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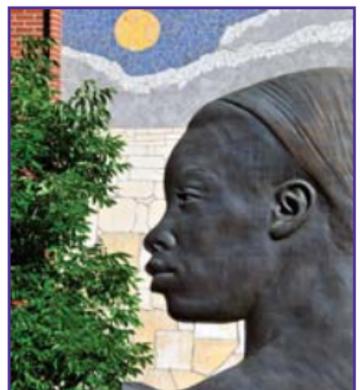


IN DENVER, DIVERSITY IS CELEBRATED AND HAS SHAPED THIS ENERGIZING METROPOLIS, a city boasting 300 days of sunshine and situated at the foot of the majestic Rocky Mountains. African Americans and their contributions are evident throughout the City and County of Denver in business, culture, and government.



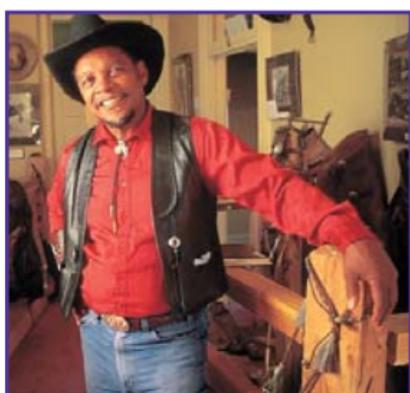
One of the best ways to explore African-American cultural influences in Denver is to visit the historic Five Points neighborhood, an area steeped in classic jazz history and still home to several first-rate jazz clubs. Easily accessible on foot, by car or by Light Rail, this neighborhood was one of the nation's first business districts to be predominantly African-American owned. Considered the "Harlem of the West" in the early 20th Century, many of the world's greatest jazz musicians played here, including Billie Holiday, Duke Ellington, Miles Davis and others.

Just blocks from the city center, you'll find the impressive Blair-Caldwell African American Research Library, which houses an extensive collection of exhibits and reference materials that trace the Black history in





the West. Former Denver Mayor Wellington Webb's office, the first African-American mayor, is re-created and special exhibits highlight the many notable contributions the Mayor made to the city during his 12-year tenure.



A short walk from the Blair-Caldwell Library is the Black American West Museum & Heritage Center. The center details the contributions Blacks made to the settlement of the American West. More than a third of the cowboys on the great cattle drives of the West

were African American; many were freed slaves who moved west after the Civil War. The museum brings these stories vividly alive through historic photographs and rare artifacts. A walk through the museum is a walk through history and the building itself was once the home of Dr. Justina Ford, Colorado's first African-American female doctor. Nearby, The Stiles African-American Heritage Center celebrates the positive contributions made by African Americans through guided tours, cultural exhibits, artifacts and memorabilia.

Elsewhere, local favorites like Cleo Parker Robinson Dance Company and Shadow Theatre present original productions that cultivate cultural appreciation, understanding and respect for the Black experience.

If you visit Denver in January, you'll be here to participate in the nation's largest Martin Luther King, Jr.





commemoration, coined the “Marade” (march and parade combined). Events begin in Denver’s City Park and culminate at the State Capitol. Statues of Martin Luther King, Jr., Rosa Parks and other civil rights heroes join together to form the “I Have a Dream” monument in City Park, a moving tribute to Dr. King.



Every spring the neighborhood hosts the Five Points Jazz Festival highlighting the best of the national and local jazz scenes. In June, the annual Juneteenth festival is a party of music, food and dance in celebration of the day Texas slaves realized their freedom, with more than 100,000 people attending. And in July, the popular Denver Black Arts Festival gives local artists a

venue for exhibiting their work. Whatever the season, the sights, sounds, unique flavors and colorful history of Denver are sure to set the stage for an exceptional cultural experience.

VISITOR INFORMATION CENTERS DOWNTOWN

16th & California Street

COLORADO CONVENTION CENTER

Main entrance at 14th & California Street

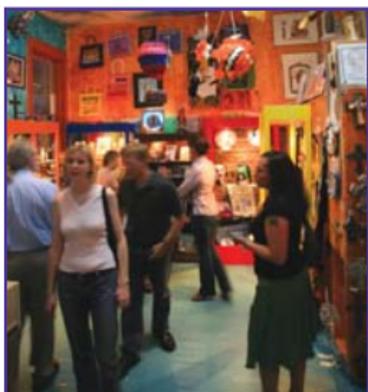
DENVER INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

Main Terminal

*Visitor information is also available at the Information Desk at
Cherry Creek Shopping Center.*



DENVER has long been a gathering place for people of all cultures. First were the high plains Native Americans who followed the buffalo herds and lived throughout the Front Range. When prospectors discovered gold in 1858, thousands of men crossed the Great Plains and settled in and around Denver. More than a third of the cowboys riding the cattle drives of this era were African Americans, many of them freed slaves who migrated West after the Civil War.



Asian immigrants helped build the railroads and many of them settled in Denver. Hispanic Americans have a long history in the region and their influence can be felt everywhere. Today,

Denver is a city of many cultures, a rich tapestry of diverse and fascinating people.



NEIGHBORHOODS AND HIDDEN GEMS



DENVER boasts a collection of distinctive neighborhoods where the curious traveler can find hidden gems, like locals' favorite eateries, shops, booksellers and galleries.

In addition to Five Points, visitors will want to check out some of Denver's other noteworthy neighborhoods. The Art District on Santa Fe including the Museo de las Américas, RiNo (River North Art District), and Tennyson Street Cultural District



are home to dozens of galleries, many shops, and restaurants. Trendsetters love Old South Gaylord and Old South Pearl, enclaves of see-and-be-seen restaurants and shops near beautiful Washington Park.



Highlands is a hip neighborhood of outdoor cafés, shops and galleries. Federal Boulevard, south of Alameda,

is the center of Denver's Asian community. Here, dozens of Vietnamese, Thai, Chinese, and Pan-Asian shops, restaurants and markets line the street.



DENVER'S many acclaimed restaurants are a great place to relax and recharge after a day on the town. From white tablecloths to white paper napkins, Denver is home to innovative, award-winning chefs, and is one of the nation's hot spots for creative cuisine.

Give in to the temptation of some of the best sushi between Chicago and L.A. or to the spicy lure of "haute Mexican." Relax at



an outdoor café along the 16th Street Mall or explore historic LoDo (Lower Downtown).

Pay a visit to northwest Denver, home to some of the city's most traditional Mexican restaurants and bakeries, as well as tasty South American and Latino restaurants that capture flavors from Brazil to the Caribbean. Whatever your fancy, chances are there's a local microbrew to wash it down. Denver is America's beer capital with more than 100 beers brewed locally each day.

When the sun sets, the nightlife soars. From intimate clubs to spectacular venues such as the famous Red Rocks Park & Amphitheatre, music fills the air. Jazz, rock, Celtic, folk – virtually every genre can be found on any given night. And there are scores of dance clubs, martini bars, pubs, sports bars, and comedy clubs to keep you up and at 'em into the wee hours.

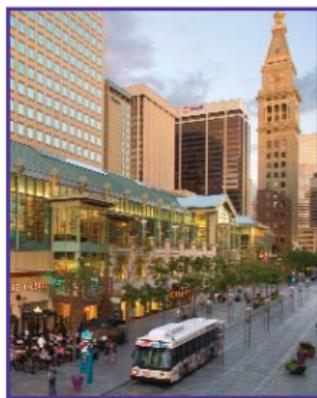
SHOPPING DENVER STYLE



DENVER offers a variety of opportunities for “retail therapy.”

From marquis names to local gems, Denver has it all. Take a walk down the 16th Street Mall, a mile-long promenade lined with

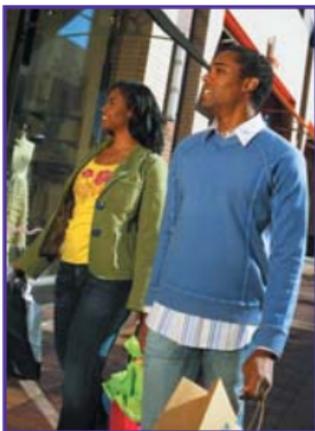
stores and outdoor cafés. Denver Pavilions, located on the mall, houses 50 stores and restaurants in a two-square block entertainment center.



Or, explore the Victorian buildings of trendy Larimer Square and Historic LoDo (Lower Downtown). This historic neighborhood is

filled with independent shops and boutiques, from bookstores to wineries to galleries, as well as some of the hottest restaurants, clubs, live music venues, and pubs in the city.

The Cherry Creek Shopping District is the largest shopping mecca between St. Louis and San Francisco. Stroll the tree-lined streets of Cherry Creek North or explore the upscale Cherry Creek Shopping Center. Together, these are home to nearly 500 world-class shops, department stores, galleries, spas and one-of-a kind boutiques.





DOWNTOWN, the Denver Performing Arts Complex boasts 10

different venues and hosts Broadway shows, musicals, concerts, operas, ballets, and the symphony. Sit back and enjoy the latest

production from the Tony Award®-winning Denver Center Theatre Company or the Colorado Symphony Orchestra. You will also find opera, ballet and modern dance in the new state-of-the-art Ellie Caulkins Opera House.



A few blocks away, the Denver Art Museum houses an extensive permanent collection of classical and contemporary art including Western, American Indian and pre-Columbian. The museum's Hamilton building, with bold art inside and out, is now one of the city's architectural icons

Also of architectural note is the David Adjaye-designed Museum of Contemporary Art Denver, which houses a revolving array of international exhibitions.

Additionally, the Museo de las Américas features permanent collections and touring exhibits of ancient, folk, and modern Latino art.



Denver's diverse arts scene also includes neighborhood theatres, which stage innovative productions with an edge. In addition, a series of film festivals celebrate independent filmmakers and African-American, Latino and Asian cinema.

ROCKY MOUNTAIN DAY TRIPS



LOCATED at the base of the Rocky Mountains, Denver is an easy hour's drive from the Continental Divide and some of the world's most beautiful scenery.



Take a leisurely drive up the highest paved road in America to the 14,260-foot summit of Mount Evans, or bask in the tranquil beauty of Rocky Mountain National Park, an awe-inspiring paradise filled with lakes, waterfalls, meadows of wildflowers and wildlife.

Visit quaint, historic places like Georgetown and Idaho Springs. Try your luck panning for gold in old mining towns or opt for the modern alternative – world-class casinos in the heart of the high country. Splash down a Colorado river on a whitewater raft, try a scenic round of golf or enjoy a spa treatment at a luxury Rocky Mountain resort.

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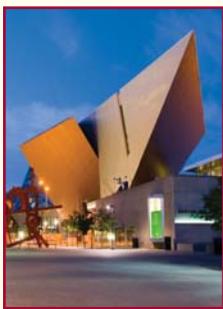
1 COLORADO STATE CAPITOL.

Modeled after the U.S. Capitol with a gold plated-dome, the building has free tours on weekdays. Panoramic view from the rotunda. www.colorado.gov



2 CIVIC CENTER PARK.

A two square-block oasis with flower gardens, Western statues and a Greek amphitheatre. www.denvergov.org



3 DENVER ART MUSEUM.

The Hamilton Building designed by architect Daniel Libeskind houses a famed Native-American collection, Western art, European paintings and world-class touring shows. www.denverartmuseum.org

4 BYERS-EVANS HOUSE MUSEUM.

Tour one of Denver's oldest homes – an elaborate 1883 Victorian mansion. www.coloradohistory.org/hist.../byers_evans/byers_evans/htm

5 THE CELL.

The Center for Empowered Living & Learning is a non-profit institution dedicated to educating citizens on the most salient issue of our time – terrorism. www.thecell.org



6 CLYFFORD STILL MUSEUM.

A museum dedicated to the works of Clyfford Still, considered one of the most important painters of the 20th century, and part of the first generation of Abstract Expressionist artists. www.clyffordstillmuseum.org



7 HISTORY COLORADO CENTER.

From descending into a rock mine to soaring off a ski jump in the mountains, true Colorado experiences come alive at this immersive three-story multimedia museum. www.historycolorado.org

8 DENVER PUBLIC LIBRARY.

Designed by Michael Graves, this red, blue, green and sandstone building has 47 miles of bookshelves and a Western art collection. www.denverlibrary.org



9 U.S. MINT.

Guided public tours by reservation only. www.usmint.gov



10 COLORADO CONVENTION CENTER.

This beautiful facility offers 584,000 sq. ft. of exhibit space, all within walking distance of 8,400 hotel rooms. www.denverconvention.com

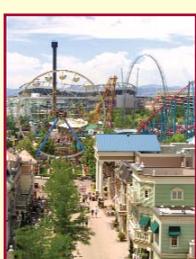
11 DENVER PERFORMING ARTS COMPLEX.

The second largest performing arts center in the world under one roof with 10 venues seating 10,000 people for Tony Award®-winning theatre, symphony, Broadway road shows, opera and dance. www.dcpa.org



12 INVESCO FIELD AT MILE HIGH.

Home to the Denver Broncos, the Denver Outlaws, and the Colorado Sports Hall of Fame. www.invescofield.com

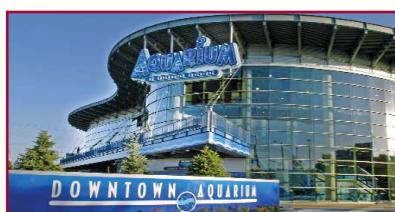


13 ELITCH GARDENS THEME & WATER PARK.

America's only downtown theme park has more than 50 thrill rides, a complete water adventure park, elaborate gardens, shows and more. www.elitchgardens.com

14 CHILDREN'S MUSEUM.

Fun, hands-on experiences for newborns through eight-year-olds and their adult caregivers. www.cmdenver.org



15 DOWNTOWN AQUARIUM.

This world-class aquarium has more than 15,000 fish, mammals and plants in a spectacular facility that holds one million gallons of water. www.downtownaquariumdenver.com

16 PEPSI CENTER.

20,000-seat home of the NHL Colorado Avalanche, NBA Denver Nuggets, and the NLL Colorado Mammoths. www.pepsicenter.org

17 MUSEUM OF CONTEMPORARY ART DENVER.

With a spectacular building designed by David Adjaye, Denver's newest museum offers five galleries with changing exhibits. www.mcadenver.org

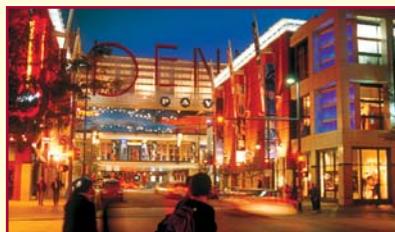


18 LARIMER SQUARE.

A restored section of Denver's oldest street, this block of Victorian buildings now houses restaurants, shops, clubs and nightspots. www.larimersquare.com

19 TABOR CENTER / WRITER SQUARE.

An indoor and outdoor shopping complex in the heart of downtown. www.taborcenter.com



20 DENVER PAVILIONS.

An entertainment complex in the heart of downtown with 50 stores, a Cineplex, a retro bowling alley, restaurants and nightspots. www.denverpavilions.com

21 16TH STREET MALL.

Free shuttle buses run up and down this mile-long pedestrian promenade, which is lined with outdoor cafés and shops. www.visitdenver.com



22 LODO.

Short for Lower Downtown. This 26 square-block historic district is filled with turn-of-the-century warehouses that are home to 90 sports bars, brewpubs, restaurant, jazz cafés and 30 art galleries. A walking tour passes 33 bronze plaques that tell the area's history. www.lodo.org



23 COORS FIELD.

Built in 1995, this 50,000-seat stadium is home to Major League Baseball's Colorado Rockies. The row of purple seats is exactly one mile above sea level. www.rockies.mlb.com

24 SAKURA SQUARE.

The center of Denver's Japanese community, this full square block has gardens, fountains, restaurants and a famed Buddhist temple.

25 MOLLY BROWN HOUSE.

The Victorian home of the "Unsinkable Molly Brown" who was made famous by the Broadway musical and movie based on her adventurous life. www.mollybrown.org

26 KIRKLAND MUSEUM OF FINE & DECORATIVE ART.

The museum offers a nationally important display of 20th Century decorative arts featuring a retrospective of Colorado's distinguished painter, Vance Kirkland (1904-1981). www.kirklandmuseum.org

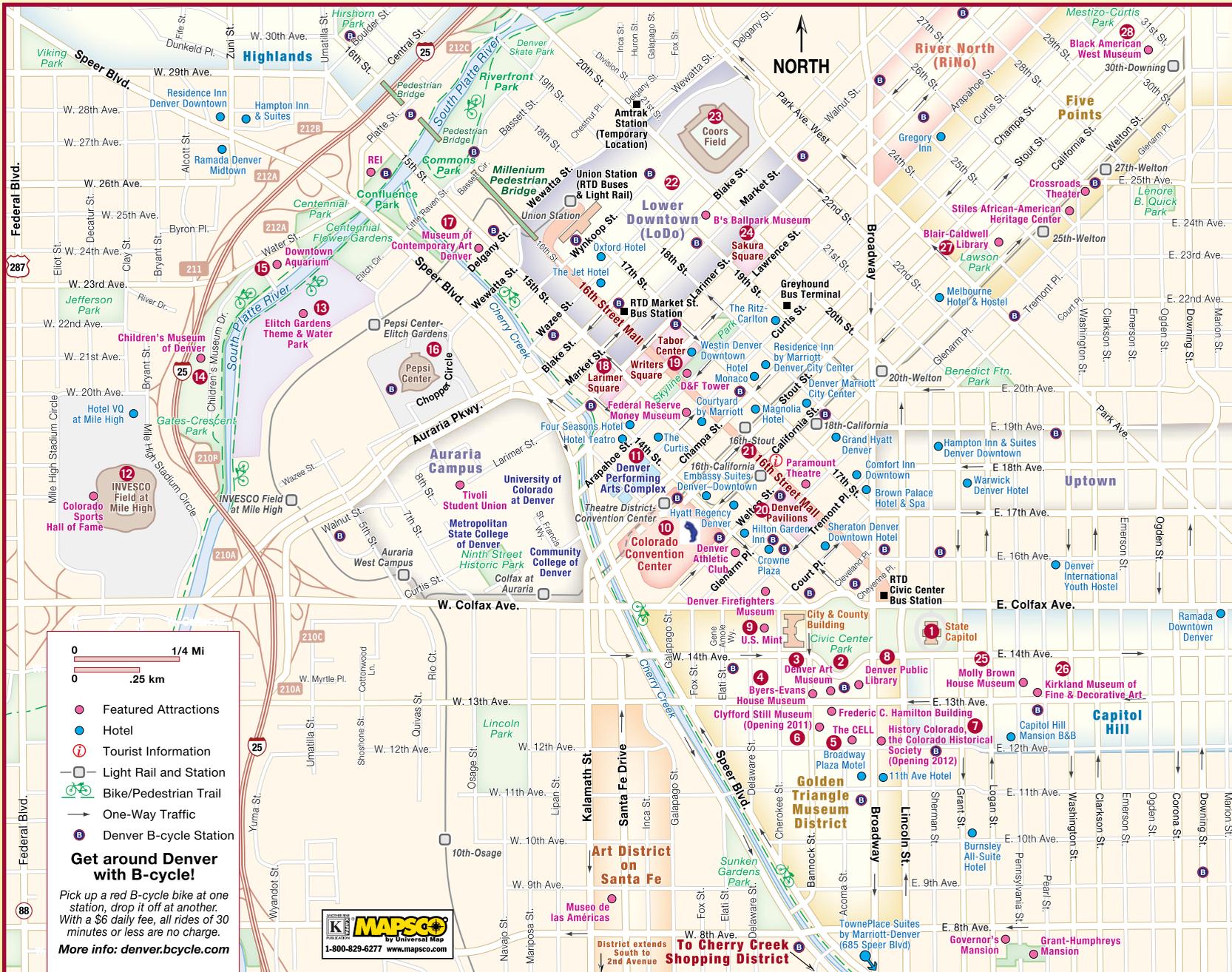
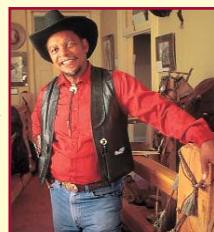


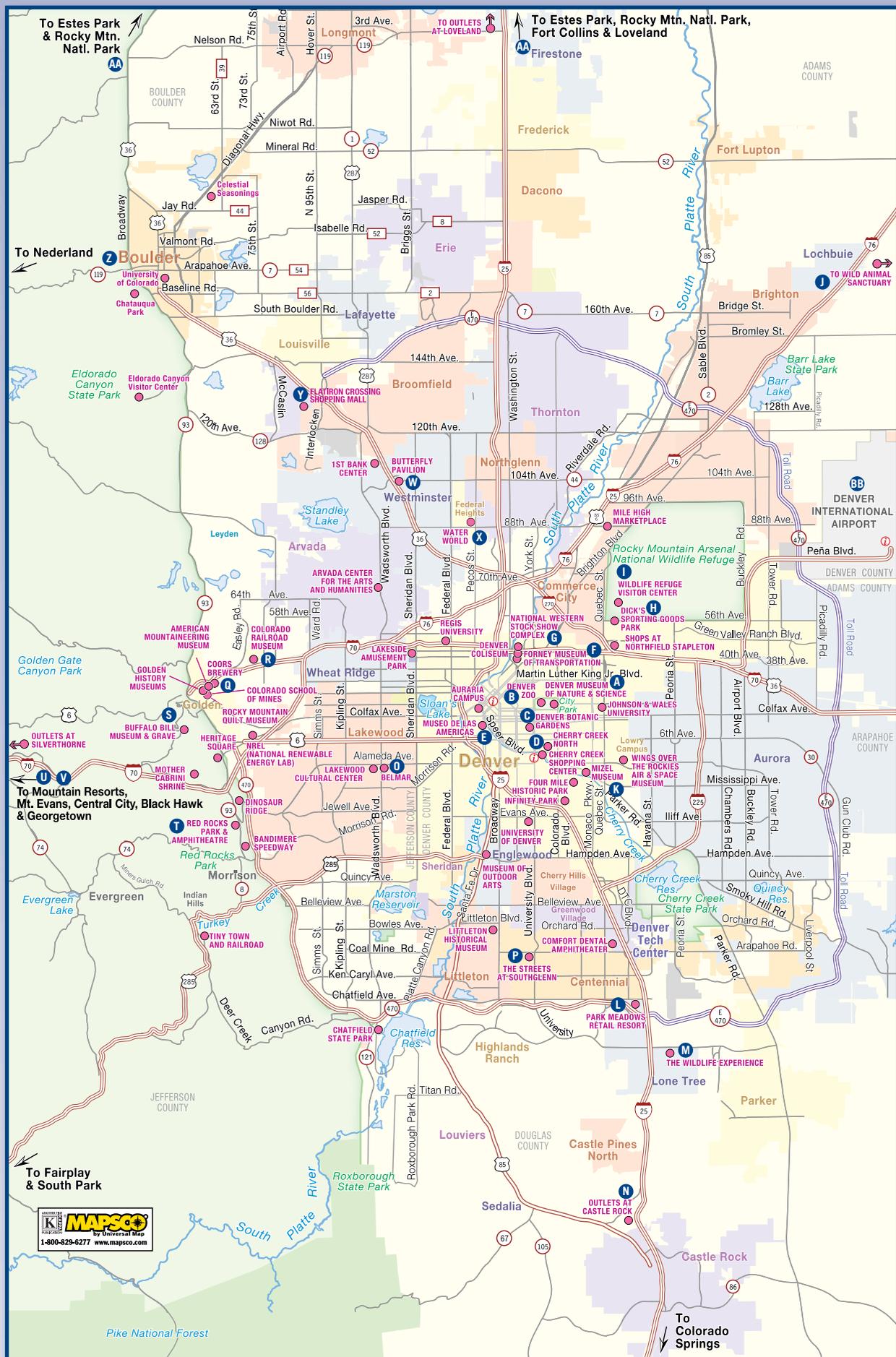
27 BLAIR-CALDWELL LIBRARY.

This African-American Research Library is the only library of its kind between Detroit and Oakland focusing on the history, literature, art, music, religion and politics of African Americans in Colorado and throughout the Rocky Mountain West. www.aarl.denverlibrary.org

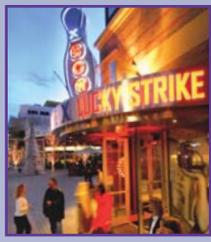
28 BLACK AMERICAN MUSEUM & HERITAGE CENTER.

This museum tells the story of the contributions that African Americans made in settling the West. www.blackamericanwestmuseum.com





BELMAR. The downtown district for the City of Lakewood features shops, restaurants, outdoor cafés, cultural art amenities, a movie theatre, a 2.1 – acre park and public plaza. www.belmarcolorado.com



THE STREETS AT SOUTHGLENN. For the perfect mix of retailers, restaurants, entertainment and essential services, visit The Streets at SouthGlenn. www.shopsouthglenn.com

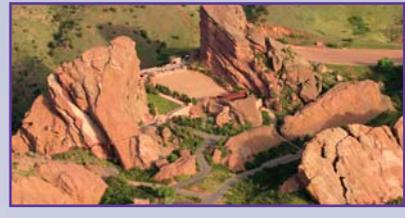


COORS BREWERY. The largest single brewery in the world offers free tours – and samples! www.MillerCoors.com

COLORADO RAILROAD MUSEUM. Visit Colorado's largest railroad exhibit with more than 100 historic cars and locomotives. www.ColoradoRAILROADMuseum.org



BUFFALO BILL MUSEUM & GRAVE. The final resting spot of the West's most famous scout and showman is located on top of Lookout Mountain. A museum tells his life story. www.buffalobill.org



RED ROCKS PARK & AMPHITHEATRE. This fantastic 9,000-seat arena has been carved from huge red rock boulders and offers a summer concert and film series, a museum, visitor information center, restaurant and hiking trails. www.redrocksonline.com

CENTRAL CITY & BLACK HAWK. These old gold mining towns have come alive with casino gambling and now have more than 30 casinos with over 10,000 slot machines. www.centralcitycolorado.com, www.blackhawkcolorado.com

GEORGETOWN. One of the prettiest villages in Colorado, Georgetown has more than 200 restored Victorian homes. www.georgetowncolorado.com

BUTTERFLY PAVILION & INSECT CENTER. This enclosed tropical paradise has more than 1,200 free-flying butterflies. www.butterflies.org



WATER WORLD. This is America's largest family water park featuring 42 attractions on 60 beautifully landscaped acres. www.waterworldcolorado.com

FLATIRON CROSSING SHOPPING MALL. One of the largest malls in metro Denver boasts an indoor shopping paradise and an outdoor street lined with stores and restaurants. www.flatironcrossing.com

BOULDER. This beautiful college town is home to the University of Colorado and the Pearl Street Mall, a brick pedestrian mall lined with outdoor cafés and shops. www.bouldercoloradousa.com



ROCKY MOUNTAIN NATIONAL PARK. One of the most scenic spots in America has 412 square miles of lakes, wild-flowers, meadows and mountains. www.nps.gov



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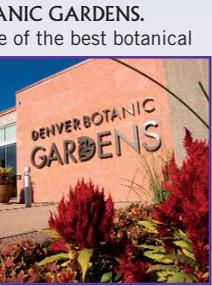
METRO DENVER

A DENVER MUSEUM OF NATURE & SCIENCE. The fourth largest museum of its kind, this museum is a maze of dioramas, dinosaurs, gems and treasures from around the world. Includes an IMAX theatre and planetarium. www.dmns.org



B DENVER ZOO. Home to more than 4,000 animals, this is the fourth most popular zoo in America. www.denverzoo.org

C DENVER BOTANIC GARDENS. Considered one of the best botanical gardens in the nation with the 10th largest conservatory; this is the most tranquil spot in the city with a Japanese garden, rose garden and 15,000 varieties of plants. www.botanicgardens.org



D CHERRY CREEK SHOPPING DISTRICT. With nearly 500 shops and restaurants, this is Denver's largest indoor and outdoor shopping paradise. Shop in the enclosed, upscale Cherry Creek Shopping Center or the tree-lined streets of Cherry Creek North. www.shopcherrycreek.com, www.cherrycreeknorth.com



E MUSEO DE LAS AMÉRICAS. Denver's museum of Latino art, culture and history with exhibits and programs to celebrate the rich cultural diversity of Latin American countries and the southwestern U.S. www.museo.org



F FORNEY MUSEUM OF TRANSPORTATION. Explore the history of transportation with over 500 exhibits including antique cars, locomotives, rare & exotic vehicles, and more. www.forney-museum.org



G NATIONAL WESTERN COMPLEX. Home to the National Western Stock Show & Rodeo held annually in January. Also, is the site of numerous events throughout the year. www.nationalwestern.com



H DICK'S SPORTING GOODS PARK. Home to the MLS Colorado Rapids professional soccer team, the park includes an 18,000-seat stadium and 24 soccer fields, the largest soccer complex in the nation. www.dicksportinggoodspark.com

I ROCKY MOUNTAIN ARSENAL NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE. Home to more than 330 species of animals, as well as nine miles of hiking trails and a tram ride that offers wildlife viewing opportunities. www.fws.gov/rockymountainarsenal



J THE WILD ANIMAL SANCTUARY. The oldest and largest carnivore sanctuary in the U.S. for animals including tigers, lions, bears, leopards and wolves, all of which have been confiscated from illegal or abusive situations. www.wildanimalsanctuary.org

K MIZEL MUSEUM. This museum features changing exhibits on the history, culture and art of Jewish heritage around the world. www.mizelmuseum.org



L PARK MEADOWS RETAIL RESORT. Built to resemble a ski lodge, this shopping emporium features wood beam ceilings, fireplaces and 115 department stores and shops. www.parkmeadows.com

M THE WILDLIFE EXPERIENCE. Welcome to a world-class collection of wildlife art and natural history exhibits, interactive galleries and an IWERKS giant screen theatre. www.thewildlifeexperience.org



N OUTLETS AT CASTLE ROCK. Colorado's largest outlet mall is just 25 minutes south of downtown Denver on I-25. www.outletsatcastlerock.com

For a complete listing of attractions, visit www.VISITDENVER.com.