

## 150 Wonderful Things about Denver

1. The 13th step of the State Capitol Building is 5,280 feet above sea level – one mile high.
2. High tea in the lobby of the Brown Palace Hotel.
3. Easter morning sunrise at Red Rocks Amphitheatre.
4. Denver has two Pulitzer Prize-winning newspapers.
5. The replica of Martha Washington's gardens in Washington Park.
6. The model railroad layout in the basement of Union Station.
7. The kayak chute on the South Platte River at Confluence Park, where Denver was born.
8. The Platte River Trolley.
9. Rocky Mountain Oysters at the Buckhorn Exchange.
10. It's against state law to block the view of the mountains from the State Capitol – a view that takes in 120 miles and 200 named peaks including 32 that soar to 13,000 feet and above.
11. 300 days of sunshine a year – more annual hours of sun than San Diego or Miami Beach.
12. Patty's Green Chili Beer at the Wynkoop Brewing Company.
13. Charlie, the perennial customer who has been reading a newspaper at the Tattered Cover for 30 years.
14. The big Blue Bear peeking into the window at the Colorado Convention Center.
15. Five Points and all its robust history.
16. A 2 a.m. breakfast at Pete's Kitchen.
17. The gorgeous skyline view from Peak's Lounge in the Hyatt Regency Denver.
18. The red sandstone sidewalks found throughout Denver's old neighborhoods.
19. The sundial (and the view) in Cramner Park.
20. The world's largest indoor Komodo Dragon exhibit at the Denver Zoo.
21. "Linda", the sculptor at the Denver Art Museum.
22. The vibrant 16th St. Mall designed by world renowned architect I.M. Pei and his architectural firm.
23. The D&F Tower, once the third highest building in the United States.
24. Daniel Libeskind's Hamilton wing at the Denver Art Museum.
25. The U.S. Mint – second largest storehouse of gold bullion in the United States.
26. Wearing a cowboy hat to the National Western Stock Show & Rodeo.
27. Buying an authentic cowboy shirt where it all began: Jack Weil's Rockmount Ranch Wear.
28. Listening to classic jazz at El Chapultepec.
29. Riding the old wooden roller coaster Twister at Elitch Gardens.
30. Listening to a Mariachi band at the Cinco de Mayo festival.
31. Strolling the booths at the Capitol Hill's People's Fair every June.
32. The world's largest steam locomotive at Forney Transportation Museum.
33. A Star Wars X-Wing Fighter at Wings of the Rockies Air & Space Museum.
34. Eating American Indian fry bread at the Denver March Pow Wow.
35. Hearing the stories of black cowboys at the Black American West Museum.
36. Reliving the days of Victorian Denver at the Molly Brown House Museum.
37. Seeing the 20-foot diorama of early Denver at the Colorado History Museum.
38. The unique diagonal crosswalks on all downtown street corners, the Barnes Dance, which stops all cars while pedestrians cross corners.
39. Browsing the art of the Cherry Creek Arts Festival every summer.
40. An authentic Denver Omelet at Dixon's.
41. The crazy sound effects on Curtis Street between 15th and 16th Street.
42. The view from the outdoor deck of Buffalo Bill's Grave & Museum.
43. Denver's two buffalo and elk herds.

44. The longest business street in America, 26-mile-long Colfax Avenue, complete with its own marathon.
45. The magical week when Denver hosted the 2008 Democratic National Convention.
46. Hearing the beat of the drums at the Dragon Boat Festival every summer.
47. Eating your way around the world at the diverse collection of restaurants located along North and South Federal Boulevard.
48. The row of purple seats in Coors Field are 5,280 feet above sea level – one mile high.
49. The holiday lighting of the City & County Building with 20,000 floodlights, reputed to be one of the largest lighting displays in the nation.
50. Watching the Parade of Lights during the holiday season with your family and friends.
  
51. The St. Patrick's Day Parade – one of the largest St. Paddy's day parades in the nation.
52. The annual cattle drive down 17th Street to kick off the National Western Stock Show.
53. Displaying the prize bull in the lobby of the Brown Palace Hotel for the National Western.
54. Bucky Bronco, the 27-foot-high, 1,600-pound steel and fiberglass horse that stands above the south scoreboard at INVESCO Field and at the former Mile High Stadium, is an exact replica of Roy Roger's horse, Trigger.
55. The 200 ounces of 24-karat gold on the dome of the Colorado State Capitol.
56. The Alan True murals, which can be found throughout the city.
57. Denver's first business was a saloon, and today the City brews more beer than any other metropolitan area.
58. First Friday art gallery walks in the Santa Fe Arts District, the Golden Triangle Museum District, Cherry Creek North, Gaylord, Tennyson Street Cultural District, RiNo or Highlands.
59. Watching the sunset from the rooftop patio bars of LoDo's Bar & Grill and The Tavern.
60. The swimming Sumatran tigers of the Downtown Aquarium.
  
61. Golda Meir's house in the Ninth Street Historic Park.
62. Washing down chips and salsa at Benny's with a tasty Margarita.
63. Roasted chilis at the Cherry Creek Farmer's Market.
64. Denver will always have only one No. 7 – John Elway.
65. The magical run by the Rockies to reach the 2007 World Series.
66. Having a martini in the art deco Cruise Room.
67. Eating sopapillas while watching cliff divers at Casa Bonita.
68. DU vs. CC hockey games at Magness Arena.
69. Hattie McDaniel, the first black performer to win an Academy Award, went to East High School. So did Judy Collins and Don Cheadle.
70. Listening to an outdoor concert at the Denver Botanic Gardens.
  
71. Relaxing with the 80-piece Denver Concert Band at free summer concerts in a park.
72. The bowls, banks, rails and curbs of the nation's largest free Skate Park.
73. Relaxing with coffee and live music at Common Grounds in Highlands.
74. Catfish and ribs at M&D's Café.
75. Catching a flick at Denver's old movie palace, the Mayan.
76. Experiencing a world-class opera at the Ellie Caulkins Opera House.
77. Listening to any album – before you buy it – at Twist & Shout.
78. Being a part of Rock & Roll history at the Fillmore Auditorium or Red Rocks Amphitheatre.
79. Window shopping in Cherry Creek North.
80. Pancakes at Snooze.
  
81. Acoustic melodies and memories at Swallow Hill.
82. Walking under the Evolution of the Ball arch on the way to a Rockies game at Coors Field.
83. Bar-hopping among the 90 sports bars, brewpubs and jazz clubs of Lodo.
84. Looking at old maps in the Denver Public Library's Western History room.

85. Six sports stadiums, eight professional sports teams, so little time.
86. Sampling signature dishes at the Taste of Colorado.
87. The overwhelming choices presented by the 1,900 different beers available at the Great American Beer Festival – the largest celebration of suds in the nation.
88. Watching a few sparrows fly inside the tepee-like tent roof of Denver International Airport.
89. The real tepee at Four Mile Historic Park, Denver's oldest stagecoach stop.
90. Painting chalk masterpieces on the streets of Larimer Square for Piazza del arte.
  
91. Hunting for treasures in the 400 antique stores of Broadway's Antique Row.
92. Sledding or skiing at Ruby Hill.
93. Browsing art at the Museo de las Americas.
94. Fishing at 10,000 feet above sea level in Echo Lake.
95. Riding the ski train through 28 tunnels to Winter Park, a ski area owned by City of Denver
96. Searching for the graves of Denver pioneers in Riverside and Fairmount cemeteries.
97. New Year's Eve fireworks on the 16th Street Mall.
98. Sampling 175 restaurants during Denver Restaurant Week.
99. All buildings in Denver had to be brick or stone until World War II, leading to the famous Denver brick bungalow.
100. The statue of hero Governor Carr in Sakura Square.
  
101. Sampling whiskey at Pints Pub, purveyor of the largest selection of single malt whiskey this side of Edinburgh, Scotland.
102. The Mayor's Office is a near replica of the Oval Office, actually 1 foot longer.
103. Running around Washington Park, the mecca of running on a Sunday afternoon.
104. Having a latte at Stella's Coffee House.
105. The jalapeno cheeseburger at My Brother's Bar and a green chili cheeseburger at Cherry Cricket.
106. Famous Denver food inventions such as the cheeseburger and the Denver omelet.
107. Watching the kayakers, bicycle riders and joggers at Confluence Park
108. Laughing your head off at the Comedy Works.
109. Dancing and eating at the outdoor summer Greek Festival.
110. Watching your child run and play through the Children's Museum of Denver.
  
111. Denver Performing Arts Complex – the nation's second largest arts complex (largest and most diversified under one roof).
112. Waiting in line on a hot summer night for a cone at Bonnie Brae Ice Cream.
113. Running the Cherry Creek Sneak or Race for the Cure.
114. Enjoying golf every month of the year at one of Denver's 90 gorgeous golf courses.
115. Getting your Halloween costume at Wizard's Chest.
116. Denver's diverse 200+ parks and 850 miles of off-road bike trails.
117. A bull's eye caramel marshmallow from Hammond's Candy, a Denver original since 1920.
118. Burritos at the Brewery Bar II.
119. Watching films from all corners of the globe at the Starz Denver Film Festival, the annual award-winning film festival.
120. Catching a train or just hanging out at historic Union Station.
  
121. Planting a flower created just for Denver's 150th birthday – the Denver Daisy.
122. Indie music scene at the Larimer Lounge and the Hi-Dive.
123. Watching the Bill Pickett Black Rodeo based in Denver.
124. Walking the South Platte River trail from City of Cuernavaca Park to the Downtown Children's Playground.
125. "Dr. Colorado" Tom Noel giving a historical tour.

126. Being proud of the annual Pride Fest celebration.
127. Parking meters collecting funds for the homeless.
128. Watching a PHAMALY (Physically Handicapped Actors and Musical Artists League) production.
129. The historic underground tunnel from the Brown Palace to the Navarre for “ladies of the night” and their gentlemen.
130. Visiting the new Museum of Contemporary Art (MCA Denver), a museum without a front door.

131. Enjoying the Juneteenth celebration in Five Points.
132. The Blair Caldwell Center (second largest African American Resource Center).
133. The Martin Luther King Jr. statue in City Park.
134. Royal Crest Dairy delivering milk to homes across Denver for the past 90 years.
135. Visiting the miles of Colfax Avenue and checking out the diverse revitalization, from the funky to the sublime, including the Colfax Events Center, East High School, the Tattered Cover center, Greek Town and so much more.
136. Strolling through the Denver Zoo at night during Wild Lights in the holiday season, when millions of sparkling lights, ice sculptures and events create a special magic.
137. Walking from the Highlands Neighborhood across the 16th Street Pedestrian Bridge onto Platte Street, across the river bridge, across Commons Park and across the Millennium Bridge to Denver Union Station.
138. Holding hands at nighttime while watching the colorful dancing waters in the refurbished fountain at City Park lake light up the sky.
139. Finding the pockets of homes built in the 1800s and nearby small neighborhood parks.
140. Getting a shoe shine by Claude on 16th Street Mall.

141. The beauty of Rocky Mountain Lake and Berkeley Park's fall colors reflecting the Front Range on an autumn evening.
142. Playing pickup football in Bible Park on a crisp autumn day.
143. Running with your dog on the Highline Canal.
144. Relaxing at quiet Babi Yar Park and reflecting on those who lost their lives in Ukraine during World War II.
145. Riding the Light Rail from the Denver Tech Center to Downtown.
146. Animated celebrities Kyle Broflovski, Stan Marsh, Eric Cartman, and Kenny McCormick making frequent visits to Denver in South Park.
147. A mid-summer night at a Rockies game with your son or daughter.
148. Walking through any of Denver's Aspen-filled streets and parkways during the fall.
149. Getting lost in the stories at the Central Public Library – or any of Denver's libraries, one of the best systems in the nation.
150. The People of Denver – their diversity; their indomitable spirit and determination to be the best, and live in the best, place in the world; their entrepreneurial energy, which keeps our neighborhoods fresh and vibrant; their community of many faces, experiences and perspectives working together to reach a substantial quality of life for each other and our families; their pride of home-ownership that is evidenced in flower filled yards.