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Colorado Scenic Byway: "West Elk Loop:"

MILE	KM	ITEM	SUMMARY	MILE	KM
0.0	0.0	Carbondale, Colorado	Carbondale, Colorado, is a town in Garfield County, Colorado, located in the mid valley of the Roaring Fork River. Mount Sopris is located south of Carbondale, Colorado. This is where Byway West Elk Loop starts it's journey from. Byway runs through the magnificent landscape of Summits of Gunnison, Mount Sopris and the incomparable Black Canyon of the Gunnison anchor the ends of the West Elk Loop. The route gives access to the White River and Gunnison National Forests, the Black Canyon of the Gunnison National Monument, Curecanti National Recreational Area, and Crawford and Paonia State Parks. Altitude: 6188 feet	203.1	326.9
3.5	5.7	Thomas Road	Thomas Road, Thomas Reservoir No.2, Saint John Reservoir, Altitude: 6339 feet	199.6	321.2
8.2	13.2	Crystal River Road	Crystal River Road, Red Dog Loop, along State Route #133 Altitude: 6598 feet	194.9	313.7
10.8	17.3	Avalanche Creek, Colorado	Avalanche Creek, Colorado, Avalanche Creek Road, Bull Dog Creek Road, Altitude: 6755 feet	192.4	309.6
16.1	25.9	Redstone, Colorado	Redstone Colorado, is a community in Pitkin County, Colorado, Redstone Park, McClure Pass, Redstone Castle, located on State Route #133 Altitude: 7188 feet	187.0	301.0
21.2	34.1	Placita, Colorado	Evergreen Lane, Community of Placita, Colorado, Crystla River Valley, Marble, Colorado is a town in Gunnison County, Colorado. Marble, Colorado is the site of the Marble/marble sculpting symposium. Altitude: 7513 feet	181.9	292.8
24.6	39.6	Mc Clure Pass	Ragged Mountain Road, McClure Pass, is a high mountain pass in the Rocky Mountains of western Colorado. Altitude: 8763 feet	178.5	287.3
25.7	41.4	Loop	A Loop / Viewpoint, located on the State Route #133, at the McClure Pass, Colorado Altitude: 8402 feet	177.4	285.5
28.1	45.3	Ragged Mountain	A Viewpoint on the State Highway #133 on Ragged Mountain Altitude: 7464 feet	175.0	281.6
37.8	60.9	County Highway	County Highway 77/10, Paonia State Park, located on Ragged Mountains along State Route #133, part of West Elk Loop Byway, Colorado Altitude: 6476 feet	165.3	266.0
41.5	66.8	Paonia Reservoir	Paonia Dam, on Paonia Reservoir, located in Paonia State Park, Colorado Altitude: 6506 feet	161.6	260.1
42.1	67.8	County Route	County Route, a part of this Byway, connecting State Route #135 at Crested Butte, Colorado, makes the byway a loop by connecting State Route #135 with State Route #133 at Paonia State Park, Colorado. Altitude: 6316 feet	161.0	259.1
48.3	77.8	Somerset, Colorado	Somerset, Colorado is a town located in Gunnison County, Colorado. Altitude: 6037 feet	154.8	249.1
49.6	79.9	Juanita Junction, Colorado	Old Highway #133, at the North Fork of Gunnison River, Juanita Junction, Colorado, a community in Gunnison County, Colorado. Altitude: 5945 feet	153.5	247.0
53.6	86.2	Bowie, Colorado	Bowie, Colorado, Juanita Junction, Colorado, Old Highway #133, along State Highway #133 in Gunnison county, Colorado Altitude: 5850 feet	149.6	240.7
56.8	91.4	Paonia, Colorado	Paonia is a town in Delta County, Colorado. The area around Paonia is known for its orchards such as first fruits, which produce excellent peaches, apples, cherries, and other fruits. In addition, several vineyards and wineries have recently been established in the area. Altitude: 5745 feet	146.3	235.5
65.6	105.6	Hotchkiss, Colorado	Hotchkiss, Colorado, is a town in Delta County, Colorado, It is here that Byway West Elk Loop switches over to State Highway #92 southeastward. Altitude: 5331 feet	137.5	221.3
66.6	107.2	Back River Road	Back River Road, Community of Cobum, Colorado. This Road travels to Paonia, Colorado through agricultural fields, fruit gardens. Altitude: 5394 feet	136.5	219.7
69.7	112.2	Baxter Reservoir	Baxter Reservoir, a reservoir located along State Route #92, Colorado Altitude: 5764 feet	133.4	214.7

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76.2	122.6	Crawford, Colorado	Crawford is a town in Delta County, Colorado. Needle Rock Road, to Needle Rock, Altitude: 6512 feet	127.0	204.3
77.9	125.4	Crawford Reservoir	Crawford Reservoir, a reservoir located in Crawford State Park, just off State Route #92 south of Crawford, Colorado in Delta County, Colorado. Altitude: 6598 feet	125.2	201.5
79.6	128.1	Black Canyon Road	Black Canyon Road, Fruitland Mesa Road, Red Canyon Ranch, Colorado Altitude: 6611 feet	123.5	198.8
81.0	130.3	Maher, Colorado	Maher, Colorado is a community located in Montrose County, Colorado. Altitude: 6808 feet	122.2	196.6
85.4	137.5	G8190 Trail	G8190 Trail, E 8190 Trail Altitude: 7434 feet	117.7	189.4
90.0	144.8	Route to Black Canyon	Route to Black Canyon, in Gunnison National Park, Colorado Altitude: 7812 feet	113.2	182.1
102.1	164.3	Curecanti National Recreation Area	Curecanti National Recreation Area, along the State Route #92, near Black Canyon, Colorado Altitude: 8901 feet	101.0	162.6
109.9	176.8	Curecanti National Recreation Area	Curecanti National Recreation Area, at Black Canyon along the Gunnison River, Colorado Altitude: 7897 feet	93.3	150.1
112.3	180.7	View Point / Road side Rest Area	Viewpoint along the Gunnison, at Curecanti National Recreation Area, Colorado Altitude: 8068 feet	90.8	146.2
115.1	185.2	Loop	A Loop to view the Rockies near Black Canyon, along Gunnison Altitude: 7802 feet	88.1	141.7
116.6	187.7	Blue Mesa Road	Blue Mesa Road, Lake View Drive, Dillon Pinnacles, Curecanti National Recreation Area, Blue Mesa Reservoir, Colorado. Blue Mesa Reservoir, is the largest water-body in Colorado located at an elevation of 7,519 ft (2,292 m). Created by Blue Mesa Dam. Altitude: 7694 feet	86.5	139.2
118.1	190.1	Junction	Junction of State Highway #92 with United States Highway #50 near Blue Mesa Reservoir, the largest water-body in Colorado, located at an elevation of 7,519 ft (2,292 m) within Curecanti National Recreation Area, is formed by three reservoirs, borders Black Canyon of the Gunnison National Park on the west. Panoramic mesas, fjord-like reservoirs, and deep, steep and narrow canyons abound. Dinosaur fossils, Traces of 6000 year old dwellings were recently discovered in this 5,000 acre archeological district of Colorado. Altitude: 7700 feet	85.0	136.8
120.1	193.2	Sapinero, Colorado	Sapinero, Colorado, is a community located on the shore of Blue Mesa Reservoir in the Curecanti National Recreation Area in Gunnison County, Colorado. Altitude: 7608 feet	83.1	133.7
123.2	198.2	Bridge	A Bridge over Blue Mesa Lake, On this bridge United States Highway #50 crossess over to the northern shore of the Blue Mesa Reservoir. Altitude: 7523 feet	80.0	128.7
125.0	201.1	Red Pond	Red Pond, Morrow Point Reservoir, Curecanti National Recreation Area, Colorado Altitude: 7543 feet	78.2	125.8
128.6	207.0	Park Headquarters	Park Headquarters, Curecanti National Recreation Area, Lake Fork Marina on Blue Mesa/Morrow Point Reservoir, Colorado. Altitude: 7595 feet	74.5	119.9
135.0	217.3	Junction	Junction State Route #149 with United States Highway #50, on the shores of Blue Mesa Reservoir, in Curecanti National Recreation Area, Colorado. Altitude: 7549 feet	68.1	109.6
140.4	225.9	Campground	Gunnison Campground located just off United States Highway #50, on the banks of the Gunnison River, in Colorado Altitude: 7585 feet	62.8	101.0
142.9	229.9	Gold Basin Road	Gold Basin Road, Gold Basin Pond, Dos Rios Country Club, Gunnison, Colorado Altitude: 7651 feet	60.3	97.0
143.4	230.7	Airport Road	Airport Road, Gunnison-Crested Butte Regional Airport, is a public airport located at Gunnison, Colorado. Altitude: 7661 feet	59.8	96.2
144.4	232.4	Gunnison, Colorado	Gunnison, Colorado, is a historic City in Gunnison County, Colorado. Altitude: 7700 feet	58.7	94.5
154.5	248.7	Almont, Colorado	Almont, Colorado is a town in Gunnison County, Colorado. Three Rivers Resort, a tourists resort on the Gunnison River in Colorado. Altitude: 8028 feet	48.6	78.2
160.1	257.6	Jacks Cabin cut Off	Jacks Cabin cut Off, Crested Butte, Colorado Altitude: 8287 feet	43.1	69.3
165.0	265.6	Cement Creek Road	Cement Creek Road, Crested Butte, Colorado Altitude: 8579 feet	38.1	61.3
169.8	273.2	The Club at Crested Butte	The Club at Crested Butte, Lake Grant, lie just north of the State Highway #135, Colorado Altitude: 8845 feet	33.4	53.7

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171.7	276.3	Crested Butte, Colorado	Crested Butte, Colorado, is a town in Gunnison County, Colorado. A former coal mining town now called 'the last great Colorado ski town', Crested Butte is a destination for skiing, mountain biking, and a variety of other outdoor activities. Gothic County Highway, to Mount Crested Butte, Colorado, a town in Gunnison County, Colorado, the home of Crested Butte Mountain Resort, which is a ski resort located at Mount Crested Butte in Gunnison County, Colorado. Altitude: 8894 feet	31.4	50.6
172.1	277.0	Peanut Lake	1st Street, Peanut Lake Road, Peanut Lake, Crested Butte, Colorado Altitude: 8947 feet	31.0	49.9
178.5	287.2	Road Access	Road Access to Community of Irwin, Colorado. Lake Irwin, Altitude: 9843 feet	24.7	39.7
178.9	287.9	Floresta, Colorado	County Road 730, Community of Floresta, Colorado, Kebler Pass, is a high mountain pass in Colorado located between Somerset, Colorado and Crested Butte, Colorado at an elevation of 10,007 ft. It is a gravel road. Altitude: 9908 feet	24.2	39.0
182.9	294.3	Kebler Pass	Kebler Pass Road, Kebler Pass, a high Mountain Pass, a Gravel road lie here between Somerset, Colorado and Crested Butte, Colorado. Altitude: 8924 feet	20.3	32.6
183.8	295.8	Horse Ranch Park	Horse Ranch Park near Kebler Pass, and East Beckwith Mountain, Colorado Altitude: 8832 feet	19.3	31.1
188.1	302.7	Road Access	Road Access, to Lost Lake, a campsite on the shores of Lost Lake is located off byway West Elk Loop, Colorado Altitude: 8852 feet	15.0	24.2
191.6	308.3	Forest Route	Forest Route, Mercellina Mountain, A small un-named lake is located south of here at the end of the route near Kebler Pass, Colorado Altitude: 8035 feet	11.6	18.6
193.6	311.5	East and West Beckwith Mountains	This location offers full view of East Beckwith Mountains and West Beckwith Mountains near Kebler Pass, Colorado Altitude: 7756 feet	9.6	15.4
201.6	324.4	US Forest Service Road 709	US Forest Service Road 709, Altitude: 6394 feet	1.6	2.5
203.1	326.9	Paonia State Park	Paonia State Park, Colorado. At this Junction County Road connects with State Highway #133. This is where the Byway West Elk Loop Ends. Altitude: 6306 feet	0.0	0.0

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