

Beck's Ultimate COS Guide

The exhaustive list for a 13-year-old in Colorado Springs · Summer 2026

Go-karts & racing

Overdrive Raceway

5150 Edison Ave · (719) 387-5283

Indoor electric go-karts. Fast. Clean facility. Multiple track configurations. Beck will love the speed.

TIP: Book online for shorter wait. Weekday mornings are less crowded.

Papio Fun Park

3920 N Carefree Cir · (719) 573-5500

8-acre outdoor park. Go-karts, mini golf, batting cages, laser tag, bumper boats, arcade. The full combo.

TIP: All-day wristband is the best deal if you want multiple activities.

Unser Racing

6805 Delmonico Dr · (719) 388-5278

Indoor electric karts. Named after the Unser racing family. Fast track, no fumes.

Laser tag

American Paintball Coliseum

4385 Mark Dabling Blvd · (719) 591-0074

11,000 sq ft arena. Post-apocalyptic urban theme. One of the biggest laser tag arenas in COS.

TIP: Also has paintball if Beck wants to try it.

WhirlyBall COS

1825 Dominion Way · (719) 375-9596

Multi-level laser tag + WhirlyBall (bumper cars + lacrosse). Unique combo. Great for groups.

Dart Wars

2424 W Colorado Ave · (719) 362-1390

Nerf battle arena. Run, hide, shoot foam darts. Less intense than laser tag but super fun for 13.

TIP: Walk-in friendly. Old Colorado City location.

Arcades & gaming

Main Event

1685 Briargate Blvd · (719) 867-1800

100+ games (retro + modern), bowling, laser tag, VR, billiards. The everything-under-one-roof option.

TIP: Unlimited play cards are the move. Eat there too.

Penny Arcade

930 Manitou Ave, Manitou Springs

Vintage arcade in downtown Manitou. Skee-ball, pinball, Derby racing. Old-school charm. Some games still cost a penny.

TIP: Walk Manitou after — ice cream, shops, the Incline nearby.

AirCity 360

1630 Paonia St · (719) 387-5050

Trampoline park + arcade + VR. Vertical climbing walls, zip lines, sky coaster, inflatable tables.

TIP: Socks required. Weekday = less crowded.

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Level Up VR

1 S Nevada Ave · (719) 358-0088

Virtual reality arcade downtown. Escape rooms in VR, free-roam games. Very cool for a 13-year-old.

TIP: Book a session online. 30-60 min experiences.

Rail Yard Gaming & Gastropub

218 W Colorado Ave

Arcade games, bowling, food. Casual vibe. Good for an afternoon hangout.

Super Nova Arcade

21 S Tejon St

Downtown barcade — but has an all-ages section during the day. Retro games, pinball.

Mini golf

Legends Miniature Golf & Batting Cages

5650 N Nevada Ave · (719) 599-4653

Three 18-hole courses: World Wonders, Animal Kingdom, Western Frontier. Plus batting cages.

TIP: Combo ticket for golf + batting cages saves money.

Epic Entertainment

1625 Briargate Blvd · (719) 465-4672

Mini golf, go-karts, laser tag, axe throwing (13+ with adult), bowling. Major entertainment complex.

Hacker's Mini Golf

Manitou Springs area

Outdoor mini golf with mountain views. Quirky holes.

Batting cages

Legends Miniature Golf & Batting Cages

5650 N Nevada Ave

Multiple speed options. Baseball and softball. Tokens from the front counter.

TIP: Combine with mini golf — it's all at the same place.

Papio Fun Park

3920 N Carefree Cir

Batting cages as part of the 8-acre fun park. Baseball pitching machines at various speeds.

Used video games & shops

Game Force Colorado

3227 N Academy Blvd · (719) 596-5465

Used games, retro consoles, controllers. Good selection of Switch, PS5, retro Nintendo. Fair prices.

Half Price Books

1685 Briargate Blvd

Used books, games, movies. Dig through the bins. Always worth a stop.

Gamer's Haven

4265 N Academy Blvd

Board games, card games, D&D supplies. Also has game nights. More tabletop than video games.

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Disc Replay

5020 N Nevada Ave

Used games, movies, music. Buy/sell/trade. Good retro section.

Escape rooms

Escapology

1 S Nevada Ave · (719) 374-2224

Downtown. Multiple themed rooms. 60-minute challenges. Great for a parent-kid team.

TIP: 2-6 players per room. Book ahead for weekends.

National Escape Room

5764 N Academy Blvd

Multiple difficulty levels. Sci-fi and mystery themes.

Locked Inside

3320 N Academy Blvd · (719) 387-3210

Immersive rooms with physical puzzles. Good reviews for set design.

Outdoor adventure (Beck-level)

Cave of the Winds — Terror-dactyl

100 Cave of the Winds Rd, Manitou

The outdoor canyon swing. Must be 44" tall. 200 feet above the canyon floor. Beck will scream.

TIP: The Discovery Tour inside the cave is cool too but the Terror-dactyl is the highlight at 13.

Manitou Incline

Ruxton Ave, Manitou Springs

2,744 steps. 2,000 ft elevation gain in 1 mile. A legit challenge for a 13-year-old athlete.

TIP: Start early. Bring water. It's harder than it looks. Free.

Zip Line at Royal Gorge

Royal Gorge Bridge, Canon City (~45 min)

Zip across the Royal Gorge — 1,200 feet above the Arkansas River. Plus the bridge walk.

TIP: Worth the drive. One of the most dramatic zip lines in the country.

Cheyenne Mountain Zoo — Sky Ride

4250 Cheyenne Mountain Zoo Rd

Open-air chairlift to the top of the zoo. Views of the city. Plus giraffe feeding.

TIP: The Sky Ride alone is worth the zoo admission for the views.

Garden of the Gods rock scrambling

Free · open sunrise to sunset

While the main trails are flat, the side rocks are perfect for scrambling. Stay on designated areas.

Bowling

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Modern lanes, black lights, music. Plus 100+ arcade games after bowling.

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Bowlero Colorado Springs

3855 N Academy Blvd · (719) 597-5786

Full-size lanes. Cosmic bowling on weekend nights with lights and music.

Swimming & water

Memorial Park Splash Pad

Memorial Park · Free

Open in summer. Bring a towel. Good for cooling off after a hot day.

Wilson Ranch Pool

NE COS · City pool

Outdoor pool with slides. City-run, affordable. Check hours.