



RANGELY

VISITOR GUIDE

COLORADO

January

- Happy New Year!

March

- Racquetball Tournament
- Elks Easter Egg Hunt

April

- CNCC Foundation Dinner
- Rangely District Hospital Health Fair
- CNCC Softball Golf Tournament
- Spartan Showdown Rodeo

May

- CNCC Commencement Ceremony
- Community Gardens Annual BBQ
- Bernie's Tourney Golf Tournament
- 27 Hole Scramble Golf Tournament
- Fireside Chat - Rangely Outdoor Museum
- Open Saturdays at The TANK

June

- Fishing Derby & Free Weekend of Fishing
- Music in the Park
- Rangely Napa Golf Tournament
- Elks Scramble Golf Tournament
- Rio Blanco Cup Golf Tournament
- Fireside Chat - Rangely Outdoor Museum
- Open Saturdays at The TANK

July

- New Eden Color Run
- Fireworks
- Rib Cook Off
- Local Music Showcase
- Music in the Park
- Night Golf Tournament
- Rally Colorado
- Sea Plane Fly-in
- Two-man Best Ball Golf Tournament
- Fireside Chat - Rangely Outdoor Museum
- Open Saturdays at The TANK

August

- School Starts!
- ROAR OHV Rally
- Music in the Park
- Couples Classic Golf Tournament
- Fireside Chat - Rangely Outdoor Museum
- Open Saturdays at The TANK

September

- SeptemberFest
- Ice Cream Social
- Music in the Park
- Car Show
- Bulls 'n' Bogeys Golf Scramble
- Rangely Rock 'n' Bull Rodeo
- Fireside Chat - Rangely Outdoor Museum
- Open Saturdays at The TANK
- Canyon Pintado Hill Climb

October

- Rangely High School Homecoming
- Fireside Chat - Rangely Outdoor Museum
- Open Saturdays at The TANK

November

- Rangely Shop & Dine
- Small Business Saturday
- Veterans Day Celebration

December

- ChristmasFest



W E L C O M E !

Our Community boasts amazing outdoor resources and activities, including a challenging and affordable 9-hole golf course, one of the best rock crawling parks in the state, extensive wildlife and rock art viewing, fishing and boating on the White River and Kenney Reservoir, and miles of dirt roads on BLM land for ATVs, biking and hiking.

Rangely, in the northwestern corner of the state of Colorado, is situated on the scenic Dinosaur Diamond By-way. To truly appreciate the beauty of the area's high desert and mesas, it is necessary to get off the highway and out into the landscape.

This booklet is filled with articles and pictures to help you plan your trip. You can also find more information on our website at rangelychamber.com or our Facebook page. Welcome to our great community!



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GETTING HERE



NORTH

From Craig, take Highway 40 west 79 miles to the County Road 1 (Blue Mountain Road), turn south for approximately 12 miles. At State Highway 64 turn east and travel five miles to Rangely.

SOUTH

From Loma, take State Highway 139 north 72 miles to State Highway 64. Turn west on State Highway 64.

EAST

From Meeker, take State Highway 13 south and travel two miles to State Highway 64. Turn east for 58 miles to Rangely. State Highway 64 is a curvy road with some small hills to climb.

WEST

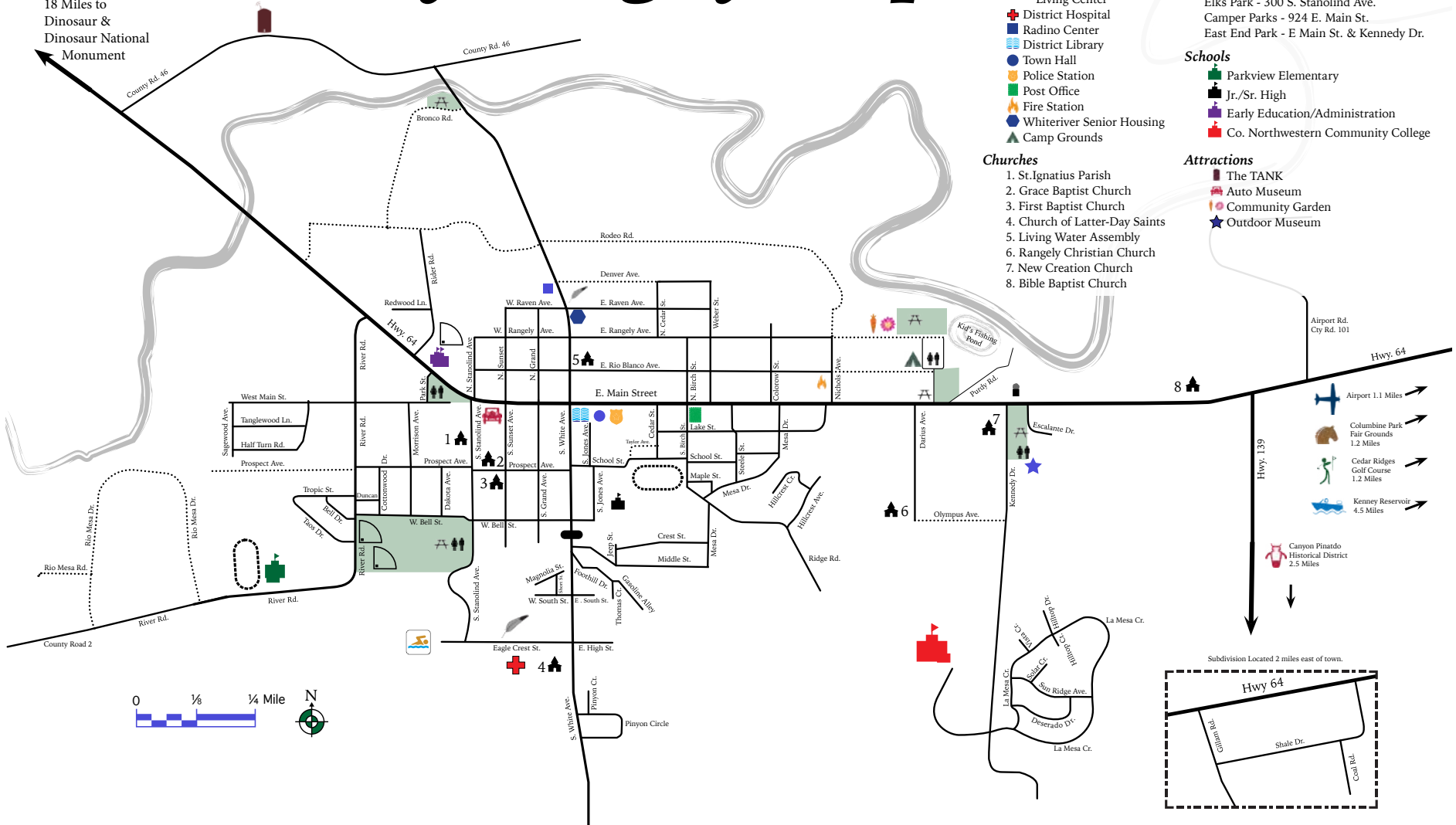
From Vernal, Utah, take Highway 40 east 34 miles to the town of Dinosaur. Turn south on State Highway 64 eighteen miles to Rangely.



TOWN MAP

Town of Rangely Map

18 Miles to
Dinosaur &
Dinosaur National
Monument



Services

- Recreation Center
- Eaglecrest Assisted Living Center
- District Hospital
- Radino Center
- District Library
- Town Hall
- Police Station
- Post Office
- Fire Station
- Whiteriver Senior Housing
- Camp Grounds

Churches

1. St. Ignatius Parish
2. Grace Baptist Church
3. First Baptist Church
4. Church of Latter-Day Saints
5. Living Water Assembly
6. Rangely Christian Church
7. New Creation Church
8. Bible Baptist Church

Parks

- River Park - N. White Ave. & the river
- Hefley Park - 400 W. Main St.
- Elks Park - 300 S. Standind Ave.
- Camper Parks - 924 E. Main St.
- East End Park - E Main St. & Kennedy Dr.

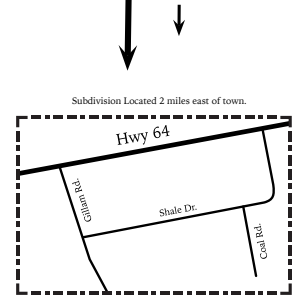
Schools

- Parkview Elementary
- Jr./Sr. High
- Early Education/Administration
- Co. Northwestern Community College

Attractions

- The TANK
- Auto Museum
- Community Garden
- Outdoor Museum

- Airport 1.1 Miles
- Columbine Park Fair Grounds 1.2 Miles
- Cedar Ridges Golf Course 1.2 Miles
- Kenney Reservoir 4.5 Miles
- Canyon Pinatdo Historical District 2.5 Miles



A BRIEF HISTORY OF RANGELY

The land is what makes the town of Rangely's history interesting. The land is the base from which all human events unfold, whether it is the geology that brought the miners and oilmen, or the water that brought the Fremonts, the Utes, the explorers, the ranchers.

To tell the story we must start back in the earlier history of the earth when the area was a shallow sea, home to marine creatures that would become fossils and can still be found today. Then, as the sea receded, dinosaurs left bones. Also the extensive plant growth became oil and coal.

The innumerable canyons, draws, and gullies of the area held creeks, rivers and streams which attracted the early Fremont and Ute peoples. The Fremont people, migrated to the Rangely area from the Great Basin in south-central Utah. What we know about the Fremont comes from the artifacts they left in our area and from



their homes and campsites which we find in the nearby canyons.

In 1776, on a mission to find a way from Santa Fe, New Mexico to Monterey, California, two Spanish friars (Domingez & Escalante) christened the canyon that State Highway 139 follows: Canyon Pintado — The Painted Canyon — for the petroglyphs and pictographs found there.

In many places around Rangely the art echoes images from other sites in the southwest. The art of the historical Utes records their history of conflict with the white settlers who began moving into

the area in the 1800's. Their art is also the first to include horses originally brought by the Spanish.

The first recorded white settlers making a permanent home in the area were Mr. Joseph Studer and C.P. Hill who came in 1882, the same year the Ute people were to be confined to reservations in southern Colorado and eastern Utah. Some time later Mr. Hill was joined by his relatives, among them a cousin, Lee S. Chase, who named the town after Rangeley, Maine. Mr. Hill began ranching and opened a trading post. All supplies were freighted in -- first from Salt Lake City, Utah, by team and wagon, then from Grand Junction, Colorado, via Douglas Pass. By 1913 there were enough ranching and farming families

in the area to necessitate the building of a large one-room school house (now located in the Rangely Outdoor Museum).

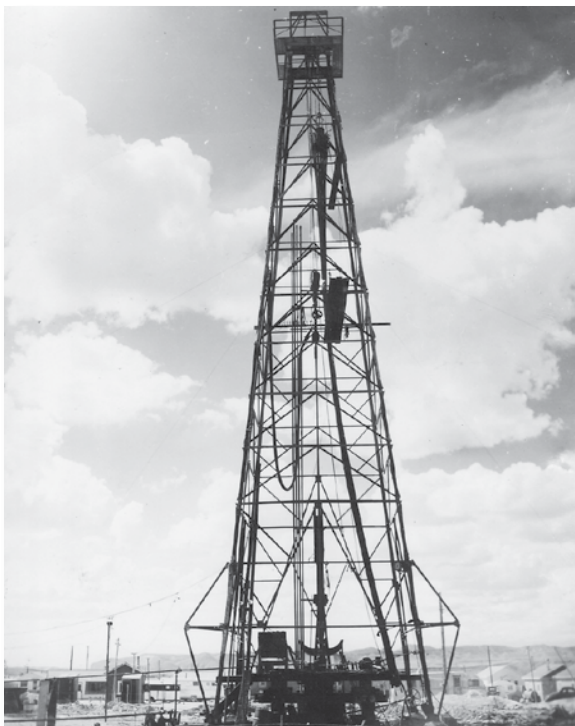
Interestingly, the Utes had long been aware of oil in the area. The first shallow wells drilled in 1903 produced about 10 barrels of oil per day. In 1932 after a year of drilling, Raven A-1, the first deep oil well successfully reached the vast pocket of crude in the Weber formation at a depth of more than 6,000 feet, but there was no market for the 230 barrels it produced each day. The well was capped until everything changed for this sleepy little town

with the large demand for oil required during the Second World War.

By 1946 raising cattle and sheep, farming, shallow oil well drilling, and mining coal were no longer the principle industries. Deep well drilling was king. Tents, trolley cars, crude cabins, trailers took over the dozen homes. The one store, post office, filling station, library, pool hall, Red Cross first aid station, and hotel suddenly had competition from a slew of businesses, including motels, cafes, bars, cleaners, a movie theater, a bowling alley, and more. The school had been accredited up to three years of high school with senior year taken elsewhere, usually Meeker, or forfeited. Company camps were built in many

places in the valley, and in 1947 Rangely was incorporated as a town with Fred Nichols voted in as Mayor. In the 1960's the Rangely oil field was a major producer in the country and deemed such an important strategic asset that bomb shelters were built at the college and supplied with cots, blankets, food, and water.

In 2015, Colorado Northwestern Community College began the excavation of an important fossil dig of the bones and very rare skin and tendons of a Duckbill Dinosaur. With this event, along with the formation of the town, one can see how the past continues to link with the present to make Rangely's story interesting and ongoing.



DINING IN RANGELY

Experience quality food that is affordable, home-style, simple and family friendly at any of Rangely's dining establishments.

Italian

Delicious pizza, calzones, fettuccine, and strombolis.

Mexican

Authentic margaritas, carne asada, fajitas, and draft beers.

Chinese

All the Chinese food you can think of!

Pub

Wings, fries, and good times.

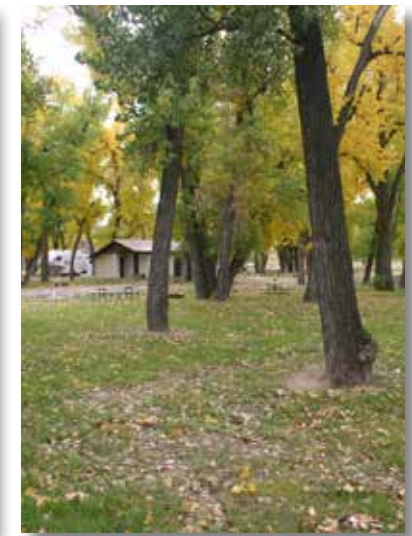
Cafe

Home-style breakfast and lunch, along with espresso and smoothies.



LODGING IN RANGELY

Experience a variety of lodging options to fit you and your family's needs and wants. Enjoy a cozy bed & breakfast, quiet relaxing in-town lodge with cabins, a remarkable motel with a swimming pool and hot tub, a welcoming hotel in the center of town, or one of Rangely's many campgrounds and RV Parks.





SHOPPING IN RANGELY

Come check out our locally owned businesses and pick up a unique souvenir to remind you of your wonderful trip to Rangely! Here in Rangely local businesses offer many different products and services: everything from souvenir t-shirts and sweatshirts, antiques, locally handcrafted items, home decorating items, jewelry, floral arrangements, and more.





Carrot Man Site - #17

ROCK ART

Located just east of Rangely is Canyon Pintado – “the painted canyon” – which represents a tie to Rangely’s historic past. Some of the rock art in the area dates back to the Barrier Canyon style, the Carrot Man site for example, and maybe 4,000 years old.

The Fremont Culture is dated from about 650 CE to about 1150 CE and was followed by the Shoshone and Ute Indians, all of whom left their marks on the canyon walls.

Interested in preserving the art, the Town of Rangely and the Bureau of Land Management jointly sponsored Canyon Pintado, now designated as Canyon Pintado National Historic District. It was designed to protect the fragile rock art as well as educate visitors to the history and culture of Native Americans.

In total there are 16 designated rock art sites that are mapped and marked with signs at each trailhead and several of the sites have graveled trails. The sites are along Canyon Pintado on Colorado Highway 139, Rio Blanco County Road 23. Rock art sites in the area consist of either Fremont or Ute works, and many sites have both. The art in the Rangely area dates from approximately 1200 to 1881 A.D.

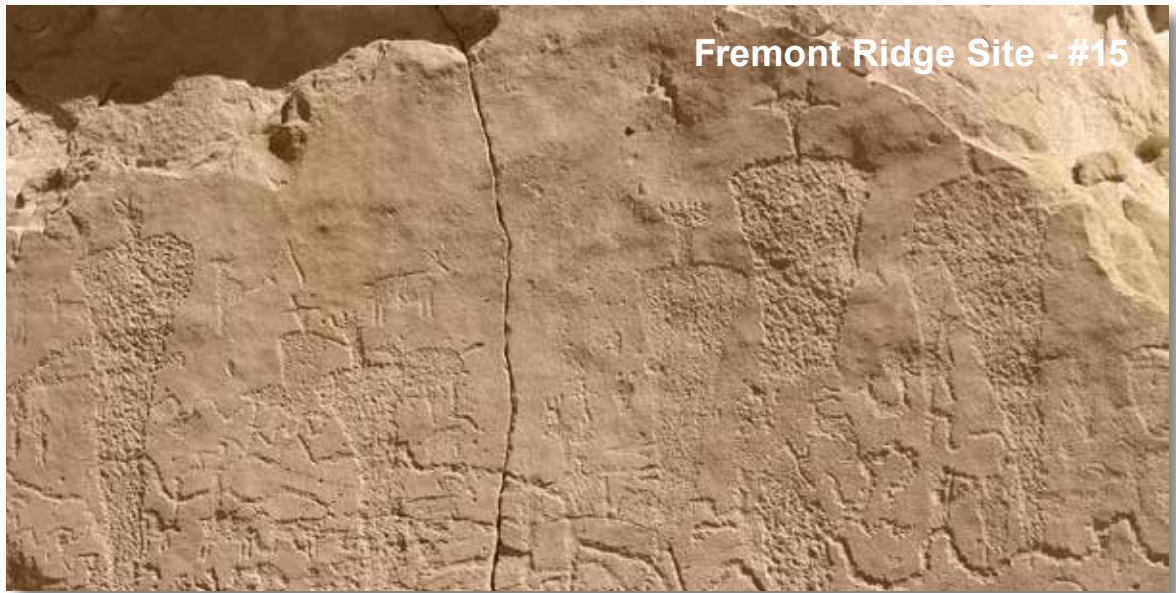
Rock art is a fragile and unique vestige of our Native American heritage and local ranching history.

Please treat the area with respect and do not walk on boulders with rock art or dislodge any rocks from canyon walls. Only take pictures or sketch on a pad. Do not use chalk for photos or make rubbings of the designs. These techniques are harmful to rock art and it is vital they are preserved for generations to appreciate. Even touching rock art can permanently and chemically alter the rock surface, just from the oils in a fingerprint.

Please contact the BLM White River Field Office (970-878-3800) to report signs of vandalism.



East Fourmile Site - #8



Fremont Ridge Site - #15

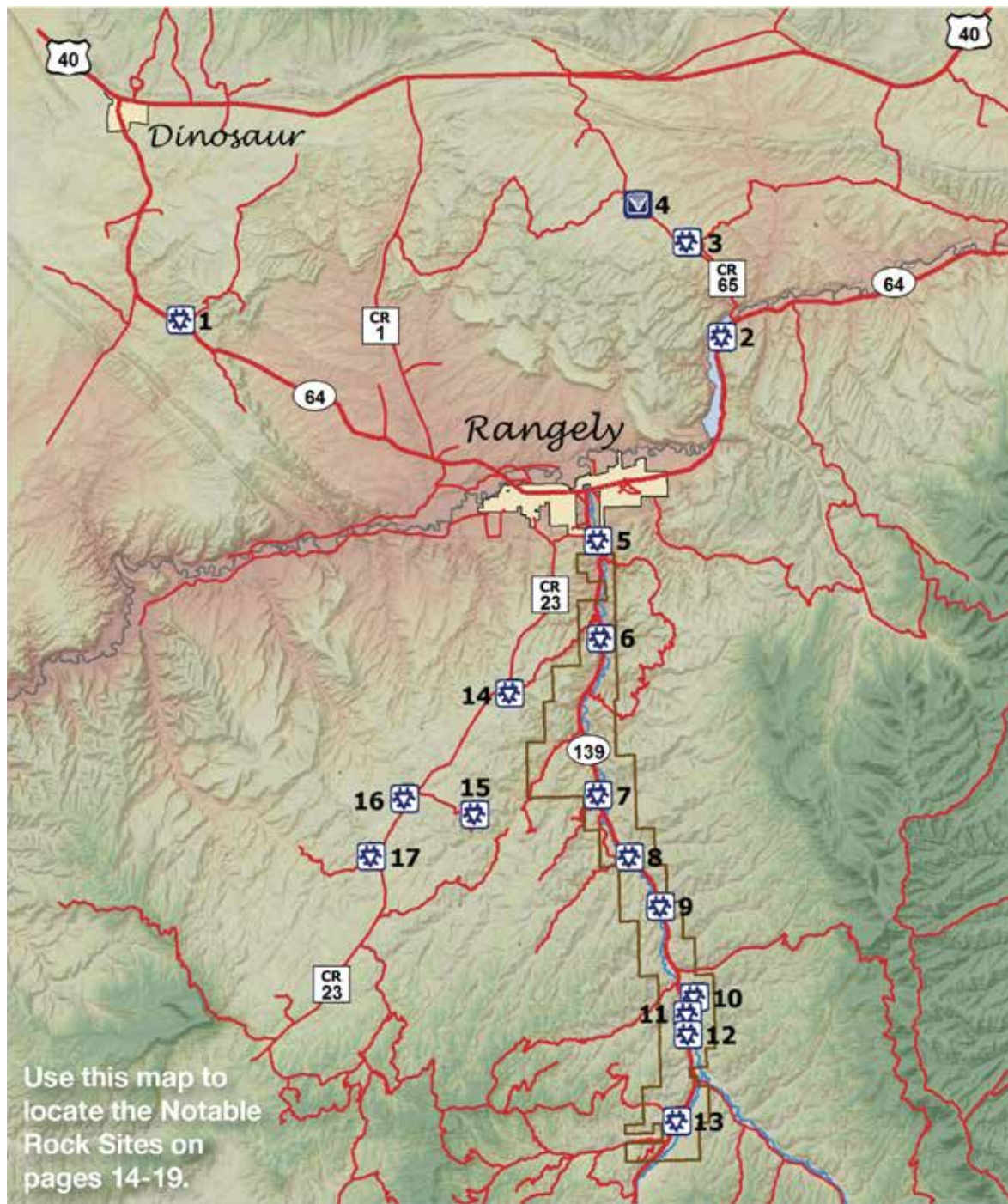
NOTABLE ROCK SITES

1. Mellen Hill Site milepost 7.5 (SH64) (40o 7.46'N , 108o 55.8'W)

Park in the turnout on the north side of the highway. The caves and petroglyphs are on the north side of the small canyon. You will need to walk to the northwest, parallel to the highway and the canyon a short distance until you find the path down and across the canyon. Some agility is required to make it to the 3 caves. Rock art panels are generally found on cliff walls at each side of a cave entrance. The small overhang at the very top of the canyon and the large cave beside it have the most art. The triangular-bodied figures with the fancy headgear are Fremont work, but Ute is also present here.

2. Reservoir Site milepost 26.9 (SH64) (40o 8.8086'N , 108o 42.3534'W)

Turn north on the dirt road adjacent to milepost 27 and proceed through the opening in the fence. Take the first left fork in the two-track and travel



Use this map to locate the Notable Rock Sites on pages 14-19.

back west parallel to the highway until the road curves back to the left and is ready to take you back the way you came. You are now above the draw that has the rock art panels. You will walk down into the draw, working to the right towards the reservoir for about 200 yd.s.

3. Ute Horse Site milepost 2.9 (CR65)

(40o 11.0418'N , 108o 43.3242'W)

Travel north on CR65 towards the Deserado Coal Mine. You will need to pull off on the right shoulder before you reach milepost 3 (there is no pull out). The rock art is 250 yd.s up the shallow draw to the cliff face. Back south along the cliff face a short way you can find grooves in the rock face left by the sharpening of bone awls and needles.

4. Keely's Homestead milepost 4.8 (CR65)

(40o 11.9652'N, 108o 44.8242'W)

This is NOT a rock art site, but the remains of an early homestead. The roadway cuts through the site with a few timbers and part of the foundation remaining on the uphill side and evidence of Walter Keely's life

scattered around the area. His hand-dug cistern is located on top of the low ridge about 100 yd.s north of the homestead. Walter's fenced gravesite is across the road in the junipers.

5. Camel Ridge Site milepost 70.5 (SH139)

(40o 4.0908'N, 108o 46.2978'W)

Pull off the highway into the turnout on the right. The art panels are about 250 yd.s away on the north-facing cliffs just above the road and depict a camel-like figure, anthropomorphic shapes, and abstracts. Carved tracks are located at waist level on the east-facing cliff.

6. Lookout Point Site milepost 67.6 (SH139)

(40o 1.7958'N, 108o 46.2792'W)

This may have been a watchtower and is located on the ridge-line north of the pullout. A sharp eye will see the wall on the cliff-top. There are many of these along the valley within viewing distance of each other. They may have served as part of an early warning system. The walk to the site is not difficult and provides an excellent vantage point to survey the valley. You will also see drilled holes in the cap-

rock and BLM interpretive panels.

7. Hoodoo Site milepost 63.2 (SH139)

(39o 58.1292'N, 108o 46.4958'W)

Pull off in the wide turnout to the right below the two hoodoos on the hilltop on the west side of the highway. The rock art panel is through the fence and along a path to the south where a rough fenced enclosure protects the panel from livestock. Tapering "Carrot Man" figures are depicted.

8. East Fourmile Site milepost 61.3 (SH139)

(39o 56.6532'N, 108o 45.5724'W)

The large draw opens to the east. It has a great number of panels and a pioneer line shack. Cross the draw to reach the panels along the northern cliffs. Panels scattered along this ledge are principally Fremont. Petrified logs are embedded in the overhang and the presence of corn stalks indicate farming occurred. Pioneer cabin ruins are about 300 yd.s further east along the main draw, and another 400 yd.s along the path is a stunning Fremont panel that faces in the direction you are traveling.



9. State Bridge Site milepost 59.7 (SH139)

(39o 55.4640'N, 108o 44.6640'W)

Within sight of the highway, a small ridge south of the dirt road is capped by cliffs where you will find rock art on the west and south faces. Probably Fremont in origin, they include deer trails and anthropomorphic figures.

10. Cow Canyon Site milepost 57.8 (SH139)

(39o 53.3124'N, 108o 43.7094'W)

Turn off to the east at Philadelphia Draw. Go east for 0.2 miles then turn right (south) for another 0.8 miles and cross two cattle guards. Immediately after the second cattle guard turn up a small draw to the east. Drive 0.1 miles past this turn and park. The panels are about 90 yd.s to your left, facing the road. Look closely to find the art.

11. White Birds Site milepost 56.5 (SH139)

(39o 52.9038'N, 108o 43.9320'W)

There is a pull off on the right. The panel is on the west side about 100 yd.s above the highway. The white bird figures will probably catch your eye, but there is much more to the panel.

It is a steep climb but is well worth the effort as it is much more impressive up close.

12. Kokopelli Site milepost 56.0 (SH139)

(39o 52.4412'N, 108o 43.9368'W)

This is a principal Canyon Pintado site. The rock art adorns the cliff face just across the road. This site is described in the journals of the Escalante Expedition of 1776. Of particular interest is the figure of Kokopelli, the hump-back figure player of Anasazi mythology. His presence indicates a tie with the cultures of the four corners area whose relics can be seen near Mesa Verde.

13. Waving Hands Site milepost 53.5 (SH139)

(39o 50.4150'N, 108o 44.3382'W)

Look to the right of the road at the dark red figure that waves to your from the cliff face. He has some company so pull over and join the crowd. There are several small painted Fremont characters on the rock and just around the corner to the south is an overhang that has Ute figures, horses, arrows, and outlined hands.





Sun Dagger at East Fourmile - #8

14. Shield Site

milepost 5.6 (CR23)

(40o 0.5616'N, 108o 49.1016'W)

While traveling south on CR23, turn left on CR100 at milepost 5.6. Go 0.3 miles and turn right where CR100 makes a sharp left turn. Continue 0.2 miles to a parking area where you will take a trail a short distance to the rock art panel. The panel is on the cliff face to the northwest and contains a decorated shield figure about 3 ft. tall.

15. Fremont Ridge Site

milepost 9.7 (CR23)

(39o 57.7386'N, 108o 50.2746'W)

This site presents the greatest driving challenge of the tour. The two-track trail is long and winding and may be impassable when wet. Turn east off of CR23 onto BLM 1045B for 1.3 miles. At this point the road has turned south and you will take the left fork (east). Continue 0.6 miles where the road ends. Warning: there isn't much room to turn around here! Look for a large balanced rock to north of the parking area then follow the ridge along its south side for about 250 yd.s to the eye-level panel. It is a Fremont petroglyph panel marked by soaring carrot-shaped figures.

16. Crook's Brand Site milepost 10.1 (CR23)

(39o 58.1478'N, 108o 52.3968'W)

The turn-off to this site is on the west side of CR23 where a BLM sign noting Crook's Brand is located. Go 0.15 miles and turn right just before a gas well location. Proceed uphill toward the low cliff face another 0.15 miles. Here you will find incised figures of horses, General Crook's brand and a Ute depiction of a white man with a top hat and great coat. There are various historic era cowboy inscriptions and the remnant of pinup art produced by a Basque sheepherder who worked in this area in the past.



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17. Carrot Man Site milepost 11.6 (CR23)

(39o 56.8068'N, 108o 53.4474'W)

This site is listed in the National Register of Historic Places. Turn to the right (west) off CR23 at the BLM sign and cross the cattle guard. Continue 0.3 miles to where there is a parking/turn around area on the left. Walk south into the gully which parallels the road on its south side. Walk down following the gully a short distance until you see the painted figures on the roof of the overhang on the right

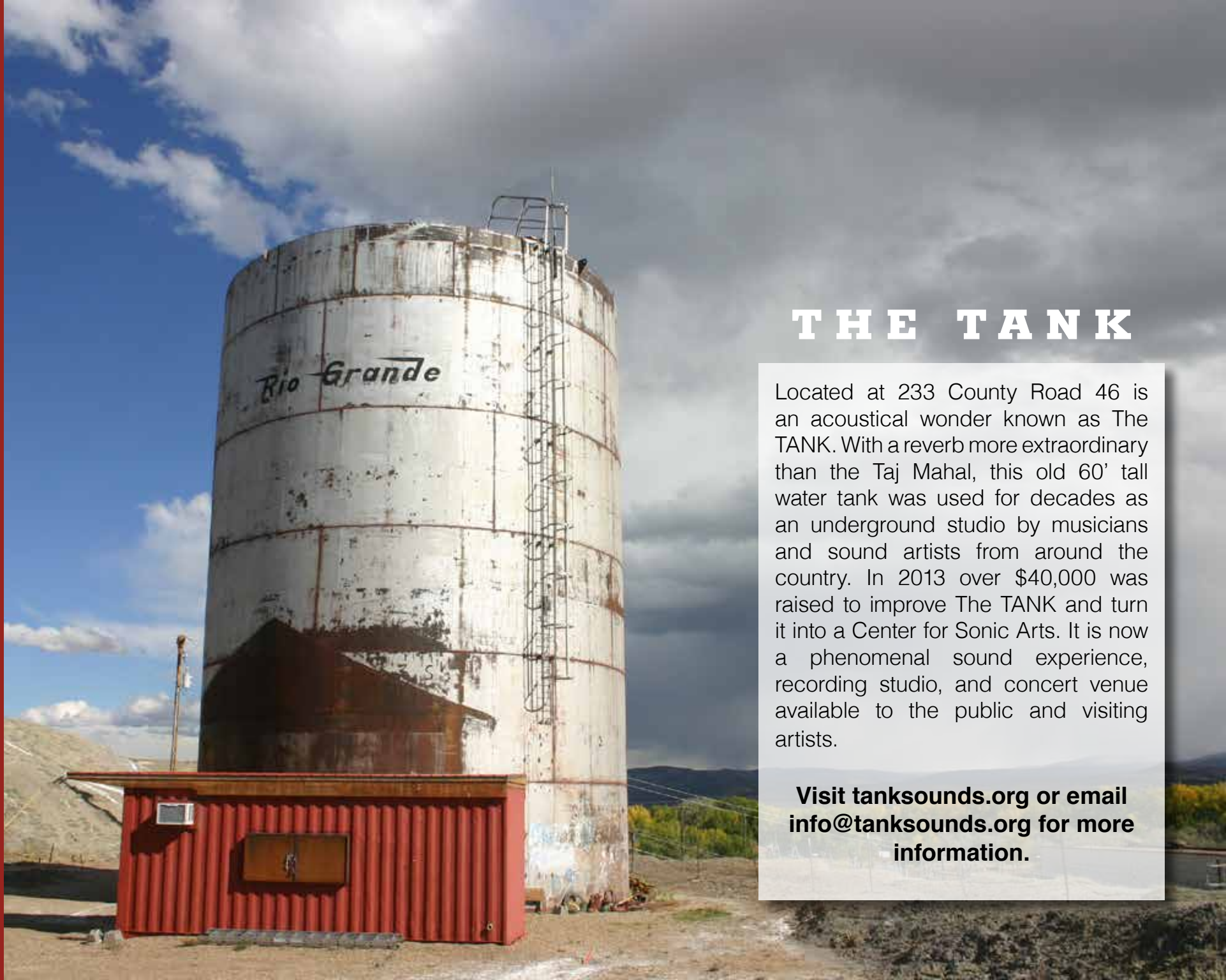


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hand side of the gully. The BLM has provided a descriptive sign. There are both pecked (petroglyph) and painted (pictograph) art at this locale with soaring carrot men being the most impressive features.



#8



THE TANK

Located at 233 County Road 46 is an acoustical wonder known as The TANK. With a reverb more extraordinary than the Taj Mahal, this old 60' tall water tank was used for decades as an underground studio by musicians and sound artists from around the country. In 2013 over \$40,000 was raised to improve The TANK and turn it into a Center for Sonic Arts. It is now a phenomenal sound experience, recording studio, and concert venue available to the public and visiting artists.

Visit tanksounds.org or email info@tanksounds.org for more information.



RANGELY MUSEUM

The Rangely Outdoor Museum houses a wide variety of extraordinary exhibits. Rangely's first jail, Raven 1 pumping unit and mining equipment can be found outside, while local cowboy tales, Native American and pioneer settlement artifacts can be found inside.

The museum is open from May-September. For updated information and current hours visit ramuseum.wixsite.com/rangely-museum.

Once a month in the summer the museum hosts a fireside event where guest speakers present on historical topics. The museum is located on the corner of Kennedy Dr. and Highway 64.





RANGELY AUTOMOTIVE MUSEUM

The Rangely Automotive Museum's amazing collection of automotive history will astound even the novice automotive enthusiast. The collection includes rarely seen automobiles and motorcycles, such as the 1912 Pierce Arrow Motorcycle, of which there are believed to be only 12 in existence today.

Normal Hours:
Wednesday - Saturday
10 am - 5 pm
Most Sundays
10 am to 5 pm

12 and under & 65 and older: Free
 Otherwise admission is \$5.00

128 S. Stanolind Ave.
For more information call
970-675-8233
Alternate numbers-
970-675-8444 or 970-629-2941





BIRDING

Bird watching opportunities are numerous in the area. Bald and golden eagles, as well as several varieties of hawks and owls, can be seen along the river and reservoir.

Kenney Reservoir is a birding hot spot with over 70 different birds spotted, ranging from the American White Pelican to the Gray-crowned Rosy-Finch. In the spring song birds such as the brightly colored Western Tanager and Lazuli Bunting make a stop in the trees along the White River and in neighborhood yards. At higher elevations, explore aspen stands with nesting Purple Martins and oak scrublands where Dusky Grouse are common.

The Colorado Birding Trail links outdoor recreation sites, both public and private, into a network through a designated driving route.



WILDLIFE & WILD HORSES

An abundance of wildlife surrounds Rangely and the White River Valley, from the small lizards and squirrels to big game birds and predators. Much of the area is public land, providing hunting and viewing areas managed by the Bureau of Land Management and the Colorado Division of Wildlife.

In the area you are likely to spot deer, elk, and pronghorn, which can run at 60 miles per hour; the fastest land animal in North America. Drive with care when traveling to avoid colliding with the large animals, which frequently graze near the roadways. Marmots, beaver, red foxes, coyotes, bobcats, mountain lions, and bear are also in the area, but are much more elusive. To spot one is rare, and if you meet a large predator, know what to do.

In the spirit of the historic west, there are bands of wild horses that roam the area. About 165 wild horses call the area just east-southeast of Rangely home. In the spring wild horses can

often be seen early mornings from State Highway 139, anywhere from Cow Canyon to Foundation Creek. Today's wild horses are ultimately descendants from runaway Spanish horses. As early as 1882 settlers crossing this region recorded seeing wild horses. The horse population increased in the 1930s as the Depression forced ranchers and farmers to release their domestic horses. Today's horses are a cross of Arabians, thoroughbreds, draft horses, and many other breeds.

Being able to see the wild horses is never a guarantee since they are free to be wild and roam as they please.

Recommendations on your best chance to see the wild horses: In the spring horses can usually be found at 84 Mesa and along Yellow Creek, during the summer months the herd will migrate to higher elevations. During



the winter herds will concentrate on the ridges and southern-exposed slopes. Visit rangely.com/wild-horses.htm for more directions.

Be sure to allow plenty of time to see the wild horses. Trips can take 6+ hours, and it's never a guarantee, but looking is half the fun and there is plenty of other wildlife to be on the lookout for as well! Use a reliable four-wheel drive vehicle because a lot of the county roads are maintained but are unpaved and in rugged terrain. Bring supplies such as water, food, a warm jacket, binoculars, and a camera.



Use a “good neighbor policy” and leave gates as you find them, watch for signs and fences signaling private property, be aware of your impact on the environment, and be respectful of all the wildlife, including the wild horses. More information about the wild horses can be found at www.blm.gov.

DINOSAUR NATIONAL MONUMENT



Dinosaur National Monument was created in 1915 to preserve one of the world's largest discoveries of Jurassic-age dinosaur fossils. The monument was enlarged to just over 210,000 acres in 1938 to include and protect canyons of the Green and Yampa Rivers.

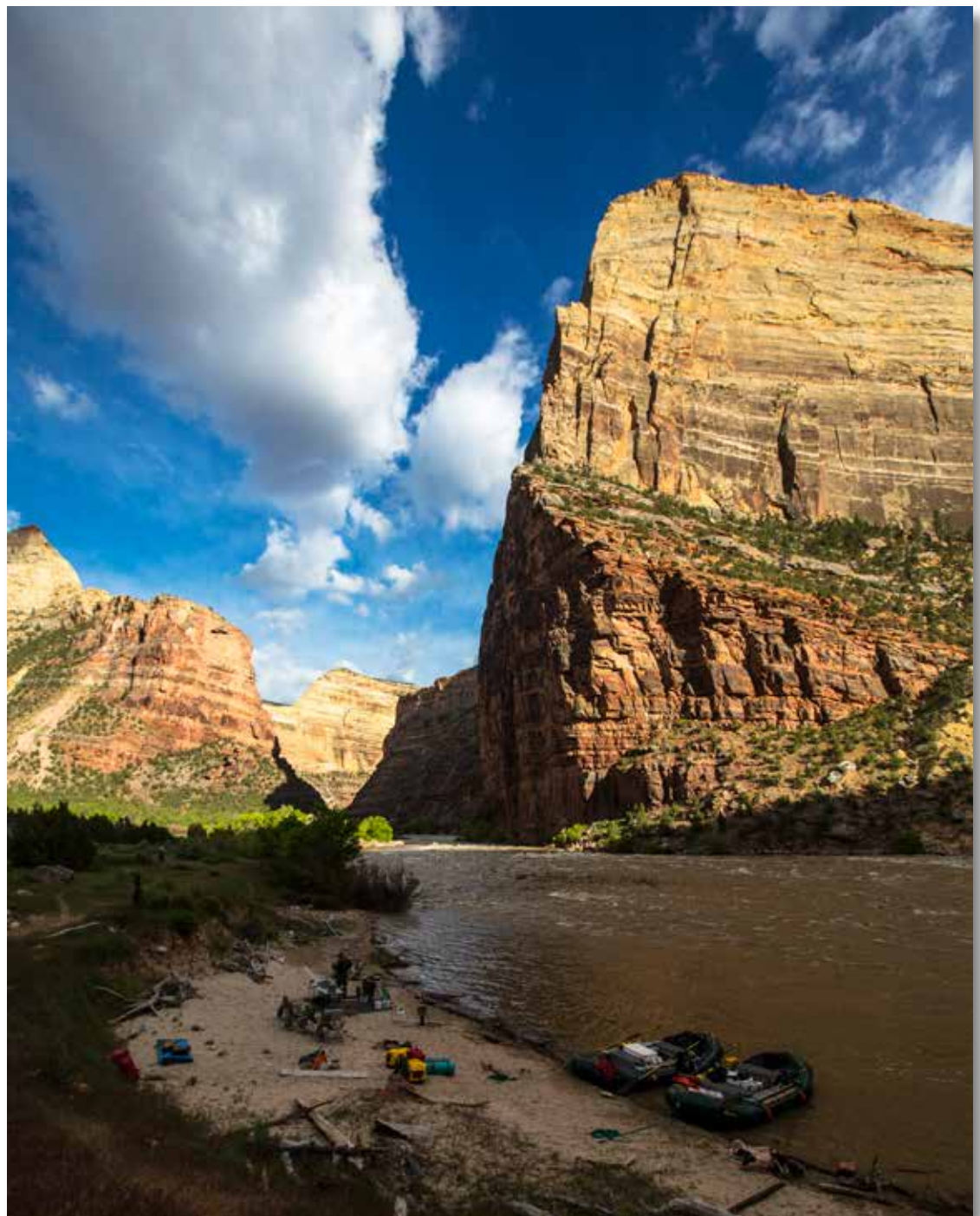
Rangely is only 20 miles from the Canyon Area Visitor Center of Dinosaur National Monument, located in Colorado, and 60 miles from historic Echo Park, where majestic Steamboat Rock towers over the confluence of the Yampa and Green Rivers. World-class geology, white water rafting, wildlife watching, camping and hiking are a few of the many opportunities available in remote and primitive Dinosaur National Monument. There are no dinosaur bones on display in the Visitor Center or at any other locations on the Colorado side of Dinosaur National Monument. Rangely is 55 miles from the world-famous Carnegie

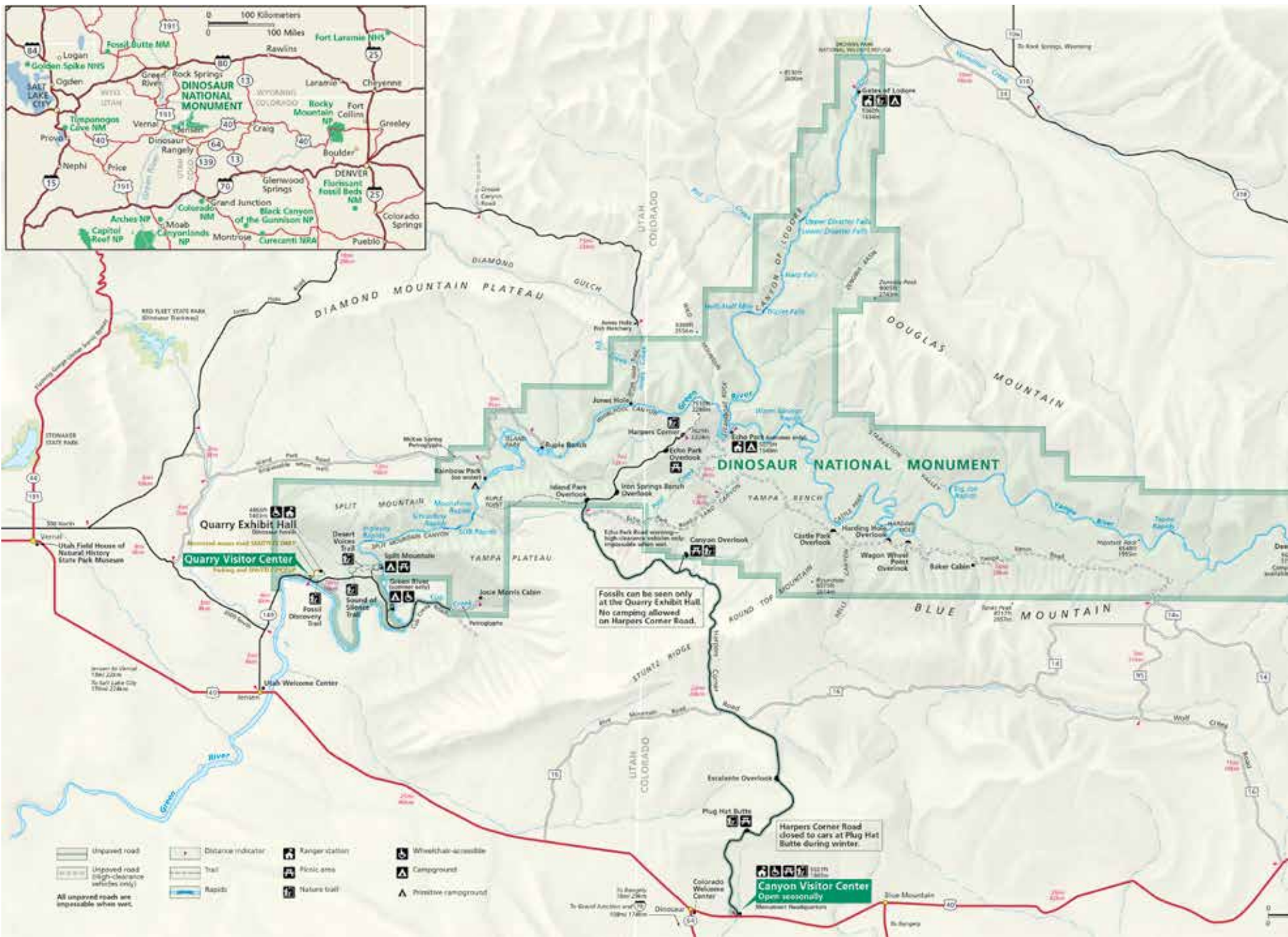
Dinosaur Quarry, located at the Utah entrance of the monument. The fossils in Dinosaur National Monument represent only 10 of the many dinosaur species that existed on earth some 160 million years ago. For more information, please visit www.nps.gov/dino.

Rangely is also on the Dinosaur Diamond National Scenic Byway. The 512-mile “diamond in the rough” loop encompasses parts of Western Colorado and Eastern Utah. Views of prehistoric plateaus, dinosaur quarries, petroglyphs and pictographs can be found in several places along the byway in western Colorado and eastern Utah.

Travelers may access both the canyon areas of Dinosaur National Monument near Dinosaur, Colorado, and the quarry area near Jensen, Utah, as well as Arches National Park near Moab, Utah. The Dinosaur Diamond National Scenic Byway actually goes through the Colorado National Monument near Fruita, Colorado.

For more information, visit the Dinosaur Welcome Center in Dinosaur or go to www.rangelychamber.com for more things to see and do.





DINOSAUR NATIONAL MONUMENT - MAP



SIGHT - SEEING

CEDAR RIDGES GOLF COURSE

RECREATION



Cedar Ridges Golf Course is located about two miles east of Rangely off Highway 64. Architect Frank Hummel saw potential in the desert terrain and set forth to create the 9-hole course. The golf course was opened in 1985. The par 72 course is open annually from mid-March to mid-November, weather permitting. It offers a pro shop and small snack bar, a practice putting and chipping green along with a driving range. Patrons can walk or rent a gas-powered cart. The pro shop also offers rental clubs and push carts.

**Nine holes test golfers
on deceptive and uneven
terrain.**

It plays a short but challenging 3,433 yards from the championship gold tees, 3,140 from the blue and 3,080 from the white. Cedar Ridges is a spikeless facility.

Several tournaments are hosted annually, and golfers can get more information and a schedule by calling the pro shop at (970) 675-8403 or the Western Rio Blanco Recreation and Parks center at (970) 675-8211.

**Info may also be found by visiting
westernrioblanco.org
and choose the golf tab**



RECREATION DISTRICT



WESTERN RIO BLANCO REC & PARKS DISTRICT

The WRBM Recreation and Parks District currently encompasses approximately 1,275 square miles in the western half of the Rio Blanco County, serving the Town of Rangely and surrounding rural areas. The recreation district offers a wide variety of wonderful amenities.

RECREATION CENTER

Located at 611 South Stanolind Ave., the newly renovated recreation center is the most commonly used facility. It has a spa, waterslide, and a pool that also serves as a practice pool for the Rangely Hurricanes swim team. The cardio and weight room has a large variety of machines and free-weights. A multi-purpose room, A/C room and game room are available to rent for an hourly rate. Racquetball is still a love in Rangely and has two well-maintained racquetball courts and hosts a tournament every year. Lighted outdoor tennis/basketball courts and a lighted outdoor skating rink are just steps from the Recreation center.

Hunters and other visitors can use all the facilities along with the clean locker rooms and showers for a minimal fee. Brochures are released every few months with detailed programs being offered for people of all ages! Pool hours change with the seasons so call 970-675-8211 for current hours.

ELKS PARK

Elks Park is located down the road from the Recreation center on Stanolind. The large park is full of lush

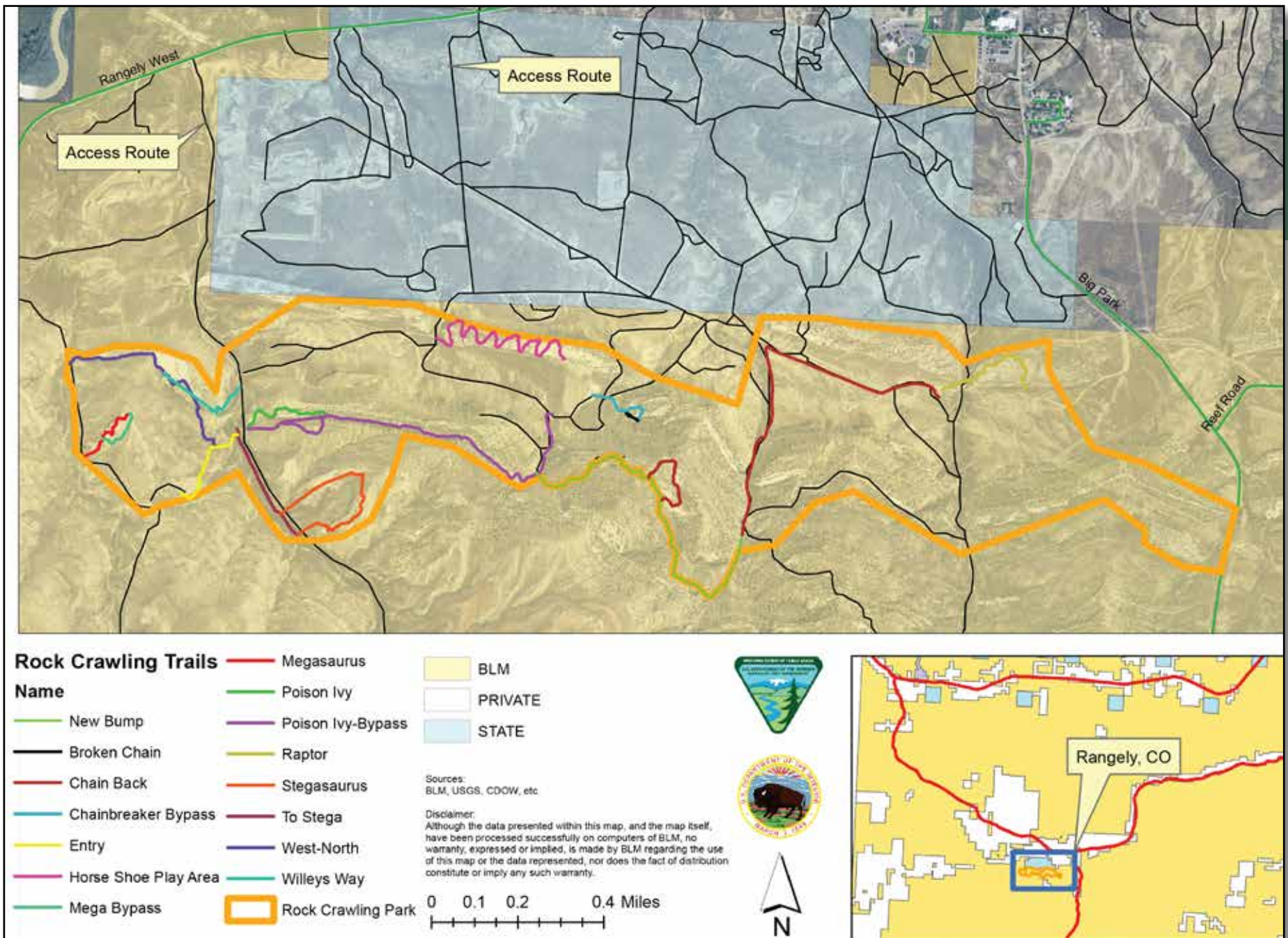
green grass and spectacular mature trees. The recreation district has put in a top-of-the-line playground. In 2011 the Recreation and Park District Board of Directors completely renovated Elks Park with new restrooms, pavilions, and ball fields. This renovation made this park suitable for events of all types, from the smallest picnics to the largest weddings. Softball is a sport enjoyed by many in Rangely and Elks Park has two completely remodeled regulation size ball fields.

CONTACT

The Western Rio Blanco Metropolitan Recreation and Park District exists to provide healthful and creative recreational programs, activities and facilities to meet the needs of visitors and the district's citizens.

Contact the Recreation Center for more information on prices or hours at 970-675-8211 or westernrioblanco.org, and LIKE WRB Parks and Rec on Facebook.





ROCK CRAWLING PARK

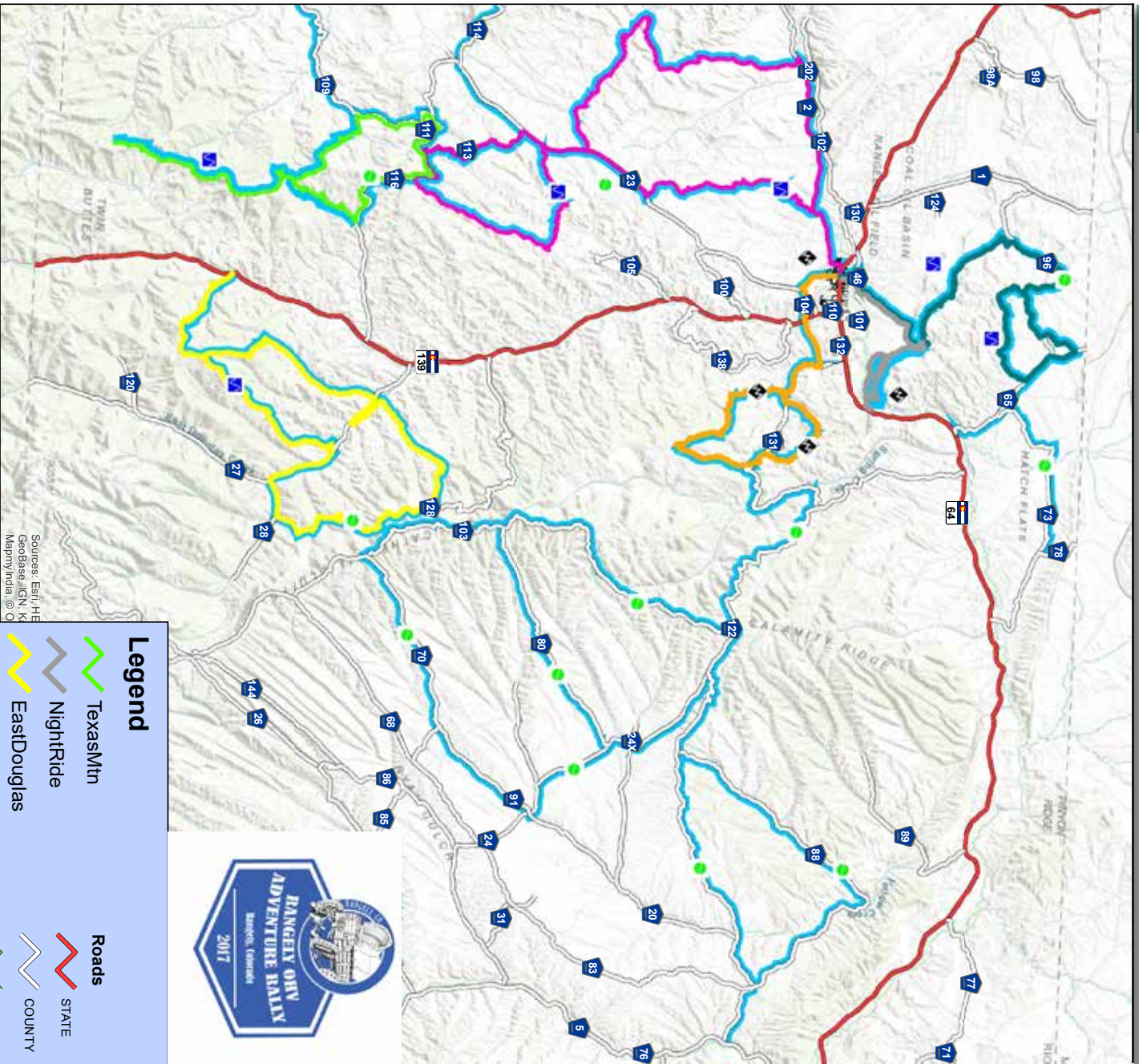
Just a few miles southwest of the town of Rangely is the only designated natural rock crawling park in the state of Colorado. With more than 560 acres of natural terrain designated by the Bureau of Land Management as a four-wheel drive park, the Rangely Rock Crawling Park has one of the largest areas in Colorado to climb.

**Entrance to the park
is free.**

Rock crawling and four-wheel drive enthusiasts can take on trails that range from easy to extreme. The park consists of one main trail with the park broken up into four sections.

**For information and a map of trails,
go to rangelychamber.com or
BLM's White River Office.**





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Rating

- Beginner
- Intermediate
- Expert

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OHV TRAILS



The Wagon Wheel West OHV Trail system offers about 160 miles of trails with 5 interconnecting loops, ranging from expert to beginner. Trail maps are available at the Chamber of Commerce office located at 255 East Main Street.

Please call the Chamber of Commerce with any questions about the Wagon Wheel West OHV trail system (970) 675-5290.



KENNEY RESERVOIR

Kenney Reservoir is located five miles east of Rangely on Highway 64. The reservoir was built in 1984 and is managed by the Rio Blanco Water Conservancy District. The parking facilities and campsites are open from approximately early April until the lake begins to freeze, often sometime in November. The lake contains approximately 5,000 acre-feet of water, allowing plenty of room for water

skiers and fishing. There are plenty of campsites for tents and self-contained campers. Regularly maintained restroom facilities are available along with covered picnic tables surrounded by shade trees and lawn. The south side of the lake contains two swim areas and the docks are seldom crowded. Five thousand rainbow trout are stocked into the lake each spring, with crappie and catfish also being

popular game fish in these waters. The lake sits on the White River with the wetlands area at the tail water of the lake providing cover and food for waterfowl, bald eagles, osprey, blue heron, mule deer, elk and beaver.

For more information on Kenney Reservoir or to make reservations, contact the water district at (970) 675-5055 or rioblancowcd.org





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RECREATION



Welcome to Rangely and Colorado Northwestern Community College, home of the SPARTANS! At CNCC we give students and community members the opportunity to experience unique outdoor recreation activities.

The Climbing Gym: The CNCC Outdoor Leadership Program and Spartan Rock & Ice offer climbing instruction and introduction along with equipment use. The climbing gym, located on the Rangely campus of CNCC, offers bouldering and top rope climbing opportunities and is run by a friendly staff that will help you learn the ropes. We believe that everyone should be able to experience the benefits of climbing.

Ice Climbing: Each year a 50 ft. ice tower is erected that students and community members can climb. CNCC provides all the equipment needed to try ice climbing. Our trained staff will help you gear up with mountaineering boots, crampons, harness, helmet, and ice tools. They will also provide instruction on how to ice climb for first timers. The ice tower is available to climb, weather permitting, from December – March. The tower is open

to community members on Fridays for free.

Challenge Course sessions: The CNCC Vision Challenge Course is used to provide unique, quality team-building experiences through our Spartan Team-building Program. Groups looking to make their organization stronger through a unique experience need not look any further. The Spartan Team-building & Leadership program provides

unique and custom team-building with challenge activities designed to build cooperation, communication, and leadership. As the premier team-building and facilitation provider in northwest Colorado and eastern Utah, Spartan Team-building & Leadership has the solutions for you.

For more information contact the CNCC Climbing Gym Manager cncc.edu/outdoor-recreation-program



HUNTING



If you're ready to restock your freezer for this winter, there's a great place to go for the hunting adventure of a lifetime: Northwest Colorado. Rio Blanco, Moffat, and Routt counties are home to one of the largest elk populations in the world. Not only that, Northwest Colorado has abundant muledeer, pronghorn, bear, mountain lion, waterfowl, and small

game opportunities for everyone. It's a hunting wonderland for the entire family, which is proven by the approximately 28,000 people who hunt here annually.

In the fall there are two bow seasons and three rifle seasons. Over the counter licenses go on sale in July, be sure to apply for your license as there are a limited number of tags.



FISHING



You must have a Colorado fishing license to fish the lakes, rivers, or ponds in Colorado. You can get these licenses at many locations in Rangely and Northwestern Colorado. If you're just visiting for a few days, the state offers one-day and three-day licenses at reasonable cost.

Camper Park Ponds

Located at the east end of Rangely within the camper park which can be accessed turning off Main Street onto Purdy Road. Department of Wildlife stocks the ponds annually with approximately 500-1000 trout. The Town encourages youth and elder persons to fish.

Kenney Reservoir

Kenney Reservoir has black crappie, channel catfish, and rainbow trout. Many Rangely natives enjoy fishing at the reservoir and most know that the best fishing is right below the dam, where you may also catch a whitefish. It's possible that you'll hook one of Colorado's endangered native river



fish, such as the pike minnow. If you catch one of these you must return it to the river safely and immediately.

Don't know what the endangered fish look like? Get a copy of the Colorado Division of Wildlife fishing brochure which has pictures of most fish species in Colorado.

Rio Blanco Lake

Rio Blanco Lake State Wildlife Area is located in Rio Blanco county Colorado. From Rangely, go 39 miles east on Highway 64 to property. Rio Blanco Lake State Wildlife Area is approximately 390 acres (0.61 sq. miles or 1.58 sq. kilometers) and ranges from 5,720 ft to 5,782 ft in elevation. The lake has fishing for brown trout, rainbow trout, largemouth bass, smallmouth bass, northern pike, crappie and catfish.





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