



9 DRIVE THE UNAWEEP TABEGUACHE SCENIC & HISTORIC BYWAY

Colorado's Unawep Tabeguache Scenic & Historic Byway weaves its way through some of the wildest lands in America. This southwestern Colorado drive cuts through a canyon for most of the way as it follows the Dolores and San Miguel Rivers. Over the years, these water sources slowly ate away at the soft sandstone, creating the rugged flat-top canyon now enjoyed for its vast vertical walls and cliffs.

10 A WINTER WONDERLAND ON BUSTED ARM DRAW

The Norwood Nordic Association grooms and maintains the Busted Arm Draw trail system located approximately 13 miles south of Norwood off Lone Cone Road. With 2.3 miles of groomed trails for classic and skate skiing and 4.9 miles of non-groomed cross-country routes, it's the ideal location to explore West End's winter wonderland. Trails are accessible from Busted Arm Draw Trailhead.

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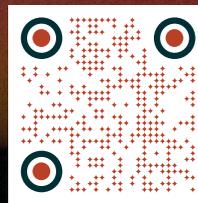
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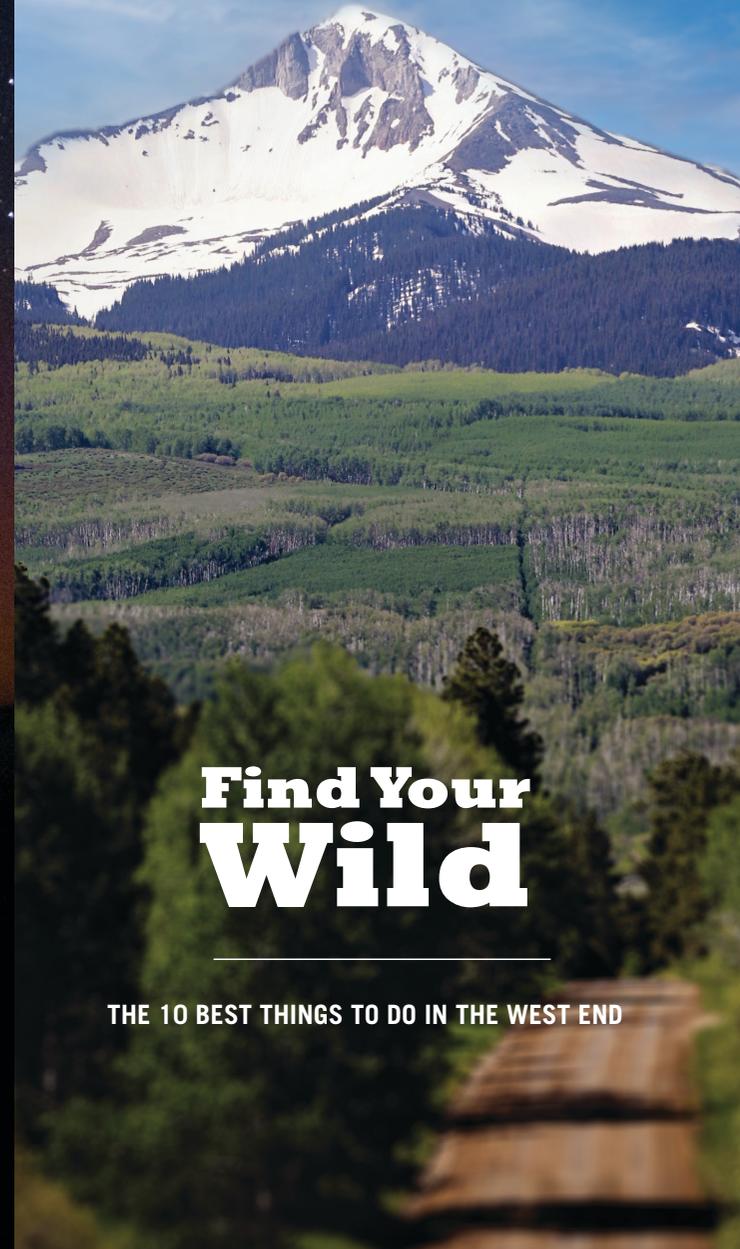
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THE 10 BEST THINGS TO DO IN THE WEST END



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While it's raw and rugged, offering the best in Colorado's outdoors, it also has lots of family-friendly activities too.

Take a step back in time and enjoy the West End's unspoiled nature while taking part in our highly recommended activities.

1 HIKE OR BIKE THE SHAMROCK TRAIL

Stretch your legs on the Shamrock (aka Y-11) Trail. This 6-mile round-trip hike offers spectacular views and wild western mesas. An intermediate route, you'll be taken above the San Miguel and Dolores Rivers to beautiful views of the Hanging Flume and West End canyons.

2 OFF-ROAD FUN ON THE RIMROCKER TRAIL

The Rimrocker Trail is an off-road and OHV route from Montrose, Colorado to Moab, Utah. The trail traverses terrain from pine and aspen forests to rolling hills of sage and cactus. It keeps it interesting with regularly-graded gravel, rutted dirt roads, and even seasonal high water crossings. The trail winds through federal and private land and flirts with cliff sides and rolling prairie.

3 CAMP & PADDLE AT MIRAMONTE RESERVOIR

Camp in one of Colorado's most beautiful State Wildlife Areas at Miramonte Reservoir. Free from crowds but filled with incredible views, an evening lakeside will not disappoint. The reservoir, which is Norwood's largest body of water, covers 405 surface acres and is considered to be one of Norwood's greatest outdoor recreational assets, offering the best in West End paddling.

4 STARGAZE LIKE NEVER BEFORE

Nucla, Naturita, and Norwood are all International Dark-Sky Designated Communities, which means no matter where you are in the West End, you're bound to see stars unlike anywhere else. Need some beginner tips? Moonless nights are best for stargazing, and a flashlight with a red filter will help maintain the dark sky around you.

5 THE SCENIC & HISTORIC HANGING FLUME

A highlight in Colorado's West End includes the Hanging Flume at MM 81.5 on the Unaweep Tabeguache Scenic & Historic Byway. This flume was built along the canyon walls above the San Miguel River to transport water for gold miners in the late 1880s.

6 GOLD MEDAL FLY FISHING ON THE SAN MIGUEL RIVER

The San Miguel starts above Telluride and works its way through the town and out west before draining into the Dolores River on Y-11 Road. With a mix of technical water and easy access, it offers great opportunities for the beginner and expert angler. The river is filled with caddis and stoneflies, making the fish willing to eat nymphs and dries with only a little encouragement.

7 SET UP BASECAMP AT URAVAN BALL PARK

The Uravan Ball Park Campground is self-contained and RV friendly, though it has no hookups. Each site has a picnic table, BBQ grill, and fire ring. The entire campground has access to the San Miguel River with a ramp for rafters and anglers. Rimrocker Historical Society manages Uravan and asks for donations to support the campground.

8 HIKE OR BIKE THE THUNDER TRAILS

Open to bikers and hikers, the Thunder Trails are the largest trail system on Wright's Mesa, just four miles south of Norwood. There's four loops (19 miles) that offer fun, fast, and flowing trails as well as challenging climbs and moderately rocky and technical singletrack. Get a view of Naturita Canyon or Lone Cone Peak while meandering through ponderosa and grassy meadows.

