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Press Release

Black Canyon of the Gunnison National Park

Words are nearly inadequate to describe the course of the Gunnison River through the gorge it has created over millions of years. The Black Canyon of the Gunnison knifes through Colorado's western slope in a breathtaking plunge, creating one of the world's most magnificent canyons.

Black Canyon of the Gunnison National Park explores the geologic development of the canyon and the forces that continue to shape it today. Learn how rock nearly two billion years old is being revealed at the bottom of the gorge, and what part ancient volcanic eruptions had in changing the course of the river that now flows 2,250 feet below the rim of the Painted Wall.

Water and time have created a gorge unmatched in beauty. *Black Canyon of the Gunnison National Park* will take you to a place where that magnificence is preserved for all to share.

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