

# RMMR 2022 Tour

Welcome to the Rocky Mountain Round Up Tour. You will be driving to Bishop's Castle in Rye, Westcliffe, Skyline Drive and back to the hotel. Follow all rules on the road. Directions and Distances are approximate and please use your GPS as guidance. Feel free to stop for lunch and take breaks along the way. This is not a timed event – it is a leisurely drive.

**Bishop's Castle** - For nearly 60 years, Jim Bishop has been constructing one of the most impressive monuments to perseverance in Colorado. Bishop castle is a monumental statue in stone and iron that cries loud testament to the beauty and glory of not only Having a Dream, but Sticking with your Dream, and most importantly, that if you do believe in yourself and strive to maintain that belief, anything can happen! Three full stories of interior rooms complete with a Grand Ballroom, soaring towers and bridges with vistas of a hundred miles, and a Fire-Breathing Dragon make the Castle quite the unforgettable experience! Visitors are always welcome free of charge, and the castle itself is always open. There is a gift shop and restrooms there. Also, about 7 miles south is Lake Isabel – a beautiful area for a picnic.

**Westcliffe, Colorado** - From this picturesque town in Custer County, sandwiched by the Wet Mountains and Sangre de Cristo Mountain ranges, you can spot five 14,000-foot peaks, known as the Crestone Group.

**Skyline Drive** was built by inmate labor in 1905. The road starts from U.S. Highway 50, with a gradual incline up the side of a ridge. When the road crests, it winds, climbs, and falls like a roller coaster until near its end, where a scenic outlook overlooks both the city (east) and the highway (west). The single-lane, one-way road rises about 800 feet (240 meters) above the surrounding terrain. There are no guardrails despite sharp drop-offs and the drive is about 3 miles long. When safe, this is a great spot to stop for pictures of your car.

You can access a high-level googlemap route below. (Keep in mind Google may re-route based on their algorithms.). In order to minimize re-routing, we added “fake destinations”. As you get to these, please hit “Continue”. Mileage show on the written directions are reference points – not exact. (You may want to download the area googlemaps to your phone so that it will continue to work in case you lose cell coverage.) Scan the following QR code or type this URL in your browser: <https://tinyurl.com/RMMRTour>

Scan the QR code on the picture!



1. Bishop's Castle – 12705 CO-165, Rye, CO 81069
  - a. Zero your Trip Meter
  - b. Mile 0 - Right on Janitell Road leaving the Hotel Parking Lot
  - c. Mile 0.1 - Right on S. Circle Drive becomes Lake Drive – Drive 1.5 miles
  - d. Mile 1.6 – Left - South on 115 – Continue Past US-50 – Drive 37 miles
  - e. Mile 39 - Left on Robinson Ave/US-67 – heading south - Drive 11 miles
  - f. Mile 50 - Right on 96 – Drive 9.6 miles
  - g. Mile 60 - Left on 165E (Rye) to Bishop's Castle – Drive 12 miles
  - h. Mile 72.6 – Arrive at Bishop's Castle on your right
  
2. Westcliffe, CO
  - a. Zero your Trip Meter
  - b. Mile 0 - From Bishop's Castle, go backwards of the direction you arrived on 165E
  - c. Mile 12.7 - Left on 96 – Drive 15 miles
  - d. Mile 29.6 – Arrive in Westcliff
  
3. Skyline Drive, Canon City, CO
  - a. Zero your Trip Meter at 3<sup>rd</sup> Street in Westcliffe
  - b. Mile 0 - Right on 3<sup>rd</sup> Street – turns into CO-69 North – Drive 24 miles
  - c. Mile 24 - Right on US-50 – Drive 22 miles
    - i. Note: Royal Gorge is at about Mile 42
    - ii. At about Mile 46 – you will see CO 69 on the Left
  - d. Mile 46.5 - Left on Skyline Drive (Look for Arkansas River Tours)
  - e. Mile 49.5 - Follow Skyline Drive to Floral Avenue (slight left at 7<sup>th</sup>) to 9th

4. Hotel Elegante, Alta Hotel – 2886 S. Circle Drive, Colorado Springs
  - a. Zero your Trip Meter at Floral and 9th
  - b. Mile 0 - Right on 9<sup>th</sup>
  - c. Mile 0.5 - Left on US-50 – Drive 10 miles
  - d. Mile 11 - Take Exit and turn left on CO-115 to Colorado Springs - 32 miles
  - e. Mile 43.5 - Take exit 46 – Lake Avenue – Stay Right – 1 mile
  - f. Mile 46 - Hotel will be on your left just past I-25

