



FBLA-PBL Denver National Fall Leadership Conference

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Denver is Bursting with Free Things to Do

Here are free sightseeing activities or outdoor pursuits you can enjoy on your while you are in Denver, Colorado:

- 1. Ride the 16th Street Trolley.** The 16th Street Pedestrian Mall is the main thoroughfare in downtown Denver. Its 15 blocks are lined with dozens of shops and restaurants, and especially in the warm-weather months, there's often street-side entertainment going on--from impromptu jugglers to musicians strumming guitars. The trolley that runs up and down the mall is free, so take a ride to get an overview of what's along the mall, or to get from one end to another in a hurry.
- 2. Tour the U.S. Mint.** Find out how money is made at Denver's U.S. Mint building. Tours are free, offered on the hour from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Make a reservation on the Mint's; reservations are highly recommended, though you can take a chance that there will be availability for a walk-up tour.
- 3. Teach your kids at the Denver Art Museum.** Families who visit the newly expanded Denver Art Museum can ask for Family Backpacks, filled with activities, games and puzzles to do in several galleries, or Art Tubes, little mini-activities if you don't have time tour the entire museum. Tweens and teens will love the free Digital Gallery Games that are played on Game Boys you can borrow for free.
- 4. Play at a Park.** Denver has more than 200 parks. Take a walk or jog around Washington Park.

5. **Denver Botanic Gardens** Start our free day (if today happens to be a Tuesday during the warmer months) by enjoying a fitness walk through the beautiful gardens, followed by a healthy snack (also free!).
6. **Colorado State Capital** As you explore the building on your own, or join a free tour, enjoy the murals, stained glass portraits, wall hanging, and presidential portraits. During the legislative session, step into the Senate or House of Representatives gallery to watch state legislators in action.
7. **Tattered Cover Bookstore** What started out over 30 years ago as a small, cozy bookshop with an eclectic selection of books evolved into an amazing place for anyone who enjoys books. Not only will you find an outstanding selection of books (over half a million in the two original locations, consisting of over 150,000 titles), but you'll still enjoy the feeling of being in a cozy shop where you feel welcome to curl up on a sofa or sit back in a recliner to enjoy reading a book, magazine, or newspaper.
8. **Dinosaur Ridge** View prehistoric animal tracks, both large and small, which are available for viewing along this well-preserved site. Stop by the Visitor Center, and then take time to experience the self-guided tour which includes sixteen interpretative signs that describe fossil remains as well as other relevant features of the area.
9. **Red Rocks Park** When you are done exploring the amphitheatre, don't miss the captivating Visitor Center, which opened in 2003. The Visitor Center is tucked under the seating, so it made a minimal impact on the appearance of the area. Watch a 10-minute film that describes the history of both natural and musical of the park. Reminisce as you view concert posters from the past 40 years, see instruments belonging to favorite musicians, or use the interactive computer terminals to find out who performed here or to remember a special concert.
10. **Brown Palace Hotel** On Saturday, at 2:00 PM, head over to the historic Brown Palace Hotel downtown. Meet in the sitting area beside the entrance to the Ship Tavern inside the hotel, and enjoy learning some fascinating Denver history on this 45-60 minute free guided tour.
11. **Denver Zoo** It is a very large zoo, one of the best in the U.S. and has lots of different animals that you don't get to see in all the other zoos! In addition to the animals, there is also a train and carousel which provides even more entertainment. It's a great place to spend the day and it's fun for everyone. There is a **fee for admission** and the food is great.
12. **Ocean Journey** The largest aquarium between Chicago and California. Although it is an aquarium, it also has land and animals, it has lots of hands on activities for all to enjoy. There are many different exhibits, including some of endangered fish. There is a **fee for admission**.
13. **Molly Brown House** Tour the house of a socialite, philanthropist, and activist named Margaret Brown who survived the sinking of the Titanic. It is very interesting and has a great gift shop. The guided tour takes about 45 minutes. There is a **fee for admission**.