

# Crop Circle

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## ***Favorite Farm Vacation Spots!!***

### **Welcome!**



#### **From the Editor:**

Well, it's finally fall and harvest is almost over. It is a time when people working in agriculture might squeak in a chance to think about "things they'd like to do" for recreation, leisure, or fun.

Many of the farm folks we work with through AgrAbility can be pretty scarce to find at

home in the fall. For them, it is an opportunity to take trips or go visit family. For others in agriculture who live with a disability- the opportunity for recreation and leisure seems like an unobtainable goal. Perhaps the physical barriers seem overwhelming or information about recreation for the disabled is unavailable in their community.

Whatever the case, we have put together a list of recreation sites and programs in and around Colorado that provide accessible facilities and/or opportunities for recreation to people with disabilities. We hope you find this information helpful in pursuing your individual interests, acquiring new ones, or challenging your abilities in new ways.

#### **Special points of interest:**

- **AGRABILITY is funded through a Grant from the USDA.**
- **Colorado AgrAbility is a working partnership between Colorado State University Extension Services and Easter Seals Colorado**
- **Call 1-800-875-4732 to contact the Project or:**
- **[www.eastersealsco.org](http://www.eastersealsco.org)**

### **Why is Recreation Important Work?**

Leisure, recreation, fun! The words may have different meanings for each of us. Some of us may feel leisure is a way of learning new skills, like skiing or playing an instrument. Others may feel it is a way of spending valued time with family and friends. Most of us do have interests we enjoy, and generally people feel leisure activity is essential to good health.

According to Linda Epps, a certified therapeutic recreation specialist in Austin, Texas who has worked in physical rehabilitation for 20

years, leisure is important for the health of people with disabilities as well. "There should never be any barriers to recreation, there are always ways to adapt an activity so a person can do it!" she states emphatically. A person may have to change how they complete a leisure activity using a different method, or using special equipment, but it can be done- from hunting and fishing to A-Z.

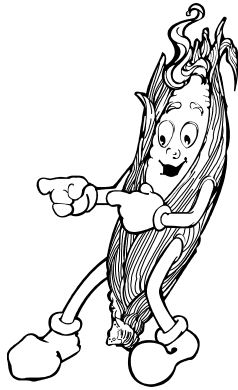
Over the last few decades, considerable effort has been given in the United States towards the rights of people with dis-

abilities to live and participate in the community. This includes the ability to access and utilize public facilities like libraries, sports arenas, and yes, the Great Outdoors! In the following pages, we have attempted to list many resources available in Colorado for accessible recreation. However, it is always a good idea to call and confirm whether a facility or program is accessible for a particular disability. And, as with anything- planning and preparing for contingencies is an important part of planning any event or trip.

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## Accessible Vacation Spots in Colorado:



How about a vacation? You deserve a break after a long, hopefully productive harvest. Read on, we have included a few options for your vacationing needs. Enjoy!!

### Fishing Anyone?

~ Gunnison National Forest  
2250 Highway 50  
Delta, CO 81416  
970.874.6600  
www.coloradoguide.com

~ Adaptive Sports Center  
PO Box 1639  
Crested Butte, CO 81224  
970.349.2296

Camping, fishing, canoeing, hiking, white water rafting river trips, backpacking, and biking.

### Accessible trails and Hiking for the brave souls....

~ Fruitgrowers Reservoirs  
1.800.962.2547  
www.coloradoguide.com

~ Gazebo Trail  
Colorado State Parks  
www.coloradoguide.com  
\$4.00 daily, \$40.00 annually  
hiking and bird watching

~ Adaptive Adventures  
PO Box 2245  
Evergreen, CO 80439  
303.679.2770  
www.edaptive.org  
www.adaptiveadventures.org

Alpine skiing, Nordic skiing, snow mobiling, snow cat skiing, hut trips, basketball, hockey, camping, water skiing, canoeing, scuba diving, biking, hiking, tennis, kayaking, hand cycling, sailing, and mountain biking.

### Horseback riding anyone.....

~ North American Riding for the Handicapped Association, Inc (NAHRA)

PO Box 33150  
Denver, CO 80233  
1.800.369.RIDE

~ Praying Hands Ranches for Children  
Carl or Shirley Hanson  
4825 East Daley Circle  
Parker, CO 80138-6029  
303.841.4043

Landscaping, planting, animal husbandry, ranch and stable management, petting farm, and horticulture therapy.

~ Rocky Mountain Village  
P.O. Box 115  
Empire, CO 80438  
303.569.3857  
800.692.5520

Easter Seals Colorado Camp for children and adults with disabilities.

### For those of you who crave adventure there's always SKIING....

~ Breckenridge Outdoor Education Center  
1.800.383.2632

White water rafting, hiking, rock climbing, and adaptive skiing program.

~ National Sports Center for Disabled  
PO Box 1290  
Winter Park, CO 80482  
970.726.1540

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**National and State Forests, Parks, Monuments  
& Grasslands in Colorado**  
**Call for information concerning Accessibility at each location.**

Black Canyon of the Gunnison National Park  
102 Elk Creek  
Gunnison, CO 81230  
970.249.1914 ext. 23

Curecanti National Recreation Area  
102 Elk Creek  
Gunnison, CO 81230  
970.641.2337

Colorado National Monument  
Fruita, CO 81521  
970.858.3617

Dinosaur National Monument  
4545 E. Highway 40  
Dinosaur, CO 81610-9724  
970.374.3000

Florissant Fossil Beds National Monument  
PO Box 185  
Florissant, CO 80816-0185  
719.748.3253

Great Sand Dunes National Monument  
11500 Highway 150  
Mosca, CO 81146  
719.378.2312

Mesa Verde National Park  
PO Box 8  
Mesa Verde NP, CO 81330  
970.529.4465

Rocky Mountain National Park  
Estes Park, CO 80517  
970.586.1206

Pawnee National Grassland  
666 O Street Suite 4  
Greeley, CO 80631-3033  
970.353.5004

Comanche National Grassland  
27162 Hwy. 287  
PO Box 127  
Springfield, CO 81073  
719.523.6677

Grand Mesa National Forest  
2250 Highway 50  
Delta, CO 81416-8723  
970.874.6600

Arapaho National Forest  
1311 South College Ave.  
Fort Collins, CO 80524-3098  
970.498.2778

Pike National Forest (San Isabel)  
1920 Valley Drive  
Pueblo, CO 81008  
719.545.8737

Rio Grande National Forest  
1803 W. Highway 160  
Monte Vista, CO 81144  
719.852.5941

Roosevelt National Forest  
1311 South College Ave.  
Fort Collins, CO 80524-3098  
970.498.2778

Routt National Forest  
925 Weiss Drive  
Steamboat, CO 80487-9315  
970.879.1870

San Juan National Forest  
701 Camino Del Rio  
Durango, CO 81301  
970.247.4874

White River National Forest  
9th and Grand  
Glenwood Springs, CO 81602  
970.945.2521

**For Further Information:**

Access-Able Travel Source

PO Box 1796  
Wheat Ridge, CO 80034  
www.access-able.com

\*accessible lodging, guides to cities, states,  
and foreign countries

Access to Recreation

PO Box 5072-430  
Thousand Oaks, CA 91359-5072  
1.800.634.4351

Catalog for recreation items.

Accessible RV Rentals

702.452.1427  
\*rentals, conversions, and  
custom built rigs

Ambassador Motor homes

British Columbia and San  
Francisc  
604.946.3696  
www.infoserve.net/rv/

Special Needs

1849 Emerson Street  
303.839.4800  
303.839.4820 (TTY)  
Open Mon-Fri 8 am to 5pm

Outdoor Buddies (Colorado)

www.outdoorbuddies.com  
Provide outdoor opportunities for those with physical  
disabilities Host hunting, fishing, archery, shooting  
camping, canoeing, outdoor survival, and wildlife photography.

Buckmasters

[http://www.buckmasters.com/More\\_Buckmasters/BADF/DisabledHunters.html](http://www.buckmasters.com/More_Buckmasters/BADF/DisabledHunters.html)

This is a site that has information and links on different forms of adaptive equipment, state laws/regulations, opportunities, and local and national disabled groups.

Western Branch of National Therapeutic Recreation Society

619 Prospect Lake Drive  
Colorado Springs, CO 80910  
719.632.7031

El Monte RV

San Francisco and Los Angeles  
1.800.367.3687  
www.elmonte.com/mhwhlchr.htm

Wilderness Inquiry

313 5th Street SE  
PO Box 84  
Minneapolis, MN 55404  
1.800.728.0719  
www.wildernessinquiry.org

Colorado Challenge Center

PO Box 621563  
Littleton, CO 80162  
303.933.8788  
Paula Schupbach Executive Director

Hunting Digest

www.huntingdigest.com/  
Website for disabled hunters

NRA Disabled Shooting Services

www.nrahq.org/shooting/compete/disabled.asp

Physically Challenged Bow Hunters

www.pcba-inc.org/  
\$10/yr., quarterly newsletters, affordable  
hunting in U.S., adaptive equipment, guides  
and outfitters,

## Vacation Spots outside of Colorado:

This is a great idea for those of you that just need a break and get out of this beautiful state. These are only a few of the places you could go for a fun, family vacation this year and the years to come. Keep in mind that there are many more opportunities out there. So lets try visiting one of the other states this year for a change of scenery.

### ~The Farmers Museum

Lake Road

Cooperstown, NY 13326

1.888.547.1450

[www.agriculture.com/vacation](http://www.agriculture.com/vacation)

Lots of early settler history.

### ~Disabled Sports USA Far West

PO Box 9780

Truckee, CA 96162

530.581.1461

[dsusatahoe@truckee.net](mailto:dsusatahoe@truckee.net)

### ~National Ability Center

PO Box 682799

Park City, UT 84068

435.649.3991

[nac@xmission.com](mailto:nac@xmission.com)

For children with disabilities. A recreational camp.

### ~Outdoor Sports Expo

Contact Arthur Combs at Health and Mobility

1.800.841.8890

### ~Living History Farm

Urbandale, Iowa

515.278.5286

[www.inf.org](http://www.inf.org) (for activity

Five farming periods covered from 1700 Indian village to a 1900 farm. Farm festivals throughout year.

### ~John Deere Pavilion

Moline, IL

390.765.1000 (open daily)

“Most comprehensive agricultural exhibit in the world.” On the Mississippi River where John Deere built the first plow nearly 160 years ago.

### ~National Cowboy Museum

Oklahoma City, OK

405.478.2250

History of Native Americans and cowboys. Open daily except: Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day, and New Year’s Day.

### ~National Ag Hall of Fame

630 Hall of Fame Drive

Bonner Springs, Kansas

<http://aghalloffame.com>

West of Kansas City, dedicated to 86th Congress as memorial to farm leaders charged with capturing the early heritage of food and fiber production in agriculture. Open mid-March through November.

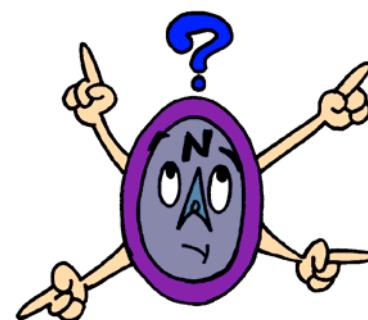
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Lakewood, CO 80226  
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Fax: 303-233-1028  
TTY: 303-232-5685

**We're on the Web!!**  
[www.eastersealsco.org](http://www.eastersealsco.org)  
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**Vacation,  
Here I come!!**

