

## GREAT THINGS TO DO

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One of the great things to do around Colorado Springs is to visit the Garden of the Gods. Here one finds spectacular red rock formations of all types. The photo



shows one contrasting color in front of another. Other rocks are balancing rocks that people have fun taking photos of them seemingly supporting this huge rock! We could have spent a lot more time here, but we had a train to catch.

The train, was the cog railway train to the top of Pikes Peak. It was simply awesome to travel up a 25% grade to the top of the 14,000 ft. high mountain.

The last time we were at Pikes Peak, years ago, we drove up in the car. It was such a pleasure to leave the driving to someone else. The day was clear and we were lucky and saw Big Horn Sheep, Elk, Deer, and Marmots.

We had everything at the top but oxygen! Do we look like a couple of energetic old folks or not!

By the way, they sold whiffs of oxygen inside!

Tomorrow, we plan on taking the lunch train thru Royal Gorge. It should be spectacular. I can vividly remember years ago, standing on the Royal Gorge Bridge looking at, and listening to, the gigantic steam engines straining up the gorge 1,000 ft. below.



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