

Driving Instructions: Rambler Ranch Tour & Picnic

Sat - Aug 22, 2026 / 10:30 AM

Distance: 49.4 mi - Avg Speed: 44.8 mph - Stoplights: 5
 Drive Time: 1h 6min (81.5%) - Stop Time: 0h 15min (18.5%) - Total Time: 1h 21min - Time To Final Dest: 1h 21min
 Max Elev: 7,492 ft - Min Elev: 6,086 ft - Delta: 1,406 ft - Avg Elev: 6,762 ft
 Stops: Rambler Ranch
 Main Roads: CO-83, CO-86
 Municipalities: Castle Rock, Franktown, Elizabethtown

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Driver Engagement		RESET TRIP ODOMETER ETD: 10:45 AM Next stop: Rambler Ranch 49.41 miles (1 hr 6 mins) - Avg speed: 44.8 mph Start elev: 7,017 ft		Elevation Profile	
☐	0.00	↑	Exit parking lot (head west toward Woodmoor Dr)	167.32 ft (10.0 sec)	3.0
☐	0.03	⇒	Turn right toward Woodmoor Dr	36.09 ft (7.0 sec)	3.0
☐	0.04	⇒	Turn right toward Woodmoor Dr	0.06 mi (20.0 sec)	11.1
☐	0.10	←	At the stop sign, turn left onto Woodmoor Dr	2.58 mi (5.3 min)	31.0
☐	POI: 0.16 miles (On left) Monument. Monument began as a territorial ranching settlement called "Henry's Station" in the mid-1860s, named after early settler Henry "Dutch" Limbach. David McShane was credited as one of the first homesteaders in 1865. The town prospered as a commercial hub after the Denver & Rio Grande railroad arrived in 1872, and its name was changed to Monument, after a prominent rock formation to the west. Incorporated in 1879, the town's early economy was based on farming, ranching, timbering, and ice harvesting. (Elev: 7,136 ft)				1
☐	POI: 0.45 miles (On right) Woodmoor. Woodmoor originated as a planned residential community in the early 1970s, designed to serve military personnel and staff from the nearby Air Force Academy, which opened in 1958. Originally ranchland, it evolved into an upscale, unincorporated census-designated place (CDP) known for its wooded, hilly landscape, the Country Club at Woodmoor, and a strong homeowners association, with significant growth accelerating after the 1980s. (Elev: 7,244 ft)				2
☐	INFO: 1.43 miles (Route shaping destination 1) For those using the supplied Google Maps navigation link, tap "Continue" when Google Maps reports "You have reached your destination". Time check: 10:48 AM				
☐	2.68	←	Turn left onto Furrow Rd	1.35 mi (2.2 min)	36.4
☐	POI: 3.10 miles (Straight ahead) Highest stretch. Elev: 7,492 ft - 1,406 ft above lowest point, 474 ft above starting point and 866 ft above final destination.				3
☐	4.03	⇒	Turn right onto S County Line Rd / E Palmer Divide Ave	3.42 mi (4.3 min)	47.8
☐	POI: 4.21 miles (On left) Douglas County. Created on November 1, 1861, as one of the original 17 Colorado Territory counties, Douglas County was named for Senator Stephen A. Douglas. Initially stretching from the Rocky Mountains to the Kansas border, the county served as a vital agricultural and ranching region. Franktown was the original county seat, later moving to Castle Rock in 1874.				4
☐	POI: 4.21 miles (On right) El Paso County. El Paso County was established on November 1, 1861, as one of the original 17 counties of the Colorado Territory. Named after Ute Pass (the Spanish ""El Paso"" meaning ""The Pass""), its early history was shaped by the Pike's Peak Gold Rush of 1858-1859, which brought thousands of Anglo-American settlers to the region. Colorado City originally served as the county seat until 1873, when it moved to Colorado Springs.				5
☐	7.45	←	Turn left onto CO-83 N	12.11 mi (11.7 min)	61.8
☐	POI: 10.10 miles (Straight ahead) State Highway 83. State Highway 83, known as Parker Road, is a historic 1920s route connecting Denver and Colorado Springs via Franktown. Originally ending at Colorado Blvd/Colfax Ave, its northern terminus was adjusted in the 1950s, while its southern extension via Academy Blvd in Colorado Springs was completed between 1965 and 1981, serving as a key I-25 reliever.				6
☐	INFO: 16.23 miles (Route shaping destination 2) For those using the supplied Google Maps navigation link, tap "Continue" when Google Maps reports "You have reached your destination". Time check: 11:05 AM				
☐	19.55	←	Turn left onto Lake Gulch Rd	8.61 mi (11.2 min)	43.0
☐	INFO: 25.49 miles (Route shaping destination 3) For those using the supplied Google Maps navigation link, tap "Continue" when Google Maps reports "You have reached your destination". Time check: 11:15 AM				35.7
☐	INFO: 28.16 miles (Route shaping destination 4) For those using the supplied Google Maps navigation link, tap "Continue" when Google Maps reports "You have reached your destination". Time check: 11:18 AM				
☐	POI: 28.32 miles (Straight ahead) Castle Rock. Founded in 1874 by Jeremiah Gould, Castle Rock began as a mining town focused on extracting rhyolite stone from the butte that gives the town its name. The town is famous for its historic downtown, the annual lighting of "The Rock" star since 1936, and its transition from a small quarry town to a rapidly growing community. (Elev: 6,224 ft)				7
☐	28.88	↗	At the traffic circle, take the 1st exit onto E Plum Creek Pkwy	0.55 mi (1.1 min)	31.5

☐	29.44	↑	At the traffic circle, continue straight to stay on E Plum Creek Pkwy	0.93 mi (1.5 min)	37.7
☐	30.37	↗	At the traffic circle, take the 3rd exit onto N Ridge Rd	0.47 mi (52.0 sec)	32.3
☐	30.83	↗	At the traffic circle, take the 2nd exit and stay on N Ridge Rd	0.57 mi (1.1 min)	28.0
☐	INFO: 31.14 miles (Route shaping destination 5) For those using the supplied Google Maps navigation link, tap "Continue" when Google Maps reports "You have reached your destination". Time check: 11:23 AM				
☐	31.40	⇒	Sharp right onto CO-86 E	4.67 mi (20.6 min)	45.1
☐	INFO: 34.37 miles (Route shaping destination 6) For those using the supplied Google Maps navigation link, tap "Continue" when Google Maps reports "You have reached your destination". Time check: 11:27 AM				
☐	POI: 36.07 miles (Straight ahead) Lowest stretch. Elev: 6,086 ft - 1,406 ft below highest point, 932 ft below starting point and 540 ft below final destination. 8				
☐	POI: 36.33 miles (Straight ahead) Franktown. Franktown was founded in 1859-1860 by prospector James Frank Gardner, serving as an early Douglas County hub and the first county seat (1861-1874). Originally named "Frank's Town" along the bustling Cherry Creek trail, it shifted location in 1864 to the "California Ranch" before becoming a rural agricultural community known for the historic 1908 Pikes Peak Grange and nearby Castlewood Canyon State Park. (Elev: 6,198 ft) 9				
☐	POI: 38.97 miles (Straight ahead) State Highway 86. State Highway 86 was established in the 1920s, originally running from US 85 in Castle Rock eastward toward Limon. The route was paved to Kiowa by 1954 and fully paved by 1972, with significant realignment in the 1960s. Today, it serves as a key 61-mile east-west connector through Douglas and Elbert counties. 10				
☐	POI: 41.81 miles (Straight ahead) Elbert County. Elbert County, established on February 2, 1874 from parts of Douglas and Greenwood counties, was named after Territorial Governor Samuel Hitt Elbert. Known for its rural, agricultural, and ranching heritage, the county historically served as a critical corridor for pioneers traveling the Smoky Hill Trail and later became a source of timber for developing Denver. 11				
☐	POI: 44.94 miles (Straight ahead) Elizabeth. Elizabeth, founded in 1855 as a sawmill camp along Running Creek, evolved from a small logging settlement into a ranching community, officially incorporating in 1890. Originally known as Russellville, it was renamed for the sister-in-law of Colorado territorial governor John Evans. The town served as a key stop on the Denver & New Orleans Railroad in 1882, cementing its role in the local agricultural economy. (Elev: 6,476 ft) 12				
☐	46.76	⇐	Turn left onto Co Rd 21	2.00 mi (2.5 min)	47.8
☐	48.77	⇒	Turn right onto Co Rd 146	0.25 mi (37.0 sec)	24.5
☐	49.02	⇐	Turn left (entrance to Rambler Ranch)	0.26 mi (48.0 sec)	19.2
☐	49.28	⇐	Turn left	19.69 ft (14.0 sec)	3.0
☐	49.41	●	Final Dest: Rambler Ranch straight ahead (Elizabeth, CO) - ETA: 11:47 AM Elev: 6,637 ft		
	Return drive time to Monument Park-N-Ride (quickest route): 0h 47min				
☐	POI: 49.41 miles (Straight ahead) Rambler Ranch. Rambler Ranch was founded by Terry Gale in 1992 on a 5-acre property in Elizabeth, Colorado, to house his growing car collection, which began in 1977 with the restoration of his father's 1954 Nash Ambassador. The estate eventually expanded to 160 acres and multiple large buildings, including a dedicated American Motors Corporation (AMC) facility built in 2007. Today, it stands as a premier automotive museum housing the world's largest collection of Nash, Rambler, and AMC vehicles alongside period-accurate displays, a 1960s diner, and vintage Kelvinator appliances. 13				

Google Maps Navigation URLs

(GPS Location Services must be enabled before scanning QR Code - Internet Connection Required - Offline Maps Required
Google Maps Navigation Route Options: Avoid Highways = False | Avoid Tolls = False | Avoid Ferries = False)

Drive start to Rambler Ranch (Elizabeth, CO)



Google Maps Navigation Restart URLs

Current location to Rambler Ranch (Elizabeth, CO)

QUICKEST ROUTE (For emergency use) - May not follow planned route!



Route Checks

Road Conditions



Elizabeth, CO Weather

