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# TruOutdoors Spring Break 2020

## Carson National Forest

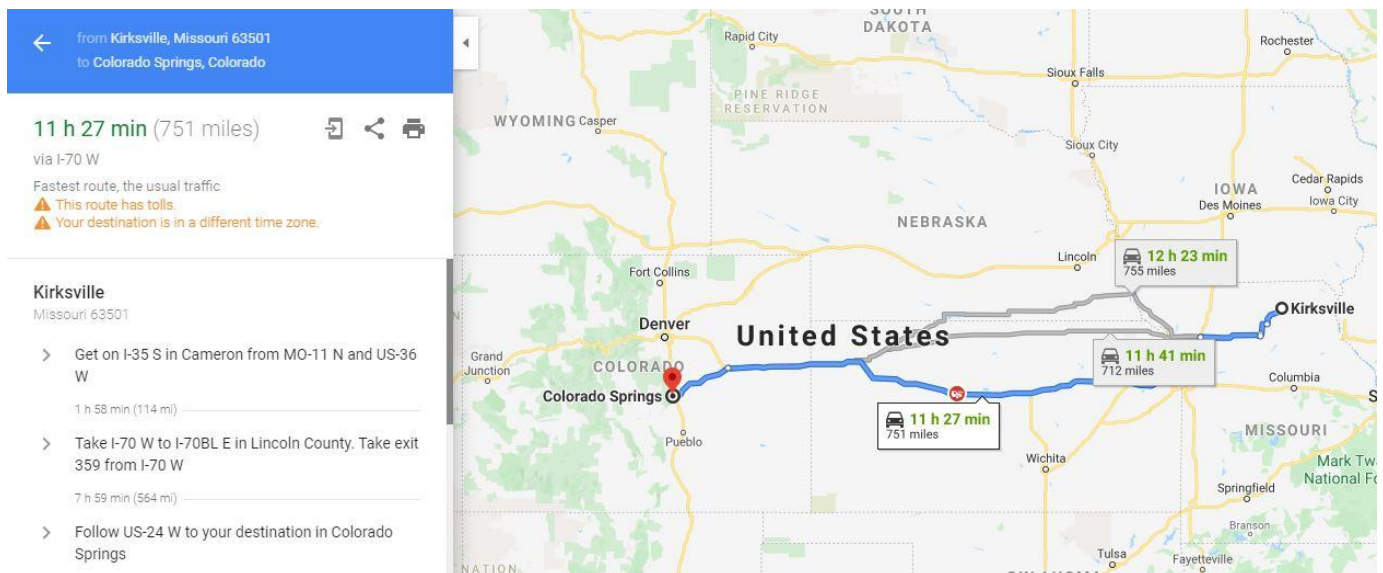


## GROUP A ITINERARY:

### Day 1: Saturday, March 7th

1. Everyone eat their own breakfast at home
  - a. Or be fun and do an early group breakfast :)
2. **Meet** Behind the Rec Center in the Centennial Hall parking lot at **6:45 AM**
  - a. DO NOT BE LATE
  - b. Pack cars up
3. **Leave** at **7am** to drive from Kirksville, MO to Colorado Springs, CO
  - a. 11.5 hours → ~13 hours with pit-stops
4. **Lunch** in Salina, KS ~**12:30pm**
  - a. Or anywhere else the group agrees upon
5. **Dinner** in Limon, CO ~**5:30pm**
  - a. Or anywhere else the group agrees upon
6. **Arrive** in Colorado Springs ~**7:30pm**
  - a. Pike National Forest
7. Set up camp
8. Check to see if group wants to see the sunrise at Garden of the Gods tomorrow morning; if yes, go to bed early!

*Meals: breakfast by yourself; lunch & dinner on the road*



## Day 2: Sunday, March 8th

1. Drive from campsite to Garden of the gods
2. IF GROUP IS WATCHING **SUNRISE**:
  - a. **Wake up** at **5am**; even earlier if you don't trust your ability to pack up quickly
  - b. **Leave** campsite at **5:30am**
  - c. **Arrive** at Garden of the Gods at **6am**
    - i. 1805 N 30th St, Colorado Springs, CO 80904
    - ii. **Sunrise** is at **6:30am**
  - d. Eat breakfast here
  - e. **Leave** Garden of the Gods at **8am**
  - f. **Arrive** at Great Sand Dunes National Park **~11am**
    - i. Visitor Center 11999 State Highway 150 Mosca, CO 81146
3. IF GROUP DECIDED **NO SUNRISE**:
  - a. **Wake up** at **7am**
    - i. pack up, eat breakfast
  - b. **Leave** campsite at **8am**
  - c. **Arrive** at Great Sand Dunes National Park **~11am**
    - i. Visitor Center 11999 State Highway 150 Mosca, CO 81146
4. **Romp** around the Sand Dunes from **11am–2pm**
  - a. Eat lunch
  - b. This is in the packing list as well, but just for emphasis: **BRING A BAG FOR YOUR CLOTHES THAT ARE GOING TO GET SANDY. YOU DO NOT WANT TO BE SANDY AND CHAFING DURING THE REMAINDER OF THE TRIP.**
  - c. The Sand Dunes have showers outside that we can use as well
5. **Leave** for Taos at **2pm**
6. **Arrive** at campsite **~4pm**
  - a. Bernardin Lake trailhead
  - b. Campfire dinner
7. Get some sleep

*Meals: Breakfast at GotG; lunch will be eaten at the Sand Dunes ; dinner will be eaten around a fire.*

**Day 3: Monday, March 9th**

1. **Wake up at 7am**
2. Backpack the Bernardin Lake Trail

*Meals: Breakfast & lunch will be on the trail; dinner will be eaten around a fire.*

**Day 4: Tuesday, March 10th**

1. **Wake up at 7am**
2. Backpack the Bernardin Lake Trail
3. Sleep near the head of Day 5 trail

*Meals: Breakfast & lunch will be eaten on the trail; dinner will be eaten around a fire*

**Day 5: Wednesday, March 11th**

1. **Wake up at 7 AM**
2. Finish Bernardin Lake Trail
3. Elliot Barker Trail

*Meals: Breakfast & lunch will be eaten on the trail; dinner will be eaten around a fire*

**Day 6: Thursday, March 12th**

1. **Wake up at 7AM**
2. Hike out
3. Gavilan Trail (daypack only)
4. Campfire dinner
5. Choice: stay in Taos, or drive to Colorado Springs
6. Drive from Taos to CO Spgs. is 3.5 hrs

*Meals: Breakfast & lunch will be eaten on the trail; dinner campfire*

**Day 7: Friday, March 13th**

1. We're supposed to get A LOT of rain this day, so we're gonna leave this day fairly open-ended....
2. OPTIONS FOR IF IT'S RAINING HEAVILY:
  - a. Patsy's Candies Tour
  - b. Ghost Town Wild West Museum
  - c. Manitou Spgs Penny Arcade
  - d. Just be spontaneous & explore CO Springs!
  - e. Suck it up and backpack in the rain

*Meals: Breakfast on the trail; lunch on trail; dinner fast food*

**Day 8: Saturday, March 14th**

3. Wake up 7 AM
4. Drive back to Kirksville
5. Arrival in Kirksville is sometime 8PM - 1 AM

*Meals: All meals will be eaten on the road*

**MEAL COUNTER:**

- *On-the-road/fast food: 6*
- *Trail breakfasts: 6*
- *Trail lunches: 7*
- *Campfire dinners: 5*
- *Small snacks: at least 10,  
but recommended to bring more!*



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