and picnicking grounds in good hunting country are to be found on Grizzly Creek.

For the person who is a nature lover and likes the out-of-doors, Grizzly Creek is an ideal place for him to spend a day, a week or even a month. Above all, all of this to you, the tourist, has no cost providing you furnish your own camping equipment. Grizzly Creek is located twenty six miles west of Eagle on Highway 6 & 24.

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