



## Western Regional Leaders Forum

### WALKING TOURS, PLACES TO VISIT, AND MUSEUMS

Saturday, February 28, 2009 (2:00 – 5:00 p.m.)

Enjoy yourself during some free time with a self-guided tour of part of Denver, or a visit to one of the local museums. These are all within easy walking distance of the hotel (plus a few that need a car). Walking tour information and directions will be available for pickup.

#### **Walking Tours:**

##### **A. Central Downtown Denver Historic and Architectural Walking Tour**

*No cost. Handout includes map and descriptions of buildings/areas.*

This walking tour includes the area around the hotel. Notable buildings on the tour include the Colorado Convention Center, the Denver Auditorium, Holy Ghost Church, the D&F Tower, and the Denver City Cable Railway Building.

##### **B. Lower Downtown Denver Historic and Architectural Walking Tour**

*No cost. Handout includes map and descriptions of buildings/areas.*

This walking tour is located to the southwest of the hotel and is located in the original portion of Denver. Notable features include Larimer Square, Union Station, the Oxford Hotel and Coors Field.

##### **C. Civic Center Downtown Denver Historic and Architectural Walking Tour**

*No cost. Handout includes map and descriptions of buildings/areas.*

This walking tour is located to the southeast of the hotel. Notable buildings include the Colorado State Capitol, the Denver City and County Building, the Brown Palace Hotel, Trinity United Methodist Church, the U.S. Denver Mint and the Byers-Evans House.

##### **D. Geology Tour of Denver's Buildings and Monuments**

*No cost. Book provided (limited quantities).*

A geology tour of downtown Denver's buildings and monuments, including the area of the hotel. Detailed descriptions of building stones are presented in the book. This highlights regional geology and Colorado's building stone industry.

##### **E. Geology Tour of Denver's Capitol Hill Stone Buildings**

*No cost. Book provided (limited quantities).*

A geology tour of Denver's Capitol Hill area, to the southeast of the hotel. The book includes information about the historical scene, architects and architecture, as well as Denver's geologic setting and the geology of building stones of different buildings.

## **Places to Visit:**

### **F. Brown Palace Hotel**

*No cost. 321 17<sup>th</sup> Street. 45-minute free tour at 2:00 p.m. (reservation required).*

*www.brownpalace.com*

Denver's second oldest hotel and the first atrium-style hotel ever to be built., the Brown Palace opened in 1892 and has hosted every U.S. President since Teddy Roosevelt in 1905 (except for Calvin Coolidge).

### **G. Larimer Square**

*No cost. Larimer Street between 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> Streets.*

*www.larimersquare.com*

Located in Denver's downtown historic district, Larimer Square is at the heart of the finest cosmopolitan offerings in the Rocky Mountain region. This city block offers a package of dining, shopping and nightlife, defines hip urban revitalization, and features an amazing collection of independent and locally-owned businesses.

### **H. 16<sup>th</sup> Street Mall**

*No cost. 16<sup>th</sup> Street between Broadway and Wynkoop Street.*

*www.downtowndenver.com/BID/BID16thStreetMall.htm*

The centerpiece of Downtown Denver is the 16th Street Mall, a 16-block long pedestrian and transit mall that serves as the retail core of Downtown Denver. Seating areas along the Mall's tree-lined median and adjacent to cafes and restaurants attract pedestrian activity year-round. A free shuttle is available along the 16th Street Mall.

### **I. Denver Pavilions**

*No cost. 16<sup>th</sup> Street and Glenarm Place. 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. (for shops)*

*www.denverpavilions.com*

Located along the 16<sup>th</sup> Street Mall, Denver Pavilions offers more than 50 shops and restaurants over two-blocks and two-levels.

### **J. Tabor Center**

*No cost. 16<sup>th</sup> Street and Lawrence Street. 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. (for shops).*

*www.taborcenter.com*

Located along the 16<sup>th</sup> Street Mall, the Tabor Center is a two-block long, three-level, state-of-the-art retail shopping, entertainment, hotel and office complex.

### **K. Wynkoop Brewing Company**

*Free brewery tours. 1:00 to 5:00 p.m.*

*1634 18<sup>th</sup> St., 303-297-2700, www.wynkoop.com*

Colorado's oldest brew pub, it was founded in 1888. It is housed in the glorious J. S. Brown Mercantile Building. The Mercantile Company was the most impressive of its time with hardwood floors, thick timber pillars and pressed tin ceilings. Miners, ranchers and city folks would walk these very floors looking for goods to furnish their frontier homes. The main floor, now the bar and restaurant, served as the original showroom in 1899.

## **L. Great Divide Brewing Company**

*Free brewery tours. 2:00 to 7:00 p.m.*

*2201 Arapahoe St., 303-296-9460, [www.greatdivide.com](http://www.greatdivide.com)*

One of the preeminent craft brewers in the Rocky Mountain Region, established in 1994.

## **Museums:**

*(NOTE: Museum prices as of Nov. 2008.)*

### **1. Denver Art Museum**

*\$13 adults, \$8 seniors/students, \$3 children. 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.*

*100 W. 14<sup>th</sup> Ave., 720-865-5000, [www.denverartmuseum.org](http://www.denverartmuseum.org)*

Denver's largest art museum with over 60,000 works of art. Of note, the American Indian art collection includes more than 18,000 art objects representing the heritage of all cultures and tribes across the United States and Canada. Recognized as one of the best of its kind in the United States, the collection spans more than 2,000 years of artistic creativity, from prehistoric times to the present.

### **2. Museum of Contemporary Art**

*\$10 adults, \$5 seniors/students. 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.*

*1485 Delgany St., 303-298-7554, [www.mcadenver.org](http://www.mcadenver.org)*

This museum is an innovative forum for contemporary art that inspires and challenges all audiences, creating understanding and dialog about art of our time.

### **3. Kirkland Museum of Fine and Decorative Art**

*\$6 adults, \$5 seniors/students (no children under 13). 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., with tour at 1:30 p.m.*

*1311 Pearl St., 303-832-8576, [www.vancekirkland.org](http://www.vancekirkland.org)*

A museum dedicated to 20<sup>th</sup> century decorative arts, with over 3,300 works on display. The museum also has a survey of Colorado art history, with over 170 artists representing over 700 works focusing on the first three quarters of the 20<sup>th</sup> century.

### **4. Colorado History Museum**

*\$7 adults, \$6 seniors/students, \$4 children. 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.*

*1300 Broadway, 303-866-3682, [www.coloradohistory.org](http://www.coloradohistory.org)*

Founded in 1879, the Colorado Historical Society collects, preserves, and interprets the history of Colorado for present and future generations. It contains more than 125,000 artifacts and eight million historical documents, including books, maps, photographs, diaries, and newspapers.

### **5. Molly Brown House**

*\$7 adults, \$6 seniors/students, \$4 children. Guided tours start every half hour, 10:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.*

*1340 Pennsylvania St., 303-832-4092, <http://mollybrown.org>*

Molly Brown's opulent 1889 home, designed by architect William Lang with all the modern conveniences, including electricity, central heat and indoor plumbing. Hear the fascinating tales of Molly Brown's incredible life, from instant mining wealth, to labor reform and the stages of New York.

### **6. Byers-Evans House**

*\$5 adults, \$4 seniors/students, \$3 children. Guided tours start 11:00 a.m., 12:30 p.m., 2:00 p.m.*

*1310 Bannock St., 303-620-4933, [www.coloradohistory.org/hist\\_sites/Byers\\_Evans/byers\\_evans.htm](http://www.coloradohistory.org/hist_sites/Byers_Evans/byers_evans.htm)*

One of Denver's great historic homes, built in 1883 by Rocky Mountain News publisher William Byers and sold in 1889 to William Gray Evans, an officer of the Denver Tramway Company.

## **7. Denver Firefighters Museum**

*\$6 adults, \$5 seniors/students, \$4 children. 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., with tours at 10:00, 11:30, 1:00.  
1326 Tremont Place, 303-892-1436, [www.denverfirefightersmuseum.org](http://www.denverfirefightersmuseum.org)*

Located in historic Denver Fire Station No. 1. The building was constructed in 1909 for Engine Company No. 1 by noted Denver architect Glen W. Huntington as one of the largest fire house buildings ever constructed in Denver. The building served as a working fire station until 1974.

**The following places of interest will require a car as they are further from the hotel:**

## **8. Denver Museum of Nature and Science**

*\$11 adults, \$6 seniors/students/children. 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.  
2001 Colorado Blvd., 303-322-7009, [www.dmns.org](http://www.dmns.org)*

The Rocky Mountain region's leading resource for informal science education. A variety of exhibitions, programs, and activities help Museum visitors experience the natural wonders of Colorado, Earth, and the universe. Also located at the museum are a planetarium and an IMAX theater (additional costs apply).

## **9. Denver Zoo**

*\$9 adults, \$7 seniors, \$5 children. 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.  
2300 Steele St., 303-376-4800, [www.denverzoo.org](http://www.denverzoo.org)*

Denver Zoo is home to nearly 4,000 animals representing over 700 species and is one of the most popular zoos in the United States. Its mission is to provide wildlife conservancy and environmental education, and to engage in scientific programs which make meaningful contributions to the conservation of animals and their ecosystems.

## **10. Denver Botanic Gardens**

*\$10.50 adults, \$7.50 seniors, \$6.00 youth. 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.  
1005 York St., 720-865-3500, [www.denverbotanicgardens.org](http://www.denverbotanicgardens.org)*

A wide range of gardens and collections that illustrate an ever-widening diversity of plants from all corners of the world. Distinctive gardens define and celebrate our Western identity and a unique high altitude climate and geography. Many of our innovative gardens are models of drought-tolerance and showcase native and adapted plants that thrive in Western gardens. Throughout Denver Botanic Gardens, the time honored traditions of European horticulture merge with a dynamic diversity of plants and design that represent the best in horticultural achievement.

## **11. Denver Museum of Miniatures, Dolls and Toys / Pearce-McAllister Cottage**

*\$6 adults, \$5 seniors/students, \$4 children. 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.  
1880 Gaylord St., 303-322-1053, [www.dmmtdt.org](http://www.dmmtdt.org)*

The Pearce-McAllister cottage was built in 1889 as part of the Dutch Colonial Revival. The cottage is also home to the museum of miniatures, dolls and toys, which has over 10,000 items dating from 1680 through today.

## **12. Forney Transportation Museum**

*\$7 adults, \$4 seniors, \$4.50 youth, \$3.50 children. 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.  
4303 Brighton Blvd., 303-297-1113, [www.forneymuseum.org](http://www.forneymuseum.org)*

A one-of-a-kind collection of over 500 exhibits relating to historical transportation. The collection includes a "Big-Boy", the worlds largest steam locomotive.

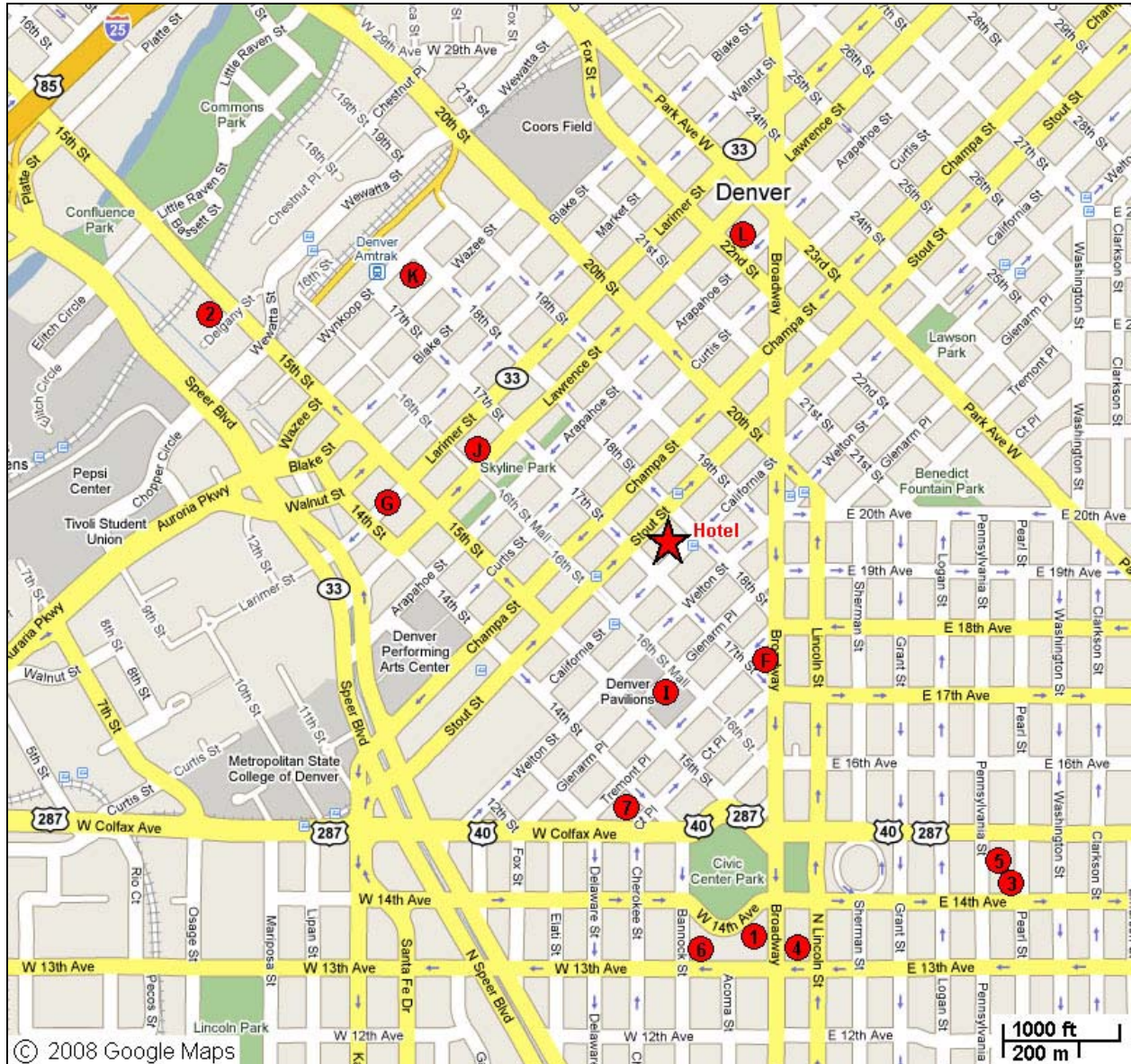
### 13. Downtown Aquarium

\$13.75 adults, \$12.95 seniors, \$8.25 children. 10:00 a.m. to 9:30 p.m.

700 Water St., 303-561-4450, [www.aquariumrestaurants.com/downtownaquariumdenver](http://www.aquariumrestaurants.com/downtownaquariumdenver)

A public aquarium boasting more than 1 million gallons of underwater exhibits that highlight fascinating ecosystems around the world and include over 500 species of animals.

### Downtown Denver Map



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