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From the tundra above tree line to the snow melt running along Clear Creek, the winds of the Rocky Mountains whisper a welcome for you to experience Colorado's great outdoors.

Clear Creek County is quintessential Colorado, offering yearround plentiful outdoor recreation, attractions, exquisite mountain dining, craft breweries, art galleries, unique shopping, and cozy accommodations. Home of the first gold discovery in 1859 and start of the Colorado Gold Rush, four of the original mining towns remain today: Idaho Springs, Empire, Georgetown, and Silver Plume.

Activities for everyone 365 days a year, in the spring, summer, fall, and winter! And since Clear Creek County is located just 20 miles west of Denver, we are your perfect destination for a day trip, long weekend, or extended stay.

Please remember to tread lightly, stay the trail, leave what you find, trash the trash, be careful with fire, keep wildlife wild, and share our trails and parks to help care for Clear Creek County.

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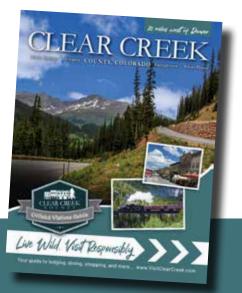




**On the cover** Guanella Pass Scenic and Historic Byway Photograph by Cassandra Patton

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### The Miner Street Market debuted in 2020 in the Historic Downtown District of Idaho Springs. Local business owners, merchants, the City of Idaho Springs, and the Idaho Springs Chamber of Commerce pulled together to create an exciting, new atmosphere.

The goal of Miner Street Market is to create a safe, friendly, and dog-friendly mall-like pedestrian

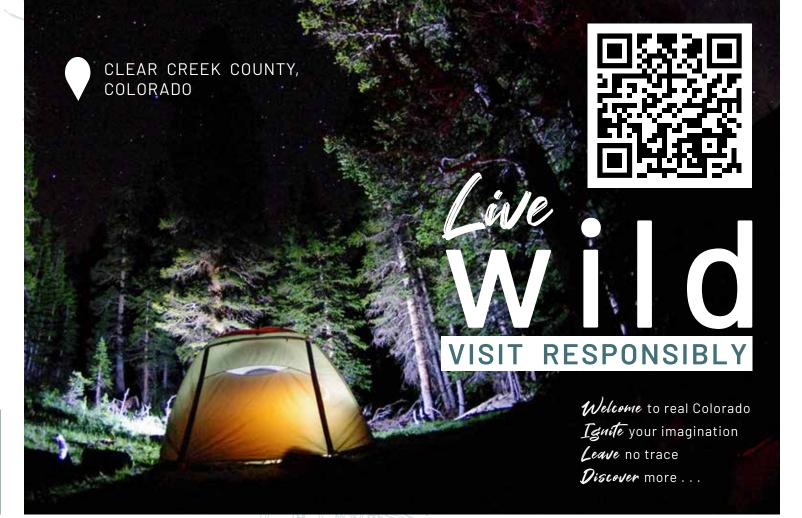
space to allow businesses to expand outdoors. From dining to retail the Miner Street Market allows businesses to expand storefronts into Miner Street while keeping sidewalks open and adding unique, common spaces.

Many of the local businesses use creative ways to enhance the outdoor spaces allowing you to relax and enjoy Idaho Springs and the mountain ambiance. Now locals and visitors alike can enjoy dinner + drinks + light fare at picnic tables, or in renovated saunas, or even in a vintage mining camp setting.

Some businesses also activate their outdoor spaces with games such as corn hole (bean bag toss), ring toss, sidewalk chalk, and bubbles. Miner Street Market is also complete with live music throughout the summer to add to the ambiance.



The Miner Street Market will return for the summer May 14th and will be open daily through October 31st. More information: visitclearcreek.com/minerstreetmarket

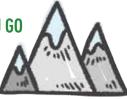


# LEAVE NO TRACE – CARE FOR COLORADO PRINCIPLES

Learn more at COLORADO.com/CareForColorado.

# KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

This land really is your land. Our state and federal agencies manage 42 percent of Colorado's majestic landscape, and our cities and



counties maintain even more. Learn about and respect the spaces we all own, share and sing about.

- Stay back from the pack. Find your way to less-visited and off-peak destinations to minimize down time and maximize your connection with special places.
- Bring along reusable water bottles or hot drink tumblers to limit waste and stay hydrated in our dry climate.

# **02** STICK TO TRAILS

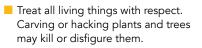
With 39,000 marked trails and 13,000 designated campsites, there's no need to venture beyond. By sticking to these areas and camping at least 200 feet from lakes, rivers and streams, you're helping natural areas stay natural.



- Even though shortcuts can be tempting, please don't take them. A few extra strides on the path will protect plants and the homes of the true locals.
- Walk down trails single file and give others 6 feet of room when passing. If you have to step off the trail to let people by, look for durable surfaces, like rocks or bare spots, to help prevent erosion.

# **03** LEAVE IT AS YOU FIND IT

- Leave plants, rocks and historical items as you find them so others experience the joy of discovery.
- Any of our 750 different species of wildflowers will live forever in a photo. Snap away, but only with a camera.
- Colorado is beautiful all on its own. Building structures or campsites on public land isn't cool. Keep it pristine for everyone to enjoy.



# 04 TRASH THE TRASH

Pack it in, pack it out. Or pick it up to leave a place better than you found it. Put litter, even crumbs, peels and cores in your nearest waste/recycling bin.



Wash yourself, your dog or whatever else needs cleaning at least 200 feet from waterways, and use biodegradable soap. A bubble bath is no treat for fish.

# **5** BE CAREFUL WITH FIRE



- Colorado's low humidity has perks, but can create dry, dangerous conditions. Keep campfires small and manageable to avoid sparking wildfires.
- When putting out a fire, water it until you can handle the embers. Never let a fire burn unattended.
- Use care when smoking in Colorado's dry climate. Always put cigarettes out completely, and don't leave your butts behind.
- Always check for local fire restrictions.

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Colorado is home to tens of thousands of furry, scaly and feathered creatures. To keep them – and you – safe, don't approach them.



- It is not adorable to feed wild animals. You could alter natural behaviors, exposing them to predators or even euthanasia.
- Keep your furry buddies leashed when enjoying dog-friendly trails, and pack out their waste. All the way to a trash can.

# **07** SHARE OUR TRAILS & PARKS

Chances are you're not out in nature to people watch, so try out the lesser-known paths and sites.



- Silence your cell phone before stepping into nature, and speak softly without using the speaker function.
- Be considerate when passing others on the trails and yield to the uphill hiker and biker – they need the momentum.
- Listen to nature. Keep your voice and music soft so all can enjoy the peace of Colorado.

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**PLAN AHEAD** 



**BE CAREFUL WITH FIRE** 



STAY THE TRAIL 06

# Idaho Springs

Elevation 7,526'



This Victorian community will instantly take you back more than 150 years to the flourishing hub of Colorado's gold country where fortune seekers from all over the world were lured by the promise of riches.

Enjoy a stroll down Miner Street through the National Historic District and follow the path behind City Hall to Bridal Veil Falls and the historic Charlie Tayler Waterwheel. Continue up the path toward Highway 103 and you will come to the confluence of Chicago Creek and Clear Creek where prospector George A. Jackson struck gold in January of 1859 ultimately triggering the Colorado Gold Rush! While here, be sure to look across Highway 103 and up the hill at the George A. Jackson Monument which was dedicated in 1909 for a 50 year celebration and again in 2009 for the 150th celebration.

Spend the afternoon in the Historic District of Idaho Springs visiting art galleries, boutiques, sipping on locally crafted suds, or enjoying the Miner Street Market. You may also enjoy visiting the east end of town where the stately ARGO Mill and Tunnel greets you and welcomes you back to the turn of the century and the discovery of gold. The Idaho Springs Heritage Museum and Visitor Center marks the official start of the Blue Star Memorial Highway and the Mount Evans Scenic and Historic Byway.

Just off Miner Street in downtown Idaho Springs, be sure to stroll down Colorado Boulevard which offers historic stately Victorian homes and old miner bungalows. Some also say remnants of the Spanish Conquistadors' presence may be found in the nearby hills and valleys.

And, if you like taking a ride on the wild side, enjoy a drive up the authentic "Oh My Gawd Road" aka Virginia Canyon Road which gets its name from its unpaved, narrow, curving lanes and scenic views of Mount Evans, Echo Mountain Resort, and the Continental Divide. Be sure to stay to the right as you navigate the route linking Idaho Springs to Central City as you pass through historic mining country and the ghost town of Russel Gulch.

Historic District Paid Parking Information: www.parkidahosprings.com



Evergreen

The north-western corner of unincorporated Evergreen is a secluded mountain oasis. With stately evergreens and wide open valleys setting the stage for immaculate backdrops of the Rocky Mountains. The Kaiser Ranch, once called home to Willie Nelson, an American country music singer-songwriter, still stands surrounded by vast grassy meadows and peaceful mountain streams.

Our humble portion of unincorporated Evergreen is the perfect place to visit if you are looking to relax, unwind and enjoy a serene mountain landscape or simply escape for the afternoon while slipping into a plush robe, sipping tea by the fire, and treating yourself to Tall Grass luxury spa services.

Enjoy being a few steps closer to nature with the sound of bugling elk off in the distance, watch animals graze in the meadow, and d-stress while listening to the gentle mountain streams. Upper Bear Creek Road winds its way through breathtaking scenery to a small, remote campground and picnic area at the end of the road. The land surrounding Upper Bear Creek Road offers beautiful hiking trails such as Lost Creek, Beartrack Lakes, and Beaver Meadow which connect to other trails such as Captain Mountain, Summit Flats, and Resthouse and continue onto Echo Lake, Summit Lake, Lincoln Lake, and the Mount Evans Wilderness Area.



Kick your feet up and stay the night at the cozy creek-side Elk Run Bed and Breakfast offering comfortable, in-home accommodations. Surrounded by wildlife, each day offers new surprises filled with humming birds, fox, deer, elk, wild turkey, or black bear sightings! Enjoy a relaxing getaway nestled inside the Mount Evans Elk Management Area.

Dumont. Lawson . Downieville



Dumont, Lawson, and Downieville are three small unincorporated communities located along the I-70 corridor between Idaho Springs and Empire. Enjoy a weekend retreat at the Lawson Adventure Park Resort complete with yurts, cabins, attractions, dining, and a Basecamp Bar and Grille House.



Whether you're looking for an adrenalin pumping afternoon or relaxing long weekend adventure is here! Choose from via ferratta, challenge courses, white water rafting, 4x4 tours, mechanical bulls, climbing walls, renting an atv/utv, dirt bike, or snowmobile and more! From the Lawson Adventure Park and Resort, to ATV Tours Colorado, and Self Sponsored Snow and Dirt there is something here for every adventurer.

Lawson is also home to a whitewater park offering several in stream structures along with the original Lawson Hole. The Lawson Whitewater Park is used for a rafting put in and is great for recreational kayaking, fishing, and splashing fun!

There is parking, public restrooms, and a changing area. The park closes one hour after sunset and reopens one hour after sunrise. No fires, camping, or overnight parking allowed. No cutting or removing of trees. Dogs must be on leash and please remember to clean up after your pets. Dispose of all trash properly as this is bear country and mountain lion habitat. Users assume all liability for risks associated with park activities. Helmets and personal flotation devices are recommended. Conditions can change quickly, so know your abilities and your limits. Stay in the area of the park as obstructions to navigation exist downstream. There is no lifeguard on duty.

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Elevation 8,615'



Empire is a Clear Creek County hidden gem. Located just off I-70 on US Highway 40 at the bottom of Berthoud Pass. This sunny star-shaped valley is traversed by Clear Creek making it an ideal base camp location for mountain adventures, refreshing tranquility, or a mixture of both.

Awe-inspiring evergreens and towering mountains surround you while you try your hand at angling for the elusive trout or exploring backcountry on 4-wheeldrive roads. Whether you want to experience the thrill of snowshoeing in a pristine valley, shopping for antiques and artwork or enjoying a delicious ice cream cone, Empire is the perfect destination. Come stroll down Historic Park Avenue where you can enjoy unique shopping, craft brews and dining opportunities.

Empire is home to The "Original" Hard Rock Cafe which opened here in 1934 to provide a café and sleeping dormitory for hard rock miners, and is still in operation today as the Guanella Pass Brewery Taproom. The wellloved Lewis Sweet shop first opened its doors in 1951 by Dwayne Lewis and is still in operation today. Rocky Mountain Village Easterseals Camp is an adaptive camp for children and adults with disabilities offering campers the ability to enjoy swimming, fishing, overnight camping, outdoor cooking, travel camp, day trips, arts and crafts, sports and recreation, hiking, dances, music and drama, horse-back riding, and even a zipline!



While here be sure to visit the Partners for Access to the Woods (PAW Trail) just outside of Town that is wheelchair and walker accessible, and also designed for the visual and hearing impaired. The trail is just over 480-feet long with interpretive signage and textured sections to roam on.

Silver Plume

Elevation 9,101'



To stroll down the dirt Main Street of Silver Plume is like taking a step back in time. The small Victorian houses you pass by were home to Colorado's earliest silver miners in the 1870s. Imagine the streets filled with braying mules, bustling shops, and busy saloons as Italian and Cornish immigrants returned home from the mines that towered above town.

Surrounded by Republican Mountain on the north and Mount McClellan on the south, Silver Plume sits at 9,114' above sea level. The town was in existence in 1870, however it was not incorporated until 1880. The east end of town was destroyed by fire in 1884 and the following year the town officials purchased a hand pumper for the town which is now used in parades and other city celebrations.

Today less than 200 residents make Silver Plume their home. However, during the peak of its population between 1885 to 1905, more than 2,000 people lived in this community. As a result the history of the Rocky Mountain West thrives here. From the silver mines which gave Silver Plume its name, to the unpaved, authentic downtown Main Street, this small town is full of picturesque buildings that create an exciting atmosphere of history and adventure.



Today, you are welcome to enjoy a visit to the George Rowe Museum, which was the schoolhouse and center of activity in the community's past. Enjoy a moderate hike up the 7:30 Mine Trail to the Clifford Griffin Monument overlooking the Town of Silver Plume. Or perhaps an overnight stay at a local bed and breakfast, sipping on a freshly brewed cup of coffee, relaxing with a creative cocktail, or enjoying an afternoon train ride aboard the Historic Georgetown Loop Railroad from the Silver Plume Depot.



Georgetown

In 1858, two Kentucky-born boys, George and David Griffith, set out west to stake a claim near George Jackson's discoveries but arrived too late. Instead, they opted to follow the creek toward the snowy range and discovered gold on August 1, 1859 at the base of Griffith Mountain and home to the Capital Prize Mine.

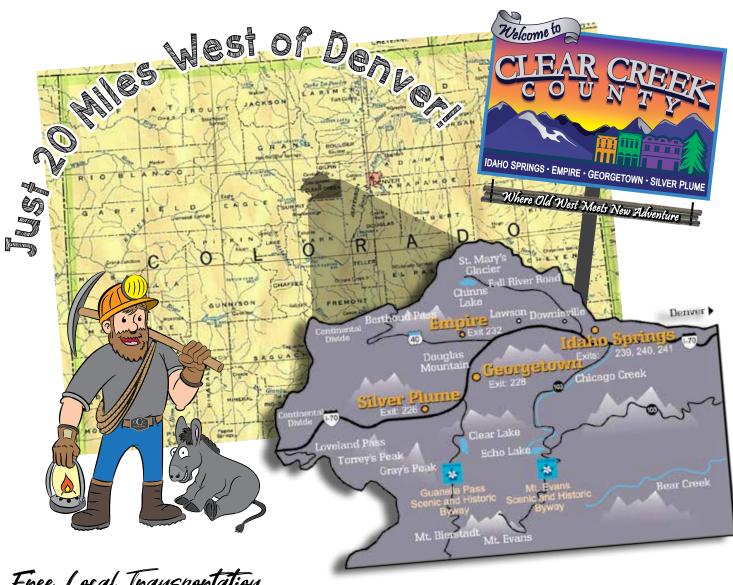
In June 1860, the Griffith Mining District was formed and soon afterwards the Town of Georgetown followed. From its humble beginnings as a small mining camp, Georgetown continues to attract those seeking something very special. First it was the magic of gold and silver ore, now it is the beauty and ambiance of this picturesque town surrounded by the stunning Rocky Mountains.

Georgetown is a National Historic Landmark District where you will experience an incredible blend of past and present. Enjoy visiting meticulously preserved and restored museums and buildings filled with exciting shops, art galleries, breweries, and restaurants.

While here, be sure to experience the Georgetown Loop Railroad<sup>®</sup> as this incredible narrow gauge passenger train traverses Clear Creek and circles/loops over itself at the picturesque Devil's Gate Bridge. Here you can also enjoy exclusive access to underground silver and gold mine tours.

Georgetown is an outdoor enthusiast's dream where you can enjoy mountain biking, hiking, fishing, 4-wheeling, camping under starry summer nights, and exploring to your heart's content. Georgetown is also part of the Silver Heritage Area which spans the Continental Divide at Loveland Ski Area to Empire Junction where you can get lost in the solitude of our mountains and valleys.

Three of Clear Creek County's four 14,000-foot peaks are located just outside of Georgetown and climbing to the summit is a wonderful way to take in the grandeur of the area. There is truly nothing quite like a "Colorado Rocky Mountain High!" Mt. Bierstadt is located just off the Guanella Pass Scenic Byway where you can get out and explore the numerous hiking trails on foot. Or venture over to Grays Peak and Torreys Peak where you can summit two 14ers in one trip! More info: www.georgetown-colorado.org



Free Local Transportation

The Clear Creek County Roundabout is a FREE public transportation service offering travel within County limits. Wheel chair accessible. Look for a bus sign near you!

The Roundabout provides the opportunity to spend your day visiting other towns within the County offering local routes Monday through Friday 6am to 9pm and Saturday and Sunday 9am - 5pm. Schedule and times may vary, please check the website for updates and changes. Please note, the Roundabout does not typically operate on County holidays.

clearcreekcounty.us/857/RoundAbout-Bus-Service

This free local transportation service serves as a great connection to the Idaho Springs Bustang® stop. Bustang<sup>®</sup> is the Colorado Department of Transportation's interregional express bus service taking you as far as Denver, Vail, or Grand Junction. Learn more at RideBustang.com



Scan for schedule, route information and important Roundabout updates...



# Explore Clear Creek County

All Aboard: The Georgetown Loop Railroad<sup>®</sup> was one of Colorado's first visitor attractions that was completed in 1884. This spectacular stretch of three-foot narrow gauge railroad was considered an engineering marvel for its time. Today, adults and children of all ages are able to enjoy train rides aboard a diesel or steam powered locomotive. There are also special event trains, two optional silver mine tours, an opportunity to pan for gold, and meet the resident burros!

**Ride the Rapids:** Clear Creek is the 2nd most rafted river in Colorado, and for good reason. With more rapids per mile than any other river in Colorado, Clear Creek offers both beginner rapids and world class rafting just outside of Denver. Also, be sure to check out the Lawson White Water Park for recreational canoing, kayaking, and splashing fun!

Take a Tour: Colorado's gold rush began in Idaho Springs in 1859 when George Andrew Jackson discovered gold at the confluence of Chicago Creek and Clear Creek. Soon after the discovery 50,000 miners flocked to the County in search of fortune and the population skyrocketed. Gold still lures visitors to Clear Creek County and you too can take a walk back in time to learn about the mining lifestyle that defined our County, take a gold or silver mine tour, and try your hand at panning for gold!

### Tickets: www.ArgoMillTour.com or call (303) 567-2421

Be sure to check out our interactive map for a list of museums and landmarks to visit and learn more about the Colorado Gold Rush and silver mining boom! www.VisitClearCreek.com/EXPLORE

**Touch the Clouds:** Our County is home to four 14,000' peaks to challenge your lungs and legs. However if you are looking to stay off the beaten path then be sure to check out our 13,000 foot peaks such as Square Top Mountain which is easily accessible from Guanella Pass. Additionally, 35 miles of the Continental Divide Trail makes its way through the County offering a primitive, adventurous route. Best times to explore are weekdays and as early in the day as possible as weekend usage is often very heavy.

**Feel the Wind:** Take a bird's eye view of the County and feel the crisp mountain air from high above one of our cliff-side or tower zip line attractions!

**Explore the Terrain:** As Denver's gateway to the Rocky Mountains, Clear Creek County offers endless opportunities to explore the Roosevelt and Arapaho National Forests. Drive one of our two Scenic Byways: Guanella Pass Scenic Byway or Mount Evans Scenic Byway. Or, get off the paved roads and have some fun on an ATV tour or 4-wheel drive trail. There are also endless hiking, biking, and scenic trails throughout our open lands. Camp for a night under the stars while you get in touch with nature, and don't forget your fishing pole while you keep an eye out for wildlife too!

**Relax and Unwind:** Soak your cares away in our historic hot springs, enjoy a day at the spa, sip suds at our local breweries, or simply spend the day visiting our unique shops and finish by enjoying one of our many delicious dining experiences. Don't forget Clear Creek County has boutique lodging and cozy accommodations for weekend getaways or extended trips!

No matter what you decide, we hope that Clear Creek County will be part of your wonderful memories for years to come! ~ See you soon!

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Colorado Adventure Center



# FIVE INCLUSIVE WAYS TO EXPLORE CLEAR CREEK COUNTY FOR FAMILIES WITH SPECIAL NEEDS

Anyone who is up for an adventure, should have the chance to pursue it. In Clear Creek County, exploring at elevation is part of the Colorado way. From heading out on a historic wagon trail to exploring a gold mine, Clear Creek County is an adventure-filled stop that encourages people with disabilities to seek out the classic high country experience. We found five high altitude ways to explore—and a few spots to recharge—in Clear Creek County, Colorado that make mountain adventures inclusive to all abilities.

Hit the Trail: Exit I-70 to the Town of Empire where you'll find the original wagon route that's begging to be explored. The PAW (Partners for Access to the Woods) Trail takes off for a 481-foot natural surface hike which includes a few steep grades and interpretive features including kiosk maps with mini versions of the elevation changes for visitors to explore with their hands. Whether you are hiking or rolling, this wheelchair-accessible trail also includes special textured sections that allow hikers with visual impairments to gauge the distance and enjoy the trail.

Summer Camp Vibes: Cabins, crafts, swimming... the full summer camp experience is available for children (and adults) with disabilities at Rocky Mountain Village Camp, an Easterseals Colorado camp. This 220-acre overnight camp is located in Empire and is fully accessible. It was developed to not just accommodate campers with a diverse spectrum of disabilities—but to cater to them.

A Spot at the Local Fishing Hole(s): Clear Creek ripples through the County and is home to rainbow trout, brown trout, and brook trout. Drop a line in the water from bankside wheelchair-accessible fishing piers along Clear Creek at Philadelphia Mill Site Park or the Courtney Ryley Cooper Park. Settle in lakeside beside Grandma & Grandpa's Fishing Pond at Mt. Evans Trout Fishing to try to nab a rainbow trout on your hook. The pond is stocked, and you can reserve a grill to cook up your fresh catch for lunch. Don't be surprised if you catch glimpse of a reindeer when you're trying to catch a fish. There's a few roaming the property and might stop by your picnic! Discover the Gold Rush: Clear Creek County's adventures are rooted deep in history. It's home to the start of the mid-1800s Colorado Gold Rush. Journey back in time with a tour of the Phoenix Gold Mine which opened in 1875. Before you head underground for a mine tour or try your hand at gold panning, let a team member know if your family needs any special accommodations. If you'd rather take in the days gone by from above ground—and with a stunning mountain view—it's "all aboard" the Georgetown Loop Railroad at Georgetown, Colorado's Historic Mining & Railroad Park. With wheelchair-accessible coach and parlor cars, this train ride is an adventure for all ages and abilities.

Ask for a Big Adventure: If you or your child has an adventure on their to-do list, don't be afraid to ask the outfitters in Clear Creek County. Whether it's taking a 4-wheelin' 4x4 up above tree line, flying through the trees on a zipline, or taking on the rapids of Clear Creek, local adventure businesses want to make it work for visitors with all abilities. So, if you want to know what's possible for your unique abilities, please ask.

**Refuel & Recharge:** Whether it's for breakfast, lunch, or dinner, the local Clear Creek County restaurants, breweries, and cafés have the menus to satisfy every hungry adventurer. Colorado foodie favorites like Beau Jo's Pizza in Idaho Springs and Guanella Pass Brewery in Georgetown provide the eats explorers need and have wheelchair access. If an overnight stay is in the plans, but you'd rather not stay in the Great Outdoors, opt to rest for the evening at the wheelchair-accessible Aspen Cabin in Lawson Adventure Park & Resort or one of the five ADA-accessible rooms at the new Microtel in Georgetown, which opened in January 2021.

Hope to see you all soon: Needless to say, one visit won't be enough to experience everything Clear Creek County has offer. Be sure to keep your eye on the Mighty Argo Mill & Tunnel that is planning to debut a 1.2-mile cable car line that will hoist visitors of all abilities up more than 1,300 feet to breathtaking views of the Rocky Mountains.

Scenic Drives

#### **Guanella Pass Scenic and Historic Byway**

Open Memorial Day weekend through mid-November, weather permitting. Take I-70 to Exit 228 for Georgetown and follow the signs to Downtown Historic Georgetown and the Scenic Byway. Approximately 23 miles long, Guanella Pass Scenic and Historic Byway follows the original wagon-route linking the Colorado mining towns of Georgetown and Grant. As of 2016, the road is fully paved connecting Interstate 70 to US Highway 285.

Along the way you will experience mountain lakes, water falls, incredible flora and fauna, wildlife, campgrounds, and trail heads. This Colorado Byway is especially beautiful in the fall as the Aspen trees put on their best and shower the byway with leaves of gold. For road opening/closure information call (303) 679-2422 x2 or visit: www.bit.ly/GuanellaPass

#### **Mount Evans Scenic and Historic Byway**

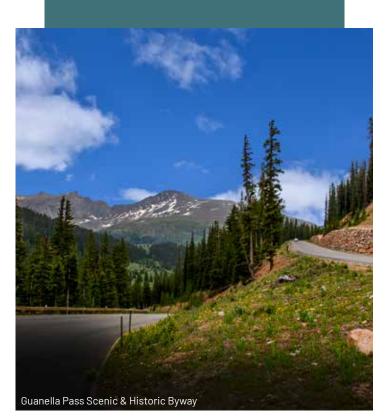
Highway 103 to Echo Lake and the Highway 5 intersection is open year-round. Highway 5 to the summit of Mount Evans requires a reservation. This section of the Byway typically opens the Friday before Memorial Day and closes on Labor Day with the lower section of Highway 103 to Summit Lake remaining open through the first weekend of October, weather permitting.



Timed Entry Vehicle information: www.recreation.gov/timed-entry/10087438/ticket/10087439

Take I-70 to Idaho Springs, Exit 240 and follow the signs to Highway 103 and Mount Evans. Drive south 14 miles and turn onto Highway 5, which will take you approximately 14 more miles to the Mount Evans summit. From Exit 240, drive time is approximately one hour to the summit.

Just before Highway 5 you will arrive at Echo Lake and the Echo Lake Lodge Restaurant and Gift Shop. This is a great place to stretch your legs, enjoy great food, or simply pick up a few souvenirs. It is also the last stop for running water and restrooms before reaching the summit. Afterwards, jump back in the car, turn onto Highway 5, check-in with your timed entry pass at the Forest Service Welcome Station and continue up the remaining 14 miles of the highest paved road in the Northern Hemisphere!



On your drive up you will pass several mountain lakes and wind through the gorgeous alpine meadows, ancient bristlecone pine forest with miles of undisturbed tundra, amazing plant life, and plentiful wildlife. Additionally, many of the flora and fauna life zones are the same as those found at the Arctic Circle. Along the way, you may even see mountain goats, marmots, and many more animals – we only ask that you DO NOT FEED any wildlife.

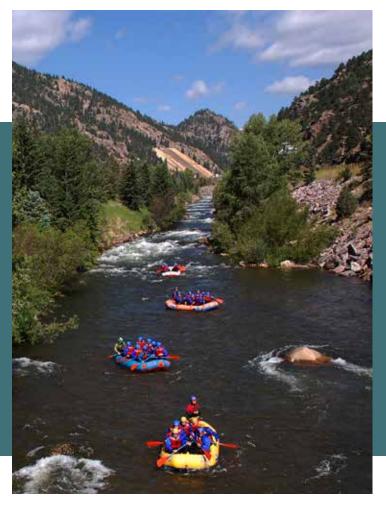
Stop by the Mount Goliath Nature Area, known as the highest cultivated garden in the U.S. managed by the Denver Botanical Gardens and USFS. Step inside the Dos Chappell Nature Center and explore the 1.5 mile (one way) M. Walter Pesman Trail. Next, enjoy a visit to Summit Lake and then complete your drive by arriving at the upper parking lot. Here enjoy visiting the Crest House ruins, or climb the last 1/4 mile to the 14,265' summit. Stunning views of the Rocky Mountain Range, Continental Divide, and the entire Front Range. It is cooler at the top so bring a sweatshirt, jacket and sturdy shoes ~ no flip flops please! For more information visit: www.bit.ly/MtEvansByway

### Oh My Gawd Road (Virginia Canyon Road)

Open year-round. Take I-70 to Idaho Springs, Exit 240 and turn north onto 13th then continue to Colorado Boulevard and turn right. Just past 17th take a slight left onto Placer Street, and then turn left onto Virginia Canyon Road (Oh My Gawd Road). Be sure to stay to the right at unmarked roads along the way.

This shortcut to Central City ("richest square mile on earth") gets its name from its spectacular views as well as its unpaved, rocky roads, narrow and curving lanes. The canyon is filled with old mining sites. To experience the area like travelers of yesterday, some drive the road in search of gold, others to see the ghost town at Russell Gulch, and some for the scenic beauty of Mount Evans and the Continental Divide as they travel between Idaho Springs and the gambling communities of Central City and Blackhawk. No matter the reason, this wild ride is sure to offer an adventure for all.

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# County Permitted Outfitters

- AVA Idaho Springs
   431 Chicago Creek Road, Idaho Springs
   www.coloradorafting.net
   (800) 370-0581
- Browns Canyon Rafting \*Please call for reservations www.raftbrownscanyon.com (719) 275-2890
- Clear Creek Rafting Co.
   350 Whitewater Road, Idaho Springs
   www.clearcreekrafting.com
   (303) 567-1000 or (800) 353-9901
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   409 East Park Avenue, Empire
   www.raftcoloradowhitewater.com
   (303) 848-4595

- GeoTours Whitewater Raft Trips
   229 Colorado Hwy 8, Morrison
   www.georafting.com
   (800) 660-7238
- KODI Rafting 999 County Road 308, Dumont www.whitewatercolorado.com (970) 668-1548
- Lawson Adventure Park & Resort 3440 Alvarado Road, Lawson www.lawsonadventurepark.com (720) 779-2595
- Liquid Descent
   1896 Stanley Road, Idaho Springs
   www.coloradorafting.com
   (970) 372-2870
- MAD Adventures
   20 West Dumont Road, Dumont
   www.madadventures.com
   (970) 726-5290 or (800) 451-4844

- Mile-Hi Rafting 1743 Miner St., Idaho Springs www.milehirafting.com (303) 567-0717
- Performance Tours, Inc.
   (Groups Only by Reservation)
   1041 County Road 308, Dumont
   www.performancetours.com
   (800) 328-7238
- Raft Masters
   2804 Colorado Blvd., Idaho Springs
   www.raftmasters.com
   (719) 275-6645
- Rocky Mountain Whitewater
   1313 Idaho Street, Idaho Springs
   www.gorafting.co
   (303) 900-4802
- The Adventure Company \*Please call for reservations www.theadventurecompany.com (800) 497-7238

# Fishing

A Colorado vacation is always fun when combining camping, hiking and fishing. Clear Creek County offers adventures for every type of mountain angler, starting just 20 miles west of Denver. From high alpine lakes and streams to local reservoirs, anglers can hike, 4-wheel, or simply exit I-70 to pursue Brown Trout, Rainbow Trout, and Brook Trout. Some of Clear Creek County's alpine lakes even contain populations of Lake Trout. In the cold winter months, many enjoy ice fishing on Georgetown Lake.

With Clear Creek's headwaters at the foot of the Continental Divide, Clear Creek flows east through the towns of Georgetown and Idaho Springs and eventually into the South Platte River. There are several beautiful access points that have been installed along Clear Creek stretching from Silver Plume to the west to Idaho Springs and U.S. Highway 6 to the east. These improvements offer exceptional recreational fishing opportunities with ease of access.

Additionally Mount Evans Trout Fishing at Grandma and Grandpa's Fishing Pond is an excellent spot to bring children of all ages, and since this is a privately owned pond, there is no need for a fishing license. Located a few miles outside of Idaho Springs along the Mount Evans Scenic and Historic Byway (Highway 103) Grandma and Grandpa's Fishing Pond offers the perfect balance of nature and close proximity to the City of Idaho Springs. Complete with







- Clear Creek Outdoors
   1516 Miner Street, Idaho Springs www.clearcreekoutdoors.com
   (303) 567-1500
- Colorado Parks and Wildlife Buy Online: www.cpwshop.com
- Downieville Fuel Stop Sinclair
   1039 County Road 308, Downieville
   (303) 567-4730
- Safeway 2425 Miner Street, Idaho Springs (303) 567-4471
- Town of Georgetown 404 6th Street, Georgetown (303) 569-2555





a generously stocked pond of Rainbow Trout in the heart of the Rocky Mountains, this favorite fishing hole is also known for it's atmosphere, reasonable prices, and charming cabins if you would like extend your trip by staying overnight.

If fishing alongside Clear Creek, lakeside at Georgetown Lake, or throughout the County, be sure to pick up a fishing license. A fishing license is required for people 16 and older to buy and carry with them to fish or take fish, amphibians and crustaceans, except as prohibited. Those under 16 can take a full bag and possession limit without a license. However, they must have a second-rod stamp if fishing with a second line. Please visit www.cpwshop.com to purchase your license online, or purchase a license at a local retailer.

Additionally, Habitat Stamps are now required for all anglers ages 18–64. Stamp must be purchased before buying or applying for a fishing license. Anyone who holds a free lifetime fishing license, a veteran's lifetime combination small game/fishing license or are approved for the Big Game Mobility Impaired Hunting Program is exempt from the Habitat Stamp requirement.

Please visit www.bit.ly/FishingBrochure or www.cpw.state.co.us for more information.

### PROTECTED CUTTHROAT WATERS

There are various Cutthroat Conservation and Recreation Waters throughout Colorado where fishing is allowed by artificial flies and lures only, and all cutthroat trout must be returned to the water immediately upon catch. These restrictions protect the growing number of cutthroat trout streams and lakes that are being included in conservation and recovery efforts. More info: www. vimeo.com/294196652



Enjoy an afternoon on the Georgetown Loop Railroad®- one of Colorado's first visitor attractions! Completed in 1884, this spectacular stretch of three-foot narrow gauge railroad was considered an engineering marvel for its time. In 1973, the Colorado Historical Society began restoring the railroad at its 978-acre Georgetown Loop Historic Mining and Railroad Park.

For nearly 120 years, steam-powered locomotives were the backbone of commerce, hauling passengers and cargo throughout the United States. Today, two "iron horses" are preserved, maintained, and operated at the Georgetown Loop. History Colorado and Historic Rail Adventures are pleased to share these train treasures with the public and welcome your support as a rider and in their preservation efforts.

### Tickets: www.GeorgetownLoopRR.com or call (888) 456-6777

Engine 9 is a three truck Shay locomotive built in 1923 by Lima Locomotive Works. All wheels are driven on this logging locomotive by three 12"x15" vertical engines through a flexible drive line and gear reduction on the right hand (engineer's) side. To compensate for the engine weight the boiler sits off center to the left. This 80-ton locomotive is one of the three largest narrow gauge Shays ever built, producing 36,150 pounds of tractive effort. It carries 200-psi boiler pressure and is superheated.

In February of 2011 the Shay 9 arrived in Silver Plume, Colorado as a result of a new lease agreement and underwent 15 months

of work in order to make the locomotive operational for the Loop Railroad - officially entering into service in July of 2012.

Engine 111 was built by the Baldwin Locomotive Works in 1926. Upon completion, It was delivered to the International Railway of Central America in El Salvador. It was subsequently returned to the U.S. to be used on the Sundown and Southern Railroad, which never ran it. After sitting on display in Breckenridge, Colorado, it was then moved to the Silver Plume station for rebuilding. It has been in service at the Loop since 2016.

Rocky Mountain Steel Mills (formerly Colorado Fuel & Iron) of Pueblo donated Diesel Engine No. 21, a 1940s-era, 44-ton General Electric diesel/electric locomotive to the Colorado Historical Society to use for backup operations and maintenance at the Loop. The railroad industry nicknamed this particular type of locomotive "Critter" or "Big Critter" as it pulled tons of steel ingots at the plant and operated in that capacity until the 1980s. The engine then sat idle and unnoticed in a field for many years. In 2004, staff at the plant recognized its historic value and donated it to the society as narrow gauge locomotives in this weight class are becoming very rare due to modernization and the switch to standard gauge equipment.

This is a partial article taken from *"Marvelous Machinery: Steampowered Giants - Steam engines were the foundation of the Industrial Revolution"* - Full article can be found at bit.ly/steam-powered-giants



4x4 Guided Tours

- ATV Tours Colorado
   3627 Alvarado Road, Dumont
   www.atvtourscolorado.com
   (303) 868-0874
- Lawson Adventure Park & Resort
   3440 Alvarado Road, Lawson
   www.lawsonadventurepark.com
   (855) 372-7238
- Native Jeeps
   1047 Miner St., Idaho Springs
   www.nativejeeps.com
   (303) 968-6258

## Challenge Course

- Colorado Adventure Center Sky Trek - Aerial Park 2697 Stanley Road, Dumont www.raftingcolorado.com (970) 945-6737 Featuring over 55 challenging obstacles, elements and ziplines with three distinct routes for adventurers of all ages and abilities.
- Lawson Adventure Park & Resort
   3440 Alvarado Road, Lawson
   www.lawsonadventurepark.com
   (855) 372-7238
   This challenge course is sure to

please! Users will walk away with a sense of accomplishment and a fun way to build confidence and inner strength.

Fishing + Hunting Licenses

Clear Creek Outdoors
 1516 Miner Street, Idaho Springs
 www.clearcreekoutdoors.com
 (303) 567-1500





- Colorado Parks and Wildlife
   Buy Online: www.cpwshop.com
- Downieville Fuel Stop Sinclair 1039 County Rd. #308, Downieville (303) 567-4730
- Safeway 2425 Miner Street, Idaho Springs (303) 567-4471
- Town of Georgetown 404 6th Street, Georgetown www.townofgeorgetown.us (303) 569-2555

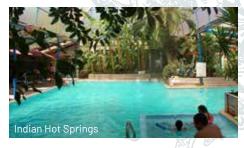
# Frishee + Disc Golf

- Easterseals Colorado at Rocky Mountain Village 2644 Alvarado Road, Empire www.easterseals.com/co (303) 569-2333 (Closed for camp May - August)
- Ghost Town Course
   80 Lower Russel Gulch Rd., Central City
   (303) 582-3083
- Lawson Adventure Park & Resort
   3440 Alvarado Road, Lawson
   www.lawsonadventurepark.com
   (855) 372-7238

Gear Dentals

• Black Diamond Ski and Cycles 1540 Argentine St., Georgetown www.blackdiamondskirentals.com (303) 569-2283

- Breeze Ski & Snowboard Rentals
   999 County Road 308, Downieville
   www.skirentals.com
   (303) 629-0111
- Exit 240 Ski & Bike Rental 1313 Idaho St., Idaho Springs www.gotskirental.com (303) 567-2220
- HARB Ski Systems
   107 County Road 308, Dumont
   www.harbskisystems.com
   (303) 567-0679
- Little Bear Bicycle Outfitters Specializing in eBike Rentals 1743 Miner St., Idaho Springs (720) 764-2526
- Loveland Ski Area Sport Shop Exit 216 Interstate 70, Georgetown www.skiloveland.com (303) 571-5580
- Maison De Ski
   2804 Colorado Blvd., Idaho Springs
   www.maisondeski.com
   (303) 567-2044
- Selfsponsored Snow and Dirt 291 County Road 308, Dumont www.selfsponsored.co (303) 567-2098



## Hot Springs

### Indian Hot Springs

302 Soda Creek Road, Idaho Springs www.indianhotsprings.com (303) 989-6666 125 degree pure mineral water flows directly into the indoor family friendly pool, gender specific caves, private baths and outdoor Jacuzzis.

### Ice Racing

• Our Gang Ice Racing Club Georgetown Lake, Georgetown www.ourgangiceracing.com (303) 331-2886 Events are open to all 4WD and AWD vehicles. The season typically runs Jan-Feb, weather permitting.

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Ice Skating

 Clear Creek Recreation Center 98 12th Avenue, Idaho Springs www.clearcreekrecreation.com (303) 567-4822 Available year-round on the Glice[®] ice rink and at Werlin Park in the winter.



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 19285 Highway 103, Idaho Springs
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Exit 216 Interstate 70, Georgetown www.skiloveland.com (303) 571-5580 Colorado's true winter wonderland, just 53 miles west of Denver, 1,800 acres of terrain, FREE snowcat skiing and more snow than any Front Range or Summit County resort. Ask about the "Day Tripper" package that includes lift ticket, equipment and clothing rental.

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• ECHO Mountain Resort 19285 Highway 103, Idaho Springs

www.echomountainresort.com (970) 531-5038 Come tube and enjoy incredible views of the Continental Divide! Complete with a conveyor lift, choose from solo chutes to race friends, or the party lane where you can link up with family and friends! Reservations required.

Via Ferratta

- AVA Colorado Zipline Tours 431 Chicago Creek Rd., Idaho Springs www.coloradozipline.net (800) 370-0581
- Lawson Adventure Park & Resort 3440 Alvarado Road, Lawson www.lawsonadventurepark.com (855) 372-7238

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AVA Colorado Zipline Tours

 431 Chicago Creek Rd., Idaho Springs
 www.coloradozipline.net
 (800) 370-0581
 Cliff-side course on a wooded
 mountainside with 6 zips of varying
 lengths and intensity through
 beautiful trees over Chicago Creek.



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 Colorado Adventure Center Zipline Adventures

2697 Stanley Road, Dumont www.zippingcolorado.com (877) ZIP-RAFT or (800) 808-0357 Experience the thrill of soaring through the tree tops with breath taking views. Climb 65 foot towers and experience 8 separate zips totaling one mile while crossing over Clear Creek. Don't forget to ask about raft and zip packages at their basecamp facility.

• Lawson Adventure Park & Resort 3440 Alvarado Road, Lawson www.lawsonadventurepark.com (855) 372-7238 Dual ziplines built directly into the trees surrounding you with beautiful Rocky Mountain nature. Don't just zipline; climb 250 feet up granite cliffs by way of Via Ferrata then zip all the way back down to the ground. Be sure to ask about activity package rates.



Tours + Experiences







Art Galleries

- Clear Creek Glass and Gifts
 612 7th Street, Georgetown
 www.clearcreekinn.co/glass-gallery
 (303) 569-2742
- Gallery of Fine Art 612 6th Street #B, Georgetown www.georgetowngalleryco.com (303) 569-2218
- Glenbrook Gallery
 125 Park Avenue, Empire
 www.coloradocreations.net
 (303) 569-3000
- Grizzly Creek Gallery
 512 6th Street, Georgetown
 www.grizzlycreekgallery.com
 (303) 569-0433
- Majestic Gallery

 1636 Miner Street, Idaho Springs
 www.themajesticgallery.com
 (303) 567-9303

Stonehenge Gallery

514 6th Street, Georgetown www.stonehengecolorado.com (303) 569-2153

Cultural Arts Center

 Georgetown Heritage Center
 809 Taos Street, Georgetown
 www.georgetowntrust.org
 (303) 569-0289
 The beautifully restored 1874
 Georgetown Schoolhouse is the perfect place to celebrate the past, exhibit and practice traditional crafts and fine arts, hear lectures, enjoy
 live performances and other leisure activities, as well as hold meetings and conferences. Also home to Clear
 Creek County's Library District Local
 History Archive.

Gold & Silver Mine Tours

 Argo Mill and Tunnel
 2350 Riverside Drive, Idaho Springs www.argomilltour.com
 (303) 567-2421
 In 1894 the longest mining tunnel in the world connected Idaho Springs

and Central City. This historic mill and tunnel tour with gold and gem stone panning is open year round, weather permitting.

Capital Prize Mine

1016 Biddle Street, Georgetown www.capitalprizegoldmine.com (303) 569-2468 Easy walk taking you over 1,000' into the mountain. View several gold veins, experience candle light, and explore a stope. Learn about drilling, blasting, mucking and mining importance. Open year round.

• Edgar Experimental Mine 365 Eighth Avenue, Idaho Springs mining.mines.edu/edgar-experimental-mine (303) 567-2911

Tours take one hour and go a half mile underground. This mine is run by the students and faculty of the Colorado School of Mines who use traditional mining techniques and latest advances in technology. Groups of 10 or more with reservation.

• Argo Mill and Tunnel • Lebanon and Everett Mines at the Georgetown Loop Railroad

646 Loop Drive, Georgetown 825 Railroad Avenue, Silver Plume www.georgetownlooprr.com (888) 456-6777

Enhance your train ride with optional silver mine tours, located at the halfway point on the railroad. Choose from three options. Open May through January.

Phoenix Gold Mine

800 Trail Creek Road, Idaho Springs www.phoenixgoldmine.com (303) 567-0422 Explore a working gold mine, see a gold ore vein, and pan for gold in the stream. Fun for the whole family, all ages and abilities. Open daily 10am-5pm, weather permitting.

Museum Tours

Alice Schoolhouse

271 Silver Creek Road, Alice

www.facebook.com/alicehistoricalsociety (303) 519-0444

The Alice Schoolhouse served the community children from 1896 until 1906. A kitchen and bathroom were added in the 1980s. In 2012 it was re-established by the Historical Society and reopened as a community center and museum. Viewing by appointment only.

George Rowe Museum

315 Main Street, Silver Plume www.facebook.com/GeorgeRoweMuseum (303) 569-2562 Built in 1894, and designed by William Quayle, this schoolhouse served the community children until 1959 and continues to tell the history of this authentic silver mining town. Open Memorial Day to Labor Day and weekends in September.

Georgetown Energy Museum

600 Griffith Street, Georgetown www.georgetownenergymuseum.org (303) 569-3557 An educational tour of the history of energy and power at a fully functioning and operational hydroelectric generating plant that has been in operation since 1900. Open Memorial Day to Labor Day. Group tours by appointment.

 Georgetown's Firefighting Museum at Hose House No. 2

507 5th Street, Georgetown www.historicgeorgetown.org (303) 569-2840 Exhibits include hose carts, a hand

pulled hook and ladder wagon, memorabilia, and the tower with hose drying racks and a fire alarm system utilizing a telegraph device to activate the bell. Open Memorial Day through Labor Day.

• Hamill House Museum

305 Argentine Street, Georgetown www.historicgeorgetown.org (303) 569-2840 Visit this beautifully resorted 19th century home boasting lovely, authentic features! The property also includes a carriage house, office building, a laundry/summer kitchen, and a spacious six-seater privy.

Hotel de Paris Museum
 409 Sixth Street, Georgetown
 www.hoteldeparismuseum.org
 (303) 569-2311
 Built by Frenchman Louis Dupuy

in 1878 as an elegant hotel, now a National Trust for Historic Preservation site, owned/operated by The National Society of the Colonial Dames of America in the State of Colorado. Open Memorial Day through Labor Day.

Idaho Springs Heritage Museum and USFS Visitor Center

2060 Miner Street, Idaho Springs www.historicidahosprings.com (303) 567-4382 A fun and informative museum full

of unique exhibits of our mining history, early life, and the important role it played in establishing Idaho Springs, the gold rush, and the State of Colorado.

Underhill Museum

1416 Miner Street, Idaho Springs www.historicidahosprings.com (303) 567-4709

A fascinating collection of mining artifacts and authentic living accommodations. Also enjoy the beautiful Victorian garden and courtyard in the summer months.

Walking + Hiking Tours

Georgetown Outdoor Discovery (Guided)

1491 Argentine Street, Georgetown www.georgetownoutdoordiscovery.com (303) 900-2672

Walking, hiking, and snowshoe tours to learn local history while engaging your senses, and tips for success on your next mountain adventures.

Historic Tour of Empire

30 East Park Avenue, Empire www.bit.ly/empireinfo (303) 569-2978 Visit the link above to print off or view the self-guided walking tour around the Town of Empire.

Historic Tour of Georgetown

1491 Argentine Street, Georgetown www.Georgetown-Colorado.org (303) 569-2405 Stop by the Gateway Visitor Center

for a printed walking tour guide complete with photos, directions and information about the area.

Historic Tour of Idaho Springs

2060 Miner Street, Idaho Springs www.historicidahosprings.com (303) 567-4382

Stop by the Heritage Museum and USFS Visitor Center for a printed walking tour guide complete with photos, directions and information about the area.

• Historic Tour of Silver Plume 315 Main Street, Silver Plume

(303) 569-2562 Stop by the George Rowe Museum for a printed walking tour guide complete with photos, directions and information about the area.

Idaho Springs Historic Walking Tours (Guided)

www.ldahoSpringsWalkingTours.com (888) 671-8687

Walk back in time and hear about the history, architecture, culture and folklore plus info on popular sites for activities, attractions and more.

Silver Queen Walking Tours (Guided)

614 Taos Street, Georgetown www.silverqueenwalkingtours.com (720) 608-0609

Specially themed historic walking tours in the National Historic Landmark District sharing the legacy of the Old West's colorful narrative populated by stories of Louis Dupuy, Aunt Clara and Silver Baron William Arthur Hamill. Tours last 1.5 - 2 hours and cover approximately one mile.







Idaho Springs + Evergreen

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- Canyon Outpost 1508 Miner Street, Idaho Springs (303) 567-2906
- Canyon Trading 1527 Miner Street, Idaho Springs www.canyontradingco.wordpress.com (303) 567-4116
- Clear Creek Outdoors
 1516 Miner Street, Idaho Springs
 www.clearcreekoutdoors.com
 (303) 567-1500
- Clear Creek Supply/Car Quest
 2448 Colorado Blvd., Idaho Springs
 (303) 567-2693
- Colorado Souvenirs and Gifts 1503 Miner Street, Idaho Springs (303) 567-2630
- Dancing Dog Pet Supply 1241 Miner Street, Idaho Springs www.facebook.com/dancingdogcolorado (303) 519-0447
- Echo Lake Lodge Gift Shop 13264 Chicago Creek Rd., Idaho Springs www.echolakelodgeco.com (303) 567-2138



- Echos Hippie Shop 1612 Miner Street, Idaho Springs www.facebook.com/echosonminer (720) 338-2237
- Feral Mountain Co. 1630 Miner Street, Idaho Springs www.feralmountainco.com (303) 829-5681
- **Gypsum Rose Minerals & Fossils** 1800 Miner Street, Idaho Springs (303) 567-2219
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- Idaho Springs Mountain Gems 1447-B Miner Street, Idaho Springs www.idahospringsmountaingems.com (303) 567-2789
- Indian Hot Springs Gift Shop 302 Soda Creek Road, Idaho Springs www.indianhotsprings.com (303) 989-6666
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- Kind Mountain Collective
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 (720) 514-9278
- Majestic Gallery 1636 Miner Street, Idaho Springs www.themajesticgallery.com (303) 567-9303

- Margie's Place Gift Store 1534 Miner Street, Idaho Springs www.facebook.com/margiesplace (303) 567-9383
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 (303) 567-1704
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 1524 Miner Street, Idaho Springs
 (303) 567-2791
- Mountain Tool and Feed 2195 E. Idaho Springs Rd., Idaho Springs www.mountaintoolandfeed.com (303) 567-0122
- NAPA Auto Parts
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 www.napaonline.com
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 www.oddidahosprings.com
 (303) 567-2439
- Queens Wardrobe Thrift Shoppe 219 14th Street, Idaho Springs (303) 567-2382
- Ski Country Antiques 114 Homestead Road, Evergreen www.skicountryantiques.com (303) 670-8726
- Squatch Store
 2195 E. Idaho Springs Rd., Idaho Springs
 (720) 504-3412

- The Gold Mine Smoke Shop 1800 Colorado Blvd., Idaho Springs www.thegoldminesmokeshop.com (303) 567-2514
- The Guilded Fox
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 www.etsy.com/shop/TheGildedFox

www.etsy.com/shop/TheGildedFoxLtd (720) 987-5513

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1538 Miner Street, Idaho Springs (720) 479-8775

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 www.sudsorama.com
 (303) 567-0428

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• The Wild Grape 1435 Miner Street, Idaho Springs (303) 567-4670

• Tibet Jewel 1434 Miner Street, Idaho Springs (720) 412-6383

• Town Office Supply 1437 Miner Street, Idaho Springs (303) 567-9222

• Vivid Earth Tie Dyes 1535 Miner Street, Idaho Springs www.vividearth.com (800) 233-5416

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- Breeze/Max 999 County Road 308, Downieville www.skirentals.com (303) 567-2087
- HARB Ski Systems
 107 County Road 308, Downieville
 www.harbskisystems.com
 (303) 567-0679
- Selfsponsored Snow & Dirt 291 County Road 308, Dumont www.selfsponsored.co (303) 567-2098

Empire

- Colorado Country General Store (Inside Lewis Sweet Shop)
 6 East Park Avenue, Empire www.facebook.com/ColoradoCountryEmpire (303) 569-2456
- Glenbrook Gallery
 125 West Park Avenue, Empire
 www.ColoradoCreations.net
 (303) 569-3000
- J.R. Clockmaker
 42 East Park Avenue, Empire
 www.jrclockmaker.com
 (303) 919-6182

Georgetown

- Annalisa's Accents
 507 6th Street, Georgetown
 (303) 590-5264
- Barking Loop Pet Supply Store 410 6th Street, Georgetown www.thebarkingloop.com (720) 419-5280
- Buckskin Trading Company 506 6th Street, Georgetown www.buckskintradingcompany.com (303) 569-2050
- Chef's Corner 406 6th Street, Georgetown (303) 842-5203
- Clear Creek Glass & Gifts
 612 7th Street, Georgetown
 (303) 569-2742
- Columbine Corner
 614 Sixth Street, Georgetown
 www.columbinecorner.com
 (970) 368-3279
- Colorado T-Shirt and Espresso Store
 1510 Argentine Street, Georgetown
 www.facebook.com/
 coloradotshirtandespressostore
- Create A Papercrafting Studio 600 Rose Street, Georgetown (405) 919-0052

• End of The Line Colorado Wear 503 6th Street, Georgetown www.georgetownloopgifts.com (303) 569-2058

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• Family Dollar

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- Georgetown Gallery of Fine Art 612 Sixth Street, Georgetown www.georgetowngalleryco.com (303) 569-2218
- Georgetown Gateway Visitor Center

1491 Argentine Street, Georgetown www.georgetowntrust.org (303) 569-2405

- Georgetown Jerky & Emporium
 509 Rose Street, Georgetown
 www.georgetownjerky.com
 (405) 919-0052
- Georgetown Rock Shop 501 6th Street, Georgetown www.facebook.com/TheGeorgetownRockShop (303) 569-2750
- Georgetown Valley Candy Co 500 6th Street, Georgetown www.shopgvcc.com (303) 569-2778

• Grizzly Creek Gallery, Inc. 512 6th Street, Georgetown www.grizzlycreekgallery.com (303) 569-0433

- Kneisel & Anderson Grocery 511 6th Street, Georgetown (303) 569-2650
- Mountain Mamas' Needful Things
 710 6th Street, Georgetown
 www.mountainmamasllc.com
 (303) 569-5116
- My Lovely Company
 504 6th Street, Georgetown
 (303) 569-5062

Shopping

- Georgetown (Continued...)
 - Ophelia's Antiques
 606 6th Street, Georgetown
 (303) 569-2336
 - Railroad Art by Scotty
 509 6th Street, Georgetown
 www.facebook.com/RailroadArtbyScotty
 (303) 569-2600
 - Removing the Veil 612 6th Street, Georgetown www.removingtheveilllc.com (251) 455-2396



- Shoppe International 604 6th Street, Georgetown (303) 569-2495
- Stonehenge Gallery 514 6th Street, Georgetown www.stonehengecolorado.com (303) 569-2153
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 www.thequiltedpurl.com
 (303) 569-1115
- The Trading Post 510 6th Street, Georgetown (303) 569-3375

Silver Plume

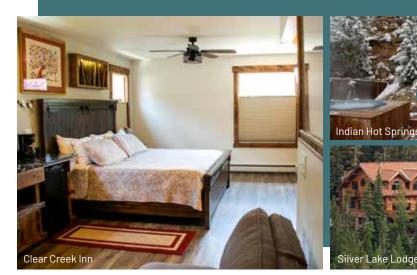
 The Good Bower Apothecary 940 Main Street, Silver Plume www.thegoodbower.co *Open by appointment

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- Blackstone Rivers Ranch 3673 Chicago Creek Rd., Idaho Springs www.blackstoneriversranch.com (303) 567-2339
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- Flying Moon Cabins 104 W. Chicago Creek Rd., Idaho Springs www.flyingmooncabins.com
- H & H Motor Lodge 2445 Colorado Blvd., Idaho Springs (303) 567-2838
- Idaho Springs Motel 2631 Colorado Blvd., Idaho Springs (303) 567-2242
- Indian Hot Springs 302 Soda Creek Road, Idaho Springs www.indianhotsprings.com (303) 989-6666

- Mt. Evans Trout Fishing & Cabins 4125 Highway 103, Idaho Springs www.mtevanstroutfishingco.com www.facebook.com/mtevanstrout (303) 567-4017
- The Silver Lake Lodge B&B 336 Crest Drive, Idaho Springs www.thesilverlakelodge.com (303) 567-9299
- Uplift Inn (Formerly JC Suites) 2729 Colorado Blvd., Idaho Springs www.upliftinn.com (303) 567-9263

Evergreen

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Lawson

 Lawson Adventure Park & Resort 3440 Alvarado Road, Lawson www.lawsonadventurepark.com (855) 372-7238

Empire

- Easterseals Colorado at **Rocky Mountain Village** (Closed for camp May - August) 2644 Alvarado Road, Empire www.coloradodirectory.com/easterseals www.easterseals.com/co (303) 569-2333
- Mad Creek Guesthouse/ 167 West Park Avenue, Empire www.madcreekguesthouse.com (303) 569-2003

Lodging

Georgetown ******

- Clear Creek Inn 610 7th Street, Georgetown www.ClearCreekInn.co (303) 569-2742
- **Georgetown Lodge** 1600 Argentine Street, Georgetown www.georgetownlodge.com (303) 569-3211
- Georgetown Mountain Inn 1100 Rose Street, Georgetown www.georgetownmountaininn.com (303) 569-3201
- Hotel Chateau Chamonix 1414 Argentine Street, Georgetown www.hotelchateauchamonix.com (303) 569-1109



- . **Microtel Inn and Suites** 2190 Argentine Street, Georgetown www.bit.ly/GTmicrotel (720) 741-8989
- Rose Street Bed and Breakfast 200 Rose Street, Georgetown www.rosestreetbnb.com (303) 578-7844

Silver Plume

 The Historic Windsor Hotel **Bed and Breakfast** 515 Woodward Street, Silver Plume www.historicwindsorhotel.com (303) 999-6010



NIGHTLIFE IN GEORGETOWN COLORADO, INCLUDING A DOWNTOWN BED AND BREAKFAST

Let's face it, one does not visit Georgetown, Colorado, for the nightlife. This charming, 1800s mining town, 45 minutes west of Denver, gets quiet after dark. However, there are a few places that stay open late where visitors can go for a drink and a laugh.

We visited Georgetown at the end of July and stayed downtown at Rose Street Bed & Breakfast. We stayed here 11 years ago when it was under different ownership. Between now and then it became a single-family home and then went back to being a bed and breakfast when Jamie and Justin Dowd bought it.

There are several very good reasons to stay at the Rose Street B&B. First of all, it's located a stone's throw from Guanella Brewery and it's on the Guanella Pass Scenic Byway, or basically the start of the byway. It would be the perfect place to stay in the fall for those interested in exploring, hiking, and photographing this stunning scenic byway.

We were in the Guanella Pass Room, sense a theme here? It features a huge jetted tub in the main room making it great for a romantic getaway. Breakfast comes with the stay as does tea, coffee, and other goodies provided by Jamie.

Not only is breakfast delicious and attractive, but the house also is not one of those "doily bed and breakfasts" that makes Ryan uncomfortable. The interior design is the right mixture of Victorian charm and non-cluttered milieu that we prefer in 2021.

Guests of Rose Street Bed & Breakfast are encouraged to decorate a rock to leave in the Painted Rock Garden. They provide everything you'll need. Ryan's artistic ability came in handy and his creation can be spotted immediately, while my addition will remain anonymous.

As written above, there is a brewery within a stumble of the bed and breakfast. Guanella Pass Brewing Company serves up slices of pizza alongside their craft beer. It's a favorite of locals and dogs. Check their Facebook page or call for current hours of operation. There are two places I would highly recommend for afterhours activities such as having a glass of wine and listening to live music. They are both downtown and within easy walking distance of the bed and breakfast. We hit both during our stay.

First up, we visited Sweet Easy for drinks and a piece of pie. Stylish with a huge colorful mural on the wall and scattered Victorian seating, this place is not your grandmother's pie shop, but you could safely take her here.

While owner Les shakes drinks to perfection, his wife and co-owner, Veronica is pie maker extraordinaire. Think a slice of Mountain Berry with your Manhattan, or a slice of Banana Cream Pie with a Honey Bee (usually made with rum, honey and lemon). Fresh cookies are on the menu here too. Baked while you wait.

Sweet Easy also serves up bowls of warm truffle fries that will leave you happy, thirsty and craving more.

We also went to 511 Rose, about a one-minute walk from Sweet Easy and on the same street as Rose Street Bed & Breakfast. This is a restaurant, saloon and boutique. Everything is for sale, even the chairs. There seemed to be a lot of upscale motorcycle art for sale right now.

We ordered a couple of drinks and listened to Rob Solomon, the 511 Rose's "music man" sing and play on the balcony upstairs. His beautiful rendition of Harvest Moon brought a tear to my eye. I went to sleep many nights listening to my dad strumming Neil Young, among other singer/songwriters, downstairs.

We live in a changing world right now, so it is best to call these spots in advance for hours of operation. Right now, the brewery closes at 9 pm, 511 Rose at 8 pm and Sweet Easy closes at 9 pm.

Thank you to Visit Clear Creek County for hosting my stay in beautiful Georgetown, Colorado.

Article written by Heidi Kerr-Schlaefer of HeidiTown.com



Craft beer is one of the things that makes Clear Creek County special. Tour our unique mountain microbreweries and taste pours you won't find anywhere else. In fact people from all over the world come to imbibe and enjoy, including Australian Beer Magazine - FROTH, who made a special visit to our local breweries to taste our best brews!

Call ahead to arrange a behind-the-scenes look while learning about the fun, fascinating process to make these unparalleled craft beers, complete with beer history, brewing methods, and specialty beer ingredients.



Craft Breweries

Cabin Creek Brewing

577 22nd Street, Georgetown www.cabincreekbrewing.com (720) 619-7264

Blending tradition with innovation to create mind blowing craft beer, artisan sandwiches, gourmet burgers, and New York style pizza. Cabin style restaurant offers unrivaled views of the lake and Rocky Mountains.

• Clear Creek Cidery Tavern & Taps 1446 Miner Street, Idaho Springs www.clearcreekcider.com

(303) 567-2158

Clear Creek Cidery provides a fresh take on the whole cider-and-pub aesthetic while maintaining a rustic look and feel. Stay tuned as the Clear Creek Cidery is expanding and working hard to bring you their own self-branded line of ciders!

Guanella Pass Brewery

501 Rose Street, Georgetown www.guanellapass.com (303) 569-5167

The main brewery is located at the base of Guanella Pass Scenic and Historic Byway with a second location in Empire. This is a true mountain brewery that believes where you drink beer is just as important as what beer you drink.

Guanella Pass Brewery Taproom (Empire) 18 East Park Avenue, Empire (Inside Original Hard Rock Cafe) www.guanellapass.com (720) 739-2337

Tommyknocker Brewery

1401 Miner Street, Idaho Springs www.tommyknocker.com (303) 567-2688

Crafting award winning ales and lagers for more than 20 years! Take a tour of their "GREEN" brewery in Historic Idaho Springs and see how their specialty beers are crafted. Be sure to ask about the legend of the Tommyknocker and how these spirits were active in Clear Creek County's mining history.

Westbound & Down Brewery

1617 Miner Street, Idaho Springs www.westboundanddown.com (720) 502-3121

We love beer. Even more, we love sharing with our friends. Brewed with a bit of Rocky Mountain air and served with a side of fresh powder. No matter what direction life takes you, stop by and let us quench your thirst for adventure.

Idaho Springs

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 1628 Miner Street, Idaho Springs
 (303) 567-2933
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 www.beaujos.com
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 (720) 502-3121
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- Clear Creek Cidery Tavern & Taps
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 www.ClearCreekCider.com
 (303) 567-2158
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- Edelweiss Pastry Shop 1520 Miner Street, Idaho Springs www.edelweisspastryshop.com (970) 309-0117
- Eric's Asian Cafe 2700 Colorado Blvd., Idaho Springs (303) 567-1166
- Frothy Cup 1510 Miner Street, Idaho Springs www.thefrothycup.com (303) 567-2622

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- Main Street Restaurant
 1518 Miner Street, Idaho Springs
 www.mainstreetrest.com
 (303) 567-2788
- Marion's of the Rockies
 2805 Colorado Blvd., Idaho Springs
 (303) 567-2925
- McDonalds
 2911 Colorado Blvd., Idaho Springs
 (303) 567-1410
- MTN Prime
 1600 Miner Street, Idaho Springs
 www.mtnprime.com
 (720) 428-8558
- One Door Down Coffee + Cocktails
 1428 Miner Street, Idaho Springs
 www.oddidahosprings.com
 (303) 567-2439
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 2736 Colorado Blvd., Idaho Springs
 www.smokinyards.com
 (303) 567-9273
- Spice and Tea Exchange 1634 Miner Street, Idaho Springs www.spiceandtea.com/idaho-springs (303) 993-8018

- Starbucks Coffee
 2900 Colorado Blvd., Idaho Springs
 (303) 567-2578
- **Subway** 2900 Colorado Blvd., Idaho Springs (303) 567-2670
- The Bee's Knees Wine Bar 1430 Miner Street, Idaho Springs (702) 236-0187
- Tommyknocker Brewery & Pub 1401 Miner Street, Idaho Springs www.tommyknocker.com (303) 567-2688
- Two Bears Tap and Grill 33295 US-6, (Exit 244) Idaho Springs www.facebook.com/twobearstapandgrill (303) 567-2227
- Two Brothers Deli
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 (303) 567-2439
- Vintage Moose 123 16th Avenue, Idaho Springs www.facebook.com/TheVintageMoose (303) 567-2375
- Westbound & Down Brewery 1617 Miner Street, Idaho Springs www.westboundanddown.com (720) 502-3121
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- Empire Dairy King 181 East Park Avenue, Empire (303) 569-3103
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- Lewis Sweet Shop 6 East Park Avenue, Empire www.lewissweetshop-empire.com (303) 569-2379
- The Backwaters Cafe 420 East Park Avenue, Empire www.backwaterscafe.com (303) 569-5093

Georgetown

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 511 Rose Street, Georgetown
 www.511rose.com
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 715 7th Street, Georgetown
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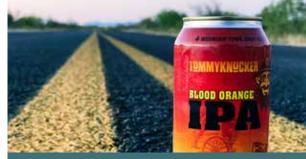
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- Mountain Mamas' Needful Things 710 6th Street, Georgetown www.mountainmamasllc.com (303) 569-5043
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- The Happy Cooker 412 6th Street, Georgetown www.happycookerrestaurant.com (303) 569-3166

 Plume Coffee Bar 855 Main Street, Silver Plume www.plumecoffeebar.com (917) 902-3684

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pringtime in the Rocky Mountains

While spring comes a little later in the mountains, by May and June it's time to get outside to play. Your adventure begins in Clear Creek County with incredible water rafting opportunities, adventure parks, and the beloved Georgetown Loop Railroad steaming up the canyon daily. Families will make lifetime memories and it's all found just west of Denver in the playground of the great Rocky Mountains!

Vay 1

White Water Rafting: Experience this iconic adventure with a local rafting company to ensure a safe and thrilling ride down Clear Creek with it's cool water and wild rapid. In fact, Clear Creek has more rapids per mile than most commercially rafted rivers in the State of Colorado! Spectacular views, wildlife, and the legendary water make this an adventure of a lifetime!

Dinner: Burgers + Bites + Beers = A winning combination and Clear Creek County has some of Colorado's best options. A few favorites are Tommyknocker Brewery, Westbound & Down, Clear Creek Cidery, Cabin Creek Brewing, and Guanella Pass Brewery

Lodging: Enjoy a good nights rest at the beautiful, new Microtel Inn and Suites by Wyndham with unbeatable panoramic views of the majestic Rocky Mountains and Georgetown Lake. Complete with indoor pool, hot tub, complimentary breakfast, and meeting space. Your perfect location for weekend getaways, family reunions, meetings, weddings and more!

Day 2

Breakfast: Start the day with a delicious breakfast burrito, togo wrap, or smothered masterpiece! For quick bites togo in Idaho Springs try Two Brothers Deli or The Frothy Cup. In Georgetown stop in Georgetown Coffee and Tea.

Outdoor Adventure: Discover outdoor family-friendly activities designed to delight all skill levels, offering something for everyone to try. Choose from: ziplines, obstacle challenge courses, rock climbing, gyro spheres, bungee trampolines, frisbee/disc golf, water walking, mechanical bulls, or via ferratta.

Memorial Day weekend is the official kick off Tusider to summer weekend in Clear Creek County!

Pack Burro Race - Idaho Springs

Museums and attractions open for the season, businesses move to summer hours, and don't miss the Annual Pack Burro Races!

Mt Evans and Guanella Pass Scenic Byways typically open for the season the Friday before Memorial Day, weather permitting.

Lunch: Head into Historic Downtown Idaho Springs to taste local suds and mouth watering entrées at Tommyknocker Brewery or visit Smokin' Yards BBQ to experience their "High Elevation BBQ" while enjoying the sights and sounds of Clear Creek off the back patio.

Outdoor Jacuzzi Soak: Spend the afternoon enjoying up to 108° hot mineral water in the grandeur of the great outdoors. The large modern Jacuzzi tubs at the Indian Hot Springs in Idaho Springs are set on a Redwood deck, surrounded on three sides by a 6ft cedar privacy fence, open to the splendor of the unspoiled mountain side and sky above.

Dinner: At MTN Prime, they are passionate about making food with locally-sourced ingredients, you'll get only the best – and fresh is the best! The food is made with Colorado Angus, grass-fed beef. This is as good as beef gets – no antibiotics, no preservatives, and never been frozen. MTN Prime offers a carefully curated menu and work every day to serve delicious food of the highest quality. Reservations recommended.



Ride the Scenic and Historic Georgetown Loop Railroad: Completed in 1884, the Georgetown Loop Railroad[®] was one of Colorado's first visitor attractions, and was considered an engineering marvel for its time. Experience the thrill of riding in open air cars as you marvel at the towering Rocky Mountains, accompanied by the sounds of Clear Creek's headwaters as they rush down the canyon. Ask about their mine tours and gold-panning to complete your adventure!

Rich with History to be Discovered

One of the first mining areas to spring up during the 1860's, Clear Creek County is a winning destination for anyone curious about or fascinated with Colorado's mining history. This Mining Heritage focused itinerary can be enjoyed by visitors of all ages and is full of great places to discover the many aspects of rich history this area is known for!

Day 1

Walking Tour: Get the "lay of the land" by taking a walking tour of any of our historic towns - Idaho Springs, Empire, Georgetown, and Silver Plume. Maps and booklets for self-guided tours are available in Idaho Springs and Georgetown. Learn about the people and places that made this area home during the Gold Rush.

Lunch: Step into Pick Axe Pizza, a mining themed pizzeria with many mining artifacts from reclaimed wood to lanterns, and miner's tools all inside an original carriage house in the heart of Downtown Idaho Springs. Serving up wood fired pizzas, burgers, tacos, and more for dine in or take out.

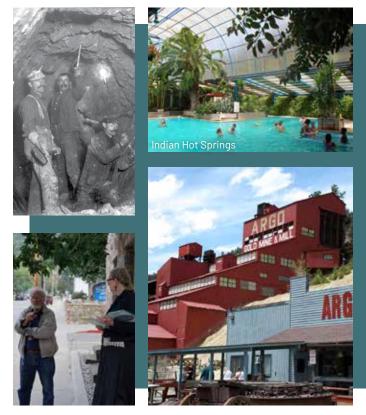
Museum Tours: With nine museums scattered throughout Clear Creek County, history buffs and inquisitive learners will need extra days to see everything! From the Idaho Springs Heritage Museum to Georgetown's Firefighting or Energy Museums, the Alice Schoolhouse or the George Rowe Museum, there is much to learn during your visit. Pick one or two or "Go for the Gold" and visit all nine!

Dinner: Spend the evening in Historic Georgetown sitting creek side in an enclosed, heated patio enjoying gourmet cuisine at Coopers on the Creek. The restaurant also features vintage photography from around Clear Creek County of the early 1800s and Colorado gold rush. Afterwards, plan to meander to Historic Downtown on 6th Street for a visit to the SweetEasy, 511 Rose Saloon, or the Guanella Pass Brewery.

Lodging: Clear Creek County offers multiple historic hotels and Bed and Breakfast to satisfy all weary travelers. One of the hidden gems is the Indian Hot Springs where you can choose from cozy accommodations in the original building, newer accommodations across the way, or unique cabins which include complimentary use of the hot springs facilities. The Indian Hot Springs offers an indoor tropical oasis community pool area, outdoor soaking redwood jacuzzi tubs, private baths, and authentic geo-thermal mountainside caves.

Day 2

Breakfast: Sleep a little longer and order in through Mountain Express Delivery service to have breakfast delivered! Or if you would rather enjoy dine in, head over to Marions of the Rockies where they've been "serving up the best breakfast for 35 years!" Or experience a traditional breakfast at the Happy Cooker who has been serving decadent waffles and more since 1974!



Mine Tours: Dig into Colorado's Historic Gold Rush and Silver Boom with a mine tour. With five mines to choose from, Clear Creek County captures the sheer magnitude of Colorado's mining history. Your mining "bucket list" should include: the ARGO Mill and Tunnel, the Capital Prize, the Edgar Experimental Mine, the Lebanon and Everett Mines, and the Phoenix Gold Mine

Dinner: For more than 25 years, Tommyknocker Brewery has been passionately crafting award winning ales and lagers. TKB has been awarded over 100 medals from a multitude of local, national, and international competitions. Pair the delicious brews with handcrafted sodas and a wide selection of mouth watering burgers, buffalo wings, soups, salads, and melts. Be sure to try the bacon-wrapped jalapeño poppers!

Outdoor Adventure: City Park in Georgetown, also known as Fosters Place, is a fun place for children to play – it has been designed to look like an old mining town and offers places for parents to rest while the children explore and play.

Additionally, enjoy a visit to Waterwheel Park and Bridal Veil Falls or enjoy a short walk up the path, across Highway 103 to up to see the Jackson Monument said to be shaped like a large golden nugget and overlooks the exact location that gold was first discovered by George A. Jackson in January of 1859 at the confluence of Chicago Creek and Clear Creek.

Itineraries



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Butler Gulch Trail

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Jones Pass LEVEL: EASY | DISTANCE: 4.1 MI ONE WAY ELEVATION START/HIGH/GAIN: 10,304'/12,456'/2,237'

GETTING HERE: Jones Pass Rd (FSR 144.1) is across from the Henderson Mine, just west of Berthoud Falls off Hwy 40, approx. address 1746 Co Rd 202, Empire, 80438. ABOUT: Jones Pass Rd travels across the Continental Divide above tree line for several miles until it dead-ends. Essentially a dirt road with a steep grade in some places, hikers, bikers and backcountry skiers find it to be challenging. A groomed winter trail open to snowmobiles, cross-country skiing, snowshoeing and fat bikes. Local business, Jones Pass Guides out of Empire offers snowcat ride service for adventurous skiers - more information, please visit www.jonespassguides.com

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LEVEL: INTERMEDIATE | DISTANCE: 4.9 MI RT ELEVATION START/HIGH/GAIN: 10.516'/11.926'/1.573 **GETTING HERE: Butler Gulch TH is located** on Jones Pass Rd (FSR 144.1), west of Berthoud Falls, approx. 0.5 mi up Road 202 from Henderson Mine, approx. address 1746 Co Rd 202, Empire, 80438. ABOUT: The trail starts out as a narrow, closed road winding up through the forest at a slight grade, but

halfway up the grade becomes steeper through spruce/fir forest until ending at an open bowl. This trail is great for viewing wildflowers in the summer and backcountry skiing, snowshoeing and fat biking in the winter. You may notice many snowshoe and ski tracks made by backcountry explorers heading out from the main trail.

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ELEVATION START/HIGH/GAIN: 11.320'/14.270'/11.548'

GETTING HERE: Argentine Pass TH: Hwy 6 east towards Keystone, right on Montezuma Rd, left on Peru Creek Rd (Co Rd 260). The Berthoud Falls TH (large parking lot) is located 6 mi north of Berthoud Falls on US 40 west of Empire. ABOUT: The Continental Divide Trail (CDT) runs 3,100 mi between Mexico and Canada, crossing 5 states as it follows along the Rocky Mountains. The CDT section through Clear Creek County travels from James Peak to Argentine Pass (51.4 mi.) Several remote high elevation sections of the CDT make it a primitive, adventurous route. Unless you are a through hiker, the trail is best traveled between Berthoud Pass and Argentine Pass (35 mi). Part of the route overlaps other trails and dirt roads through the County. Not all sections are open to mtn bikes.

K 🟂 Herman Gulch (Trail #98) LEVEL: INTERMEDIATE | DISTANCE: 6.4 MI RT ELEVATION START/HIGH/GAIN: 10,294'/12,012'/1,853'

GETTING HERE: TH with large dirt parking lot north side of I-70 at exit #218, approx. address Watrous Way, Silver Plume, 80435.

ABOUT: A former sawmill road up a moderate grade, but steepens significantly to Herman Lake above tree line. Trail winds its way through forest, wildflower meadows and creeks, with occasional bighorn sheep or mountain goat sightings. Heavy traffic on summer weekends. Mtn bikes allowed but not recommended due to trail configuration - bikes descending from Jones Pass Trail should use extreme caution. A portion of the CDT Trail overlaps most of this trail.

(5) Watrous Gulch

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LEVEL: ADVANCED | DISTANCE: 2.1 MI ONE WAY ELEVATION START/HIGH/GAIN: 10,294'/11,759'/1,558'

GETTING HERE: TH with large dirt parking lot north side of I-70 at exit #218, approx. address Watrous Way, Silver Plume, 80435. ABOUT: Steep, rocky trail winds upwards a little over 2 mi from lower TH to a spot high up on Woods Mtn, not guite to the top. At the 1.3 mi mark it intersects with the west end of Bard Creek Trail. A great fitness challenge trail with awesome views. Mtn bikers heading downhill from the Bard

Creek Trail should use caution.

Loveland Trail - BLT

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(Clear Creek Greenway Segment) LEVEL: EASY | DISTANCE: 5 MI ONE WAY ELEVATION START/HIGH/GAIN: 9.776'/10.682'/1.218'

GETTING HERE: East TH located on the frontage road at Bakerville, just south of I-70 at exit #221. West TH on the frontage road on the east side of the Loveland Valley Ski Area at I-70 exit #216. ABOUT: Paved multiuse path, perfect for year round use, has a slight uphill grade running parallel to I-70 from Bakerville to Loveland Valley Ski Area. Snowcat grooming during winter provides an improved experience for fat bikes, cross country skiers and snow shoeing. The Continental Divide Trail overlaps this trail, connecting to Herman Gulch TH.

K 🟂 Grays & Torreys Peaks (Trail #54) (7) LEVEL: ADVANCED | DISTANCE: 8 MI RT ELEVATION START/HIGH/GAIN: 11,236'/14,260'/3,765'

> GETTING HERE: I-70 at Bakerville exit# 221. Overflow parking at the bottom of Stevens Gulch Rd, ¼ mi south of the exit. TH and upper parking lot 3 mi up Stevens Gulch Rd. ABOUT: Grays & Torreys 14'ers are situated very close together on the continental divide, normally combined into a single day hike. Bikes are not allowed. Grays is the highest point on the Continental Divide, providing fantastic views. Weekend usage is very heavy, so plan accordingly.

(8) Iron Fens / Geneva Basin 1 🗞 📩 LEVEL: INTERMEDIATE | DISTANCE: 4 MI TRAIL NETWORK ELEVATION START/HIGH/GAIN:

10,253'/11,798'/1,688'

GETTING HERE: Follow Guanella Pass Rd to top and turn on Geneva Creek Rd (FSR 119), approx. address is 6118 Co Rd 62, Grant, 80448. Follow Geneva Creek Rd (rough dirt road) for 5 mi to the fork, past campsite #42. Turn right at the fork to enjoy Geneva Basin 4x4 trails or go left and follow the road a short way to the locked gate, this is the (non-motorized) Iron Fen TH. ABOUT: This location is registered as a Colorado State Natural Area with large areas of peatforming wetlands guite reddish in color due to the iron in the ground water draining from surrounding calcareous rocks. Hike or bike the dirt roads throughout the area, but please stay on the trail as the Iron Fens are environmentally sensitive. The 4x4 trails are a network of old mining roads near the Iron Fens. Many old mines, and historic structures line the area, including remnants of the Sill Mine. Geneva Basin (aka Upper Geneva Creek) is a diverse trail, offering amazing views up to what was Geneva City.

(9) **Silver Dollar Lake**

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LEVEL: EASY | DISTANCE: 4.2 MI RT ELEVATION START/HIGH/GAIN: 11,199'/12,208'/1,148'

GETTING HERE: Follow Guanella Pass Rd to Silver Dollar Lake Rd, a rough dirt road for .7 mi to the Silver Dollar Lake TH. Park in the lot on the right. Silver Dollar Lake Rd is extremely difficult in winter conditions and users should park at the Guanella Pass Rd intersection and hike .7 mi to the TH. ABOUT: Silver Dollar Lake Trail is great for

hiking and wildlife viewing near 3 high alpine lakes. Silver Dollar Lake is 1.6 mi hike from TH, Murray Lake is another .5 mi beyond Silver Dollar Lake. Naylor Lake is private property, no access.

Argentine Pass (Leavenworth Creek Rd, McClellan Mountain Rd)

LEVEL: INTERMEDIATE | DISTANCE: 24 MI TRAIL NETWORK ELEVATION START/HIGH/GAIN:

9,456'/13,208'/4,065'

GETTING HERE: TH is 2.5 mi up Guanella Pass Rd from Georgetown, at the turnoff to Leavenworth Creek Rd. ABOUT: 4x4 trail network following FSR 248.1 to Argentine Pass, McClellan Mtn, Waldorf, and Santiago Mines. Remains of old mines and several structures are prevalent everywhere. One section of trail winds directly up the creek with two fairly deep creek crossings that can be rather daunting in spring but the views from higher up are well worth the effort. Freely explore spurs along the way - be advised route finding can be tricky - refer to a geo-referenced trail map such as the USFS Motor Vehicle Use Map available at the Visitor Center, in the Avenza app library, or at www.fs.usda.gov/arp.

Mt Bierstadt (Trail #711)

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1 1 LEVEL: INTERMEDIATE | DISTANCE: 7.2 MI RT ELEVATION START/HIGH/GAIN: 11,630'/14,061'/2,697'

GETTING HERE: TH with asphalt parking lot near the summit of Guanella Pass Rd. Limited Parking. ABOUT: This 14er offers fantastic views of the surrounding area and is within the Mt Evans Wilderness Area. Bikes are not allowed. Mt Evans can also be reached via the Sawtooth connector for those up for the challenge. Winter closure at the Naylor Lake intersection and approximately 0.8 mi north of the summit, reopening Memorial Day weekend, weather permitting. Non-motorized use such as bicycling, snowshoeing and back country skiing is permissible year-round. Weekend usage is very heavy, so plan accordingly.

(12) 7:30 Mine Trail

LEVEL: INTERMEDIATE | DISTANCE: 4.5 MI RT ELEVATION START/HIGH/GAIN: 9,148'/10,586'/1,667'

GETTING HERE: TH with limited parking at north end of Silver St., approx. address 805 Silver St., Silver Plume, 80476. Additional parking in town. ABOUT: Narrow mining road up to the 7:30 Mine. Grade varies from 10-15%. Trail is lined with historical markers and artifacts. Griffin Monument, approx. 2 mi up offers excellent views of the area, continue .25 mi to the 7:30 Mine.

ded 🦹 🕶 🟂 (13) Argentine Central RR Grade LEVEL: INTERMEDIATE | DISTANCE: 3.2 MI ONE WAY ELEVATION START/HIGH/GAIN: 9,146'/10,038'/1,433'

GETTING HERE: Main TH in Silver Plume, 1/2 mi west of the Loop Railroad on frontage rd, approx. address 120 Mountain St., Silver Plume, 80476. Lower TH for 4x4 segment on Leavenworth Creek Rd (FRS248.1 continues to the left up to Argentine Pass), 1.2 mi up from Guanella Pass Rd and provides access to Pavilion Point (limited parking). ABOUT Argentine Central RR Grade combines two segments; a (non-motorized) 2.4 mi segment winding up to Pavilion Point from main TH in Silver Plume where the 4x4 road continues down .8 mi to Creek Rd. The Argentine Central RR Grade represents remnants of an old railroad from Silver

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Plume to Pavilion Point to Waldorf and Mt McClellan. Grade maxes out at 7.5% making it perfect for hiking, biking, and snowshoeing. Great as an up & down or as a connector between Silver Plume and Silver Dale. Mtn bikers can enjoy the optional Pulaski Trail on their way down to Silver Plume, offering a steep challenging descent.

Silver Plume to Georgetown (14) ded 🦹 🏌 🍕 **Express (Clear Creek Greenway Segment)** LEVEL: EASY | DISTANCE: 1.5 MI ONE WAY ELEVATION START/HIGH/GAIN: 8,687'/9,114'/541'

GETTING HERE: East TH at the upper (back) corner of the Georgetown Loop Railroad parking lot, approx. address 646 Loop Dr., Georgetown, 80444. West TH located at the Georgetown Loop Railroad's Silver Plume Depot, approx. address 825 Railroad Ave., Silver Plume, 80476. Parking - Visitors are encouraged to park in town and hike/ ride the short distance from each TH while visiting the historic towns. ABOUT: This segment of the Clear Creek Greenway is asphalt running between the Silver Plume and Georgetown Loop Railroad stations. With a view of the nearby train and tracks, including an overlook area, it is perfect for biking and hiking year round. At 1.5 mi long with a slight uphill grade this path is great for all skill levels. This path may also be used to create a fun loop for mtn bikers from Georgetown to the Argentine Central RR Grade, through Silver Dale and down the Raspberry Trail back to Georgetown.

Tom Bennhoff Lake Trail

LEVEL: EASY | DISTANCE: 1.3 MI RT (LOOP) ELEVATION START/HIGH/GAIN: 8,468'/8,530'/227' GETTING HERE: Parking and TH at Georgetown Lake, approx. address 2001 22nd St., Georgetown, 80444. ABOUT: Named after former Georgetown Mayor Tom Bennhoff, this wide, fairly flat gravel walking path loops around Georgetown Lake. Hikers, bikers, fishermen, snowshoers and others looking for an easy stroll around the lake will thoroughly enjoy this trail any time of year. The short Purdy and Dunbarton connector trails on the backside of the trail provide access to Silver Creek Trail higher up on the ridge side.

(16) **Silver Dale**

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TRAIL NETWORK ELEVATION START/HIGH: 9,266'/10,127' **GETTING HERE: TH and parking located** on Guanella Pass Rd, 2 mi up from Georgetown, approx. address 1380 Co Rd 381, Georgetown, 80444. ABOUT: Beginner oriented (non-motorized) trail network with a few intermediate sections, open year round. Three color coded "loops" enable easy route navigation among six short trails; Sporting Times, Railbed, Clear Branch, Chicago Road, Highline Trail, and Anna Trail, offer mountain views and river access for walkers, hikers and mtn bikers. Silver Dale is an old mining area and QR coded markers provide info on historic sites - Colorado Central Mill is a highlight for visitors. The Highline Trail continues on, steeply winding its way to the top of Saxon Mtn. The Rutherford Trail connects from the Sporting Times Trail for those wishing to access Silver Dale from Georgetown.

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(17) Rutherford Trail

LEVEL: INTERMEDIATE | DISTANCE: .93 MI ONE WAY ELEVATION START/HIGH/GAIN: 8,553'/9,234'/798' GETTING HERE: Lower TH and parking lot at the end of 3rd St. in the southwest corner of Georgetown. Upper TH located in Silver Dale, along the Sporting Times Trail. ABOUT: Excellent hiking and snowshoeing from Georgetown to Silver Dale and connects to Sporting Times Trail. Trail runs adjacent to S. Clear Creek with grades varying from 5-12%. Begins as a dirt road through a gate and heads up along the creek. Narrow trail begins across last bridge, about .3 mi up. The trail continues along the creek and connects to Sporting Times Trail in Silver Dale. A kiosk sign providing information can be found at the TH. QR code signs along the way mark historic locations.

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(18) Saxon Mountain Road

LEVEL: INTERMEDIATE | DISTANCE: 6.6 MI ONE WAY ELEVATION START/HIGH/GAIN: 8,617'/11,418'/3,546'

GETTING HERE: TH on Saxon Mtn Rd in Georgetown (I-70 exit #228), approx. 1 mi from the intersection of 11th and Main St. (Main St. becomes Saxon Mtn Rd). ABOUT: Old mining road that climbs from 8,500' to roughly 11,500'. Significant exposure and tight spots along this road make for nerve wracking moments, but the views are fantastic! Don't miss the old cabins and ruins of the Anglo-Saxon, Loranzie and Highland Mines on your way up. Trail is great as an up & down or connect to/from Cascade/Ute Creek Loop (FSR 712.1) where it intersects South Spring Gulch Trail about 1.2 mi from the summit.

(19) Silver Creek Trail

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LEVEL: INTERMEDIATE | DISTANCE: 4.6 MI ONE WAY ELEVATION START/HIGH/GAIN: 8,618'/9,009'/1,778' GETTING HERE: West TH located just off the last driveway on Saxon Mtn Rd in Georgetown approx. address 350 Saxon Mtn Rd, Georgetown, 80444. Trail can also be accessed via the Purdy and Dunbarton connector trails on Tom Bennhoff Lake Trail, or via a .4 mi access trail (w/small parking lot) on frontage road, approx. address 849 Alvarado Rd, Georgetown, 80444. ABOUT: Running from Saxon Mtn Rd to Spring Creek (Silver City Jeep Rd) road above Lawson. The grade/elevation change is minimal, but technical sections, obstacles, and narrow segments with steep drops keep your heart rate up if you're biking this trail. Fairly easy for hiking, but significant exposure makes it intermediate for mtn biking. Hikers access Silver Creek Trail via Purdy Trail off Tom Bennhoff Lake Trail or the frontage road.

PAW Education Research Trail

ELEVATION START/HIGH/GAIN: 8,629'/8,641'/14' GETTING HERE: 1/4 mile west of Empire on US40, just north of West Park Ave. ABOUT:

Opened in 2013 as an ADA accessible trail showcasing the history of the wagon road over Berthoud Pass. The trail is 481' long with grades ranging from 5% up to 18% representing the grades to the summit of Berthoud Pass. The trail is also enhanced for the visually impaired with Gravelpave2 sections flush with the level of the trail providing a differing texture as a "tactile warning" to indicate the location of 3-dimensional "way finding" maps. Visitors are able to touch the map and know what elevation changes and obstacles are ahead.



(2) North Empire Jeep Trails LEVEL: MIXED | DISTANCE: 15 MI TRAIL NETWORK ELEVATION START/HIGH/GAIN: 8,751/10,458/2,109'

> GETTING HERE: US 40 to Empire, right on Main St. to N. Empire Rd, continuing to Bill Moore Lake TH at Lions Creek Rd intersection. Continue on N. Empire Rd to FSR 171.1 to FSR 183.1, this is the Mill Creek TH. Continue left on FSR 183.1 to Bill Moore Lake, or follow FSR 171.1 to the right (Mill Creek Loop). The Red Elephant upper TH is at the intersection of FSR 171.1 and 171.3A. The lower Red Elephant TH is accessed via FR308 from US 40 at the I-70 underpass; approx. address 2342 Co Rd 308 Idaho Springs, 80452. ABOUT: A network of USFS roads, or all-day route of Bill Moore Lake, Mill Creek Loop and Red Elephant Hill. Mix of beginner to advanced 4x4 roads, with Red Elephant Hill being the toughest, the route wanders through forest, rock obstacles, and meadows to Bill Moore Lake. Don't forget to stop at the "Empire Hilton", a historic survival cabin on Mill Creek Loop.

(22) Bard Creek (Trail #83)

LEVEL: INTERMEDIATE/ADVANCED | DISTANCE: 9.8 MI ONE WAY ELEVATION START/HIGH/GAIN: 10,130'/12,037'/3,647'

GETTING HERE: East TH (w/limited parking) at the end of Bard Creek Rd (FSR 777.1), 4 mi west of Empire. Additional parking in pull-outs along FSR 777.1 or in town. West TH at intersection with Watrous Gulch Trail, 1.5 mi from large dirt parking lot at Herman/ Watrous Gulch TH off I-70 exit #218. ABOUT: Single track from Bard Creek Rd to Watrous Gulch Trail. This fairly long, mixed level trail, is an all-day hike if you're planning to travel from one end to the other. The eastern half runs along Bard Creek and offers fantastic views above tree line. Mtn bikers should plan on some hike-a-bike along the way. The Watrous Gulch Trail segment is advanced with steep rock obstacles. Route finding can be challenging above tree line, keep an eye out for rock cairns and prepare for rapidly changing weather conditions.

Spring Creek (Silver City Rd) LEVEL: ADVANCED | DISTANCE: 5 MI ONE WAY ELEVATION START/HIGH/GAIN: 8,113'/11,099'/3,350'

GETTING HERE: TH and staging area at the intersection of Alvarado and Silver City Rd, immediately on your left after crossing the bridge on Alvarado Rd at I-70 exit #233, approx. address 70 Silver City Rd, Dumont, 80436. ABOUT: This is a serious rock crawling trail with constant challenges, including named obstacles such as "The Wall". NOT a trail for beginners! The trail climbs straight up the mountain on FSR 712.2J, providing spectacular views high above I-70 of the surrounding area. A short distance beyond the final obstacle, appropriately named the "Rock Garden", you will intersect with the Cascade/Ute Creek Loop where you can choose to head down

FSR 712.1 to Hwy 103 or Saxon Mtn Rd to Georgetown. Weekend usage is very heavy, so plan accordingly.

24 Mt Evans (West Ridge via Mt Spalding + Trail #51)

LEVEL: ADVANCED | DISTANCE: 2.75 MI ONE WAY ELEVATION START/HIGH/GAIN: 12,248'/14,246'/2,000'

GETTING HERE: Mt Evans lower TH and parking area at Summit Lake, 9 mi up Mt Evans Rd from the gate at Hwy 103. The upper TH is at the top of Mt Evans. Fees apply for vehicles. ABOUT: This steep/rocky trail at high altitude is not for beginners. Hike from Summit Lake as an up & down, or catch a ride back down Mt Evans Rd. You are encouraged to visit the interpretive center and continue the short .3 mi walk up Trail #51 to the summit of Mt Evans at 14,271' for amazing views and wildlife such as marmots and mountain goats. Those who prefer a paved route to the top can traverse the 14.4 mi route from the Forest Service gate on Squaw Pass Rd to the top of Mt Evans. This route is closed to vehicles Memorial Day through Labor Day, weather permitting. Non-motorized use such as bicycling, snowshoeing and back country skiing is permissible year-round. Weekend usage is very heavy, so plan accordingly.

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LEVEL: INTERMEDIATE | DISTANCE: 5.4 MI ONE WAY ELEVATION START/HIGH/GAIN: 10.600'/12.865'/3.024'

Chicago Lakes (Trail #52)

GETTING HERE: The lower TH is on the backside of Echo Lake Trail, park at Echo Lake off of Hwy 103. The upper TH is at Summit Lake, 9 mi up Mt Evans Rd. ABOUT: This trail climbs its way up at a steady grade from Echo Lake, then alongside Chicago Creek through the Mt Evans Wilderness past Idaho Springs Reservoir and Chicago Lakes, up a rocky section to Summit Lake. Bikes are not allowed on this trail. The upper TH intersects with the Mt Evans West Ridge via Mt Spalding Trail #51. Users can hike this as an up & down, shuttle from Summit Lake, or continue on to the top of Mt Evans.

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LEVEL: EASY] DISTANCE: 0.75 MI ONE WAY ELEVATION START/HIGH/GAIN: 10,600/10,661/90/ GETTING HERE: I-70 exit #240 up Hwy 103 12.5 mi from Idaho Springs, approx. address 12334 Squaw Pass Rd, Idaho Springs, 80452. Parking at Echo Lake picnic area or near the gate for Mt Evans. ABOUT: Enjoyed year round, this trail offers an easy, relaxing walk around the south side of Echo Lake with beautiful scenery. This trail also provides access to Chicago Lakes Trail #52 for those interested in continuing their journey to Summit Lake. Bicycles are not allowed on this path. Great for snowshoeing.

(27) Devils Canyon Area

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LEVEL: EASY J DISTANCE: 10 MITRAIL NETWORK ELEVATION START/HIGH: 10,327/10,415' GETTING HERE: I-70 exit #240 Hwy 103 south for 10.2 mi to the TH at FSR 246.1, approx. address 9795 Squaw Pass Rd, Idaho Springs, 80452. ABOUT: Devils Canyon is a vast network of forest service roads and 4x4 trails. Most spurs come to a dead end, but present interesting challenges along the way. The first section is fairly steep but easy climb. The area is possible to run as a large loop that starts and ends at the first fork, or you could spend the day exploring all the side roads. Closed to vehicles Dec-Jun.

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Cascade/Ute Creek (28)

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LEVEL: EASY/INTERMEDIATE | DISTANCE: 12 MI RT (LOOP)

ELEVATION START/HIGH/GAIN: 8,527'/9,601'/1,293' GETTING HERE: I-70 exit #240 in Idaho Springs, 5.3 mi up Hwy 103 to Cascade Creek TH (.5 mi past Ute Creek Rd) on the right, approx. address 5494 CO-103, Idaho Springs, 80452. ABOUT: Jeep/4x4 road running along Cascade and Ute Creeks. Fairly easy with a few challenging sections and creek crossings. Alternately, you can drive to top of Saxon Mtn or explore many spurs along the way to make for a longer trip. This route can be used as a connector from Saxon Mtn to Georgetown or Spring Creek Trail to Idaho Springs.

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GETTING HERE: From I-70 exit #240, travel 14 mi south on Hwy 103 to Echo Lake Campground. Trail begins on campground loop (FSR 191.1). Follow "TRAIL" signs past restrooms and camp sites. ABOUT: Climbs through trees and across Vance Creek to tree line where 700 acres of forest burned in the 1962 Lincoln Lake Fire. Elk now enjoy grazing the meadow. Out & back hikers take the right fork to Lincoln Lake Trail (Trail #45) midway through the meadow for the .5 mi walk to Lincoln Lake before heading back down to Echo Lake for a 11+ mi hike. Long distance hikers - continue last mile of steep terrain to Summit Lake Flats Trail (Trail #82) to Summit Lake, or beyond the intersection to trail's end at Beaver Meadows Trail (Trail #44).

(30) Chief Mountain (Trail #58)

LEVEL: INTERMEDIATE | DISTANCE: 2.9 MI RT ELEVATION START/HIGH/GAIN: 16 16 10,722'/11,707'/1,039'

GETTING HERE: Parking in pullout on north side of Hwy 103, .5 mi west of Echo Mountain Ski Resort near mile marker 18, TH across the Hwy. ABOUT: Users encounter a consistent uphill grade through spruce and fir forest to tree line where the alpine tundra begins. This fairly arduous, hiking trail, with a steep section prior to the summit where you will be rewarded with incredible 360 degree views of the surrounding area, including Bear Creek Basin, Mt Evans, Mt Goliath, Rogers Peak and Roslin Peak.

(31) St. Mary's Glacier

LEVEL: EASY | DISTANCE: 3.9 MI RT ELEVATION START/HIGH/GAIN:

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10,540'/11,653'/1,147 GETTING HERE: TH and two, pay parking lots located 9 mi up Fall River Rd from I-70 exit #238, approx. address 9054 Fall River Rd, Idaho Springs, 80452. ABOUT: A fantastic out & back trail with a moderate uphill grade. The trail starts wide but becomes narrow with numerous side trails branching off through the woods. Hikers will find St. Mary's Lake about .5 mi up the trail, from there take the bridge across and continue up the rocky hill to the glacier, or continue another mile to the junction with Kingston Peak Trail for great high altitude views. The St. Mary's Glacier Trail is enjoyable year round, and is an exceptional favorite for snowshoeing. Weekend usage is very heavy, so plan accordingly.



Barbour Fork Area



Beaver Brook Watershed

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(Including Trail #48) LEVEL: INTERMEDIATE | DISTANCE: 8 MI TRAIL NETWORK ELEVATION START/HIGH/GAIN: 8,692'/10,572'/2,542'

GETTING HERE: TH w/large dirt parking lot located 3 mi past Indian Hot Springs on Soda Creek Rd, approx. address 2930 Soda Creek Rd, Idaho Springs, 80452. Trail #48 is located .5 mi up FSR 194.2. ABOUT: Mix of single track and 4x4 roads. (closed to motorized vehicles Dec-Jun) Hikers and mtn bikers can explore the area via Trail #48 (non-motorized) combined with 4x4 roads crossing through groves of aspen and conifer trees. 4x4s enjoy intermediate level 4x4 roads as they meander on USFS roads in a counter-clockwise loop with optional spurs. All will appreciate fantastic overlooks and ruins along the way.

(33) Warren Gulch

LEVEL: INTERMEDIATE | DISTANCE: 4.31 MI ONE WAY ELEVATION START/HIGH/GAIN: 10,730'/10,730'/-2.520'

GETTING HERE: Upper TH w/parking located on Hwy 103 above Echo Mtn Ski Resort. Lower TH on Steve Canyon Rd, parking/ shuttle/loading 1 mi away at bottom of Little Bear Creek Rd at Soda Creek Rd intersection. ABOUT: Rocky, fairly technical single track with consistent, steep grade favored by downhill mtn bikers. Half way down trail transitions to newly built flow trail with twists and turns to the bottom. Mtn bikes may shuttle from lower parking up Little Bear Creek Rd. to Echo Ski Area, up the shuttle route, or up Soda Creek Rd. to Steve Canyon Rd. to lower TH with steep climb to the top. Users encouraged to remain on the trail and respect private property as the trail weaves between USFS land and private property on lower section.

(34) ððo 🦹 🏂 🚮 Scott Lancaster Memorial Trail (Clear Creek Greenway Segment) LEVEL: EASY | DISTANCE: 4 MI ONE WAY ELEVATION START/HIGH/GAIN: 7,231'/7,561'/878' GETTING HERE: Two locations available: one at the Shelly/Quinn Ball Fields at 101 E. Idaho Springs Rd, 80452 and two, Game Check Station TH at 1335 E. Idaho Springs Rd, 80452. Additional parking in town. ABOUT: Paved multi-use recreational path with bike lane sections along the frontage

roads. This path runs from Hwy 6 & I-70 just west of Floyd Hill and across the Scott Lancaster Memorial Bridge to the City of Idaho Springs. Following along Clear Creek, this scenic segment of the Clear Creek Greenway is home to several popular fishing sites and wildlife along the way.

LEVEL: INTERMEDIATE | DISTANCE: 12 MI TRAIL NETWORK ELEVATION START/HIGH: 8,543'/9,183' GETTING HERE: Three access points; upper TH w/ large parking area on Hwy 103 at Witter Gulch Rd (Road 475). Lower TH (w/ limited parking) on Old Squaw Pass Rd at Hwy 103, and Pat Creek Open Space TH (w/limited parking) along Beaver Brook Canyon Rd near Floyd Hill. ABOUT: Network of old wagon roads for hikers, bikers and equestrians. Main trail from Old Squaw Pass

Rd to Beaver Brook Reservoir where it bears left towards upper TH at Witter Gulch Rd and N. Beaver Brook Trail splits to the right up old wagon trail to Pat Creek Open Space.

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LEVEL: EASY/INTERMEDIATE | DISTANCE: 30 MI ONE WAY ELEVATION START/HIGH/GAIN:

7,231'/10,682'/5,657'

GETTING HERE: East TH on the US 40 Frontage Rd, across Hwy 6 from Two Bears Tap & Grill at I-70 exit #244, approx. address 33295 US-6, Idaho Springs, 80452. West TH on the Frontage Rd adjacent to the Loveland Valley Ski Area at I-70 exit #216. Several parking areas with trail access at various locations along the Greenway. ABOUT: Various segments make-up this "trail" that will become part of the P2P (Peaks-to-Plains) trail system crossing Colorado, but for now it remains a patchwork of interconnected 6-8ft wide concrete and asphalt paths, interspersed with bike lanes along frontage roads running the length of Clear Creek County from Hwy 6 & I-70 east of Idaho Springs to Loveland Valley Ski Area. This is a great multi-use recreational path and provides access for fishing and wildlife viewing. Construction and improvements are ongoing. www.ccgreenway.com.

(37) Floyd Hill Open Space LEVEL: EASY-ADVANCED | DISTANCE: 10 MI TRAIL NETWORK

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ELEVATION START/HIGH/GAIN: 7.814'/8.578'/764' GETTING HERE: TH and dirt parking lot on US40, on north side of I-70 at exit #247. From Denver exit #248 and continue 1.3 mi west on US40 to the trailhead. Approx. address 37899 US40, Evergreen, 80439. ABOUT: Fantastic views and access to the Aquaduct climbing area. Network of multiuse trails with bike-only and hike-only trails in stacked loop system. Some trails are rocky/narrow while others are wide/filled with berms & rollers great for mtn bikes or trail runners. Mtn bikes with skills to ride 'black rated trail' be sure to check out "The Sluice", Clear Creek's first purpose-built downhill-only, bike-only trail.



HOW TO BEHAVE ON TRAILS

A MountainTownMagazine.com article written by Shauna Farnell

Trails are treasures, offering endless pathways to adventure. Clear Creek County is home to more than 75% public land, and incredible opportunities to become one with nature.

As such, we aim to keep our trails as pristine as possible, preserving their beauty and simplicity for future adventurers.

In order to protect the trails and the plants and wildlife that call Clear Creek County home as well as respect fellow trail users, we stick to a few simple guidelines every time we hit the dirt.

Don't Smoke: The trails and trail heads are not the places to light up. Especially in the summer, we in Clear Creek County (like everywhere in Colorado and throughout the West) are in the red zone for wildfires. All it takes is a tiny spark or piece of ash to start a massive blaze.

Don't Bring Your External Speaker: While we all love a soundtrack for our activities, save it for the hot tub or the après deck party. Subjecting everyone on the trail to your jams is inconsiderate. Some studies even suggest music from external speakers disrupts wildlife patterns. Moose, deer and countless other species bed down with their young in the brush near trails and in addition to alarming them with your tunes, you are also drowning out potential alerts (thunder, barking dogs, etc.) as well as sounds we all want to hear when out in nature: birds chirping, wind in the trees, babbling creeks and rivers.

Don't Be A Jerk: It doesn't matter how you're enjoying the trail – by foot, bike or board of some sort – the key word is enjoy. We are out there to have a good time. There's no reason why you shouldn't say hello or at least smile to other trail users.

Communicate And Share Nicely: When there are individuals on the trail whom you'd like to pass, slow down as you approach, be sure to give them a friendly heads up if you're coming up behind them and nicely make your wishes known. Something along the lines of "can we sneak by?" Usually does the trick.

Who Goes First?: The most widespread rule in trail etiquette is that anyone coming uphill has the right of way. Hikers going

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downhill must yield to hikers going uphill, downhill bikers yield to uphill bikers, etc. If someone is moving faster than you and asking to come by, step aside. Everyone on the trail must yield to equestrians. Again, communication is key.

Keep Dogs Leashed And Pack Out Their Poop: You may have the friendliest, most responsive pooch in the world. You still need to keep him/her leashed. Off-leash dogs – even the nicest ones – present numerous hazards on the trail. They get into scraps with leashed dogs and wildlife, cause bike accidents and damage plants when they wander off-trail. Also, always pick up your dog's waste. If Fido's business happens off-trail, you still have to pick up it. Also, storing the poop bag on the side of the trail with the plan to pick it up later is not acceptable. Being a responsible dog owner means picking up and carrying poop bags until you can dispose of them properly.

Leave No Trace: Whatever you bring with you – snack wrappers, orange peels, tissue, toilet paper, etc. – must also leave with you. There is no "it's biodegradable" exception. Dropped food or other biodegradable materials should not be left behind.

Plan Ahead And Prepare: Familiarize with your route in advance as well as the weather forecast and trail conditions so you can dress appropriately and avoid trails that are potentially muddy.

Stay On The Trail: Cutting switchbacks, avoiding mud puddles and stepping off-trail for any reason ruins the trail – widening it, destroying surrounding foliage and causing erosion. Go through mud, not around it.

Don't Approach Or Feed Wildlife: If you see animals near the trail, watch and photograph them from a safe distance. Don't leave crumbs behind. Squirrels, birds and other species that consume human food can get sick, die and at the very least, forget how to forage for their own food to survive.

Leave What You Find: Yes, the wildflowers are stunning around here. Please enjoy them with your eyes and nose only. Do not touch them or take them with you, not even one. If everyone on the trail took just one, there would be none.

SAFETY FIRST - PLAN AHEAD

If you are planning to EXPLORE the trails and backcountry landscape of Clear Creek County please read below. Know what to bring and learn how to be prepared! In case of an unforeseen emergency the Alpine Search and Rescue Team along with the Clear Creek County Sheriff Office and additional First Responders will have a better understanding of who you are and where to begin looking for you!

BACK-COUNTRY SURVIVAL GUIDE ₹Ĺ

The 10 Essentials - Always be Prepared!

- · First Aid Kit
- · Flashlight and Headlamp
- Physical Map and Compass GPS and Cell Phone
 - Warm/Rain Clothing
- Matches and/or Firestarter
- Pocket Knife
- Shelter and/or Space® Blanket
- Emergency Food and Water
 - · Sunglasses and Sunscreen

Never Travel Alone and Never Separate From Your Group!

Your cellphone alone cannot keep you warm and dry ALWAYS carry these 10 essential items

Summer Check List -

- The Above Essentials
- Hat and Beanie CORSAR Card (see back) Gloves/Mittens
- Food and Water Bottles Outer Coat/Shell
 - Outer Pants/Rain Gear
- Hiking Boots Large Trash Bags for Ponchos • Fleece/Down Coat

– Winter Check List –

- The Above Essentials
- CORSAR Card (see back)
- Food and Water Bottles
- Insulated Hiking Boots
- Snowshoes, Skis & Skins
- Waterproof, Weatherproof, and Durable Outer Layers

 Hat and Goggles Fleece and Down Coat

Waterproof Gloves/Mittens

Remember Cotton Kills - Wear polypropylene or synthetic materials

EMERGENCY? Dial 9-1-1

Did you know? Your cell phone can be used to track your GPS location and may provide a signal to emergency personnel if you are lost! If your signal is low, try sending a text message to 9-1-1 (or a friend) as it requires less service and reception.



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Search and Rescue INFORMATION

Please leave this card on your dashboard, as the information provided will assist local authorities in case of emergency.

Full Name

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. Wilderness Safety Tips 🔒

- Travel With a Partner The worst situation you can get yourself into is one where you run into an emergency and you're alone. Before hiking, give a copy of your itinerary to a responsible individual. Include the make, model and license plate number of your vehicle, where it will be parked, and the date(s) you're beginning and returning from your hike.
- Assess Your Physical Abilities Being in good physical condition is one thing, attempting a hike outside your capabilities is another. If you're planning a big day hike or multiple-day trip, train for these adventures well in advance.
- Plan Ahead Assume you must survive overnight EVERY time you leave your vehicle. Use the "airplane mode" setting on your cell phone to conserve battery life.

• Know the Weather Before trodding down the trail, be sure to check the local weather forecast. If you're planning an extended backpacking trip visit www.noaa.gov, www.weather.com, and www.wunderground.com.



CORSAR Card Information

Purchase a Colorado Outdoor Recreation Search & Rescue Card \$3 for one year, \$12 for five years - visit www.dola.colorado.gov/sar to help support backcountry search & rescue in Clear Creek County.

Activity + Event Centers

- Blackstone Rivers Ranch 3673 Chicago Creek Rd, Idaho Springs www.blackstoneriversranch.com (303) 567-2339 A premier destination for weddings, retreats, concerts, and special events.
- Clear Creek Inn 610 7th Street, Georgetown www.ClearCreekInn.co (303) 569-2742 Beautiful garden for your mountain event. Weddings, family reunions, corporate retreats, and more.
- Clear Creek Recreation Center 98 12th Avenue, Idaho Springs www.clearcreekrecreation.com (303) 567-4822

A beautiful facility offering meeting rooms as well as the gym, pool, and the option to rent the entire facility.

• Easterseals Colorado at Rocky Mountain Village

(Closed for camp May-August, call) 2644 Alvarado Road, Empire www.easterseals.com/co (303) 569-2333 A great location for retreats, meetings, weddings, and more.

- Georgetown's Heritage Center
 809 Taos Street, Georgetown
 www.georgetowntrust.org
 (303) 569-0289
 An excellent place to exhibit arts,
 hold meetings, concerts and more...
- Idaho Springs Elks Lodge #607
 1600 Colorado Blvd., Idaho Springs
 www.elks.org
 (303) 567-9996 or (303) 567-2983
 A benevolent lodge great for meetings,
 concerts, and other special events.
- Little White Church
 455 Hancock Street, Silver Plume
 (303) 419-1395
 A great location for meetings,
 weddings, funerals, and concerts.
- North Star Gatherings
 3354 Little Bear Creek Rd., Idaho Springs
 www.northstargatherings.com
 (720) 608-0167
 Wedding venue with stunning views
 just outside of Idaho Springs.

 The United Center
 1440 Colorado Blvd., Idaho Springs www.unitedcenterinc.com
 (303) 567-1771
 A great location for meetings, weddings, funerals, and concerts.

Automotive

- **A-OK Auto Clinic, Inc.** 1351 Idaho Street, Idaho Springs (303) 567-2466
- Allied Towing
 2821 Colorado Blvd., Idaho Springs
 (303) 567-4262
- Clear Creek Supply/CarQuest
 2448 Colorado Blvd., Idaho Springs
 (303) 567-2693
- Milo's Speed Shop
 635 Water Street, Silver Plume
 www.milosspeedshop.com
 (303) 569-3330
- NAPA Auto Parts
 2801 Colorado Blvd, Idaho Springs
 www.napaonline.com
 (720) 645-2554
- Pauls Enterprises Locksmith www.paulsenterprises.net (303) 567-2396 or (303) 519-0102
- Silver City Automotive & Towing 243 Colorado Blvd., Idaho Springs (303) 567-0662

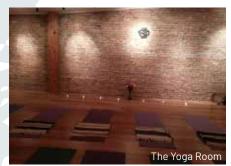
ATM Locations

- Idaho Springs Beau Jo's, Evergreen National Bank, Kum and Go, Safeway, Tommyknocker
- Dumont/Downieville Conoco
- Empire Valero
- Georgetown Evergreen National Bank, Loveland (in season), Mothers Saloon, Valero
 Ranks
- Evergreen National Bank www.enbcolorado.com (303) 674-2700 (303) 567-0700 Fax
 1546 Miner Street, Idaho Springs
 2394 Colorado Blvd., Idaho Springs
 - 502 6th Street, Georgetown

Dance + Yoza Studios

NYC Dance

2500 Colorado Blvd., Idaho Springs www.facebook.com/NYCDanceColorado (323) 217-8636



The Yoga Room (Inside Two Brothers Deli)
 1424 Miner Street, Idaho Springs
 www.theyogaroomidahosprings.com
 (303) 567-2439

Dentistry

- David J. Drescher, DDS 1625 Miner Street, Idaho Springs www.idahospringsdentist.com (303) 567-4412
- George S. Douvas, DDS, PhD 102 Spruce Lane, Idaho Springs www.douvasddsphd.com (303) 567-0840
- Thomas Losacco, DDS
 801 6th Street, Georgetown
 (303) 569-3141
 www.thomaslosaccodds.com

Emergency + Medical

- Centura Health Primary Care
 1969 Miner Street, Idaho Springs
 www.bit.ly/CenturaCO
 (303) 649-3690 (No Emergency Room)
- Clear Creek County Health and Wellness Center
 1969 Miner Street, Idaho Springs www.jcmh.org/locations/clearcreek-office-2/
 (303) 425-0300
- Clear Creek County EMS 411 W. Chicago Creek Rd., St.2, Idaho Springs (303) 567-2752 or (303) 679-4213
- Clear Creek Fire Authority
 681 County Rd. #308, Dumont
 www.clearcreekfire.com
 (303) 567-4342

- Clear Creek County Sheriff
 405 Argentine Street, Georgetown
 www.clearcreeksheriff.us
 (303) 679-2376 or (303) 679-2393
- Enlightened DPC and Aesthetics Dr. Terri A. Bowland, DO, FACOFP www.enlighteneddpc.website (303) 567-4544

Florist

- Safeway Floral Department 2425 Miner Street, Idaho Springs (303) 567-4471
- Shoppe Internationale Florist & Gifts
 608 6th Street, Georgetown
 (303) 569-2495

Grocery + Liquor Stores

- Clear Creek Liquor
 2325 Miner Street, Idaho Springs
 (303) 567-2525
- Family Dollar 1560 Argentine Street, Georgetown (303) 569-2076
- Georgetown Liquors 1406 Argentine Street, Georgetown (303) 569-3138
- Georgetown Market
 1204 Argentine, Georgetown
 (303) 569-2464
- Kneisel & Anderson Grocery Store 511 6th Street, Georgetown (303) 569-2650
- Mountain Moonshine Liquors
 2812 Colorado Blvd., Idaho Springs
 (303) 567-2438
- Safeway 2425 Miner Street, Idaho Springs (303) 567-4471

Historical Societies

- Alice Historical Society
 271 Silver Creek Road, Alice
 www.facebook.com/alicehistoricalsociety
 (303) 519-0444
- Friends of Clear Creek
 P.O. Box 8, Empire
 www.friendsofclearcreek.com
 (720) 608-1670



- Georgetown Trust for Conservation and Preservation, Inc. 1491 Argentine Street, P.O. Box 1037 Georgetown, CO 80444 www.georgetowntrust.org (303) 569-0289
- Historic Georgetown, Inc. 305 Argentine St., P.O. Box 667 Georgetown, CO 80444 www.historicgeorgetown.org (303) 569-2840
- Idaho Springs Historical Society 2060 Miner Street, P.O. Box 1318 Idaho Springs, CO 80452 www.historicidahosprings.com (303) 567-4382
- Mill Creek Valley Historical Society
 150 Dumont Lane, Dumont
 www.mcvhs.org
- People for Silver Plume P.O. Box 935, Silver Plume www.peopleforsilverplume.org (303) 569-2562

Laundromats

• **B&J Clear Creek Laundromat** 1347 Idaho Street, Idaho Springs www.rockymountainlaundries.com (303) 567-9940

Libraries

- ******
- Idaho Springs Public Library
 219 14th Avenue, Idaho Springs
 (303) 567-2020
- John Tomay Memorial Library 605 6th Street, Georgetown (303) 569-2620

Pharmacy

• Safeway Pharmacy 2425 Miner Street, Idaho Springs (303) 567-2496

Resource Directory



Photographers

- Amanda Meldrum
 www.amandameldrumphotography.com
 (303) 913-4592
- Document the Event
 www.documenttheevent.com
 (512) 222-3934
- Douglas Glidden www.facebook.com/douglas.glidden.5
- Gary Haines
 www.grizzlycreekgallery.com
 (303) 569-0433
- Gary Regester
 www.garyregester.com
 (303) 888-8099
- Megan Swanson
 www.infusingmountainmagic.com
- Rapid Image www.rapidimagephoto.com (720) 767-2743
- Thom Paxton www.thompaxton.com (303) 941-3135

Post Offices

• Dumont Post Office 307 County Rd. #308, Dumont (303) 567-4907

- Empire Post Office 215 West Park Avenue, Empire (303) 569-2908
- Georgetown Post Office 700 6th Street, Georgetown (303) 569-2771
- Idaho Springs Post Office
 2420 Colorado Blvd., Idaho Springs
 (303) 567-2903
- Silver Plume Post Office
 850 Main Street, Silver Plume
 (303) 569-3121

Resource Directory

Dadio

KYGT - The Goat 102.7/103.9 www.clearcreekradio.com (303) 567-GOAT (4628)

Recreation Center

 Clear Creek Recreation Center 98 12th Avenue, Idaho Springs www.clearcreekrecreation.com (303) 567-4822

Rotary + Clubs

- **Clear Creek County Rotary Club** P.O. Box 114, Georgetown, CO 80444 (303) 569-2268
- Idaho Springs Lions Club P.O. Box 727, Idaho Springs, CO 80452 www.ISLions.org

Salons + Spa + Massage

- Clear Creek County Acupuncture and Holistic Health 2060 Miner Street, Idaho Springs www.clearcreekcountyacu.com (303) 900-2138
- High Bliss Beauty 511 Taos Street, Georgetown www.highblissbeauty.com (720) 647-7922
- His and Hers Salon 605 Argentine Street, Georgetown (720) 435-5669
- Idaho Springs Chiropractic Center 1800 Colorado Blvd., Ste. 8 Idaho Springs www.idahospringschiropractic.com (303) 567-9211
- Idaho Springs Massage 1800 Colorado Blvd., #9 Idaho Springs (303) 883-0724
- Indian Hot Springs Resort 302 Soda Creek Road, Idaho Springs www.indianhotsprings.com (303) 989-6666
- **Infamous** Cutz 2445 Colorado Blvd., #A Idaho Springs www.instagram.com/barber cheko (720) 245-5772

- Sage Salon and Spa 1530 Argentine Street, Georgetown (303) 569-3082
- Tall Grass Day Spa 997 Upper Bear Creek Rd., Evergreen www.tallgrassspa.com (303) 670-4444

School Resources

- **Clear Creek RE-1 Administration** 320 Highway 103, Idaho Springs www.ccsdre1.org (303) 567-3850
- Colorado State University **Extension - Clear Creek County** 1111 Rose Street, P.O. Box 2000 Georgetown, CO 80444 www.clearcreek.colostate.edu (303) 679-2424

Tatloo Shops

 Golden Nugget Tattoo 1801 Miner Street, Idaho Springs (402) 217-5566

Towns + Government

- **Clear Creek Economic Development Corporation** 502 Sixth Street #2, P.O. Box 2030 Georgetown, CO 80444 www.clearcreekedc.org (303) 569-2133
- Clear Creek County Government 405 Argentine St, P.O. Box 2000 Georgetown, CO 80444 www.clearcreekcounty.us (303) 679-2300
- Idaho Springs City Hall 1711 Miner St, P.O. Box 907 Idaho Springs, CO 80452 www.colorado.gov/idahosprings (303) 567-4421
- Empire Town Hall 30 East Park Ave., P.O. Box 100 Empire, CO 80438 www.facebook.com/townofempire (303) 569-2978

Georgetown Town Hall 404 6th St, P.O. Box 426 Georgetown, CO 80444 www.townofgeorgetown.us (303) 569-2555

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Silver Plume Town Hall 710 Main St, P.O. Drawer F Silver Plume, CO 80476 www.silverplumeco.com (303) 569-2363

Transportation

- BUSTANG www.ridebustang.com
- LYFT www.Lyft.com
- Colorado Carshare www.carshare.org/individual-rates (303) 720-1185
- Colorado 4x4 Rescue & Recovery www.co4x4rnr.org (720) 722-1204 (24 Hour Hotline)
- Enterprise Rental Car 5% off your rental with code CHLA006 www.enterprise.com
- Gondola Rideshare www.ridegondola.com
- Public Transit: Roundabout www.clearcreekcounty.us (303) 679-2552
- RIDE www.rideexperiences.com (303) 564-5858
- Roadrunner Express www.denvercoloradoairportlimousine.com (720) 297-7369
- SNOWSTANG www.ridebustang.com/snowstang
- UBER www.Uber.com
- ZIPCAR
 - www.zipcar.com/denver



- Colorado Department of Transportation www.cotrip.org www.codot.gov
- I-70 Coalition www.i70solutions.org
- Mount Evans Byway www.bit.ly/MtEvansByway (303) 567-3000
- Guanella Pass Byway www.bit.ly/GuanellaPass 303-679-2422 x.2

Veterinary · Pet Services

- Barking Loop Pet Supply Store 410 6th Street, Georgetown www.thebarkingloop.com (720) 419-5280
- Beaver Brook Pet Center & Lodge
 77 Elmgreen Lane, Evergreen
 www.beaverbrookpetcenter.com
 (303) 670-0838
- Charlie's Place Animal Shelter 500 West Dumont Road, Dumont www.charliesplaceshelter.org (303) 679-2477
- Clear Creek Veterinary Clinic
 1209 Miner Street, Idaho Springs
 www.ccvetc.com
 (303) 567-2895
- Dancing Dog Pet Supply 1241 Miner Street, Idaho Springs www.facebook.com/dancingdogcolorado (303) 519-0447
- Mountain Tool and Feed 2195 E. Idaho Springs Rd., Idaho Springs www.mountaintoolandfeed.com (303) 567-0122

Visitor Centers + Champers

- Evergreen Chamber of Commerce (In Stone House Business Center) 1524 Belford Court, Evergreen www.evergreenchamber.org (303) 674-3412
- Georgetown Gateway Visitor Center 1491 Argentine Street, Georgetown www.georgetowntrust.org (303) 569-2405

- Georgetown Community Center and Visitor Information 613 6th Street, Georgetown www.townofgeorgetown.us (303) 569-2888
- Georgetown Promotions 404 6th Street, P.O. Box 426 Georgetown, CO 80444 www.georgetown-colorado.org (303) 569-2555
- Idaho Springs Chamber of Commerce 1641 Miner Street, P.O. Box 1641 Idaho Springs, CO 80452 www.idahospringschamber.org (720) 608-0101
- Idaho Springs Heritage Museum and USFS Visitor Center 2060 Miner Street, Idaho Springs www.historicidahosprings.com (303) 567-4382

Worship Directory

- First Presbyterian Church 812 Taos Street, Georgetown Sunday worship 10:00 am www.fpcgeorgetownco.org (303) 569-2360
- First Baptist Church 100 Colorado Blvd., Idaho Springs Sunday worship 10am, Weds 6:30pm www.facebook.com/ FirstBaptistChurchIdahoSpringsCo (303) 567-2028
- Grace Episcopal Church 408 Taos Street, Georgetown Sunday worship 9:00 am (303) 569-2790
- Our Lady of Lourdes 902 Taos Street, Georgetown Saturday mass 5:00 pm (303) 567-4662
- Rocky Mountain Community Church 812 Taos Street, Georgetown Friday praise and worship 6:30 pm (303) 569-0950
- **St. Pauls Roman Catholic Church** 1632 Colorado Blvd., Idaho Springs Sunday mass 8:30 am Weekday mass (Mon-Fri) 8:00 am (303) 567-4662

- The United Church of Idaho Springs Presbyterian/United Methodist 1410 Colorado Blvd., Idaho Springs Sunday worship 10:00 am www.unitedchurchofidahosprings.com (303) 567-2057
- Zion Lutheran Church 1921 Virginia Street, Idaho Springs Wednesday Bible study 5:15 pm Sunday worship 10:30 am www.zion-lutheran-church.com (303) 567-4378

Something Missing? Please let us know and send an email to info@visitclearcreek.com





Parker the Snow Dog Honorary Mayor of Georgetown www.officialsnowdog.com



Camping

• 💹 Burning Bear*

Campground Sites: 13 Elevation: 9,813 feet Vehicle Length: 15-30 feet Location: 5 miles north of Grant/ Highway 285 on Guanella Pass Road Activities: Hiking, Fishing Wildlife Viewing, 4-Wheel Driving

W Camp Rock Mount Evans State Wildlife Area

Campground: Small/Primitive Elevation: 9,050 feet Vehicle Length: 15-25 feet non-reservable, self-issuing permit Location: 26 miles southeast of Echo Lake Park on Upper Bear Creek Road Activities: Hiking, Fishing

• 🌃 Clear Lake

Campground Sites: 8 Elevation: 9,600 feet Vehicle Length: 15-25 feet <u>non-reservable</u> Location: 4 miles south of Georgetown on Guanella Pass Road Activities: Hiking, Fishing, Mountain Biking, Wildlife Viewing

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Campground Sites: 38 Elevation: 9,200 feet Vehicle Length: 20-50 feet Location: 5 miles north of Blackhawk on Highway 119 Activities: Scenic Driving

• 🚨 Columbine*

Campground Sites: 47 Elevation: 9,200 feet Vehicle Length: 20-55 feet Location: 2.5 miles northwest of Central City on County Road 3 Activities: Hiking, Mountain Biking, 4-Wheel Driving

Cottonwood RV Camp

Campground Sites: 28 Elevation: 7,750 feet Vehicle Length: Large RV's okay Location: 1485 Hwy 103, Idaho Springs www.cottonwoodrvcolorado.com (303) 567-2617



• 🚨 Echo Lake*

Campground Sites: 18 Elevation: 10,600 feet Vehicle Length: 20-55 feet Location: 14 miles south of Idaho Springs at Hwy 103/Hwy 5 junction Activities: Hiking, Fishing, Wildlife Viewing, Scenic Driving

• 🚨 Geneva Park*

Campground Sites: 26 Elevation: 9,813 feet Vehicle Length: 20-55 feet Location: 16 miles south of Georgetown in Park County at Geneva Road and FSR 119 Activities: Hiking, Wildlife Viewing, Scenic Driving, 4-Wheel Driving

• 💹 Guanella Pass*

Campground Sites: 18 Elevation: 10,900 feet Vehicle Length: 20-45 feet Location: 7 miles south of Georgetown on Guanella Pass Activities: Hiking, Fishing Wildlife Viewing, Scenic Driving

KOA Denver West/Central City

Campground Sites: 60+ Elevation: 8,490 feet Vehicle Length: 80 feet Max Length Location: 10 miles outside of Idaho Springs off Casino Parkway at 605 Lake Gulch Road, Central City www.koa.com/campgrounds/ denver-west/ (303) 582-3043 (800) 562-8613 Reservations

• Lawson Adventure Park & Resort 4 Campgrounds, 5 Yurts, 8 Cabins Elevation: 8,250 feet Vehicle Length: 20-30 feet Location: 3440 Alvarado Rd., Lawson www.lawsonadventurepark.com (855) 372-7238

 Pickle Gulch
 Campground Sites: 6, limit 30 people/site, walk-in tents only.
 Groups. <u>Reservations required</u>.
 Elevation: 9,200 feet.
 Location: 4 miles north of
 Blackhawk off Highway 119

 Squaw Mountain Fire Lookout 14'x14' cabin sleeps 4 people/night Location: Hwy 103 & Forest Rd 192.1, Idaho Springs Reservations required.

West Chicago Creek* Campground Sites: 16 Elevation: 9,600 feet Vehicle Length: 30-45 feet Location: 3 miles off Highway 103 on West Chicago Creek Road Activities: Hiking

• Dump Stations (Call for Fee)

- Blue River Treatment Plant, Silverthorne (970) 468-6152
- KOA DenverWest/Central City, Central City (303) 582-3043
 Clear Creek RV Park,
- Golden (303) 278-1437
- Camp site fees vary by location. Most sites open May - September.
- * Reservations encouraged not required recreation.gov (877) 444-6777

Dispersed Camping

Limit of 14 days and then must move at least three miles. Restricted to 28 days in any 60-day period. More than 40% of lands in the Arapaho National Forest are private and maps are recommended as it is YOUR responsibility to know if you are on private, city, county, state, national park, or national forest land.

Learn more: www.bit.ly/DispersedCamp

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Mountain Lions and Bears

- Stay inside before dusk and dawn: Closely supervise children and pets whenever they play outdoors.
- **Noise:** Make lots of noise if you come and go during the times mountain lions are most active dusk and dawn.
- If You Meet a Mountain Lion: Stay Calm. Stop, and back away slowly while facing the lion. Appear larger, raise your arms, open your jacket, pick your children up so that they don't panic and run. Speak firmly and if the lion behaves aggressively, throw stones, branches, or whatever you can without crouching down or turning your back. If the lion attacks, FIGHT BACK.
- Keep Your Camp Clean: Store your food and garbage properly at all times. Keep your tent and sleeping bag free of food smells. Tents should be placed 100 yards from cooking/eating area. Clothes worn while cooking should be stored away. Store garbage in your trunk and pack it out at the end of your stay.
- Store Your Food and Toiletries Safely: All coolers and toiletries should be stored in your trunk or suspended from a tree at least 10' from the ground and 4' out from the trees. Don't underestimate the ingenuity of a bear!
- If You Meet a Black Bear: Stay Calm. Stop, and back away slowly while facing the bear avoid eye contact. Do not make any sudden movements. Speak softly and try to show no fear. If the bear attacks, FIGHT BACK.

High Attitude Sickness

What are the effects of High Altitude? At high altitude everyone is affected to some degree. The effects vary among individuals and vary widely. The main difference between high altitude and sea level are decreased oxygen density and decreased humidity or moisture content in the ambient air.

A sudden change from sea level to high altitude can produce the common symptoms of nausea, headache, insomnia, diarrhea, restlessness, nosebleed, shortness of breath, and "air-hunger." Some people experience palpitations or fast heart, nasal congestion, coughing, increased gassiness, fatigue beyond normal expectations, and intolerance to any exertion. If high altitude symptoms progress, more shortness of breath and increased coughing and pulmonary edema (fluid accumulating in the lungs) may occur requiring medical attention and possibly hospitalization.

What can be done to adapt to High Altitude? The initial symptoms should disappear as your body adjusts to the lowered oxygen content and dryness. This may take anywhere from a few days to a few weeks depending on what you eat, drink, and do. Aside from the amount of fluids you need to drink, moderation is key to coping with altitude. Eat lightly and avoid alcohol and caffeine for the first 48 to 72 hours. Drink plenty of water, flavored water, and green

teas. Avoid drinking too much soda or juice and steer clear of energy drinks and electrolyte based drinks. Also, steaming up your hotel room by running the shower before you go to sleep may aid in easier breathing.

Wildlife + Attitude Tips

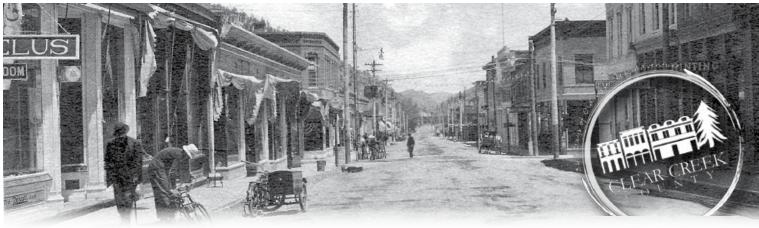
Be sure to keep physical exertion to an absolute minimum the first day! Over-exertion before your body can adapt to the lower oxygen and dryness can result in more severe and persistent symptoms. Take a nap when sleepy and get a good night's sleep after activity. If you experience any of the symptoms that were mentioned, you may be experiencing an oxygen deficit and a day of rest is highly recommended. If your symptoms do not improve with rest or new symptoms develop, please call a doctor or practitioner.

If you are over 35 and planning strenuous exercise in high altitude, have a history of heart circulatory, lung disease, respiratory infections, pneumonia, or pregnant, please seek advice from your doctor prior to traveling. Infants are extremely susceptible to altitude sickness, as are pets, and it is recommended that children under 3 years old, pets, and women in their third trimester do not go above 10,000'.



Wildlife Watching

- Blend into the animal's surroundings In return you'll be treated to a wildlife show that makes your heart pound and senses hum.
- Fade into the wood work Wear natural colors, unscented lotions, remove glasses, and walk softly.
- Let animals be themselves Do not share your food, "save" baby animals, or throw objects.
- Stick to the sidelines Use binoculars or zoom lenses and give nests a wide berth.
- Come to your senses Focus and expand your attention, stop, look, and listen.
- Be easy to be with Relax, make yourself as small and unassuming as possible.
- Think like an animal When does it feed, nap, bathe, and drink? Dusk and dawn are usually good bets.



THE SPIRIT OF ADVENTURE History of Idaho Springs, Colorado - Article written by Ian Neligh

Waist-deep snow, brutal temperatures, back-breaking terrain, mountain lions and wolverines — the going was decidedly rough for George A. Jackson in early 1859.

The Missouri hunter, trapper and veteran prospector was following his wanderlust on a frigid morning in January when he decided to begin exploring without his hunting companions. He promised to meet up with them in a week and with his two dogs, Kit and Drum, he headed west. They traveled along what would become known as Clear Creek.

This was a bad time of year to do that, not to mention the many hazards that awaited those traveling through the Colorado Territory, but Jackson was up to the task and as rugged as the valley he plowed his way up. It was ultimately that tenacity and sense of adventure that would soon lead to the discovery of gold, the founding of Idaho Springs and the creation of a state.

On January 2, Jackson was awakened in the pre-dawn hours to the sound of his two dogs growling. Looking around the camp, he spotted a mountain lion creeping up on them.

"[I] pulled my gun from under the blankets. Shot too quick; broke his shoulder," Jackson later wrote in his diary. Taking careful aim he fired a second shot, killing the lion. As the sun rose on that clear and chilly day he built a fire to warm himself and spotted a second mountain lion sneaking up on him which he also shot.

Jackson spent January 4 following the stream ten miles further west, then returned after dark to find that the supper he hunted previously was stolen by yet another mountain lion. Discouraged, he wrote, that he went to sleep with nothing to eat. The next day he continued west.

The land he traveled was largely new to the white European settlers, but was explored by the Spanish at least two hundred years before and long-inhabited by the Utes and Cheyenne. So it was no surprise when he came across what he thought was smoke from a Native American campfire. He crept towards it cautiously, crawled up an embankment and saw it was instead steam from a hot spring. The surrounding snow was melted, and the green vegetation drew a herd of bighorn sheep.

"Killed fat sheep and camped under three cottonwood trees. About 1,000 mountain sheep insight tonight; no scarcity of meat in future for myself and dogs. Good," Jackson wrote.

The next day Jackson inspected the area around his new campsite and thought the streams looked promising for gold.

"Good gravel here; it looks like it would carry gold. Wind has blown snow off the rim, but gravel is hard frozen. Panned out two cups; nothing but fine colors." Jackson said.

He built a fire on the side of the stream to thaw the frozen gravel. While he was doing this a wolverine got into his camp, which resulted in a battle between it, Jackson, and his two dogs. With the wolverine finally dead, he was later free to dig in the thawed gravel. Jackson used his tin cup to "pan" through the dirt for gold. After nine cupfuls of dirt and rock, he discovered a gold nugget that he later had made into a ring for his wife. All the next day he continued his quest to dig for gold and after finding an ounce, he secretly marked the area and traveled back to meet up with his companions.

On January 14 he returned to his friends with his moccasins so worn he was nearly barefoot. He was excited about his find but careful, initially not to tell anyone but his friend Tom Golden.

"Tom is the only man who knows I found gold up the creek, and as his mouth is as tight as a No. 4 beaver trap, I am not uneasy."

Jackson waited for spring, then on April 17 took a company of 22 miners, wagons and supplies back to the location where he discovered gold. It was difficult and often the men had to hack away at the wilderness or disassemble and reassemble wagons to get past obstacles. It was May before they arrived, but the hard work had been worth it. The group found \$1 million in gold in today's currency.

Not only was there gold, but enough to start a bonafide gold rush, then called Jackson's Diggings. As many as 100,000 people hurried west that year to lay claim to a piece of the untold wealth hidden in the Rockies.

The hunt for gold evolved from panning to digging shafts along the streams, and into the mountains themselves. Drills, black powder, and dynamite were used. The epicenter for the Colorado Gold Rush grew up around the spot, becoming Sacramento City, then Idaho and finally Idaho Springs.

Today, the spirit of adventure still lingers and the authentic City of Idaho Springs and it's HistoricDistrict remain in majestic Rocky Mountains.



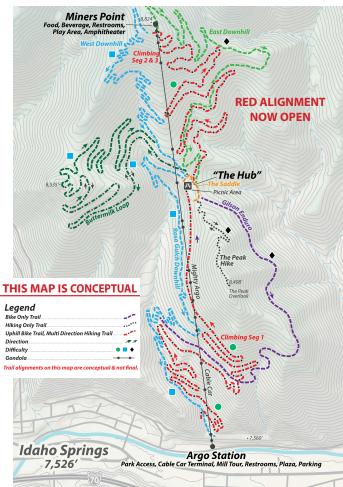
Mighty Argo Cable Car

Coming Soon! The Mighty Argo Cable Car Company, LLC ("ARGO") has contracted with Leitner Poma of America (LPOA) to construct the Mighty Argo Cable Car (MACC) adjacent to the historic Argo Mill and Tunnel in Idaho Springs, Colorado. The MACC will travel 1.2 miles up Rosa Gulch, climbing 1300' on the 10 minute ride. The mountain top Argo Landing will feature pedestrian plazas, viewing decks, an observation trestle, creative food and beverage options, an amphitheater and a facility that will be used for weddings, receptions, retreats and kids camps. A nature trail will traverse the mountain and lead to picnic areas with scenic views of four fourteeners. www.mightyargo.com

Virginia Canyon Mountain Park (VCMP)

Now Open! The first hiking trail (red alignment) is open. The trail is four (4) miles one-way, providing magnificent views of Idaho Springs and nearby mountain peaks. Currently this trail is only for hiking use. Mountain biking will be permitted in the future as additional trails are constructed. Base access from the Argo Mill and Tunnel and from the Greenway Trail that traverses Idaho Springs. Please remember to follow all parking and trail signs.

Virginia Canyon Mountain Park will include phased openings of the trail network and feature bike-only trails, hike-only trails, uphill and downhill bike trails with difficulty ranging from easy to advanced along the alignment of the upcoming Mighty Argo Cable Car. www.comba.org/virginiacanyon





The historic towns and cities of Clear Creek County, Colorado hold incredible, authentic mining history boasting more than 150 years of heritage and culture. Outside of travel time dropping from two weeks by wagon to under 30 minutes by car, it is amazing how little has changed!

Today, **EXPLORE** the four original mining camps of Idaho Springs, Empire, Georgetown and Silver Plume and see what rich history you will uncover as you visit various mining attractions and landmarks while learning more about the history and heritage of Clear Creek County!

___City of Idaho Springs

- ___Heritage Museum and Visitor Center
- __ 🛠 Argo Mill and Tunnel
- ___George A. Jackson Monument
- ___Charlie Taylor Water Wheel Park
- ___The Underhill Museum
- __Central Hose House
- ___� Edgar Experimental Mine
- __ 🛠 Phoenix Gold Mine

____Town of Empire

__Original Schoolhouse

____Town of Georgetown

- ☆Capital Prize Mine
- The Gateway Visitor Center
- ______ Lebanon and Everett Mines
- at The Georgetown Loop Railroad Hamill House, Home of the Silver Baron
- Hotel de Paris Museum
- ____Alpine Hose No. 2 Fire Museum
- ____Xcel Energy Museum
- ____The Heritage Center
- Johnson's Cabin (9th Street)

_____Town of Silver Plume

- George Rowe Museum
- Clifford Griffin Monument

Let's EXPLORE Clear Creek County!

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Mining Altractions

Venture back into the late 1800s and early 1900s as you experience a well rounded tour of mining history from one side of the County to the other....

Argo Mill and Tunnel

2350 Riverside Drive • Idaho Springs (303) 567-2421 www.argomilltour.com *Gold panning included with tour

Capital Prize Mine

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1016 Biddle Street • Georgetown (303) 569-2468 www.capitalprizegoldmine.com *See a modern mining operation

Stanley

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Edgar Experimental Mine

365 8th Street • Idaho Springs (303) 567-2911 mining.mines.edu/edgar-experimental-mine *Groups of 10 or more with reservations

Lebanon and Everett Mines

646 Loop Drive • Georgetown (888) 456-6777 www.georgetownlooprr.com/mine-tour *Mine tours are only accessible by train

Phoenix Gold Mine

800 Trail Creek Road • Idaho Springs (303) 567-0422 www.phoenixgoldmine.com *In stream gold panning



PACK OUT THE POOP

A MountainTownMagazine.com article written by Holly Battista-Resignolo

You have seen them we are sure. Bright little blobs of pink, green, and teal, sometimes black littered alongside a trail. Some are smushed and dried out others are puffy, condensing in the sun. We all know what I am talking about – PoopBags! Yuck. But I guess at least they've already been packaged, the worst one is when they are still fresh, and naked in all their glory, kicking up a stink in their immediate radius. I've seen all sorts of colors too, even orange dog poop.... that can't be healthy! Anyway, the whole aspect of leaving poop on walking trails is a big no no. Packaged or not, they need disposing of, is it really that hard?



We are von a mission! Dog Poop Bags left on the trail by folks is unsightly, unsanitary, and unnecessary! We found this not so pretty poop bag ruining the view "hidden" away at 12,000 feet, such a bummer.

We are here to help. There are a variety of products that you can place your poop bags into until you reach a trash receptacle.

Leave No Trace says 9 out of 10 people in the outdoors are uninformed about their impacts. Here are several different products you can use to Pack It Out and Leave No Trace!



RuffWear Pack Out Bag - The Pack Out Bag is a convenient solution for carrying full pick-up bags (read: poop) hands-free between drop points. The Pack Out Bag makes it a little easier for us to doodoo our part to keep our trails clean. ruffwear. com/products/pack-out-poop-bag



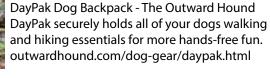
Doo Doo Tube - The Doo Doo Tube Carries filled dog poo bags while walking and hiking with your dog. The best part, it is easy to keep clean and does not retain odor. dogdootube.com



Go Bag for Walking Dogs - The Outward Hound GoBag carries the load so you don't have to. outwardhound.com/gobag.html

Poo Vault - Poo Vault is hard plastic case that holds in smell and germs with an o-ring in the lid and a snug easy to latch top, so you can enjoy fresh air and being with your pup. poovault.com





Here are some other ideas. Grab a bunch of zip lock bags, double or triple them up and put the poop bag inside and then bring along in your pack.



Love,

Designate a Nalgene or water bottle to pack you pups poop away until you get to an appropriate area to dispose of it.

Keep our Mountains and Towns beautiful! Just pack it along with no mess, it is a must.



Parker the Snow Dog, Trigger and their parents Holly and Dustin









Jeep



Take him with you while you EXPLORE Clear Creek County, Colorado!

Mines, mills, museums, shopping, dining, hiking, rafting and more... C.J. Miner would love to come along and share in your adventure!

Don't forget to snap a few photos and share them on his Facebook Page or simply tag him in your photos along the way!

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CJ Miner

Brought to life by the Clear Creek County Tourism Bureau and Colorado creative illustrator, Sam Wallace.

Although CJ Miner is a fictional character, his name represents the Cornish miners often called "<u>C</u>ousin Jacks" as many were unable to pronounce their Cornish names. Additionally his name represents George A. Jackson's nickname, "<u>C</u>aptain Jackson" from time spent serving in the military prior to his 1859 discovery of gold in Idaho Springs.

We encourage you to bring CJ Miner with you on your adventures - simply cut him out, snap photos, and share with us: www.facebook.com/CJMiner303

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