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Road Map Travel Guide

Colorado State Highway #12 "Route 12 Highway of Legends (Junction of route 160 to Trinidad)"

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MILE	KM	ITEM	SUMMARY	MILE	KM
0.0	0.0	Welcome to Colorado		69.9	112.5
0.0	0.0	Hwy 12 at Hwy 160 intersection (11 miles W of Walsenburg.	Hwy 12 is known as the Highway of Legends, located in the Southern section of the Sangre de Cristo Mountain Range. The panarama view is breathtaking of the Spanish Peaks and surrounding mountains. This area is rich in history, lore, and geological formations.	69.9	112.5
3.0	4.8	La Veta -Cuchara Valley Airport (07V)	Small craft, including some jets. Perfect place for gliders. Fueling available.	66.9	107.7
3.0	4.8	Photo	View from airport looking into valley at La Veta	66.9	107.7
3.2	5.1	Photo	La Veta Valley overlook	66.7	107.3
3.3	5.3	La Veta Valley Overlook	Elevation 7013. RV Parks,dump station, lodging, fine restuarants,churches, gas stations, groceries, art galleries, post office, real estate, laundry, gift shops, bicycles for public in-town use, Cuchura-LaVeta Chamber of Commerce located in Fort Francisco Museum's gift shop.	66.6	107.2
4.6	7.4	Fort Francisco Museum	Historic buildings,including restored village school house and other significant sites. An original letter from President Abraham Lincoln is housed here. Kiosk.	65.3	105.1
4.7	7.6	Photo	Sunrise over the township	65.2	104.9
4.8	7.7	Walking Nature Park	Short walk includes native grasses, trees, plants, identified and prepared by students at La Veta High School Science class.	65.1	104.8
4.9	7.9	Photo	Most photographed fall foliage in La Veta	65.0	104.6
5.0	8.0	Hunter House Bed and Breakfast	Located at 115 W.Grand Avenue. Turn-of-the-century stucco home, rich in history. Full breakfast - Hunter's live on-site. Guides/Information of area provided. We make your stay an unforgettable experience!! Our guests say it is like going to grandparents home. Click on our website.	64.9	104.4
5.5	8.9	Grandote Peaks Golf Course	Championship rated/teaching pro on-site.	64.4	103.6
6.3	10.1	Indian Creek Trail	Access to National Forest from cabins where trailhead begins.	63.6	102.3
9.0	14.5	Profile Rock	Geological outcropping and local legend. Abundant wildlife sightings of deer, antelope, bear, wild turkeys, Mt. sheep, Mt. goats, elk, Mt. lions,and many species of birds, including eagles are possible. The valley follows the Cuchara River and Hwy 12 crosses it numerous times. Keep your camera ready!!	60.9	98.0
10.8	17.4	Photo	View from pullout	59.1	95.1
10.9	17.5	Devil Stairsteps	Local legend. Pullout.	59.0	94.9
14.0	22.5	Dakota Wall	The erosion by wind, weather, and water through the years, cut an entrance into the outcropping.	55.9	90.0
15.9	25.6	Photo	View from highway, turn of the century cabin	54.0	86.9
16.0	25.7	Cuchara Village	Lodging, fine restaurants, guest ranch with horsebike riding & trail rides, chapel, trailheads,country store, gift shops, miniature golf, summer cabins, 8650 elevation, mountain bike trails, hiking, tennis, San Isabel National Forest access. Century-old ranches, houses, barns.	53.9	86.7
18.0	29.0	Cuchara Mountain Ski Resort	Winter Sports & recreational events. Fine restuarant. Ski shop. Downhill/cross country skiing. lodging.	51.9	83.5
19.5	31.4	Photo	Cuchura Valley Recreational Area	50.4	81.1
19.6	31.5	Cuchura Valley Recreational Area	National Forest access. Restrooms. Blue Lake 4 miles. Bear Lake 5 miles. Fishing. Hiking. Camping & picnic areas. Easy pullout.	50.3	80.9
21.8	35.1	Photo	Road to Aguilar from Cuchara Pass	48.1	77.4
21.9	35.2	Cuchara Pass	Elevation 9996. Easy pullouts. Entrance to National Forest, Cordova Pass (elevation 11,743), John B. Farley overlook of Cuchara Valley, Aspen groves/scenic Fall beauty, Blue Spruce Forest, trailheads, Mt. hiking/biking. Restrooms at Cordova Pass 6 miles East & picnic grounds. Access to I-25 to Aguilar is 35 miles. Abundant wildlife.	48.0	77.2

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24.4	39.3	Scenic Pullout	This state highway is maintained and kept open year around. Pristeen wilderness, native grasses, with cattle,elk,horse and sheep ranching seen along the route. Wagon trail impressions can be seen at various sightings. Respect private property signs.	45.5	73.2
28.8	46.3	Photo	View of North Lake	41.1	66.1
28.9	46.5	North Lake - State Wildlife Area	Several easy pullouts. Fishing & boat dock. Various species of waterfowl (local & migrating)and birds can be spotted along Highway of Legends. Kiosk.	41.0	66.0
30.5	49.1	Purgatoire River Headwaters	Campgrounds 4.5 miles. Restrooms. Northfork Trailhead 4.7 miles.	39.4	63.4
30.5	49.1	Photo	View of road to Purgatoire River headwaters	39.4	63.4
30.6	49.2	Photo	Campground at Purgatoire River Headwaters	39.3	63.2
31.7	51.0	North Entrance of Monument Lake	Large pullout.	38.2	61.5
32.7	52.6	Monument Lake - South Entrance	Local Legend. Camping,fishing,restuarant,restrooms,picnic grounds, cabins.	37.2	59.9
37.1	59.7	Stonewall	Cabins,grocery,cafe,restrooms,RV park,Dump station,laundry,fishing,guest ranch,gift shop.	32.8	52.8
38.2	61.5	Photo	Herd of Elk	31.7	51.0
38.3	61.6	Picketwire	Lodging,grocery,fishing,gameroom,gas, church. Highway of Legends follows Purgatoire River eastward. Numerous plazas along route where families settled to farm and ranch, usually with a central church whose bell would toll announcing events, holidays or impending danger.	31.6	50.9
41.4	66.6	New Elk Coalmine	Last operating coalmine closed in late 1990's.	28.5	45.9
42.1	67.8	San Isidro & St Francis Catholic Church	Convent and church	27.8	44.7
42.5	68.4	Covered Bridge	Local legend. Two houses had been built on bridge. Junction at County Road #217. Gravel road travels West through backcountry ranch lands, connecting with Hwy 12 at North Lake.	27.4	44.1
44.5	71.6	Bosque del Oso Wildlife Area - West Entrance	Numerous canyons and access roads. Not a through road. Scrub oak, cottonwood trees along the river. In the Fall, the scrub oak trees along Highway 12 look like a patchwork quilt. Abundunt wildlife sightings. Fishing & camping. Restrooms.	25.4	40.9
48.2	77.6	Weston	Small township - once a plaza. Church,grocery,store,post office.	21.7	34.9
48.5	78.0	Bosque del Oso Wildlife Area - East Entrance	Not a through route. Camping,fishing, hiking, with numerous canyons to explore. Restrooms.	21.4	34.4
51.3	82.6	Plaza Church	Pullout	18.6	29.9
51.7	83.2	Primero Plaza	Primero school/plaza	18.2	29.3
52.7	84.8	Pullouts	Several places to pullout whether traveling East or West. View of Purgatoire River and area.	17.2	27.7
53.3	85.8	High Country Goat Dairy	View operational goat dairy. Goat cheese for sale.	16.6	26.7
53.5	86.1	State Wildlife Area	Off-road viewing. Gravel/dirt road.	16.4	26.4
55.3	89.0	Segungo Plaza	Family-owned grocery, gas pump, meat market, churches, old train tressel, local artist gift stores, viewing of dark black coal outcroppings in numerous hillsides and along highway. Structural examples of adobe,rock, & stucco ranch houses and barns.	14.6	23.5
60.5	97.4	Valdez Plaza	After passing through the plaza, one can first view Fisher's Peak over Trinidad, Co. Near Long's Canyon Wildlife Observation Area.	9.4	15.1
60.7	97.7	Spanish Peaks State Wildlife Observation Area	This entire area is rich in early settlement lore and history. Along the highway route, numerous old roadbeds and railway beds can be viewed.	9.2	14.8
62.4	100.4	Cokedale National Historical District	The coking ovens can be viewed South of the highway. The camp was built in 1907 as a model mining camp. Easy pullouts and entrance to Reilly Canyon. Kiosk.	7.5	12.1
62.9	101.2	Slag Mounds	Coal mining produced slag that was stored on the North side of the highway. Legend notes that parents forbade the children from the area as smoke could be seen rising from within the mounds and they feared the children would fall into hell itself!	7.0	11.3
65.9	106.1	Trinidad Lake State Park	Camping,fishing,overlooks,pullouts,boat docks, visitor's center, restrooms, wildlife/bird observations. Much filming along this highway of commercial and music videos and movie making companies. Kiosk.	4.0	6.4
66.6	107.2	Trinidad Lake - Dam Entrance	South shore. pullout. Piedmont area. Corp of Engineers Headquarters.Fishing.Camping, picnic area.	3.3	5.3
67.3	108.3	Jansen Plaza	Below the lake dam area. Houses and waterways built zero baseline to highway.	2.6	4.2

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68.7	110.6	Corazon Plaza	Located just outside Trinidad. Grocery, auto repair, cafe.	1.2	1.9
69.9	112.5	Trinidad Welcome Center	Local Chamber of Commerce information. Restrooms and coffee. War memorial. Located at Highway 12 and University Street. Exit from I-25 at 14A to Cuchara from the North or Exit 14A to Welcome Ctr and Trinidad State Junior College from the South. Speed Limits on Hwy 12 vary from 65 to 20mph. Ample spaces available in RV/Campgrounds. -e	0.0	0.0