

Adventure Awaits

Rangely is a place where you can truly unplug and unwind. Surrounded by 1.5 million acres of public lands and averaging 300 days of sunshine, getting outdoors has never been more accessible than it is here. Whether you enjoy motorized, non-motorized, water sports, fishing, hunting, camping, hiking, horseback riding or anything outdoors, we have year-round offerings! Just outside our peaceful town is Canyon Pintado National Historic District which encompasses over 16,000 acres of public land. In Canyon Pintado you can hike solo or take guided tours to Fremont and Ute Native American Tribes Rock Art sites dating back over 1,000 years. Minutes from town you can observe the magnificent Piceance/East Douglas wild horse herd and if you are lucky you may catch a glimpse of more elusive wildlife like black bears, bobcats, or mountain lions! Discover Rangely!



“This is a nice location with a bunch of information about the local animals and environment. There are several along the road and I would suggest trying to visit them all.”

Michael Mann
Google Review

Let us Introduce Ourselves!

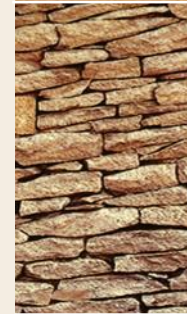
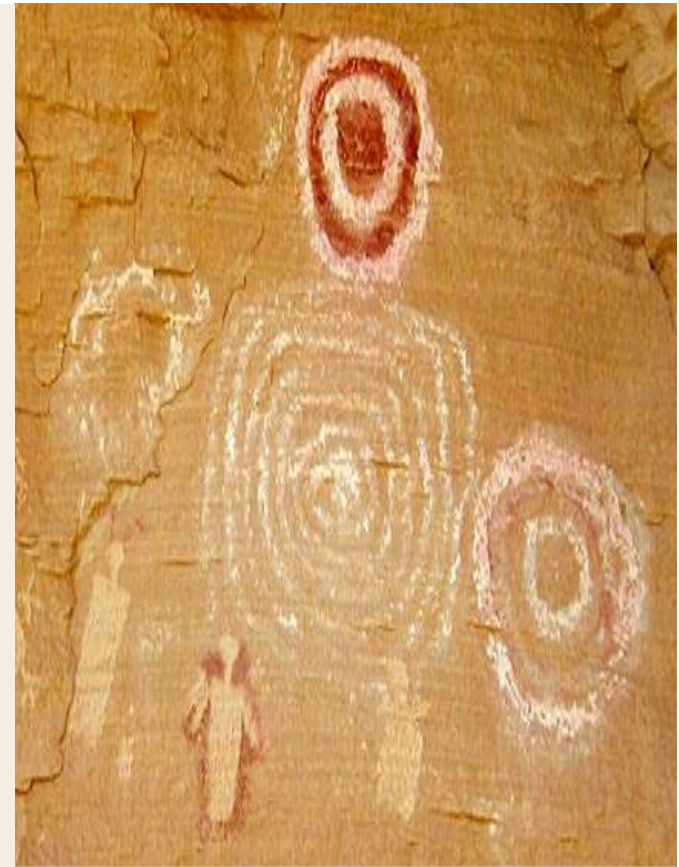
Our Mission: The Rangely Area Chamber of Commerce is committed to promoting and fostering a positive business climate thereby enhancing the quality of economic life in our community

Our Goals: Serve as an effective non-partisan, non-sectarian voice for business, legislative, social, government and community issues affecting the Rangely Area, and the western Slope of Colorado while supporting the civic, social and cultural programs.

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Rangely Colorado Day Trip 2
Canyon Pintado
Rock Sites and the
Rangely Outdoor
Museum



Rangely Outdoor Museum



Whether you start or end your day here the Rangely Outdoor Museum boasts native peoples, pioneers and ranching, geology and paleontology, flora and fauna, and energy industry exhibits. A walk through this museum tells the story of the history of Rangely and the surrounding area.

You'll find the Rangely Outdoor Museum near the intersection of Highway 64 and Kennedy Drive.

Rangely Outdoor Museum
200 Kennedy Drive
Rangely, CO 81648
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Canyon Pintado Rock Art Day Trip, Day Two

The Fremont Culture is dated from about 650 CE to about 1150 CE and was followed by the Shoshone and Ute Indians, all of whom left their marks on the canyon walls.

Shield Site >>>>>>>>>

Level of Difficulty: Easy
milepost 5.6 (CR23)
(40° 05.616'N, 108° 49.1016'W)

While traveling south on CR23, turn left on CR100 at milepost 5.6. Go 0.3 miles and turn right where CR100 makes a sharp left turn. Continue 0.2 miles to a parking area where you will take a trail a short distance to the rock art panel. The panel is on the cliff face to the northwest and contains a decorated shield figure about 3 ft. tall.

Crook's Brand Site>>>

Level of Difficulty: Moderate
milepost 10.1 (CR23)
(39° 58.1478'N, 108° 52.3968'W)

The turn-off to this site is on the west side of CR23 where a BLM sign noting Crook's Brand is located. Go 0.15 miles and turn right just before a gas well location. Proceed uphill toward the low cliff faces another 0.15 miles. Here you will find incised figures of horses, General Crook's brand and a Ute depiction of a white man with a top hat and great coat. There are various historic era cowboy inscriptions and the remnant of pinup art produced by a Basque sheepherder who worked in this area in the past.

For your safety and enjoyment please take into consideration our level of difficulty ratings.



Fremont Ridge Site>>>

Level of Difficulty: Easy
milepost 9.7 (CR23)
(39° 57.7386'N, 108° 50.2746'W)

This site presents the greatest driving challenge of the tour. The two-track trail is long and winding and may be impassable when wet. Turn east off of CR23 onto BLM 1045B for 1.3 miles. At this point the road has turned south and you will take the left fork (east). Continue 0.6 miles where the road ends. Warning: there isn't much room to turn around here! Look for a large balanced rock to north of the parking area then follow the ridge along its south side for about 250 yds. to the eye-level panel. It is a Fremont petroglyph panel marked by soaring carrot-shaped figures.

Carrot Man Site>>>>>>

Level of Difficulty: Easy
milepost 11.6 (CR23)
(39° 56.8068'N, 108° 53.4474'W)

This site is listed in the National Register of Historic Places. Turn to the right (west) off CR23 at the BLM sign and cross the cattle guard. Continue 0.3 miles to where there is a parking/turn around area on the left. Walk south into the gully which parallels the road on its south side. Walk down following the gully a short distance until you see the painted figures on the roof of the overhang on the right-hand side of the gully. The BLM has provided a descriptive sign. There are both pecked (petroglyph) and painted (pictograph) art at this locale with soaring carrot men being the most impressive features.

Canyon Pintado National Historic District encompasses over 16,000 acres of public land along 15 miles of State Highway 139. Canyon Pintado (Spanish for "Painted Canyon") received its name in 1776 when Fathers Dominguez and Escalante noted numerous examples of ancient Native American rock art as they traveled through the Douglas Creek Valley.