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License Plate Goes Rogue

Stops at the "Tennessee Pass" high in the Colorado Rockies

While the Civil War license plate is most often seen at Civil War sites in Tennessee, this battlefield preservation supporter stopped near Leadville, CO, at the Tennessee Pass, along US Hwy 27, west of Denver. Prospectors from the Volunteer State named this early high mountain pass through the Rocky Mountains.



After the Civil War many veterans headed west to Colorado, prospecting for gold and silver. Although mostly Confederate vets ended up in the area around the Tennessee Pass, many Union vets reportedly prospected in the Aspen area. As a local historian shared, "The lore goes that no one spoke of the War or fought about it. They were tired and just wanted to find some gold and get rich."

One of the earliest routes through the Rockies, the Tennessee Pass was also the home of World War II Camp Hale and the 10th Mountain Division. Here soldiers learned high altitude skills including skiing and snow and mountain survival. A nearby monument, placed in 1959, honors WWII soldiers who died during the war on the island of Kiska,



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