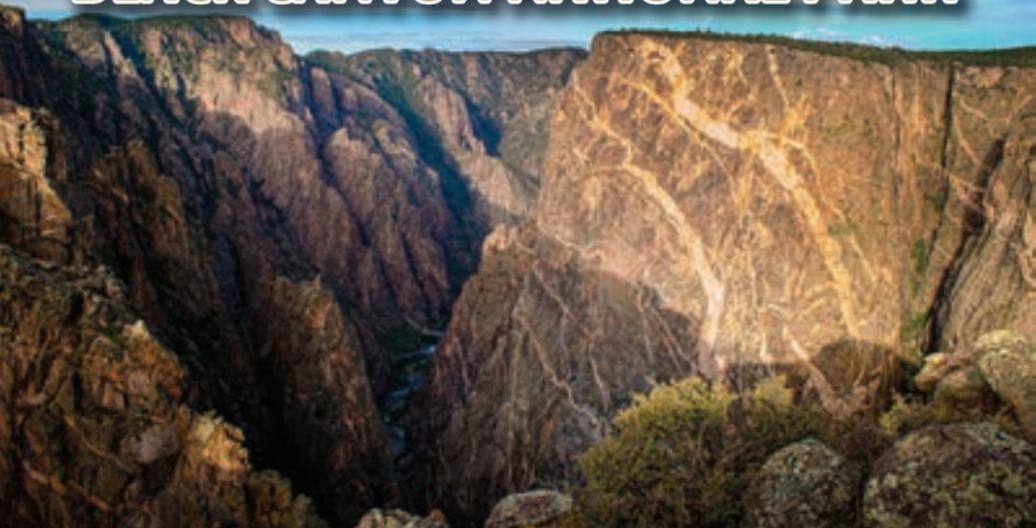


BLACK CANYON NATIONAL PARK



DAY TRIP

Black Canyon National Park is one of the nation's most breathtaking scenic treasures. Carved through solid granite over countless millennia, the dark canyon walls plunge an awe-inspiring 2,700 feet to the Gunnison River below.



40 MILES ROUND TRIP
2 HOURS TO ALL DAY

Take the simple approach and enjoy the canyon from one of the 12 lookout points along the rim, or accept our invitation to "Look Deeper" by allowing time in your itinerary to discover and explore the canyon's hidden gems.

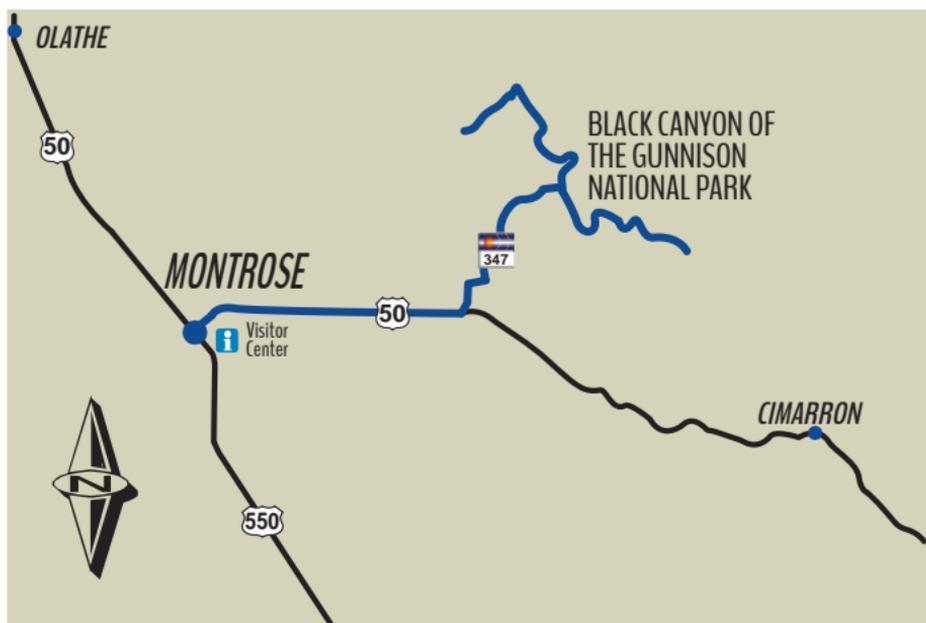
The Black Canyon National Park is located just 20 minutes from downtown Montrose. Take U.S. Highway 50 east from Montrose eight miles, turn left onto State Highway 347, and continue six miles to the park entrance. The road through the park winds along the south rim of the canyon, affording spectacular views at each pullout. Along this route is a visitor center featuring educational displays and information on the canyon, picnic areas, and campgrounds.

The Black Canyon offers world-class fishing, rock climbing (for advanced climbers), camping and many other adventures. From late spring through early fall, plan to take a hike to see unique perspectives on the canyon and watch the abundant wildlife. Park rangers present nature walks and campfire programs and are available throughout the park to answer questions and help make your visit an enjoyable one.

Another way to experience the Black Canyon is from the bottom up. East Portal Road at the park entrance follows a steep, switch-back route to the canyon's depths where you can view the historic East Portal of the Gunnison Tunnel and enjoy a memorable day of fishing along the Gunnison River.

Leave the park the same way you entered to return to Montrose.





Planning Your Trip

All of the Montrose scenic day trips have been designed to enhance your stay in the Black Canyon country. The following few precautions will help ensure a delightful adventure.

Before you begin your tour, it is a good idea to fill your gas tank, plan where you will lunch, and check weather and road conditions along your route. Several of the trips include stretches where no services are available.

Prepare for a variety of weather. Montrose enjoys 250 sunny days each year, making good water supplies, sunscreen, and lip balm essential equipment. Summer showers and high-country breezes can come up unexpectedly, so take a jacket and rain gear along.

High-clearance or four-wheel drive vehicles are recommended for traveling unimproved roads. Avoid these roads during or immediately following heavy rain. Cell phone service can be lost in remote areas so be sure to inform someone of your planned route and expected return time.

The Montrose area offers many roads leading to or along magnificent scenic highways. Take your time and explore some of the wonders that make Montrose a special place.

Additional Day Trips

- Curecanti National Recreation Area
- San Juan Skyway Scenic Byway
- West Elk Loop Scenic Byway
- Grand Mesa National Forest
- Silver Jack Reservoir and Owl Creek Pass

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