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5 Secluded Camping Spots in Colorado's Front Range

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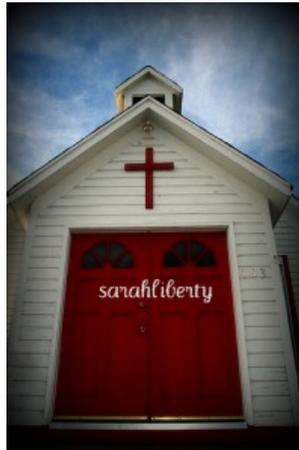
Finding secluded camping spots takes a little extra driving, planning, and gear, but for those who have made the trip to Colorado's Front Range know that seclusion from society is well worth the extra hours.

Lost Lake
Lost Lake is located near a town Red Feather and more notably, Fort Collins. The lake itself is rather small, but the surrounding scenery is amazing. If you find the right spot, there's a valley surrounded by foothills and mountains in the distance that make for a breath-taking scene.

Unless you arrive in the morning, most near the lake get occupied pretty quickly, depending on the time of year. The goal, however, is to get away from the crowds. To do this, keep driving past the lake on the dirt roads and pick a camping spot in total seclusion. Since the campground doesn't have any facilities, be sure to bring what you need.

Bill Moore Lake
Bill Moore Lake/North Empire Loop is located near a town called Empire, which is part of Clear Creek County. The road to the lake is accessed by a rocky dirt road so you'll need a four-wheel drive vehicle to make it up to the lake. Since you can only access the area with a 4x4, seclusion is nearly year round. To get there, take I-70 at ext 232.

Canyon Lakes Ranger District
The Canyon Lakes Ranger District is a large recreation area with over 650,000 acres. The district is open year round, but you need a permit to collect firewood during the winter. You can make reservations for some of the campgrounds in the area by going to the [National Recreation Reservation Service](#). Get here by taking State Highways 14, 34 and 36, near Fort Collins.



Yankee Hill
Go west of Denver towards Central City and you'll find a haven for Off-Highway Vehicles (OHV's). You'll have to register your OHV to ride on the roads and while you're there, check out Columbine Campground located near Bald Mountain Cemetery. You can even sleep there if so desired.

Clear Creek Ranger District
The Clear Creek Ranger District spans about 200,000 acres, and it includes one of the many fourteeners for which Colorado is famous. It's accessible from Idaho Springs, Empire and Georgetown. Be sure to bring fishing gear when you head to area since there's a variety of streams and alpine lakes.

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