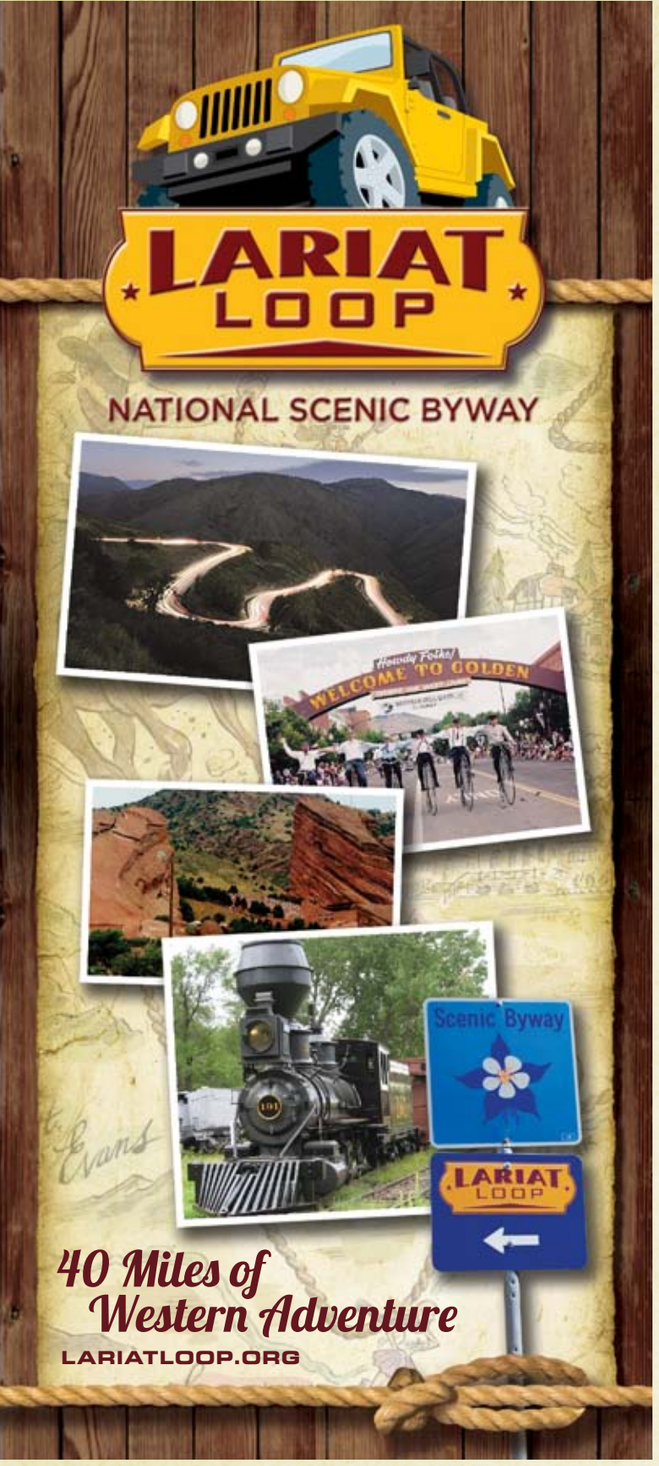


# Explore Nature, Culture and History on the LARIAT LOOP!

HEARKEN BACK TO the dawn of the Age of Motorcars by retracing the sharp curves, winding roads and foothills exploration of the 40-mile Lariat Loop Byway—just like they did in the early 1910s! Whether you're squeezing in a couple historic and scenic stops in an hour or trying to hit everything along the way in an all-day trip, the Lariat Loop is a must-do on your visit to the area!

## What is the Lariat Loop Scenic and Historic Byway?

Billing itself as "40 Miles of Western Adventure," this route is actually a combination of the Lariat Trail Scenic Mountain Drive and the Bear Creek Scenic Mountain Drive. From 1915 to the 1920s, Denver promoted these and other "scenic circles" to help Coloradans experience the beauty of the mountains while remaining in proximity to the Denver Metro area. In 1976, the roadways were designated to the National Register of Historic Places.

## Where is it?

Located in the foothills between Golden, Morrison and Evergreen, the Lariat Loop is about 20 miles west of Denver, Colorado.


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## What's on the route?

Besides the narrow mountain canyons and spectacular views of the Rocky Mountains and Eastern Plains, the Lariat Loop is jam-packed with natural, cultural and historic attractions from start to finish. Take a look on the map on the other side to see the 20+ Heritage sites along the way.

Navigating the Lariat Loop is simple, thanks to directional signs that point the way along the entire route. There are also interpretive signs and shelters providing directions and information about the area and attractions.

## How do I plan my trip?

Planning your self-guided tour of the Lariat Loop is simple. Take a look at the map on the other side to see where you are and then decide what you want to see and do by the descriptions of sites along the way. Start your Western adventure at the point on the map closest to you. Rev up those engines and jump on or off the Lariat Loop at any of the points until you have seen all the exciting attractions, amazing vistas and enriching historical sites that you can pack into your trip.

Or, visit our website, www.LariatLoop.org and choose one of the pre-planned trips. You also can use the handy trip planner that lets you add your choice of destinations and prints out a customized map just for you.

## Before you go, please consider:

- Cell service will not work on all parts of the byway.
- Don't trust GPS systems while driving the byway as they are programmed to provide the most direct route and may lead you into the backcountry.
- Never block the road to take photos. There are plenty of places to pull off.
- Never walk or drive through flood waters!

For more information or to watch a video tour of the route, visit **www.LariatLoop.org.**


Sculpture Evergreen
formerly Art for the Mountain Community

The 2015-2016 Evergreen Sculpture Walk consists of 16 pieces of sculpture that were selected through a national competition and are located at sites in Evergreen and in neighboring communities. Brochures can be picked up at local area businesses for the self-guided walking tour.
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## Attractions & Things To Do on the Loop

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**Buffalo Bill Museum & Grave**
(303) 526-0744 www.buffalobill.org

**Center Stage (Theater)** (303) 674-4002
www.evergreenchorale.org, www.evergreenplayers.org

**Colorado Railroad Museum**
(303) 279-4591 www.coloradorailroadmuseum.org

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**MillerCoors Brewery Tours** (303) 277-2686
www.millercoors.com/golden-brewery-tour.aspx

**Mother Cabrini Shrine**
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**Old Paint Bar**
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**Red Rocks Country Club**
(303) 697-4438 www.redrockscountryclub.org

**Red Rocks Park and Amphitheater**
(303) 697-6047 www.redrocksonline.com

## Eats & Treats

**The Cow Eatery**
(303) 697-5721 www.thecoweatery.com

**The Fort**
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**Genesee Candy Land** (303) 526-9751
www.facebook.com/pages/Genesee-Candy-Land

**Little Bear of Evergreen**
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**Mills Street Eats**
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**Morrison Holiday Bar**
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**My Goods Market**
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**Pahaska Tepee Gift Shop**
(303) 526-9367 www.buffalobill.org/giftshop

**The Wild Game**
(720) 630-8888 www.thewildgame.net

## Shopping / Arts

**Center for the Arts Evergreen**
(303) 674-0056 www.evergreenarts.org

**Evergreen Creative District**
(303) 670-9207 www.evergreencreativedistrict.com

**The Evergreen Gallery**
(303) 674-4871 www.theevergreengallery.com

**Sculpture Evergreen**
720-608-1ART (1278) www.sculptureevergreen.org

**Suzie's Boutique**
(720) 502-5693 www.suziesltd.com

## Loop Partners & Resources

**City and Mountain Views**
(303) 437-7997 www.citymtnviews.com

**Evergreen Area Chamber of Commerce**
(303) 674-3412 www.evergreenchamber.org

**Friends of Red Rocks**
www.friendsofredrocks.org

**Golden Chamber of Commerce**
(303) 279-3113 www.goldencochamber.org

**Golden Landmarks Association, Inc.**
(303) 279-1236 www.goldenlandmarks.com

**Town of Morrison**
(303) 697-8749 http://town.morrison.co.us

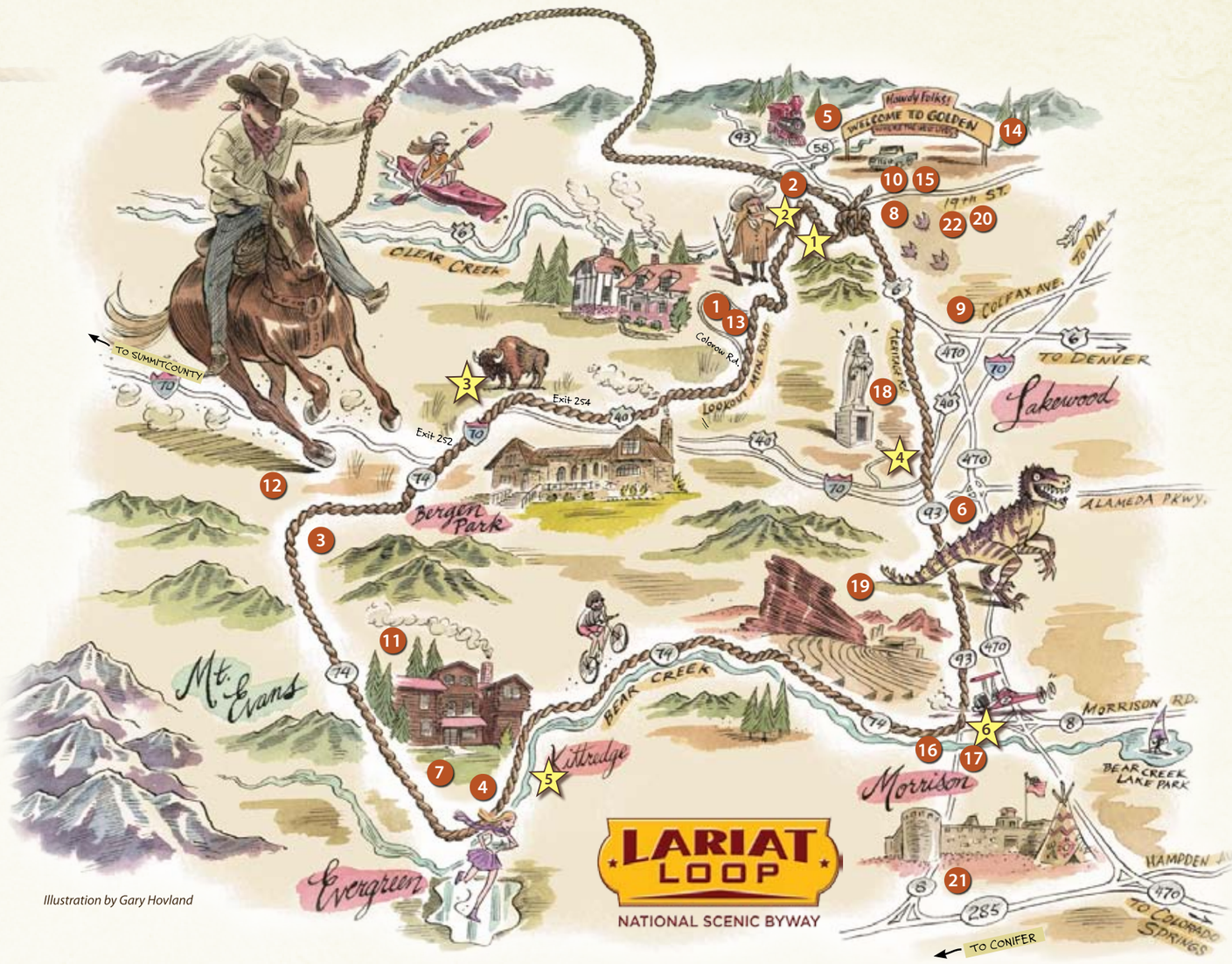
**Vertex Innovations**
(877) 738-3903 www.vertex-us.com

**Visit Golden**
(303) 279-3113 www.visitgolden.com

**West Chamber**
(303) 233-5555 www.westchamber.org

# Heritage Sites

1. **Boettcher Mansion** Tour this historic gem where historic authenticity meets modern amenities inside the Lookout Mountain Nature Preserve. https://jeffco.us/boettcher-mansion
2. **Buffalo Bill Museum and Grave** Browse collections of antique firearms, Native American artifacts, items used by Buffalo Bill Cody and his grave atop Lookout Mountain. www.buffalobill.org
3. **Center for the Arts Evergreen** Enjoy rotating exhibits, art classes and events at this one-stop community center for the arts. http://evergreenarts.org
4. **Center Stage (Theater)** Browse the Rotary Gallery or catch a chorale, dance or theatre performance at this home to many arts organizations. http://evergreenchorale.org
5. **Colorado Railroad Museum** Experience history with this collection of over 100 narrow and standard gauge steam and diesel locomotives, passenger cars and cabooses. www.coloradorailroadmuseum.org
6. **Dinosaur Ridge** See hundreds of dinosaur tracks, bones and interesting geologic features at this outdoor museum. www.dinoridge.org
7. **Evergreen Historic Downtown and Creative District** Shop, dine, dance and explore our winery, museum and year-round indoor and outdoor art. www.downtownevergreen.com
8. **Foothills Art Center** Browse the main and community galleries' exhibitions of varying media, attend a lecture series, purchase a favorite piece (or two!) or create your own art in the open studio or through a class. www.foothillsartcenter.org
9. **Heritage Square** Visit this family entertainment village for an entire day of shopping, dining, an amusement park with rides, miniature golf, the Alpine Slide, Miner's Maze Adventureland and the Rio Golden Railroad. www.heritagesquare.info
10. **Historic Downtown Golden** Visit the museums, take the self-guided walking tours, shop, dine and stay without ever leaving downtown. www.visitgolden.com
11. **Hiwan Homestead Museum** Tour three original buildings and the 25-room log lodge complete with 1930s décor, which is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. https://jeffco.us/open-space/parks/hiwan-homestead-museum
12. **Humphrey History Park and Museum** Visit the home and ranch of the first Lariat Trail commuter and see where history comes out to play. www.hmpm.org
13. **Lookout Mountain Nature Center** Commune with nature at this 100-acre park's interactive exhibits, hands-on discovery room and observation room, programs and trails. http://jeffco.us/open-space/parks/lookout-mountain-nature-center
14. **MillerCoors Brewery Tours** Take the 30-minute self-paced tour highlighting the malting, brewing and packaging processes followed by a sample! www.millercoors.com/golden-brewery-tour.aspx
15. **Miner's Alley Playhouse** Enjoy an award-winning production — musicals, comedy, improv, concerts and theater — at this professional theater in downtown Golden. www.minersalley.com
16. **Morrison Historic District** Enjoy a day of shopping, dining and exploring, or stay the night and make it a two-day adventure! http://town.morrison.co.us
17. **Morrison Natural History Museum** Bring the family for hands-on dinosaur exhibits, fossil research in progress and a guided tour, or just explore the museum on your own. www.mnhm.org
18. **Mother Cabrini Shrine** Walk the gardens, marvel at the art and architecture, explore the museum and browse the gift shop at this sacred site. www.mothercabrinishrine.org

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19. **Red Rocks Park and Amphitheater** Go beyond the concerts to explore the 868 acres of parkland where the Great Plains meet the Rocky Mountains — complete with plants, birds, deer and dinosaurs! http://redrocksonline.com
20. **Rocky Mountain Quilt Museum** Marvel at the craftwork of permanent and rotating pieces from various periods in quiltmaking history, from traditional and historic bed quilts to contemporary art quilts. https://rmqm.org
21. **The Fort Restaurant** Try this award-winning restaurant's buffalo steaks or fine beef, fame and seafood in a truly unique setting! www.thefort.com
22. **Triceratops Trail** Walk amongst the sandstone formations where tracks of dinosaurs, birds, mammals and insects are preserved. www.dinoridge.org/tritrail.html

## Learn About the Loop

1. Lookout Mountain Road at the historic stone pillars
2. Buffalo Bill Museum and Grave
3. I-70 at Genesee Park - Exit 254 Bison Herd Overlook
4. I-70 at Morrison - Exit 259 Wooly Mammoth Parking Lot
5. Evergreen Mountain Village, in The Heart of Evergreen
6. Two Creeks Plaza, Historic Town of Morrison

## Historic Golden

## Historic Morrison

## Historic Evergreen

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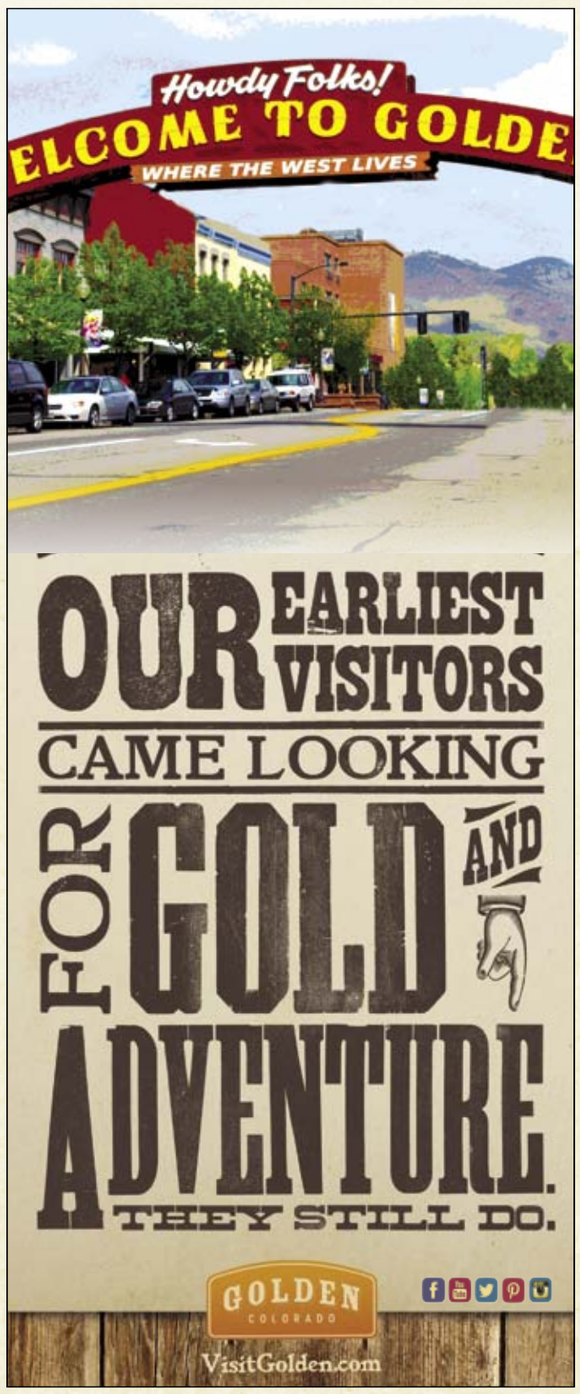

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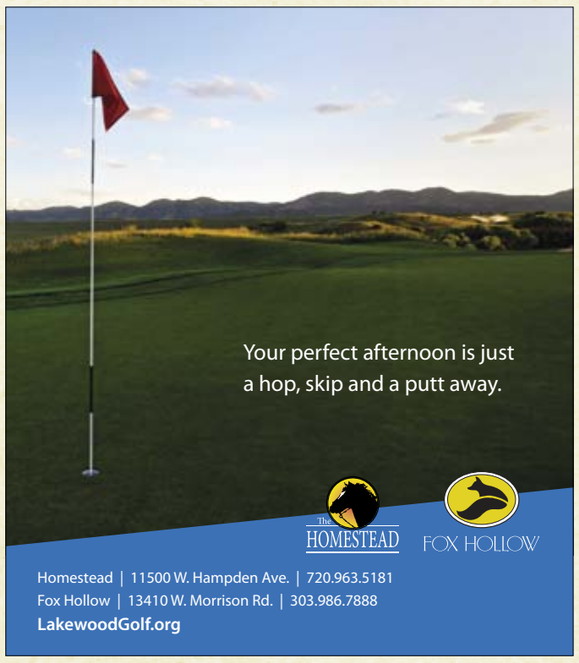
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