

Day Trips in and around the San Luis Valley

<b>Place</b>	<b><u>Location and Description</u></b>
Great Sand Dunes National Monument	Large area at foot of Sangre Mtns w/300 ft high dunes. Good hiking and exploring. E on hwy 160 to hwy 150, N till end. 35 mins. 719-378-2312
Mosca Pass	1 hr+ hike w/ views of the dunes and mtns; trailhead at the dunes. 40 mins.
Zapata Falls	200 ft falls; easy 20 min. hike with trails to falls. S of dunes on 150, turn at radio tower (point of interest sign) 40 mins.
Hooper Pool	15 mi. N on CO 17. Soak in hot mineral water and view the mountains. Have a hydroponic greenhouse tour! Call ahead group rates - 719-378-2807
Crestone	Many varying hikes from stunning mtn town and spiritual community, 5 14,000 ft peaks, 1 hr N on 17
Natural Arch	Many hikes from natural rock arch; 1 hr W on 160, N on 112
Taos, NM	Indian Pueblo over 1,000 years old. Beautiful adobe structures at the foot of the Sangres. Indian crafts and many art galleries. Artsy community. 2 hrs S Hwy 285, hwy 64. Along the way check out the Royal Gorge Bridge and the Earthship Community.
San Luis	1 hr E on 160, S on 159. Oldest town in CO. Stations of the Cross Pilgrimage.
Creede	75 mins. 160 W, Rd 10 towards Creede (follow signs) Old mining town, tours of mines, pretty scenery, great hiking
Rafting	World class rafting on the Arkansas runs continuously throughout the summer through many rafting companies in Salida, Buena Vista, and Poncha Springs, all about 1 hr N of Alamosa