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# 13 Things To Do In DENVER

Discover some of Denver's best kept secrets.

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1. Colorado is home to hundreds of rivers, creeks and lakes that boast perfect rapids or calm waters for any watersport activity. At Confluence Kayaks, they have a vast selection of kayaking gear as well as a trained staff who knows every in and out of kayaking. Centrally located northwest of Denver REI and Downtown Aquarium, these folks can have you kayaking on Colorado's water in no time! To get direction of see special deal and events visit: [www.confluencekayaking.com](http://www.confluencekayaking.com)
2. A little mix of suburbia and mountain town. The Roxborough State Park is located just a short drive southwest of Denver. This 4,000 acre park is filled with dramatic red rock formations, distinct plant communities and even some wildlife. In order to preserve Roxborough's natural state, no camping, mountain bikes, pets or horses are permitted. To learn more about that park visit: <http://www.parks.state.co.us/parks/roxborough/Pages/RoxboroughStatePark.aspx>.
3. Part of the Denver Museum of Nature of Science, the Gates Planetarium lets you blast off into space to get a behind the scenes look at some of the greatest parts about the solar system. From wild weather in the sky, to the mysteries of black holes, the planetarium is sure to teach anyone, no matter what age. To view details about shows or to buy tickets visit [www.dmns.org/planetarium](http://www.dmns.org/planetarium)
4. LoDo (Lower Downtown) is one of Denver's oldest neighborhoods. The guided tour for Adults Only-Adventure is for the 21 and over crowd. Attendees will be told the stories and myths of Denver's early residents like cowboys, gunslingers and desperados. They will be shown what used to be brothels and opium dens, hear ghost stories, and Denver firsts; from cheeseburgers to gas chambers. The tour is \$20 each or \$15 if you show a valid college or military ID. <https://www.lodo.org/itineraries-and-tours/historic-lodo-walking-tours/>
5. This public golf course is located just 15-minutes from downtown Denver and has been voted the "Best Golf Course in Denver" for the second time. The course opened in July 2003, approximately 64-million years after the first dinosaurs walked where holes 11-15 now sit. Triceratops footprints and well as other prehistoric creature's fossils can be viewed by the 12th green. To make an online tee-time visit [www.fossiltrace.com](http://www.fossiltrace.com)

6. The Denver Public Library was established in 1889 by City Librarian John Cotton Dana in a wing of Denver High School. In 1910, the library acquired a building of its own and was funded by Andrew Carnegie. In 1990, the city commissioned a new structure that was located on Broadway and 14th Street, and voters approved a 91.4 million dollar addition to the building. On December 6, 1990, it was named to the National Register of Historic Places. So next time Colorado has a rainy day, head down to the library and cozy up in a corner and read your favorite book!
  
7. This is home to some of Denver's most compelling contemporary art. Founded in 2007, the gallery has been featuring work from today's hottest artists in the contemporary field of art. David Smith has cultivated a strong national and international audience putting this gallery on your list of places to see in Denver. To visit his gallery go to: <http://www.davidbsmithgallery.com/>
  
8. City Park is in central Denver and boasts the Denver Zoo, Denver Museum of Nature and Science, Fossil and Duck Lakes, a golf course and a boathouse. During the summer the lake is open from 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. where you can rent kayaks or pedal boats. Prices vary, but it's a perfect place to spend a warm summer night on the water and watching a live jazz band in the grass afterwards!
  
9. Washington Park (Wash Park to the locals) is located in south central Denver and is frequent to college students from DU for Saturday afternoon BBQ's and volleyball. The park has several trails that go around the perimeter of the park, tennis courts, lawn bowling and croquet fields and two playgrounds. The recreation center also has an indoor pool and free weights.
  
10. This mansion, located in the Capitol Hill of Denver is said to be haunted by at least five ghosts, one includes a former resident of the home! Albert E. Humphreys who died in a suspicious shooting "accident" on the third floor has been said to make appearances in mirrors. What is now Cheesman Park, used to be Mount Prospect Graveyard. When Denver officials decided to use the park for something else they gave 90 days for the bodies to be moved. During the process the graves were looted and the bodies were broken in order to fit them in boxes. It is said that some of those spirits still haunt the mansion. To see the whole haunted mansion story visit: [http://www.hauntedhouses.com/states/co/grant\\_humphreys.htm](http://www.hauntedhouses.com/states/co/grant_humphreys.htm)

11. The Riverside Cemetery is Denver oldest cemetery and was founded in 1876. Many of Colorado's most famous pioneers are buried in this cemetery including, Augusta Tabor (Tabor Center), Barney and Julia Ford, and three territorial governors, John Evans, Samuel Elbert and John Routt. Riverside also hosts an official military cemetery, where three civil war Medal of Honor recipients are buried. To find out more about the cemetery visit: <http://friendsofriversidecemetery.org/>
  
12. The Boettcher's are recognized as one of Colorado's most philanthropic families of all time. In 1924, the mansion, located in Downtown Denver, was sold to Claude K. Boettcher. When Claude died, his wife the following year, she left the house to a private family foundation and requested the house be left to the State of Colorado to be used as the governors' residence. Originally the state rejected the offer, but in 1959, Governor Stephen McNichols accept the gift from the state. Tours a offered and are free of charge. To see more information visit: <http://www.colorado.gov/governor/residence/>
  
13. The Millennium Bridge is the world's first cable-stayed bridge using post-tensioned structural construction. The 200-foot mast rises above Denver's northern skyline. Work began on the bridge in 1999 and was completed in 2002. This bridge has been seen in many different movies based here in Denver and it's a great place to look over the Denver's LoDo area. It's also a great place and popular destination to take engagement or wedding pictures.

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