# THE WEST IS THE BIGGEST REGION THE 12 STATES ARE SPLIT IN 2

#### ROCKY MOUNTAINS

The Rockies are 76 million years old There are over 60 caves in the Rockies You can see lots of animals Bear, elk, bighorn sheep, etc.

#### YELLOW STONE NATIONAL PARK

26% of the park burned in a wild fire

This park is 80% forest

The park won a world record of most visitors

#### DENVER MINT

Denver mint produces 20 million coins a week

Most of the money goes to schools around the world

It makes the most money in the world

#### COLORADO SPRINGS

Colorado Springs is Colorado's second largest city Colorado Springs is so big it has 12 universities It has America's largest pond 34miles by 27miles

#### PEARL LAKE NATIONAL PARK

Pearl Lake is a resort in South Beloit, Illinois on the Illinois - Wisconsin state. Outdoor attractions include camping, scuba diving and swimming at beautiful Pearl Lake.

Or, enjoy a casual dinner at Pearl Lake restaurant.

### STAR DUNE

star dune formed by a series of slip faces radiating about a central point, producing a rough star shape.

Such dunes are the product of highly variable wind directions.

The water surrounding the area has millions of fish.

#### GILA RIVER

The Gila River is a major waterway for Arizona, though powerful flows are rare. This reach usually runs year-round, depending upon rainfall, but the best conditions are normally found in the early to late spring, when snow melts in the San Francisco Mountains of Apache National Forest in far western New Mexico.

#### DEVILS CAUSEWAY

The Giant's Causeway is a natural rock formation. It is located on the northeast coast of Northern Ireland, in the county of Antrim, a few miles from the town of Bush mills.

It is the most popular tourist attraction in Northern Ireland and was voted as the 4th best natural wonder in the UK. In 1986, UNESCO declared the rock formation a World Heritage Site, the only one in Northern Ireland.

### LOST CREEK WILDERNESS

Lost Creek offers an encounter with wilderness, much different from the overpowering alpine scenery of the Maroon Bells or Weminuche. the lost park campground, for example, the trail rounds a bend and granite shoulders narrow to literally form a wilderness portal around lost creek.

## HANDIES PEAK

The scenic quality of the Handies Peak WSA is outstanding due to the interaction of mountainous landforms; multi-colored rock and diverse vegetation and vast, open vistas. Handies Peak itself rises I 4048 feet over the area and is the highest point of land managed by the Bureau of Land Management outside of Alaska. This WSA also hosts I 2 other peaks that rise over I 3,000 feet, three major canyons, numerous small drainages, glacial cirques and three alpine lakes.