Manitou Springs
Historic Plaque Walking Tours

Tour Distance
The Downtown Manitou portion of the plaque tour (7-26) covers approximately 1.25 miles. The whole tour spans approximately 5.5 miles.

How to Reach Us
• To become involved in historic preservation activities, contact the Planning Department at 719-685-4398

Legend For All Maps
- Plaque Location
- Street

East Manitou
1. El Colorado Lodge (1926)
The El Colorado was a benchmark in motor-travel camps of the West.

2. Garden of the Gods Trading Post (1924)
The Trading Post was built as an example of Southwestern culture for those visiting the park.

3. Red Crags (1889)
Manitou Springs founder Dr. William Bell ran Red Crags as a tuberculosis hospital. It is now a bed and breakfast.

4. Rockledge (1913)
Rockledge was the home of farm journal publisher Edward Harrison Heath. It is now a bed and breakfast.

5. Craftwood /Onaledge (1912)
Craftwood served as a coppersmith’s workshop and then a restaurant, attracting many dignitaries and celebrities. Onaledge was the original Craftwood Association residence and is now a bed and breakfast.

6. Briarhurst Manor (1888)
The Briarhurst Manor was the estate of Dr. William Bell’s family. It now operates as a restaurant.
28. Ute Chief Bottling Plant (1947)
Beginning in 1891, the Bottling Plant took water from the Ute Chief Gusher. Destroyed by fire, the current plant was built and continues to bottle water.

29. Miramont Castle (1896)
Built in a variety of styles, Miramont Castle was the home of Jean Baptiste Francolon, who was parish priest of Manitou Springs. Miramont now houses the Manitou Springs Historical Society.

30. Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church (1903)
The city’s first Catholic Parish stands rebuilt and restored after fire and age.

31. Manitou and Pikes Peak Railway and Station (1890)
The famous Cog Railway is the highest elevation and second longest rack railway in the world and the only west of the Mississippi. Since it’s opening it has carried visitors to the summit of Pikes Peak.