

# COLORADO ROCKY MOUNTAIN NATIONAL PARK

## **DAY ONE:- Arrival**

For guest arriving by air we pickup at the Denver, CO Airport at 3:30 p.m.  
For guest arriving by car we meet at The Inn On Fall River, Estes Park, CO  
Check in is 3 p.m. (driving directions can be found by visiting the inns website).

Or first day activity is an orientation meeting scheduled for approx. 6:30 p.m., followed by dinner.

## **SOME OF THE HIKES:-**

### **DAY TWO:-**

Day one of hiking generally sees us hiking up through the high meadows of the Cow Creek trail to the lovely Bridal Veil Falls. Lunch is by the falls and the round trip journey is around 5 1/2 miles. In the afternoon there is an option of a two mile hike up Twin Owls. This beautiful area of the Lumpy Range boasts spectacular cliffs and endless views.

### **DAY THREE:-**

Today we drive into Rocky Mountain National Park and hike high up near the Continental Divide. The Ute Trail leads above tree line through beautiful alpine tundra flora as well as some really incredible views! In the afternoon we offer The Crater Trail, affording wonderful mountain views and the possibility of spotting mountain sheep. We also try to include a stop at Horseshoe Park to see the incredible alluvial fan created by the flood of '82. (Note: when we are at higher elevations, we generally offer shorter hikes, as most hikers become tired a little sooner).

### **DAY FOUR:-**

There are two very contrasting options today though each is a very spectacular hiking experiences! The more challenging option takes us up to Pyndall Glacier, along the flat Top Mountain Trail. The 9 mile trail leads us past lovely alpine lakes and above treeline for fabulous views!

The easier option takes in four lovely lakes, with names like 'Nymph' and 'Dream'. After lunch, our loop trail leads past beautiful Alberta Falls.

### **DAY FIVE:-**

Right down the road from The Allenspark Lodge, two separate routes lead up to Ouzel Falls. One heads more gently uphill for about 2 1/2 miles through the Wild Basin, while a longer route takes a more challenging path past Calypso Cascade. You can choose your route before we all meet up for lunch at the falls and then all return to the trail head together. Afternoon hikes climb to the ridge of the Wild Basin and back to Allenspark Lodge.

### **DAY SIX:-**

This is our last day of hiking and is a half day spent in The Indian Peaks

Wilderness. The Jean Lunig Trail (a wildflower haven!) leads almost 3 miles around Long Lake at an elevation of over 10,000'. After lunch we return to the inn before heading home.

(Guides may change itinerary depending on weather and needs of the group)

## COLORADO INNS:-

### **Sunday, Monday, Tuesday**

THE INN ON FALL RIVER  
1660 Fall River Rd  
Estes Park, CO 80517  
Ron and Linda Weiss  
Tel: (970) 586-4118, (800) 255-4118  
[www.innonfallriver.com](http://www.innonfallriver.com)

### **Wednesday & Thursday**

ALLENSPARK LODGE  
Co. Hwy 7  
Allenspark, CO 80510  
Bill & Juanita Martin  
Tel: (303) 747-2552  
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## TRAVEL:-

If you are driving to the starting point, you will find the driving directions enclosed.

If you are arriving by public transportation we offer the following pick up schedule:-

### **FROM AIRPORTS:-**

Denver Airport - 3:30 p.m. (all major airlines)  
WE MEET AT THE DELTA TICKET COUNTER ON THE 6<sup>TH</sup> LEVEL

We return hikers to the airport at 3:30 p.m. for flights from 4:30 p.m. on, on the last day of the trip (earlier times can sometimes be arranged).

FOR TRIPS THAT BEGIN SUNDAY YOU SHOULD BE AWARE THAT FLIGHTS ARE OFTEN CHEAPER IF YOU ARRIVE ON SATURDAY. YOU CAN THEN EITHER FIND

YOUR OWN WAY TO THE STARTING INN OR STAY IN THE AIRPORT TOWN UNTIL OUR PICK UP ON SUNDAY.

**FROM BUSES:-**

Greyhound offers service to Denver and Estes Shuttle at (970) 586 5151 offers service from Denver Airport to Estes (\$45.00 one way & \$85.00 round trip).

**BY RAIL:-**

IT IS VITAL THAT YOU LET US KNOW YOUR TRAVEL PLANS (EG. FLIGHT TIMES AND NUMBERS OR BUS ARRIVAL TIMES) IN ORDER FOR US TO MEET YOU.

FLIGHTS SHOULD BE SCHEDULED FOR AN ARRIVAL TIME THAT ARRIVES PRIOR TO OUR PICK UP TIME. PLEASE MAKE SURE YOU HAVE RECEIVED PICK UP CONFIRMATION BEFORE YOU LEAVE ON YOUR TRIP!

FOR ASSISTANCE PLEASE CONTACT OUR TRAVEL SERVICE: BETTER TRAVEL @ 1-800-331-6996