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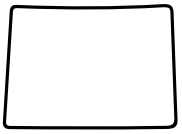
State Nickname: The Centennial State



The Capitol of Colorado is Denver.

The state tree is the Colorado Blue Spruce.

The state bird is the Lark Bunting.

FUN FACTS:

Denver is called the Mile High City because it's exactly one mile above sea level.

Colorado has the tallest sand dunes in North America at Great Sand Dunes National Park.

The first-ever rodeo took place in Colorado Springs in 1869.

Colorado's motto is "Nil sine numine," which means "Nothing without providence." It tells us that with help from above and hard work, we can do great things!

The state flower is the Rocky Mountain Columbine.

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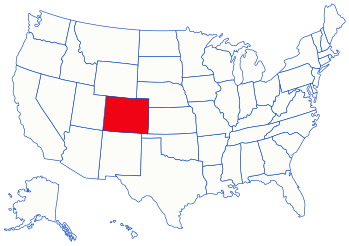
Established: January 9, 1788

Colorado's flag has three stripes: two blue stripes on the top and bottom and a white stripe in the middle. It also has a big red "C" with a yellow circle inside, which stands for the sun and Colorado's beautiful red rocks!

STATE FACTS:

- **Square Miles: 104,094**
- **8th Largest State**
- **Largest City: Denver**
- **42 State Parks**
- **Highest Point: 14,440 feet, Mount Elbert**

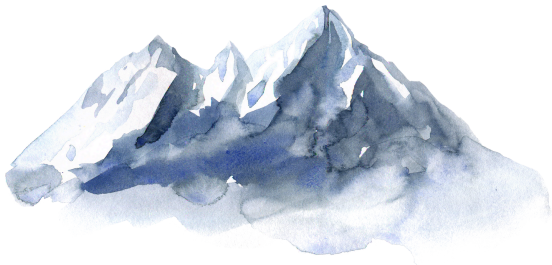


COLORADO'S HISTORY AND EXPLORATION

The famous poem "America the Beautiful" was inspired by the stunning views from Pikes Peak in Colorado.

In 1859, the Colorado Gold Rush brought thousands of people hoping to find gold and start a new life.

Colorado is home to important space and science research centers.



Colorado has the highest average elevation of any state in the U.S.! That means most of Colorado is high up in the mountains, so the air is thinner and the views are amazing.