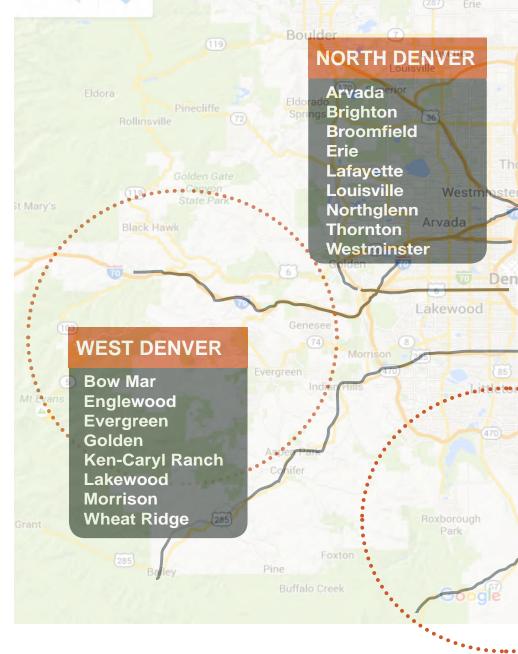
A GUIDE TO DENVER'S SUBURBAN NEIGHBORHOODS



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EAST DENVER

Aurora Commerce City

SOUTH DENVER

Castle Pines Castle Rock Centennial Cherry Hills Village Franktown Greenwood Village Highlands Ranch Lone Tree Parker

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COLORADO FUN FACTS



Colorado contains 75% of the land area of the U.S. with an altitude over 10,000 feet

Colorado is known as the **CENTENNIAL STATE**

because of the admission to the union in 1876, the centennial year of the US Declaration of Independance





Colorado means "colored red," Red Rocks and Garden of the Gods are two beautiful places to see some of the reason for the name.

who live in this state!

DENVER'S Colfax Avenue, which holds the Colfax

Marathon every

year, is the longest

continuous street in

America. Perfect for

the many avid runners

Colorado has

more microbreweries per capita than any other state, and Coloradoans sure love their beer.

Denver is home to 205 parks within city limits, and over 20,000 acres of parks in nearby mountains, making it the **largest city park system in the nation.** Adventures never cease.

School Information http://www.cde.state.co.us/

Parks & Recreation http://cpw.state.co.us/

ARVADA (North Denver)

A little bit of everything, Arvada is close to downtown and near mountain towns. It is a city that values community and has a strong neighborhood feel, while also receiving state and national awards for its business retention program.

Residents have easy access to the joys of Colorado living, with over 125 miles of trails. Hiking, biking, running and horseback riding are popular uses of the trails. With over 3,400 acres of open space, Arvada is a city dedicated to the wellness of its community. There is a park within a 10 minute walk of every residence in the community.

Olde Town Arvada is full of excellent shopping and dining, with promise of entertainment and fun. It is a popular space to hangout for residents of the city, and has only grown in popularity over the years, with festivals, concerts and more keeping it exciting and ever-changing.



PARKS:

Majestic View Nature Center and Park, Lake Arbor Community Park, Johnny Roberts Memorial Park, and Peter Pan Park

AREA INFORMATION:

To Downtown	25 minutes
To DIA	40 minutes
To DTC	35 minutes
County	Jefferson/Adams
Size	35.8 square miles

MAIN ATTRACTIONS:

Arvada Center, Historic Olde Town Arvada, Arvada Historical Society, Two Ponds National Wildlife Refuge, and Cussler Museum

AURORA (East Denver)

Making up half of Denver's population, suburban Aurora is, in size, practically its own city. The city was founded in the 1880s and has a vibrant history. In 1965, Aurora had the first woman mayor of a U.S. city with a population over 60,000, Mayor Norma Walker. The town continues in its tradition of diversity and unique stories.

Aurora is filled with culture, home to people from many backgrounds and countries living in its many subdivisions.

With over 100 parks and nearly 6,000 acres of natural and open spaces, Aurora is a perfect representation of why Denver is so great. Multiple farms, ranches, golf areas, and museums keep Aurora always vibrant and an ever exciting place to live.





PARKS:

City Park, Del Mar, Utah, Havana Heights Park, City Center Park, and Fairplay Park

AREA INFORMATION:

To Downtown	a 30 minutes
To DIA	25 minutes
To DTC	20 minutes
County	Adams/Arapahoe
Size	154.3 square miles

MAIN ATTRACTIONS:

Aurora Reservoir, Dry Dock Brewing Company, Aurora History Museum, Vintage Theater, and Southlands Shopping Center

BOW MAR (West Denver)

Though small, this town is vibrant and lively. It's a perfect example of Colorado's charm, offering the small-town feel with country landscape while still keeping access to the city life.

Bow Mar prides itself in the community it has created, providing year-round activities, clubs, social and recreational activities, geared towards family-friendly fun. They have a high value for volunteering and community work.

Bow Mar's beginning was agricultural, starting as a community of large farms that provided resources for Denver and Littleton. The town received its name from the combination of two nearby lakes, Bowles Lake and Marston Lake. Both lakes are named after two of the area's first farmers. The neighborhood was mostly completed by 1950 and officially became Bow Mar in 1958.





PARKS:

Marston Reservoir, Clement Park, Harriman Lake Park, and Leawood Park

AREA INFORMATION:

To Downtown27 minutesTo DIA57 minutesTo DTC20 minutesCountyArapahoe/JeffersonSize0.8 square miles

MAIN ATTRACTIONS:

Bowles Family Farmhouse and Barn, Roxborough Skate Park, and Bowles Lake

BRIGHTON (North Denver)

State parks, a bird observatory, fairs and giant corn mazes... Brighton keeps it interesting for all who live in and visit the city.

Home to the Rocky Mountain Bird Observatory, Brighton houses over 300 species of birds. Barr Lake State Park is also heaven for bird enthusiasts, offering space for running, biking, horseback riding, fishing and even boating in the lake.

An annual fall fair is always anticipated, and the Murray Maize Maze, 4 miles of trails through the corn maze, is one of the city's most popular attractions. The 15 acres of tall corn are shaped like a bear and two wolves.

Main Street represents the town's history and the rich culture. It's a place of vibrant community and activity.

PARKS:

Barr Lake State Park, Yoxall Creek, Benedict Park, Brian Aragon Skate Park, and Brighton Park

AREA INFORMATION:

To Downtown	n 32 minutes
To DIA	25 minutes
To DTC	45 minutes
County	Adams
Size	17.2 square miles



Rocky Mountain Bird Observatory, Murray Maize Maze, Prairie Center, and Berry Patch Farms



BROOMFIELD (North Denver)

Welcoming the active and adventurous, Broomfield is home to some of the top technology companies and three beautiful golf courses and more. Expansive parks, trails and open spaces invite activities like biking, hiking, horseback riding, running and more. The community is vibrant,



active and involved, with events constantly going on in and around the community.

FlatIron Crossing, a spectacularly landscaped mall, is housed in Broomfield, an attraction for many throughout Denver and surrounding areas. More than just a mall, FlatIron Crossing is more of a district, full of retail of all kinds, restaurants, theaters and more. The 1st Bank Center welcomes circuses, concerts, festivals and big community events. In 2006, Broomfield dedicated their 9/11 Memorial, part of the memorial includes a piece from one of the towers.

Broomfield is a perfect midway between Denver and Boulder, excellent for residents commuting to either city. With spectacular views, an expansive outdoor playground and headquarters for top businesses and tech companies, it is quite the place.

PARKS:

Broomfield Community Park, Rock Creek Farm, Brandywine Park, Central Park, Zangs Spur Park, and Midway Park

MAIN ATTRACTIONS:

Paul Derda Recreation Center, FlatIron Crossing, 1st Bank Center, and Broomfield 9/11 Memorial

AREA INFORMATION:

To Downtown To DIA To DTC County Size 25 minutes 45 minutes 40 minutes Broomfield 34 square miles

CASTLE PINES (South Denver)

A community that prides itself in safety and citizen involvement, Castle Pines is dedicated to creating a unique culture that meets the needs of the community while continually growing and developing.

It is one of the best places to live, work and play, with 560 acres of open space and 14 miles of trails and bikeways.

Ranked the 3rd best suburb in Colorado to live in, Castle Pines offers fun and endless activity. It is the youngest city in Coloardo, making its debut in 2007.

One of Castle Pine's big attraction is The Country Club at Castle Pines, where members can golf on Jack Nicklaus signature championship golf course. 2016 promises a new public library, built on land donated by Castle Pines.





PARKS:

Elk Ridge Park, The Retreat Park, Coyote Ridge Park, Cherokee Castle, and Ranch and Daniel's Gate Park

AREA INFORMATION

33 minutes
40 minutes
17 minutes
Douglas
9 square miles

MAIN ATTRACTIONS:

The Country Club at Castle Pines, The Ridge, Castle Pines Arts & Cultural Foundation, and Village at Castle Pines

CASTLE ROCK (South Denver)

A castle-shaped butte marks the spot for this aptly-named town, and stands as a perfect halfway marker between Denver and Colorado Springs. Nearly 30% of the town is open space for hiking and outdoor activities, with a plethora of parks and trails. In 2014 Castle Rock landed at the No. 4 spot on Money magazine's list of "50 Best Places to Live in America"

Originally home to the Arapaho and Cheyenne people, promises of gold attracted white settlers. The discovery of rhyolite, rather than gold, led to the establishment of Castle Rock. The town became official in 1874 and remained a steady rhyolite quarry through the early 1900s. The town has grown significantly since, and is now the 17th most populous municipality in Colorado.

Every winter since 1935, residents have participated in a "Lighting of the Star" ceremony. This fun tradition is not to be missed!



PARKS:

Ridgeline Open Space, Rock Park, Philip S. Miller Park, Castle North Park, Butterfield Park, Bison Park, and many more!

AREA INFORMATION:

To Downtown	40 minutes
To DIA	50 minutes
To DTC	20 minutes
County	Douglas
Size	33.8 square miles

MAIN ATTRACTIONS:

Historic Downtown Castle Rock, Castle Rock Museum, Outlets at Castle Rock, and Douglas County Events Center

CENTENNIAL (South Denver)

A newer Colorado municipality, Centennial was formed in 2001 after a petition was formed three years before to incorporate the official City of Centennial. Despite being so young, it is already the ninth largest city in Colorado.

It is one of the safest cities in Colorado, and is also ranked 15th safest city in the country. Centennial's name comes from a Colorado's nickname, the "Centennial State." It is so named because of Colorado's admission as the 38th state in the Union in 1876, the centennial year of the Declaration of Independence.

Home to Streets at SouthGlenn, a nice, well sized shopping center, there is an offering of excellent shopping and fine dining available. It's a shopping center that values the neighborhood and being part of the community, and the sidewalk cafés and shops give it a quaint feel.



PARKS:

Centennial Center Park, Parker Jordan Centennial Open Space, Cherry Creek State Park, and Arapahoe County Fairgrounds Park

AREA INFORMATION:

To Downtown	23 minutes
To DIA	35 minutes
To DTC	8 minutes
County	Arapahoe
Size	27.9 square miles

MAIN ATTRACTIONS:

Broncos Training Facility, IKEA, and Centennial Canoe Outfitters

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CHERRY HILLS VILLAGE (South Denver)

Legend has it the popular Arnold Palmer drink was started in Cherry Hills at the Cherry Hills Country Club. As the story goes, Arnold Palmer grew angry with a server after his refusal to mix lemonade into Palmer's iced tea. Someone later overheard him asking for the drink at the bar and ordered "that Palmer drink," and so the drink came to be.

Cherry Hills Village is one of the most affluent parts of Colorado, and the United States. In the 1900s two PGA Championships were hosted there, as well as the 2005 U.S. Women's Open.

Social life revolves around the Country Club. With its spectacular mountain views, this is the perfect backdrop to compliment one of the most classy and desirable settings along the Front Range.





PARKS:

Woodie Hollow Park, Three Pond Park, and John Meade Park

AREA INFORMATION:

To Downtown	25 minutes
To DIA	46 minutes
To DTC	12 minutes
County	Arapahoe
Size	6.3 square miles

AREA INFORMATION: Cherry Hills Country Club

COMMERCE CITY (East Denver)

Home to the Rocky Mountain Arsenal National Wildlife Refuge, a 15,000 acre urban nature preserve, Commerce City has always been dedicated to agriculture, farming and wildlife.

With one of the largest nature preserves in the country, birdwatchers, fishers and nature enthusiasts visit from all over the country to see the bald eagles, mule deer, bison, owls and more who reside there.

Bordering the Wildlife Refuge is Dick's Sporting Goods Park field complex. Build in 2007 with 24 full-size, fully-lit sports fields, including 22 natural grass and 2 synthetic turf fields, this is the place for sports enthusiasts alike. The natural grass fields are available for rent to the public from April – November.





PARKS:

Monaco Park, Pioneer Park, Veterans Memorial Park, Fairfax Park, Freedom Park, and River Run Park

AREA INFORMATION:

To Downtown	20 minutes
To DIA	30 minutes
To DTC	35 minutes
County	Adams
Size	28.5 square miles

AREA INFORMATION:

Rocky Mountain Arsenal National Wildlife Refuge, Colorado Rapids Major League Soccer Club, and Goldstrike Adventures

ENGLEWOOD (West Denver)

As with much of Denver, Englewood began with gold. In 1858, William Green Russell discovered gold on Little Dry Creek. Two years later it became Orchard Place after Thomas Skerritt, considered the founder of the city, built a home in the area.

Over time the area has built, torn down and rebuilt much, now a vibrant city complete with a public library, light trail, and water park. It is home to two of Denver's largest hospitals, Craig Hospital and the Swedish Medical Center.

The city is split into many municipalities, each with their own personality and vigor. A reservoir and multiple parks give way to the active and adventurous lifestyle so many Coloradoans enjoy. Englewood supports the arts, hosting art contests, dancing, painting groups and writing clubs.



PARKS:

Belleview Park, Northwest Greenbelt, Centennial Park, Bates/Logan Park, Jason Park, and many more!

AREA INFORMATION:

To Downtown	20 minutes
To DIA	50 minutes
To DTC	15 minutes
County	Arapahoe
Size	6.7 square miles

AREA INFORMATION:

Pirate's Cove, Recreation Center, and In-Line Hockey Rink

ERIE (North Denver)

This community offers a spectacular view of the Front Range, a landscape comparable to none. While more rural in nature, Erie is filled with families and businesses. Its prime location between Denver and Boulder make it an excellent place to live with easy access to both popular cities, while keeping away from the hustle and bustle of busy city life.

Historic downtown Erie is filled with quaint shops and excellent restaurants. A new championship golf course, Vista Ridge, has recently been added to the many exciting things about life in this beautiful town.

Erie boasts of being an "outdoor playground," with parks and open spaces. Summers hold concerts, festivals and celebrations. A focus on the arts is key to the community, as well as a dedication to community and learning.





PARKS:

Erie Community Park, Mitchell Field, Longs Peak Park, Reliance Park, and Coal Miners Park

AREA INFORMATION:

To Downtown	40 minutes
To DIA	35 minutes
To DTC	55 minutes
County	Boulder/Weld
Size	17.3 square miles

MAIN ATTRACTIONS:

Vista Ridge, Anderson Farms, and Spirit of Flight Center

EVERGREEN (West Denver)

Quietly nestled in the mountains, Evergreen isn't so far from the hustle and bustle of city life you can't enjoy it, with all the peace and serenity of mountain-life. Surrounded by the Denver Mountain Parks and Jefferson County Open Space, hiking and outdooractivity opportunities abound.

Evergreen is home to a number of registered Historic Places, including Bergen Park, Evergreen Conference District, Hiwan Homestead, Humphrey House, Everhardt Ranch and more.

Evergreen began as a homestead, the ranchers settling in the area eventually growing to provide much of the food and lumber for growing Denver. While Evergreen is no longer a farming town, its beauty has never grown old, and continues to draw people from all around.



PARKS:

Denver Mountain Parks, Jefferson County Open Space, Bergen Park, Corwina Park, Dedisse Park, Fillius Park, O'Fallon Park, and Pence Park

AREA INFORMATION:

To Downtown	n 40 minutes
To DIA	1hr 10 minutes
To DTC	45 minutes
County	Jefferson
Size	11.6 square miles

AREA INFORMATION:

Hiwan Golf Club, Jefferson County Open Spaces, Evergreen Lake, Evergreen Lake Lakehouse, and The Little Bear

FRANKTOWN (South Denver)

Though small, Franktown proves again how wonderful "small and mighty" can be.

This quaint town is rich with history. An old one-room schoolhouse converted to historical museum rests just outside of town, full of stories and archeological remains remembering the history of the area.



Franktown is home to Pike's Peak Grange #163, which is on the National Register of Historic Places. A marker outside the well-preserved space explains the political and social farm club.

PARKS:

Castlewood Canyon State Park

AREA INFORMATION:

To Downtown	50 minutes
To DIA	50 minutes
To DTC	35 minutes
County	Douglas
Size	0.8 square miles

MAIN ATTRACTIONS:

Shambalah Alpaca Ranch, Roses Creamery, La Frontera, and The Owl's Nest



GOLDEN (West Denver)

Home to Mines, mountains, creativity, breweries and lots of history, Golden is quintessential Colorado. Beer festivals fill the fair-weathered seasons and there are museums galore. There are over 402 acres of open space, and 24 miles of interconnected, well-maintained trails. A friendly, active town with the most amazing landscapes, it is an incredible place to call home.

Beginning as a gold-mining town, Golden has grown to a place of local and international influence in business and education. Despite the popularity, it has maintained the small-town feel that made it so attractive in the beginning.

The inviting, playful environment makes this town perfect for all. Jefferson County Open Spaces is essentially Golden's backyard. With Red Rocks and Lookout Mountain nearby, being a kid never has to stop.

PARKS:

Clear Creek Historic Park, South/North Table Mountain Park, Apex Park, Golden Gate Canyon State Park, and Mother Cabrini Shrine

AREA INFORMATION:

To Downtown	30 minutes
To DIA	50 minutes
To DTC	35 minutes
County	Jefferson
Size	9 square miles



MAIN ATTRACTIONS:

Buffalo Bill's Gravesite and Museum, Colorado Railroad Museum, Footills Art Museum, Lookout Mountain Nature Centure and Preserve, and Coors Brewery



GREENWOOD VILLAGE (West Denver)

Greenwood Village is the mid-point between Downtown Denver and Castle Rock. It is also home to some of Colorado's premier businesses and corporations, such as Arrow Electronics, Inc., Charles Schwab, Liberty Media Corp and much more. The Denver Technological Center, more popularly called DTC, sits in the middle of Greenwood Village.

Formed in 1970's by Architect/Planner Carl A. Worthington, DTC started with 40 arces of land to develop which has now turned into over 850 acres and 25 million square feet of buildings.





PARKS:

Westlands Park, Samson Park, Silo Park, Castlewood Park, and Village Greens Park

AREA INFORMATION:

27 minutes
45 minutes
2 minutes
Arapahoe
8.1 square miles

MAIN ATTRACTIONS:

Curtis Center, and The MADDEN Museum of Art

HIGHLANDS RANCH (South Denver)

As the name implies, the beginning of Highlands Ranch included farming and ranching. It is a place of rich history, first settled over a hundred years ago. Over the years, the area was developed, becoming a suburb in the early 80s.

Highlands Ranch is a suburb known for high quality of life. It has been recognized nationally as a top place to move, as well as an ideal place to raise children. Full of parks and open spaces, Highlands Ranch also offers programming around horseback riding at the Equestrian Center, tennis, skating and more. It is brimming with private bike trails for avid bikers.

The suburb highly values healthy and active lifestyles, promoting events and ways to get involved in the community and pursuing that lifestyle together.





PARKS:

Civic Green Park, Falcon Park, Fly'n B Park, Northridge Park, Redstone Park, Centennial Center Park, Westlands Park, and Timberline Park

AREA INFORMATION:

To Downtown	40 minutes
To DIA	40 minutes
To DTC	40 minutes
County	Douglas
Size	24.3 square miles

AREA INFORMATION:

Highlands Ranch Mansion, Redstone Pond, Highlands Heritage Regional Park Equestrian Center, and Grist Brewing Company

KEN-CARYL RANCH (West Denver)

Dedicated to preserving the natural beauty of the area, Ken-Caryl has approximately 6,000 acres of open space. The valley has a natural and untouched feel, which is valued by the community and carefully maintained.

Full of heritage and fascinating history, Ken-Caryl is an incredible place to live, and an especially wonderful place to raise a family. Fun City, a huge indoor entertainment center, is perfect for a Saturday adventure. The community is close, offering endless opportunities for involvement and activity.

From a community garden to a neighborhood newspaper, there are many places to get involved and even more to explore in this beautiful place.





PARKS:

Bradford Park, Community Park, Heirloom Park, North Ranch Park, Ranch House Park, and Settlement Pond Park

AREA INFORMATION:

To Downtown	35 minutes
To DIA	50 minutes
To DTC	25 minutes
County	Jefferson
Size	9.8 square miles

MAIN ATTRACTIONS:

Fun City, Community Center, and Ken-Caryl Home

LAFAYETTE (North Denver)

Lafayette and Mary Miller moved to Boulder in 1874. After Lafayette died, Mary moved back to their family's farm. A discovery of coal on the land led her to form the town of Lafayette, named after her late husband. The city of Lafayette was officially incorporated in 1890. Mary continued to lead the community, opening a bank and becoming the first, and at the time only, female bank president. Over time, the town became more agricultural, and as Denver and Boulder grew, a more popular place to live.

The city is home to many businesses and industries. Nestled between Denver and Boulder, it provides easy access to these popular cities.

The city has fun quirks, like an annual oatmeal festival. Other festivals include the peach festival, Lafayette Days and more. These festivals take place in Old Town Lafayette. Downtown sports boutiques and cafés, keeping the homey feel of the original town. The city is dedicated to preserving nature, keeping a system of trails, open spaces and land beautiful.



PARKS:

Waneka Lake Park, Lafayette Parks and Recreation, Great Bark Park, and John Breaux Park

AREA INFORMATION:

To Downtown	33 minutes
To DIA	50 minutes
To DTC	50 minutes
County	Boulder
Size	9.6 square miles

MAIN ATTRACTIONS:

Festival Plaza, Indian Peaks Golf Course, Beer Nut Craft Brewery Tours, and WOW! Children's Museum

LAKEWOOD (West Denver)

Diversity and charm mark Lakewood, the largest municipality in Jefferson County and one of the largest cities in Colorado.

It was a city before being officially recognized and incorporated in 1969. For a long time the city had no real downtown, instead West Colfax Avenue functioned as the city's faux downtown and place for residents to work, hangout and find good food and beverages. Since then, Belmar has become the town's center. It is a mix of residential spaces and retail, with cultural celebrations and public areas to spend time. An ice skating rink lit by twinkle lights graces the town center during the winter, and summers are filled with live music and movies.

With over 99 parks, 7,000 acres of open space and 180 miles of trails, Lakewood's appeal as a family-friendly, community centered and diverse place to live only increases. Don't forget to visit Casa Bonita, the famed Mexican restaurant with cliff-divers and endless fun.

PARKS:

Bear Creek Lake Park, Kendrick Lake Park, O'Kane Park, Sister City Park, and Walker-Branch Park

AREA INFORMATION:

To Downtown	18 minutes
To DIA	50 minutes
To DTC	25 minutes
County	Jefferson
Size	44 square miles

MAIN ATTRACTIONS:

Casa Bonita, Belmar, Lakewood Cultural Center, Lakewood Heritage Center, and Colorado Mills





LITTLETON (South Denver)

This suburb offers a bit of everything, a vibrant place to call home. Littleton has a rich history, which is preserved at the Littleton Historic Museum. A nationally accredited Smithsonian affiliate museum, the Living History takes visitors back in time.

In addition to the history of Littleton, the suburb has much to offer in the present as well. The suburb is full of activity and diverse interests. The many state parks and gardens are heaven for the outdoor enthusiast, and Historic Downtown Littleton keeps the intimate feeling of a small-town. Art galleries and musical performances abound with the Littleton Chorale, Littleton Symphony Orchestra and the Depot Art Gallery.

A unique suburb, Littleton is an excellent place for everyone, family-friendly and filled with shops and restaurants, parks and playgrounds, something for every interest and need.





PARKS:

Roxborough State Park, Chatfield State Park, Deer Creek Canyon Park, South Platte Park, and Carson Nature Center

AREA INFORMATION:

To Downtow	n 25 minutes
To DIA	50 minutes
To DTC	20 minutes
County	Arapahoe/Douglas/
	Jefferson
Size	13.9 square miles

MAIN ATTRACTIONS:

Littleton Chorale, Littleton Symphony Orchestra, Depot Art Gallery, Denver Seminary, Littleton Historic Museum, Bernis Public Library, and Hudson Gardens



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LONE TREE (South Denver)

The city's slogan, "It's a great day to be in Lone Tree," sums up the city perfectly. Residents of Lone Tree are excited about where they live, holding a deep sense of pride in their home.

The city offers diverse activities and places for residents to be active and get involved. With miles of trails, shopping malls, summer concerts, golf courses and plenty of places to volunteer, residents of Lone Tree can find exactly what they need to plug into community.

The city focuses on the arts – music and visual art, literature and general creativity. It's a welcoming home for all, everyone can find something they enjoy and a place where they fit.



PARKS:

Bluffs Regional Park, Sweetwater Park, Prairie Sky Park, Fairways at Lone Tree Park, Acres Green Park, and Cook Creek Park

AREA INFORMATION:

To Downtown	30 minutes
To DIA	48 minutes
To DTC	13 minutes
County	Douglas
Size	9.7 square miles

MAIN ATTRACTIONS:

Park Meadows Mall, Lone Tree Arts Center, iFLY Denver Indoor Skydiving, Lone Tree Golf Club & Hotel, and Lone Tree Brewing Company

LOUISVILLE (North Denver)

Beginning in the 1870s as the first coal mine in Boulder, the town was later named Louisville after Louis Nawatny, a settler who named his land after himself. It remained a coal mining town until 1950, when it was no longer a profitable business.

Since its coal-mining days, Louisville has become one of the best cities in the United States to live in and raise a family. It has an award-winning library, with one of the highest circulation rates in Colorado. Systems of trails are ideal for running, biking, hiking and horseback riding, and an award-winning gold course is always available.

A place where the old and the new collide, Louisville has a vibrant historic downtown area, with activities and shops providing ample opportunity for residents to get involved and stay active. Summer months promise concerts and street fairs in the town, and in winter the pavilion becomes an ice rink.





PARKS:

Louisville Community Park, Memory Square Park, Pirates Park, Annette Brand Park, and Cottonwood Park

AREA INFORMATION:

To Downtown	30 minutes
To DIA	35 minutes
To DTC	45 minutes
County	Boulder
Size	8 square miles

MAIN ATTRACTIONS:

Steinbaugh Pavilion, Old Louisville Inn, Coal Creek Golf Course, and Louisville Historical Museum

MORRISON (West Denver)



One would be hard-pressed to hear of Morrison, or Colorado for that matter, without hearing about Red Rocks Amphitheater. The famed concert venue has hosted some of the world's best musicians, from Jimi Hendrix and the Beatles, The Grateful Dead and U2, to Mumford and Sons and John Mayer.

Along with being the best concert venue of all times, Red Rocks is an incredible place to simply be outdoors. Coloradoans routinely workout on and around the steps of the amphitheater, and the surrounding area is ideal for a light but spectacular hike.

Red Rocks and the surrounding small town of Morrison are quintessential Colorado, keeping in line the joy of living in the great outdoors, enjoying good food, drinks and excellent music. It's been said that Colorado is a playground, and Morrison is no exception.

PARKS:

Matthew Winters Park, and Mt. Falcon

AREA INFORMATION:

To Downtown	30 minutes
To DIA	55 minutes
To DTC	35 minutes
County	Jefferson
Size	2.2 square miles

MAIN ATTRACTIONS:

Red Rocks Amphitheater, Dinosaur Ridge, Morrison Natural History Museum, Geo Tours Whitewater Rafting Trips, and Lariat Loop National Scenic Byway

NORTHGLENN (North Denver)

Beautiful parks and open spaces fill Northglenn, inviting residents and others to explore and experience the glory of nature.

The city boasts a 550 acre park system, including the Webster Lake and E.B. Rains, Jr. Memorial Park, which received awards for rehabilitation and redesign. Fishing, paddle boating, playgrounds, picnic spaces and more are available throughout Northglenn's parks.

With direct access to I-25, as the interstate runs through Northglenn, it is a major commuter city.

This residential community is homey and quaint. Community events, volunteering and more are readily available to residents, and visitors always feel welcomed.





PARKS:

E.B. Rains, Jr. Memorial Park, Alvin B. Thomas Park, Centennial Park, Grant Park, North Park at Fox Run, and Huron Crossing Park

AREA INFORMATION:

To Downtown	25 minutes
To DIA	30 minutes
To DTC	35 minutes
County	Adams
Size	7.5 square miles

MAIN ATTRACTIONS:

Don Anema Memorial Skate Park, Croke Reservoir Nature Area, Oscar Arnold Nature Area, and Northwest Open Space

PARKER (South Denver)

Parker is a marriage of suburbia with the great outdoors. The Cherry Creek Trail runs through the town, with miles of open space for biking, hiking, running and more.

The community is vibrant and full, it's a welcoming place for families, and so the age range is quite diverse. The variety in residents makes it a place that can meet the needs of any who move in. There are a number of excellent schools in the area, and plenty of parks where kids can hangout afterwards.

The community is passionate about preserving their historic roots. While the town has grown immensely over the years, it seeks to maintain the small town feel from its beginnings in 1862 as Pine Grove.

PARKS:

Castlewood Canyon State Park, and Cherry Creek State Park

AREA INFORMATION:

To Downtown	30 minutes
To DIA	35 minutes
To DTC	15 minutes
County	Douglas
Size	14.6 square miles

MAIN ATTRACTIONS:

Elk Mountain Brewery, Grandview Suri Alpacas, The Wildlife Experience, Flat Acre Farm, and Parker Fieldhouse



THORNTON (North Denver)



A relatively young city, Thornton began in the 1950s, quickly growing and becoming a vital part of the Denver landscape.

The city is proud of its recreation programs many acres of developed parks and recreation spaces, over 1,000 acres in fact. There are 230 acres of land preserved from development. Public golf courses in Thornton keep up with the city's active and involved culture. The city is dedicated to maintaining a high quality of life for residents, responding to needs and keeping innovative planning and leadership at the core of the city's structure. Environmental issues are also integral to the city's philosophy.

The town center is always bustling, and the city hosts many popular festivals during different seasons.



PARKS:

Margaret Carpenter Park, Woodglen/Brookshire Park, Thornton Trail Winds Park, and Open Space Skate Park

AREA INFORMATION:

To Downtown	n 20 minutes
To DIA	35 minutes
To DTC	35 minutes
County	Adams/Weld
Size	35.9 square miles

MAIN ATTRACTIONS:

Larkridge Mall, Thornton Town Center, Springvale Park, Disc Golf Course, Thorncreek Golf Course, and Thornton Veterans Memorial

WESTMINSTER (North Denver)

Nestled between Denver and Boulder, Westminster is full of shopping, hiking, historic homes and fine dining. The environment is a priority to the city, and they have developed programs and volunteer opportunities to involve the community in their effort. The result is a clean, well-kept city that testifies to their commitment.

Westminster has a rich history, starting as many cities in Colorado began, with the discovery of gold. Westminster Castle was built, and can still be seen today from its perch on 83rd, overlooking Denver. It is listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

The city loves the outdoors. There are miles of trails, parks and open spaces for exploring and endless activities. With three golf courses, the joy of being in the great outdoors never ceases.





PARKS:

Bit Dry Creek Trail, Westminster City Park, Skyline Vista Park, and Faversham Park

AREA INFORMATION:

To Downtow	n 25 minutes
To DIA	35 minutes
To DTC	30 minutes
County	Adams/Jefferson
Size	32.9 square miles

MAIN ATTRACTIONS:

Westminster Castle, Legacy Ridge Golf Course, The Courses at Hyland Hills, Heritage at Westmoor, Bowles House, and Elm Tree Gardens

WHEAT RIDGE (West Denver)



A relatively young city, Wheat Ridge was officially incorporated in 1970. However, the city existed long before that, with a history of agriculture and farming, also a popular resting spot for travelers during the Gold Rush. The joining of old and new is indicative of the suburb itself, a place of rich history and fresh beginnings.

The James H. Baugh homestead, residence of a Denver transplant who moved to Colorado for mining and couldn't leave, is one of Wheat Ridge's most notable landmarks. The restored homestead is on the National Register of Historic Places and the Colorado State Register of Historic Places.

Along with its history, Wheat Ridge offers over 20 parks, open spaces and trails for those seeking adventure and outdoor activities. An area that celebrates and reflects diversity, a plethora of various restaurants and cultural experiences are easily accessible. Summers sport farmers markets and urban gardens. Antique stores on 44th Ave., an old theater district and cuisine ranging from Italian to South American are throughout the city, offering fun for all.

PARKS:

Wheat Ridge Greenbelt Trail System, Prospect Park, Anderson Park, Fruitdale Park, and Randall Park

MAIN ATTRACTIONS:

James H. Baugh Homestead, and 44th Ave.

AREA INFORMATION:

To Downtown To DIA To DTC County Size 15 minutes 45 minutes 25 minutes Jefferson 9.6 square miles

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