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TREKS

**COLORADO
EXPLORER**

SUMMER 2020



Spend two magical weeks exploring the diverse terrain of Colorful Colorado. In Rocky Mountain National Park, walk through fields laden with blue and purple wildflowers. Near Salida, become familiar with the alpine desert landscape while rock climbing and mountain biking with the massive 14,000-foot peaks of the Sawatch Range as your backdrop. Navigate the rapids in Browns Canyon on the Arkansas River, considered the best stretch of whitewater rafting in Colorado. Hike your way to unbeatable views on the 12,713-foot Hallett Peak, and finish your trip with rafting on the Clear Creek River's nonstop rollercoaster rapids!



CURRENT GRADES
7TH - 8TH

LENGTH
13 DAYS

“Beyond the first-day butterflies, Owen loved every minute of his trip. It wasn't just fun for him to be in the outdoors with a warm, playful, safe community, but it came as a relief. Free from the constant pull of the internet and usual social tribulations that come with the age, he could just be a kid. About his peers, he said ‘They were so so so nice.’” *Kate Lilienthal, third-year parent from Singapore*

ACTIVITIES



Backpacking



Mountain biking



Mountain summit

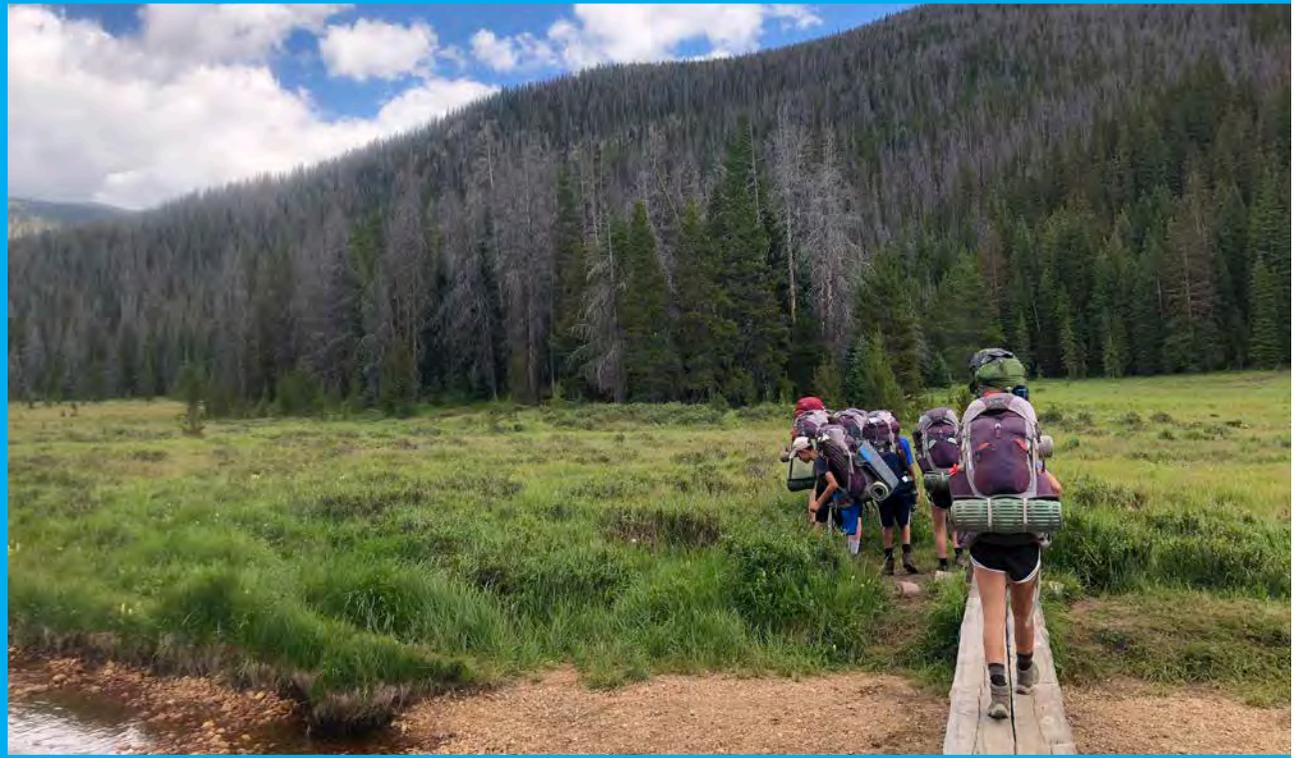
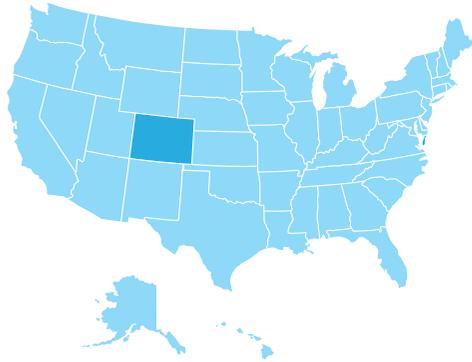


Rock climbing



Whitewater rafting

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DAY 1 ARRIVAL

Fly or drive into Denver International Airport (DEN) and meet your group and instructors! Once all students and their luggage have arrived, we'll drive up to Rocky Mountain National Park, where we'll have our delicious "Yahoo!" dinner (chicken, steak, veggie burgers, cheesy mashed potatoes, and fruit salad) and spend our first night.

DAY 2 DAY HIKE

Students will split up into smaller groups to explore different trails in the eastern part of Rocky Mountain National Park. Everyone will hike to a stunning alpine lake, where we'll eat lunch and continue getting to know each other.

DAYS 3-6 BACKPACK IN ROCKY MOUNTAIN NATIONAL PARK

Spend four days hiking in the Rocky Mountains during peak wildflower season. (If you keep your eyes peeled, you may even see bighorn sheep, mule deer, marmots, and possibly even elk!) As you wind through dense pine and aspen forests, past green-blue alpine lakes, and beneath stunning ridgelines, you and your new friends will play fun games like hide and seek and "camouflage." By the end of the four days, it'll feel like you've been friends for years.





DAY 7

WHITEWATER RAFT THE ARKANSAS RIVER

Browns Canyon is considered one of the best sections of whitewater rafting in the world. Exciting rapids carry you through a riparian canyon (see if you can catch a glimpse of bighorn sheep scrambling up the steep walls!). There's nothing more thrilling than bouncing down big drops with your crew.

DAY 8

ROCK CLIMB IN SALIDA

Transition from high meadow valleys and evergreen forests to an alpine desert landscape that's littered with dramatic 14,000-foot peaks. Tall granite domes await you in the "Heart of the Rockies." Learn the basics of climbing and belaying, and challenge yourself on harder and harder routes as the day goes on.

DAY 9

MOUNTAIN BIKE IN SALIDA

Blast down trails near the Continental Divide, surrounded by aspen groves, grasslands, and views of the breathtaking Sangre de Cristo mountain range. Perfect for riders of all levels!

DAY 10

LOGISTICS AND TRAVEL

Laundry day! Students and instructors will work together to get laundry done, refresh our food supply, and do a thorough van clean-up. Then we'll head back north to Rocky Mountain National Park





DAY 11

CLIMB HALLETT PEAK

Venture back into Rocky Mountain National Park, this time to hike up Hallett Peak (12,324 feet), where the 360-degree views will leave you speechless. At the summit, you'll feel like you're walking on top of the world; everywhere you look are gorgeous mountains, including Longs Peak (the tallest mountain in the park at 14,259 feet), Flattop Mountain (12,362 feet), and several other 12,000- and 13,000-foot peaks.

DAY 12

WHITewater RAFT THE CLEAR CREEK RIVER

Experience a river that became famous for mining during the Colorado Gold Rush! Continuous, action-packed rapids will keep you laughing as you rush down Clear Creek surrounded by sheer cliffs and tall peaks.

DAY 13

DEPARTURE

We promise you this: You won't want to leave! But it'll be time for our adventure to come to an end. Relive every memory the night before with a celebratory dinner, and exchange contact info with all of your new best friends so you can stay in touch.

“Adventure Treks is SO WORTH IT!!!!!! I was very nervous—not only is this an investment, but I also wanted her to love the outdoors like I do! And with teenagers you only get one shot. She was nervous she would be bored and homesick, but we took a leap. What’s been most valuable so far is her gaining confidence and independence. I believe the ability to get on a plane by herself, leave her tight circle of friends and electronics, and challenge herself physically and socially proved to herself she can do anything! This trip fostered a budding independence that I think so many teenagers struggle with. With the nurturing guidance of her instructors she learned she can rely on herself. That lesson is priceless. She said it was one of the best things she has ever done and is already planning next year’s trip!” *Natalie Partin, first-year parent from Cincinnati, OH*

TRAVEL INFO

Arrive and depart from Denver, CO



*Please do not book flights until your child has been officially accepted and enrolled on the Colorado Explorer trip. However, if you'd like to look up flight options, all students need to arrive to DEN between 8 a.m. and 1 p.m. the first day of the trip, and depart DEN between 6 a.m. and 1 p.m. the last day of the trip.

“The Colorado trip pushed Evan physically and emotionally to try new activities, and he gained confidence in participating successfully while also having loads of laughs! He now has an open mind to new adventures and wants to challenge himself further. He really loved the whitewater rafting and instructors, and he was taken with the beauty of Colorado—he looks forward to another trip! Also, he is a very picky eater, but he said the food was so much better than he expected. Thank you!”
Nina Price, first-year parent from Potomac, MD



TRANSPORTATION TO AND FROM THE ADVENTURE IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE FAMILY.

Our instructors will be eagerly awaiting each of our students' arrivals at the Denver International Airport. We try our best to meet every student as they walk off the plane, but in the rare event we are unable to, we will call your child to guide him/her to a meeting place. Students call home as soon as they meet with our instructors and gather their baggage.



WEATHER INFO

Summers in Colorado are generally very pleasant. At higher elevations, you'll likely experience temperatures in the upper 60s and 70s, while at lower elevations it can climb into the 80s. You may still see snow on mountaintops in June, while in July and August there may be a few afternoon thunderstorms. Our packing list will prepare you for every possible scenario to keep you comfortable, warm, and dry no matter the conditions!

LOGISTICS



DATES

6/23/20 – 7/05/20

7/11/20 – 7/23/20

7/29/20 – 8/10/20

PRICE

\$3,495

INCLUDED IN TUITION:

- » All food and lodging
- » All group and technical equipment (tent, sleeping bag, sleeping pad, backpacking pack, mess kit, etc.)
- » Guided activities

NOT INCLUDED IN TUITION:

- » Trip insurance
- » Airfare to and from
- » Personal clothing and items (see the [Colorado Explorer packing list](#))

“It’s amazing to see what our children can do and accomplish when we set them free in a safe but challenging environment. Being disconnected from technology allowed our child to discover new friendships. At the halfway mark when I received a phone call from him, I asked what he liked most about the trip. His response: ‘When you’re with this group of kids it’s an equal playing field. No one cares about whether you’re popular or not or where you came from—they just want to get to know you for who you are.’ Very profound for a 14-year-old! Thank you for giving the kids amazing guidance and looking out for their safety while also making even the tough moments laughable moments.”

– Renee Hughes, first-year parent from Fairfield, CT



READY TO SIGN UP? THERE ARE THREE WAYS:

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