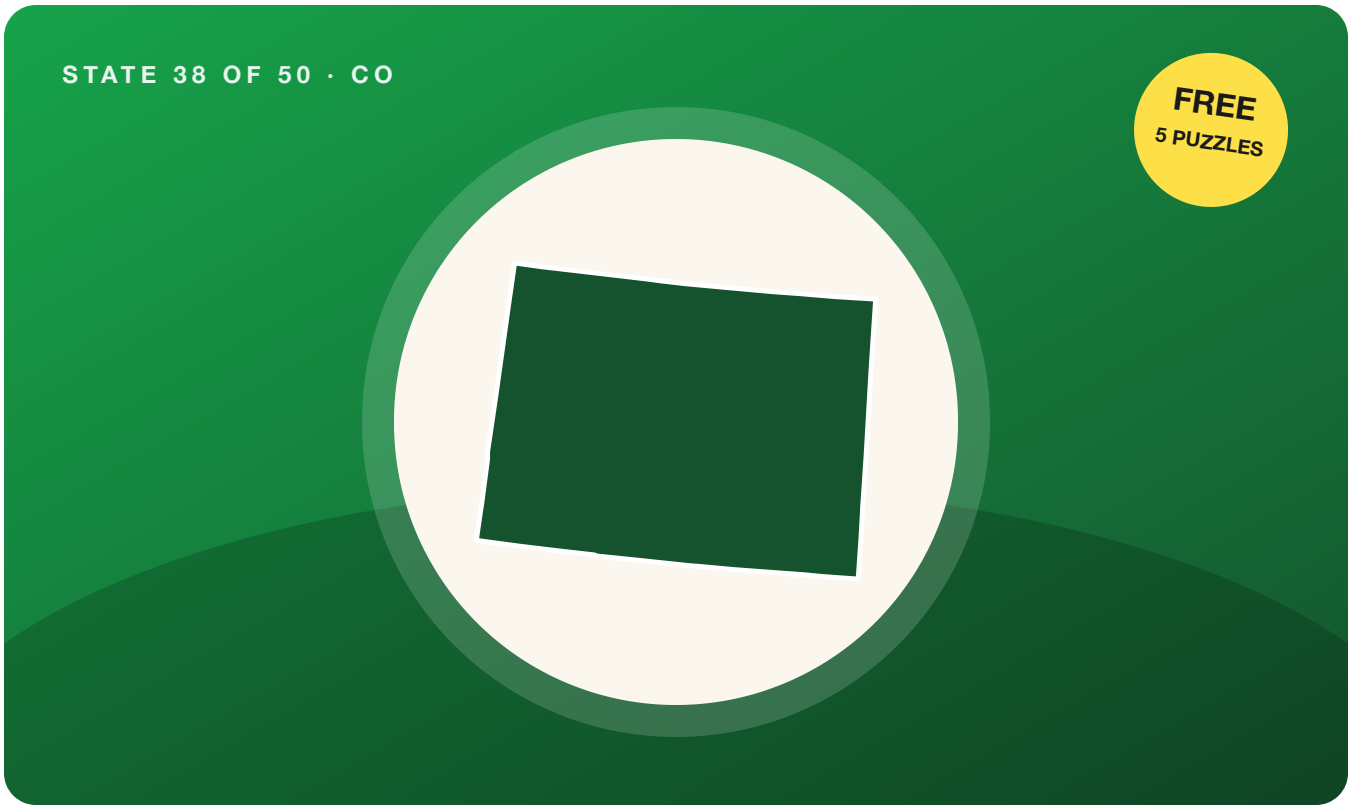


THE CENTENNIAL STATE

Colorado Puzzle Pack

Five free puzzles about Colorado for kids in grades 2 to 8, with a fast-facts page and every answer key.

Crossword · Word Search · Word Fill-In · Word Scramble · Cryptogram · Fast Facts · Answer Keys

Welcome to Colorado!

Grab a pencil and lace up your hiking boots: we're climbing into Colorado! In these pages you'll stand among peaks higher than 14,000 feet, race down the tallest sand dunes in North America and peek into stone homes built in the cliffs of Mesa Verde. You'll meet a bighorn sheep with curling horns, a songbird of the open plains and a dinosaur with plates on its back. Ready? Let's reach new heights!



COLORADO FAST FACTS

Capital	Denver
Largest city	Denver
Nickname	The Centennial State
Statehood	August 1, 1876 (the 38th state)
Region	West
State bird	Lark Bunting
State flower	White and Lavender Columbine
State tree	Colorado Blue Spruce
State Animal	Rocky Mountain Bighorn Sheep
State Fossil	Stegosaurus
State Gemstone	Aquamarine
Motto	Nil sine numine (Latin for "Nothing without Providence")

For parents and teachers: This Colorado pack fits grades 2 to 8, and the answer keys are at the back. Print as many copies as you need for your home or classroom.

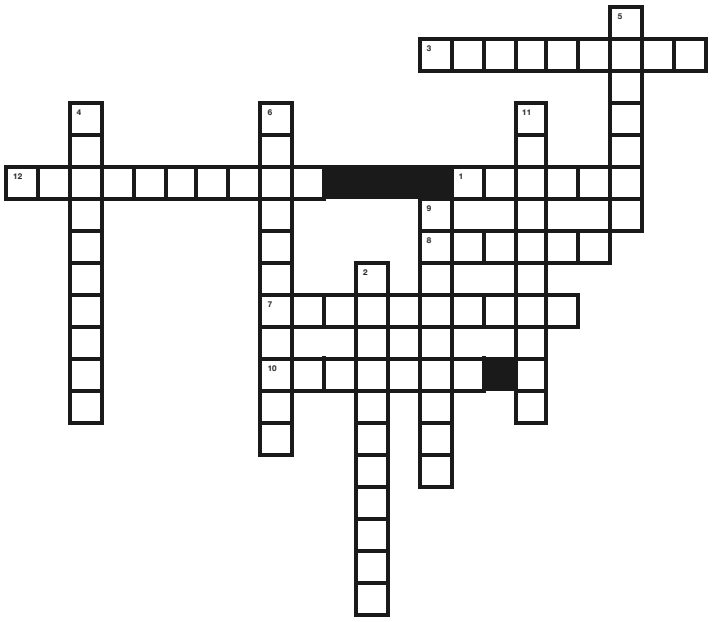
PUZZLE 1 OF 5 · CROSSWORD

Colorado Crossword

12 clues about the state

Read each clue and write the answer in the matching squares, one letter per box.

Puzzle Guide: Start with the clues you are sure of. Every letter you write is a free hint for the words that cross it.



ACROSS

1. The state capital, known as the Mile High City

3. White and lavender state flower

7. Blue-green state gemstone

8. Mount ___, the highest peak in the state

10. Mountain range that runs through the state

12. Name for a peak at least 14,000 feet high

DOWN

2. State bird, a black-and-white songbird of the plains

4. State tree, a silvery evergreen

5. Kind of sheep that is the state animal

6. State fossil, a dinosaur with plates on its back

9. National park with stone homes built into cliffs

11. Nickname word: it joined 100 years after 1776

PUZZLE 2 OF 5 · WORD SEARCH

Colorado Places to Explore

Cities, peaks, canyons and dunes across the state

Find every word in the list. Words go across, down and on a slant.

Puzzle Guide: Hunt for an unusual letter like Q, X, J or Z first, then check all eight directions around it.

S	W	W	E	Z	U	E	G	V	T	I	X	T	O	Q
J	F	C	T	G	D	X	R	S	A	E	C	P	G	Z
Y	E	A	P	R	E	Z	E	V	N	S	L	I	O	B
I	S	E	U	A	B	E	A	X	B	F	P	K	G	D
M	T	O	E	N	O	L	T	U	I	O	Y	E	Y	G
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U	K	R	W	T	Y	O	U	I	D	L	C	U	O	Y
R	X	A	W	I	X	D	N	L	J	I	S	L	R	R
I	D	N	W	O	S	U	E	L	B	N	V	X	A	W
D	T	G	O	N	N	F	S	E	P	S	A	E	K	A
E	D	O	B	L	A	C	K	C	A	N	Y	O	N	L

Word List

GREATSANDDUNES
BLACKCANYON
PIKESPEAK
BOULDER
AURORA
GRANDJUNCTION
LEADVILLE
TELLURIDE
DURANGO
PUEBLO
FORTCOLLINS
ESTESPARK
LAKEWOOD
GREELEY
ASPEN

THE COLORADO SUPER PACK

20 more Colorado puzzles are waiting for you

Want more Colorado? The Colorado Super Pack has 20 more puzzles: fourteeners, dinosaur fossils, old mining towns, mountain wildlife, ski slopes and the coolest state symbols, from aquamarine to the Emperor mushroom. Twenty puzzles, one mile-high adventure, $1.99.

ALL 20 PUZZLES INSIDE

1	Colorado National Parks	Word Search
2	Colorado Ski Slopes	Word Scramble
3	Colorado Wildflowers	Word Fill-In
4	Colorado Mile High Fact	Cryptogram
5	Colorado Dinosaurs and Fossils	Word Search
6	Colorado Native Nations	Word Scramble
7	Colorado Fourteeners	Word Fill-In
8	Colorado Dune Fact	Cryptogram
9	Colorado Mining Towns	Word Search
10	Colorado Rivers	Word Scramble
11	Colorado Cities and Towns	Word Fill-In
12	Colorado Cliff Home Fact	Cryptogram
13	Colorado Mountain Wildlife	Word Search
14	Colorado Farms and Ranches	Word Scramble
15	Colorado Trail Hike	Word Fill-In
16	Colorado Peak Fact	Cryptogram
17	Colorado State Symbols	Word Search
18	Colorado Weather	Word Scramble
19	Colorado Forest Trees	Word Fill-In
20	Colorado Name Fact	Cryptogram

Enjoying Colorado so far? The Super Pack has 20 more puzzles, and every one has its own theme: 5 word searches, 5 cryptograms, 5 word scrambles and 5 word fill-ins. Not one of them repeats a puzzle in this free pack.

For grown-ups: it is a one-time payment of $1.99, not a subscription. Every puzzle comes with an answer key, and the personal and classroom license lets you print unlimited copies for your own home or classroom.

- ✓ 20 new Colorado puzzles, each with its own theme
- ✓ 5 word searches, 5 cryptograms, 5 scrambles and 5 fill-ins
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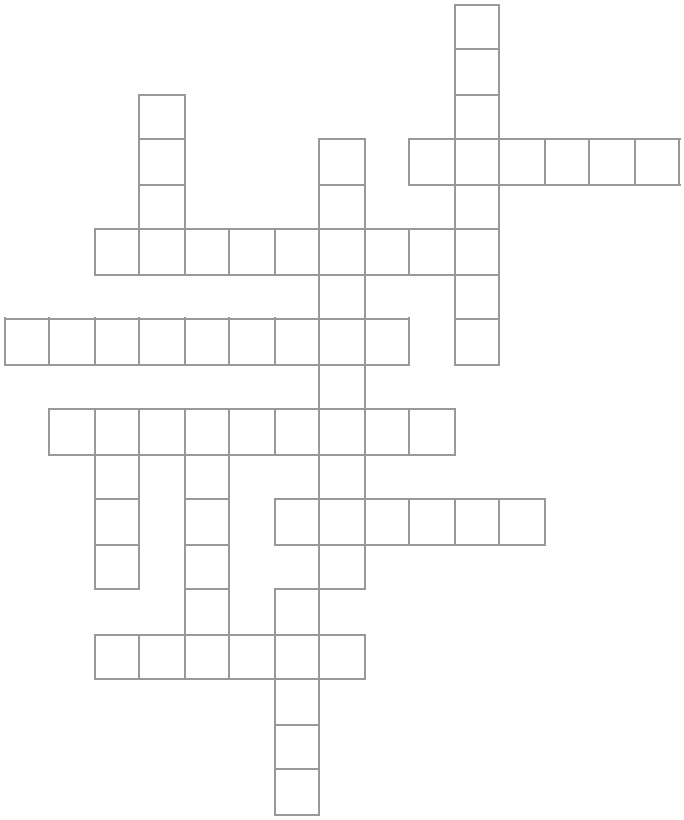
PUZZLE 3 OF 5 · WORD FILL-IN

Colorado Animals

Creatures of the mountains, forests and plains

Fit every word from the list into the grid. Start with the longest words and the ones that only fit one place.

Puzzle Guide: Count the boxes first. A word that is the only one of its length can go in right away.



Word List

4 letters:	LYNX, PIKA
5 letters:	MOOSE
6 letters:	BEAVER, COUGAR, COYOTE, MARMOT
8 letters:	MULEDEER
9 letters:	BALDEAGLE, BLACKBEAR, PRONGHORN
10 letters:	PRAIRIEDOG

PUZZLE 4 OF 5 · WORD SCRAMBLE

Colorado Fun

Things to do in the Centennial State, summer and winter

Unscramble each word. Every answer is from this state's story.

Puzzle Guide: Find the vowels, then try a starting letter. Say your guesses out loud: Colorado words sound right.

Unscramble each word below.

	Scrambled	Your Answer
1.	NKSIIG	_____
2.	SOWRDOBNA	_____
3.	NGHKII	_____
4.	PMAIGCN	_____
5.	NGFTARI	_____
6.	NGFIHIS	_____
7.	NBGCIIML	_____
8.	GIBNKI	_____
9.	DGESNDIL	_____
10.	CPSEEHA	_____
11.	OODER	_____
12.	SNOSHWEO	_____

PUZZLE 5 OF 5 · CRYPTOGRAM

Colorado Secret Fact

Crack the code to learn when Colorado became a state

Each letter stands for a different letter. Use the given letters to crack the code and read a true fact.

Puzzle Guide: Look for one-letter words first. They are almost always A or I, and that unlocks a lot of the code.

T U B U N Y E U C L T Y D L

Q F L Q F M N Q G L M X F Q F

A Q Y Q L U P Y Z X Z A Q

O M N A Q , L M X F Q L L P

A L W L P Q G A M H .

Hints:

`H = X` `D = M` `E = D`

FINISH LINE

You did it, Colorado explorer!

You solved your way across Colorado, the Centennial State. Check your work on the answer pages that follow, and give yourself a star for every puzzle you finished.

One more challenge: tell someone three things you learned about Colorado. Here is one to start you off: its capital is Denver.

DID YOU KNOW? 10 TRUE FACTS ABOUT COLORADO

- Colorado became the 38th state on August 1, 1876, 100 years after the Declaration of Independence, so it is called the Centennial State.
- The name Colorado comes from a Spanish word meaning colored red.
- Mount Elbert, at about 14,440 feet, is the highest point in Colorado and the highest peak in the Rocky Mountains.
- Colorado has 58 named peaks that rise 14,000 feet or higher. Hikers call them fourteeners.
- Denver is called the Mile High City because its official elevation is one mile, or 5,280 feet, above sea level.
- The tallest sand dunes in North America are in Great Sand Dunes National Park in southern Colorado.
- At Mesa Verde National Park, Ancestral Pueblo people built Cliff Palace, the largest cliff dwelling in North America.
- Colorado has four national parks: Rocky Mountain, Mesa Verde, Great Sand Dunes and Black Canyon of the Gunnison.
- The Stegosaurus, the state fossil, lived in the land that is now Colorado about 150 million years ago.
- Fourth graders helped make Stegosaurus the state fossil in 1982, and Girl Scouts helped name the claret cup the state cactus in 2014.

MAKE YOUR OWN

Keep the Colorado lessons going

Every puzzle in this pack was made with PuzzlePage. The same tools are at puzzlepage.app: type your own words, preview the page and print. Here are four ways to use them for Colorado.

Word Search Maker

Turn a spelling list of Colorado cities, rivers and landmarks into a word search.

puzzlepage.app/word-search

Crossword Maker

Write your own clues about Denver and the Centennial State for a custom crossword.

puzzlepage.app/crossword

Worksheet Builder

Put a Colorado word search, scramble and crossword on one page for a quick review sheet.

puzzlepage.app/worksheet-builder

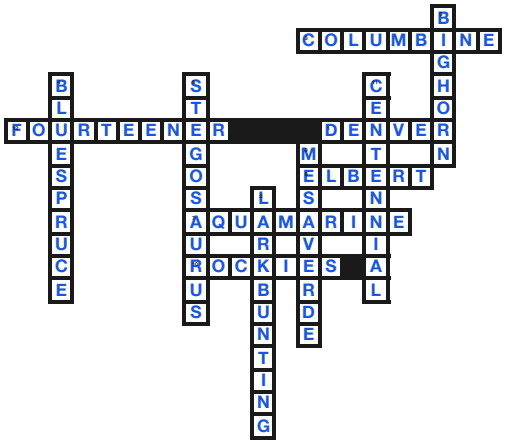
Flash Card Maker

Make printable cards for Colorado facts: its capital, nickname, statehood date and more.

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Answer Key

1. Colorado Crossword (Crossword)

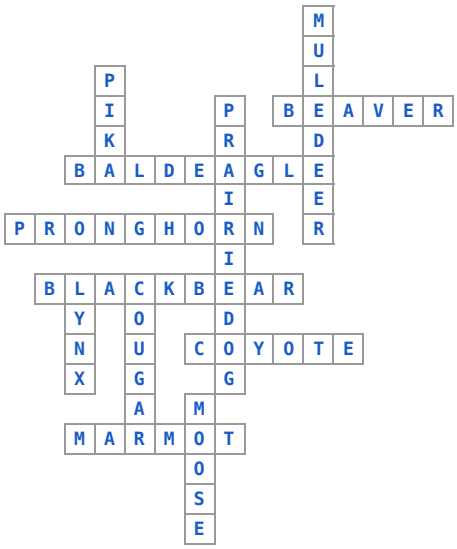


2. Colorado Places to Explore (Word Search)

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D	T	G	O	N	N	F	S	E	P	S	A	E	K	A
E	D	O	B	L	A	C	K	C	A	N	Y	O	N	L

Answer Key

3. Colorado Animals (Word Fill-In)



4. Colorado Fun (Word Scramble)

1.	NKSIIG	**SKIING**
2.	SOWRDOBNA	**SNOWBOARD**
3.	NGHKII	**HIKING**
4.	PMAIGCN	**CAMPING**
5.	NGFTARI	**RAFTING**
6.	NGFIHIS	**FISHING**
7.	NBGCIIML	**CLIMBING**
8.	GIBNKI	**BIKING**
9.	DGESNDIL	**SLEDDING**
10.	CPSEEHA	**PEACHES**
11.	OODER	**RODEO**
12.	SNOSHWEO	**SNOWSHOE**

5. Colorado Secret Fact (Cryptogram)

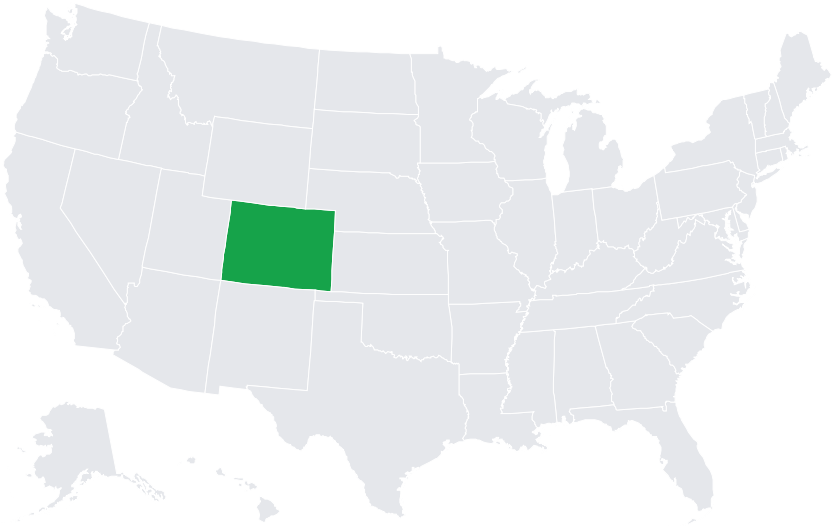
COLORADO BECAME THE THIRTY EIGHTH STATE ON AUGUST FIRST, EIGHTEEN SEVENTY SIX.

COLLECT ALL 50

You're on state 38 of 50

Colorado was the 38th state to join the Union. Every state has its own free puzzle pack, so you can solve your way across the whole country. Next stop in statehood order: North Dakota.

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- [ ] Alabama
- [ ] Alaska
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