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TRAVEL

RIDGE TRAIL ROAD, ROCKY MOUNTAIN NATIONAL PARK, COLORADO

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On July 16, 2008, we drove up Ridge Trail Road in Rocky Mountain National Park and hiked in the area known as the rock cut and along the Ute Trail.

We were above 11,000 feet, which is the tree line, so what we saw close at hand was lichen-covered rocks, a handful of well-protected trees, and beautiful alpine wildflowers. In the distance we had spectacular views of rocky peaks and a few valleys still covered with snow.











Animals included elk “dancing” on the snow, chubby golden marmots basking on the sunny rocks, and “screaming” pikas, which are rabbit relatives with mouse ears.





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