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## Personal Road Trip Guide

Colorado State Highway #145 "Colorado State Highway 145 - Cortez to Placerville"

Miles	ITEM	SUMMARY
0.0	Junction of Highway # 160 - Welcome to Colorado	Colorado Highway 145 starts at eastern portion of Cortez, Colorado, off Highway 160. It starts in a northeasterly direction. Part of this Highway Travel Guide Is called 'San Juan Skyway', a National Scenic Byway.
7.9	Anasazi Heritage Site/McFee Reservoir	The Anasazi Heritage Center is to the left, and turnoff to McFee Reservoir, one of Colorado's largest, is to the right.
8.6	Mancos turnoff.	Highway 184 turns right to Mancos.
9.2	Dolores River	At this point, the Dolores River is crossed.
9.5	Dolores, Colorado	Enter Dolores, elevation 6936. It is a small ranching/fishing/outdoors town, from which 145 climbs into the mountains.
17.0	Dolores River	The Dolores River, a great fishing and rafting river, begins to parallel 145 and does so for several miles.
19.5	Line camp	To the east side of the road is a line camp/chuckwagon/horseback riding attraction.
22.2	San Juan Colorado National Forest	Pass boundary to San Juan National Forest. Red sandstone cliff parallel the road for a few miles.
26.0	Stoner, Colorado	The small community of Stoner lies principally on the west side of the road.
26.5	Ranch valley	A beautiful ranch lies to the east and south side of the road as 145 curves temporarily east.
29.5	Taylor Creek NFA	Taylor Creek National Forest Access is to the east side of the road.
33.7	Bear Creek trailhead.	Bear Creek trailhead is to the east side of the road.
35.4	Priest Gulch	Priest Gulch Campground is on the east side of the road.
37.1	Hillside NFA	Hillside Drive National Forest Access is at this point.
38.7	Roaring Fork NFA	Roaring Fork National Forest Access is at this point.
44.3	Scotch Creek NFA	Scotch Creek National Forest Access turnoff is to the east.
46.2	Rico	Enter Rico, a former mining boomtown, elevation 8827.
47.3	Atlantic Mine	The Atlantic Mine structure is right along the road on the west side.
48.5	Information station	The information station for the San Juan National Forest is on the east side of the road.
51.9	Beaver ponds	Note beaver ponds on west side of the road.
53.3	Cayton camping	Cayton campground lies on the east side of the road.
53.8	Dunton, Colorado	Turnoff to small former ghost town of Dunton is to the west. Revitalization has been undertaken. You will pass by a beautiful valley on the way.
56.2	Dolores River fades	The Dolores River parallels 145 for many miles. Then it heads east just as 145 reaches Lizard Head Pass.
57.2	Lizard Head	A good view of Lizard Head can be seen to the west. See accompanying photo.
57.2	Photo	View from highway of Lizard Head
57.4	East Fork Trail NFA	East Fork Trail National Forest Access is to the east.
59.5	Lizard Head Pass/trail	Lizard Head Pass, elevation 10,222 feet, Lizard Head Trailhead, and rest area are at this point. Access to trailhead and rest area are on the west side of the road.
61.0	Trout Lake	The awesome sight of Trout Lake is to the east. See accompanying photo.
62.4	Matterhorn Campground	The Matterhorn Campground, a National Forest recreation site, lies on the east side of the road.

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63.5	Ilium Valley	As 145 turns east, a beautiful view of the Ilium Valley below can be seen to the north.
64.0	Ophir Wall	The Ophir Wall can be seen for a short distance just past the curve when 145 goes downhill. It is a challenge for rock climbers of all abilities.
64.4	Ophir	A sideroad turnoff to the east going to the town of Ophir is located less than a mile from where 145 turns north. A very small post office is located on the way, and Ophir Pass can be seen past the townsite, high on the side of a mountain.
66.0	Wilson Peak/Alta Lakes	At this milepost, the imposing and beautiful Wilson Peak is seen to the left, and a turnoff to Alta Lakes and ghost townsite of Alta is to the east.
66.5	Sunshine Campground	At this point, Sunshine campground is on the west side of the road.
69.7	Mountain Village	The turnoff to Mountain Village is to the right. The nation's highest golf course is alongside the road to Mountain Village.
71.5	Telluride turnoff	Highway 145 forms a T, and turns right 3 miles to Telluride. Along the way is Telluride valley, in which are the famous 'valley cows,' a herd of Holsteins. As the Victorian mining town Telluride is approached, it is obvious why some believe it is the most beautiful setting anywhere.
71.5	Last Dollar Road	Upon leaving Telluride and heading west, the turnoff to Last Dollar Road and the Telluride airport is just before the T where 145 goes back south toward Cortez. Last Dollar Road is a relatively easy Jeep road through fantastic mountain beauty and ranchland.
71.5	Photo	4th of July Parade, Telluride, Colorado
71.5	Photo	Overview ,of Telluride, from Last Dollar Road
71.8	San Miguel River	After passing by the Last Dollar Road turnoff, and the T, continue west. 145 parallels the San Miguel River until it reached route 62.
77.0	Silver Pick NFA	Silver Pick Road National Forest Access is to the south.
80.0	Sawpit	At mile 80, go through the small settlement of Sawpit. Red cliffs rise on both sides of the road.
81.3	Fall Creek Road NFA	Fall Creek Road National Forest Access is to the left, or west at this point.
83.8	Placerville, Colorado	The settlement of Placerville lies at this point.
84.0	San Miguel County Park	The San Miguel County Park is to the right, or east side of the road as 145 heads north.
84.4	145 and 62 Junction.	At this point, route 145 forms a T with route 62. 145 continues left, or west through Norwood and toward Utah. Route 62 turns right and ends at Ridgway, 22 miles away. Along it are awe-inspiring views of the famous Sneffels Range. These can be seen about 13 miles toward Ridgway. - e

### Campground

Alpen Rose RV Park	27847 Hwy. 550 North, Durango, CO, 877-259-5791, camp@alpenroservpark.com (Lat/Long = 37.348728, -107.852282)
Chris Park Group Campground	110 W. 11th, Durango, CO, 970-884-2512 (Lat/Long = 37.275625, -107.881013)
Cortez / Mesa Verde KOA	27432 E. Highway 160, Cortez, CO, 800-562-3901 (Lat/Long = 37.352997, -108.544477)
Durango East KOA	30090 US Highway 160 E., Durango, CO, 800-562-0793 (Lat/Long = 37.228763, -107.802599)

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Echo Basin Ranch	43747 Co. Rd M, Mancos, CO, 970-533-7000 (Lat/Long = 37.274371, -108.300706)
Hovenweep National Monument	McElmo Route, Cortez, CO, 970-562-4282 (Lat/Long = 37.338062, -108.602444)
Lightner Creek Campground & Cabins	1567 County Road 207, Durango, CO, 970-247-5406, <a href="mailto:camplightner1@mindspring.com">camplightner1@mindspring.com</a> (Lat/Long = 37.293780, -107.940364)
Ouray KOA	US Highway 550 - County Road 23, Ouray, CO, 800-562-8026 (Lat/Long = 38.022770, -107.670197)
Silver Summit RV Park and Jeep Rentals	640 Mineral Street, Silverton, CO, 970-387-0240 (Lat/Long = 37.807109, -107.665735)
Sleeping Ute RV Park	PO Drawer V, Cortez, CO, 970-565-6544 (Lat/Long = 37.353700, -108.621400)
Sundance RV Park	815 E Main, Cortez, CO, 970-565-0997 (Lat/Long = 37.348801, -108.574012)
United Campground	1322 Animas View Drive, Durango, CO, 970-247-3853 (Lat/Long = 37.320365, -107.851746)

### Museum or Cultural

Anasazi Heritage Center	27501 Hwy. 184, Dolores, CO, 970-882-4811 (Lat/Long = 37.474214, -108.546499)
Animas Museum	3065 W. 2nd Ave., Durango, CO, 970-259-2402 (Lat/Long = 37.298872, -107.873145)
Center of Southwest	1000 Rim Drive, Durango, CO, 970-247-7456 (Lat/Long = 37.280436, -107.869538)
Colorado Welcome Center at Cortez	928 E. Main street, Cortez, CO, 970-565-4048 (Lat/Long = 37.348811, -108.573232)
Cortez Center, Inc.	25 N. Market, Cortez, CO, 970-565-1151 (Lat/Long = 37.348950, -108.585120)
Ouray County Historical Society - Ouray County Museum	420 6th Street, Ouray, CO, 970-325-4576 (Lat/Long = 38.021024, -107.667364)

### Bed and Breakfast

Apple Orchard Inn	7758 County Road 203, Durango, CO, 970-247-0751, <a href="mailto:info@appleorchardinn.com">info@appleorchardinn.com</a> (Lat/Long = 37.409130, -107.842290)
Blue Lake Ranch	16000 Hwy 140, Hesperus, CO, 970-385-4537, <a href="mailto:bluelake@frontier.net">bluelake@frontier.net</a> (Lat/Long = 37.204810, -108.078630)
China Clipper Inn	PO Box 801, Ouray, CO, 970-325-0565, <a href="mailto:china5@montrose.net">china5@montrose.net</a> (Lat/Long = 38.026130, -107.671430)
Chipeta Sun Lodge and Spa	304 S. Lena, Ridgway, CO, Error, <a href="mailto:thekiva@chipeta.com">thekiva@chipeta.com</a> (Lat/Long = 38.149360, -107.756270)
Country Sunshine Bed and Breakfast	35130 Highway 550 North, Durango, CO, Error, <a href="mailto:inn@countysunshine.com">inn@countysunshine.com</a> (Lat/Long = 37.445810, -107.807100)
Grizzly Roadhouse Bed and Breakfast	3450 Highway 160 South, Cortez, CO, 970-565-7738, <a href="mailto:grizbb@fone.net">grizbb@fone.net</a> (Lat/Long = 37.323640, -108.156860)
Lightner Creek Inn	999 County Road 207, Durango, CO, 970-259-1226, <a href="mailto:info@lightnercreekinn.com">info@lightnercreekinn.com</a> (Lat/Long = 37.325370, -107.981370)

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Logwood Bed and Breakfast	35060 US Hwy 550 N, Durango, CO, 970-259-4396, swisher@durango-logwoodinn.com (Lat/Long = 37.444530, -107.807410)
Manor Bed and Breakfast	317 2nd Street, PO Box 530, Ouray, CO, 970-325-4574, reservations@ouraymanor.com (Lat/Long = 38.026130, -107.671430)
New Sheridan Hotel	W. Colorado Ave, P.O. Box 980, 231,, Telluride, CO, 970-728-4351, info@newsheridan.com (Lat/Long = 37.937480, -107.812070)
Spangler House Bed and Breakfast	520 Second Street PO Box 1498, Ouray, CO, 970-325-4944, spanglerhouse@ouraynet.com (Lat/Long = 38.021940, -107.673060)
St. Elmo Hotel and Bon Ton Restaurant	426 Main Street, PO Box 667,, Ouray, CO, 970-325-4951, innkeeper@stelmohtel.com (Lat/Long = 38.020870, -107.671500)
Sundance Bear Lodge	38890 Hwy 184, Mancos, CO, 970-533-1504, sue@sundancebear.com (Lat/Long = 37.380830, -108.340460)
The Christmas House Bed and Breakfast Inn	310 Main Street, Ouray, CO, Error, email@christmashousebandb.com (Lat/Long = 38.019690, -107.671470)
The Jolly Rancher	12751 County Road 25, Cortez, CO, 970-564-9101, ellenr@thejollyrancher.com (Lat/Long = 37.283170, -108.611360)
The Jolly Rancher Bed and Breakfast	12751 County Road 25, Cortez, CO, Error, ellenr@thejollyrancher.com (Lat/Long = 37.396790, -108.590990)
The Rochester Hotel	721 East Second Avenue, Durango, CO, Error, stay@rochesterhotel.com (Lat/Long = 37.271230, -107.879960)
Wiesbaden Hot Springs Spa and Lodgings	625 5th Street, Ouray, CO, 970-325-4347, Wiesbadenhotsprings@roadlodging.com (Lat/Long = 38.023280, -107.668880)

### Golf Course

Conquistador Golf Course	2018 N Dolores Rd, Cortez, CO, 214-748-3647 (Lat/Long = 37.371175, -108.554477)
Hunter's Run Golf Course	8400 State Highway 172, Ignacio, CO, 214-748-3647 (Lat/Long = 37.169049, -107.713551)

### Historic House/Site

Strater Hotel	699 Main Ave, Durango, CO, 970-375-7121 (Lat/Long = 37.271155, -107.881466)
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