20 miles west of Denver

CLEAR CREEK

Idaho Springs . Empire COUNTY, COLORADO Georgetown . Silver Plume





Live Wild. Visit Responsibly

IIII <u>IIIIII</u>IIII

Official Visitors Eules

Your guide to lodging, dining, shopping, and more... www.VisitClearCreek.com

There's a place not far from here.....

Just over the horizon.

Where the lights of the city give way to the starry sky.

Where the tallest buildings are dwarfed in the distant shadows of timeless giants.

Just a short drive up I-70,

Yet beyond your wildest expectations.

This is where the daring first found gold.

Aud where their spirit of adventure still lingers today.

Where you can be yourself.

Or f**i**d yourself.

Or let yourself run wild.

Come to change your state-of-mind.

Or to shake up your weekend routine,

With healing waters, winding trails, and lazy afternoons.

Welcome to the real Colorado

Welcome to Clear Creek County

..... Open for Adventure.

















Let the Memories Begin Today!

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.

Clear Creek County Tourism Bureau PO Box 100, Idaho Springs, CO 80452 (303) 567-4660 | visitclearcreek.com

Board of Directors

President John Sellers, Loveland Ski Area

Vice President Cameron Marlin, MBA, PHR, Clear Creek Metropolitan Recreation District

Treasurer Alan Blado, Liquid Descent Whitewater Rafting

> Secretary Nichole Nemmers, 11 Eleven Sales

> > Director Cassandra Patton

FOLLOW US



#VisitClearCreek | #ClearCreekCounty

Official Visitors Guide of Clear Creek County, 2023. Also available online in a FREE interactive electronic version by scanning the OR code on the back cover or visiting visitclearcreek.com. All rights reserved. No portion of this publication may be reproduced without the permission of the Clear Creek County Tourism Bureau. Every effort was made to ensure accuracy of information in this guide at time of press; however CCCTB assumes no responsibility for errors, changes or omissions. Please contact the CCCTB at the address above with comments or corrections.







In this Issue

- **4** Free Local Transportation
- 5 Idaho Springs
- 6 Evergreen
- 7 Dumont +Lawson+Downieville
- 8 Empire
- **9** Georgetown
- *10* Silver Plume
- 13 EXPLORE Clear Creek County
- 14 I-70 Floyd Hill Project
- 15 Play
- 17 Rafting
- 21 Scenic Drives
- 25 Fishing
- 27 Mining Heritage
- 29 Tours + Experiences
- 31 Lodging
- 33 Shopping
- 35 Live WILD
- 36 Craft Breweries
- 37 Dining
- 39 Itineraries
- **41** Camping
- **42** Wildlife + Altitude Tips
- 43 Leave No Trace Principles
- **45** Trails Outdoor Recreation
- 49 Resource Directory







On the cover

Georgetown Lake + Bennhoff Lake Trail Photograph by Casey Day









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 7 days a week with additional routed to Evergreen and a new seasonal Loveland Ski Shuttle on Thursdays and Fridays. 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

The Roundabout serves as a great connection to the Idaho Springs Bustang® stop. The Colorado Department of Transportation offers additional transporation options from Denver, Ft. Collins, Colorado Springs, Vail, or Grand Junction. Learn more at RideBustang.com



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





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 complete with enhanced outdoor spaces and live music in a dog-friendly mall-like pedestrian space. #minerstreetmarket 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.

Bes ure to visit the east end of Idaho Springs 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 and there are many wonderful restaurants to visit too!



City of Idaho Springs Parking Management Area

Solid blue areas indicate 3 hour free parking and dashed blue areas indicate 3 hour free oversized vehicle parking.

Please refer to the map key for more information on paid parking areas.



Additional Parking Information: www.parkidahosprings.com









The Mount Evans Scenic and Historic Byway typically re-opens for the season in it's entirety the Friday before Memorial Day, weather permitting.

To purchase a timed-entry reservation scan the QR code or visit Recreation gov

Westbound and Down Brewing Co





EVERGREEN

Elevation 7,220′ 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 TallGrass Spa and Salon luxury 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.

Extend your stay, kick your feet up, and plan an overnight getaway at the creek-side Elk Run Bed and Breakfast. This cozy retreat offers comfortable, in-home accommodations perfect for an intimate getaway or large enough for friends and family. And with this property nestled inside the Mount Evans Elk Management Area it is surrounded by wildlife, including humming birds, fox, deer, elk, wild turkey, and even an occasional black bear sighting!

DUMONT . LAWSON . DOWNIEVILLE

Elevation 7,933' 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 ferrata, challenge courses, white water rafting, 4x4 tours, mechanical bulls, climbing walls, renting an atv/utv, dirt bike, taking a Jeep tour, or snowmobile and more! From the Lawson Adventure Park and Resort, to ATV Tours Colorado, and Native Jeeps 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! 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 and mountain lion habitat.

Lawson Whitewater Park offers parking, public restrooms, and a changing area. Please note there is no lifeguard on duty. 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. Please stay in the area of the whitrewater park as obstructions to navigation exist downstream Clear Creek.





07 | Official Visitors Guide of Clear Creek County



Guided whitewater rafting trips are the perfect summer activity along Clear Creek with rapids ranging from beginner level to advanced and trips ranging from half-day to full-day excursions.

Ask our local outfitters about package rates for rafting with zipline, via ferrata, and challenge courses too!



Fun Fact: Clear Creek is the second most rafted river in the State of Colorado!

Book your trip today: VisitClearCreek.com/Rafting



EMPIRE

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-wheel-drive roads with a rental from SelfSponsored Snow and Dirt. Whether you want to experience the thrill of snowshoeing in a pristine valley, shopping for antiques, cuckoo clocks, 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 well-loved Lewis Sweet Shop first opened its doors in 1951 by Dwayne Lewis and is still in operation today as the Empire Sweet Shop at a new location. Empire is also well known for it's Rocky Mountain Village Easterseals Camp, an accessible, adaptive camp for children and adults with disabilities where campers 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 visiting Empire be sure to visit the Partners for Access to the Woods "PAW " Trail just outside of Town. This trail is wheelchair and walker accessible, and is 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.

Looking for a playground, dog park, and pristine views of the Rocky Mountains? Then be sure to visit Minton Park just off of Park Avenue. It is a wonderful place for an afternoon picnic, festival, or special event such as the All-4-Fun Mile Hi Jeep Club Week happening this summer!



GEORGETOWN

Elevation 8,530' 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.

Today enjoy visiting meticulously preserved and restored museums and buildings filled with exciting shops, art galleries, breweries, and restaurants. The Georgetown Loop Railroad[®] offers an incredible narrow gauge passenger train ride that 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-Silver Plume is a National Historic Landmark District that comprises the Town of Goergetown, the Town of Silver Plume and the Georgetown Loop Historic Mining and Railroad Park where you will experience an incredible blend of past and present.

Known as an outdoor enthusiast's dream, Georgetown offers a plethora of adventure from mountain biking, hiking, fishing, kyaking, 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 and Historic Byway where you can explore numerous hiking trails on foot. Or venture over to Grays Peak and Torreys Peak where you can summit two 14ers in one trip!



Skiing + Snowboarding

Loveland Ski Area is located just west of Georgetown and Silver Plume along I-70 at Loveland Pass on the east side of the Eisenhower Tunnel. Established in 1936, Loveland offers terrain for beginners and advanced skiiers and snowboarders alike. Enjoy free snowcat tours and more than 1,800 acres to explore with a summit elevation of 13,010 feet!



Loveland Ski Area typically opens for the season in October/November and remains open through May.

Learn more: SkiLoveland.com



Guanella Pass Scenic and Historic Byway typically re-opens for the season in it's entirety the Friday before Memorial Day, weather permitting.





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 the town.

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. Surrounded by Republican Mountain on the north and Mount McClellan on the south, Silver Plume sits at 9,101' 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 resides on display at the George Rowe Museum.

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.





Explore Clear Creek County

All Aboard: The Georgetown Loop Railroad[®] 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!

















I-70 Floyd Hill Project Update

The I-70 Floyd Hill Project will improve 8 miles of westbound I-70 between Floyd Hill, west of Evergreen, to eastern Idaho Springs, including the Veterans Memorial Tunnels. Major project elements include adding a third westbound travel lane in this two-lane bottleneck of I-70, constructing a missing two mile section of the frontage road between Evergreen and Idaho Springs, adding an eastbound auxiliary lane to reduce conflicts with slow-moving freight and other vehicles in the uphill section of Floyd Hill, improving traffic flow and access at interchanges and intersections, improving design speeds and stopping sight distance on horizontal curves, improving the Clear Creek Greenway, and implementing environmental mitigation to enhance wildlife connectivity, air and water quality, stream conditions, and recreation. The project is one of several targeted highway improvements to improve travel and safety along the I-70 Mountain Corridor between west Denver and Glenwood Springs.



The Colorado Department of Transportation released an Environmental Assessment in August 2021 detailing its concept for project improvements. Since then, CDOT has refined its Preferred Alternative to reduce costs, improve safety for travelers and construction workers, and further enhance the environment. The revised design is endorsed by stakeholders, who have worked closely with CDOT to develop the context-sensitive design for this gateway to the Rocky Mountains. Information regarding the updated design for the I-70 Floyd Hill Project, including an interactive model of the design, is available on the Project website. Note: if you click the link and see "Page Not Found," refresh your browser to start the interactive model.



- CDOT received a \$100 million federal grant, the largest in its history, to fully fund the \$700 million Project.
- The CMGC Refined Preferred Alternative will be documented in a Finding of No Significant Impact, which is anticipated at the end of 2022.
- A public meeting is planned in Spring 2023 to kick off the first construction phases of the Project; sign up for notices at the Project website.
- Construction is planned in packages, beginning in 2023 and being completed by 2027.









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 3440 Alvarado Road, Lawson www.nativejeeps.com (303) 968-6258

Challenge Course

 AVA Colorado Zipline
 431 Chicago Creek Rd., Idaho Springs www.coloradozipline.net
 (800) 370-0581
 Cliff-side zip + jungle bridge along
 Chicago Creek above Idaho Springs.

- 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 provides users the ability to walk away with a sense

the ability to walk away with a sense of accomplishment while building 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



(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 RMV 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 Rentals

- 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 291 County Road 308, Dumont www.harbskisystems.com (303) 567-0679

- 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 335 Park Avenue, Empire www.selfsponsored.co (303) 567-2098

Hot Springs

 Indian Hot Springs 302 Soda Creek Road, Idaho Springs www.indianhotsprings.com (303) 989-6666 Pure mineral water flows directly into the indoor pool, caves, baths and outdoor Jacuzzis.

Tce Kacina

• 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.

Ice Skating ~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~

Werlin Park

1014 Taos St, Georgetown Typically opens mid-November, weather permitting.

- 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
- Colorado Adventure Center 2697 Stanley Road, Dumont www.raftingcolorado.com (970) 945-6737
- Colorado Adventure Guides *Please call for reservations coloradoadventureguides.com (970) 893-8007
- Colorado Wilderness Rides & Guides *Please call for reservations coloradowildernessridesandguides.com (720) 242-9828
- Downstream Adventures 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
- 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

Rafting season typically begins in mid-May and runs through August, weather permitting.



Clear Creek is approximately 66 miles long, headwaters just northwest of Grays Peak and joining the South Platte River near the junction of Interstate 76 and Highway 224. Clear Creek was famous as the location of the most intense early mining and provided the route of the Colorado Central Railroad. Clear Creek was originally named Cannonball Creek as early as 1820, called so by the French hunters of the expedition of Stephen H. Long. In the 1830s it became known as Vasquez Fork, also Vasquez River, after the fur trader Louis Vasquez who had his fort at the mouth of the river and trapped along it. It gained its present name during the gold rush in 1859. Kayakers' discovered Clear Creek in the early 1950s but when construction of I-70 started they left. In 1989 commercial rafting was started on Clear Creek. The first company failed, but in 1992 Clear Creek Rafting started the success we enjoy today. In 2022 the rafting industry (CROA.org) estimated that 543,515 people experienced rafting tours in Colorado with 80,364 rafters alone on Clear Creek \sim the second most rafted river in the State. The overall direct economic impact for the rafting industry across the State of Colorado totals \$215 million! Fees are paid to Clear Creek County, Idaho Springs, and Jefferson County depending on the Put-In and Take-Out jurisdiction by the rafting company.

Clear Creek has an average gradient of 67 feet per mile, and over 100 feet per mile on the advanced sections of the river. That simply translates to more rapids per mile. This in conjunction with proximity to Denver makes Clear Creek very accessible. Clear Creek offers the prefect beginner experience starting with class II rapids so everyone can practice and then goes to class III rapids. Intermediate traditionally starts in Dumont with 5 class IV rapids surrounded by class III. Below the Lawson Bridge there is one mile of continuous class IV rapids. The lower canyon (I-70 at Exit 244 down to Hwy 119) is class IV advanced water, but has limited cell phone reception. Below 119 is Black Rock with Class V rapids and thrilling just to WATCH.

Our rafting season is dependent upon the amount of snow on this side of the Continental Divide. When the snow starts melting at Loveland Ski Area it takes approximately 24 hours to come down Clear Creek to Lawson. The water will ebb and flow with the temperatures. The melt stops if temperatures drop to freezing. The rafting melt starts when temperatures are warmer longer than they are freezing. White water rafting on Clear Creek is totally dependent on Mother Nature. Rain will augment the water especially when a large upstream rain storm sends that 'chocolate milk' rushing in. This year we have expereinced a very wet spring and it may extend the season into August. When 2 week Peak (Engelmann Peak) losses it's snow we traditionally have 2 weeks left.

CLear Creek offers More rapids per Mile than Most CO rivers

The National Water Information System operated by the US Geological Survey in conjunction with the City of Westminster provides rafting companies with 'Water Talk', giving us current water conditions. The website offers current and past information on water levels. Water is measured in cubic feet per second. waterdata.usgs.gov

In Colorado, rafting outfitters are regulated by Colorado Parks and Wildlife. The Colorado River Outfitter License is a certification of outfitters, their rafts, equipment used, safety regulations, guide specifications, sanitation practices, and documentation of each trip on the river. Colorado Parks and Wildlife Rangers do impromptu inspections of rafts, first aid supplies, guides, and office procedures periodically during rafting season. The commercially rafted rivers require a permit for each river. River Permits are governed by State Parks, Forrest Services, County Governments, Municipalities, and BLM.

Original article provided by Suzen Raymond and adapted by Cassandra Patton



Formerly Known as Cannonball Creek





Photo courtesy of Liquid Descent



• AVA Idaho Springs (800) 370-0581

Beginner to CLass III, Rapids!

- Browns Canyon Rafting (719) 275-2890
- Clear Creek Rafting Co (303) 567-1000
- Colorado Adventure Center (970) 945-6737
- Colorado Adventure Guides (970) 893-8007
- CO Wilderness Rides & Guides (720) 242-9828
- Downstream Adventures (303) 848-4595
- GeoTours Whitewater Trips (800) 660-7238
- KODI Rafting (970) 668-1548
- Lawson Adventure Park & Resort (720) 779-2595
- Liquid Descent (970) 372-2870
- MAD Adventures (970) 726-5290
- Performance Tours (800) 328-7238
- Raft Masters (719) 275-6645
- Rocky Mountain Whitewater (303) 900-4802



Rapids in Clear Creek County





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.



recreation.gov/timed-entry/10087438

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. Please note that the Echo Lake Lodge is under construction by Denver Mountain Parks and limited amenities will be available. From here, 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!



Guanella Pass Scenic & Historic Byway

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.

Skiing + Snowboarding

• ECHO Mountain Resort 19285 Highway 103, Idaho Springs www.echomountainresort.com (970) 531-5038 The closest ski resort to Denver. Enjoy the terrain park, polishing up your racing skills, learn to ski, snowboard, snow tube, or relax.

Jones Pass Guides

3 Park Ave., Empire www.jonespassguides.com (970) 726-5442 Guided Snowcat skiing and riding 45 miles from Denver.

Loveland Ski Area

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. Ask about the "Day Tripper" package that includes lift ticket, equipment and clothing rental.

Snow Tuping

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 Ferrata

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

Eiplines

AVA Colorado Zipline Tours

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

• Colorado Adventure Center 2697 Stanley Road, Dumont www.zippingcolorado.com (877) ZIP-RAFT or (800) 808-0357 Climb 65 foot towers and experience 8 separate zips through the tree tops over Clear Creek.

• Lawson Adventure Park & Resort 3440 Alvarado Road, Lawson www.lawsonadventurepark.com (855) 372-7238 Dual ziplines surround you with Rocky Mountain nature or enhance your trip with Via Ferrata and zip your way back down to the ground.







oveland Ski Area



VisitClearCreek.com | 22





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



Fishing 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 Road 308, Downieville
 (303) 567-4730
- Safeway
 2425 Miner Street, Idaho Springs
 (303) 567-4471
- Town of Georgetown404 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. www.vimeo.com/294196652















Train Ride

The Georgetown Loop Railroad[®] was 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. In 1975 the Georgetown Loop begins reoperating on a small portion of completed track and improvements are made annually.

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.

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.

Partial article from *"Marvelous Machinery: Steam-powered Giants - Steam engines were the foundation of the Industrial Revolution"*

Make a reservaiton to experience this Historic marvel and learn more about the railroad at www.GeorgetownLoopRR.com



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



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....

Let's EXPLORE Clear Creek County!

Pick up your free mini mascot and take him with you while you EXPLORE and uncover incredible history. :: Then post • tag • share your memories on Facebook ::

Facebook.com/CJMiner303

#EXPLORECLEARCREEK

Argo Mill and Tunnel

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

Capital Prize Mine

CLEAR CREEK

MINING

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

Stanley

SILVER



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

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

 The Old School 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

Phoenix Gold Mine

Gold & Silver Mine Tours

History Archive.

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
 store promise is one promy round

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.

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 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.



• 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.

Lodging

Come and stay in Colorado – Beauty is all around!

Let Clear Creek County be your basecamp for relaxation as you explore Colorado, and the majestic Rocky Mountains! Reserve your place of rest and then venture out to enjoy the variety of activities our County has to offer!

Our lodging will make your home away from home a great place to rejuvenate for your next adventure. Choose from cozy cabins on the creek, quaint bed and breakfasts, along with traditional small motels and inns.

We hope you enjoy your stay!















Lodging

Clear Creek County is your Rocky Mountain Rest and Relaxation Colorado Basecamp!

Book your overnight stay today: VisitClearCreek.com/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
- 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

Idaho Springs

Silver Lake Lodge

• 6 & 40 Motel

2920 Colorado Blvd., Idaho Springs 6n40motel.wixsite.com/home (303) 567-2691

- Argo Inn and Suites
 2622 Colorado Blvd., Idaho Springs
 www.argoinnandsuites.com
 (303) 567-4473
- Blackstone Rivers Ranch 3673 Chicago Creek Rd., Idaho Springs www.blackstoneriversranch.com (303) 567-2339
- Club Hotel Colorado (Coming Soon!) 1601 Colorado Blvd., Idaho Springs www.clubhotelcolorado.com (303) 800-9785
- Columbine Inn
 2545 Colorado Blvd., Idaho Springs
 www.columbineinn.net
 (303) 567-0948
- 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 2729 Colorado Blvd., Idaho Springs www.upliftinn.com (303) 567-9263

Evergreen

• Elk Run Bed and Breakfast 1307 Witter Gulch Road, Evergreen www.elkrunbedandbreakfast.com (303) 482-2605

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

Idaho Springs + Evergreen

- - Annie's Gold Antiques & Collectibles 1514 Miner Street, Idaho Springs www.anniesgold.us (303) 567-2268
 - 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
 - Creative Culture Smoke Shop
 2384 Colorado Blvd., Idaho Springs
 creative-culture-glass-shop.business.site
 (303) 567-4523
 - Echos Hippie Shop 1502 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
 - Frothy Cup Coffee Roasters
 Proudly roasted in Idaho Springs
 1510 Miner Street, Idaho Springs
 www.thefrothycup.com
 (303) 567-2622
 - Gypsum Rose Minerals & Fossils 1800 Miner Street, Idaho Springs (303) 567-2219
 - Idaho Springs Heritage Museum and Visitor Center 2060 Miner Street, Idaho Springs
 - www.historicidahosprings.com (303) 567-4382
 - 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
- Jewelry by Antonio 1538 Miner Street, Idaho Springs (303) 216-0708
- Kind Mountain Collective
 1538 Miner Street, Idaho Springs
 www.facebook.com/KindMountainCollective
 (720) 514-9278
- LOOP the Worn Wear Company Recycle. Reduce. Reuse. Repeat 1447 Miner Street, Idaho Springs
- 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
- Marigolds Flowers
 1620 Miner Street, Idaho Springs
 www.marigoldsflowers.com
 (720) 635-6665
- Mountain Exchange
 1524 Miner Street, Idaho Springs
 (303) 567-2791
- Mountain Remedy Co
 1514 Miner Street, Idaho Springs
 www.mtnremedy.com
 (303) 900-2138
- Mountain Tool and Feed 2195 E. Idaho Springs Rd., Idaho Springs www.mountaintoolandfeed.com (303) 567-0122
- NAPA Auto Parts
 2801 Colorado Blvd, Idaho Springs
 www.napaonline.com
 (720) 645-2554
- 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

- Tall Grass Day Spa Gift Shop 997 Upper Bear Creek Rd., Evergreen www.tallgrassspa.com (720) 259-0419
- The Gold Mine Smoke Shop 1800 Colorado Blvd., Idaho Springs www.thegoldminesmokeshop.com (303) 567-2514
- The Guilded Fox 1608 Miner Street, Idaho Springs www.etsy.com/shop/TheGildedFoxLtd (720) 987-5513
- The Soap Shop 1542 Miner Street, Idaho Springs www.sudsorama.com (303) 567-0428
- The Spice and Tea Exchange 1634 Miner Street, Idaho Springs www.spiceandtea.com/idaho-springs (303) 993-8018
- The Wild Grape 1435 Miner Street, Idaho Springs www.instagram.com/ wildgrapeidahosprings (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 1538 Miner Street, Idaho Springs www.facebook.com/vividearthtiedyes (800) 233-5416



- Bonsai Creations
 1615 County Road 308, Dumont
 www.bonsaicreationscolorado.com
 (970) 363-9977
- Breeze/Max 999 County Road 308, Downieville www.skirentals.com (303) 567-2087
- HARB Ski Systems 291 County Road 308, Dumont www.harbskisystems.com (303) 567-0679



Shopping



Empire

- Empire Sweet Shop 2 East Park Avenue, Empire empire-grill-and-sweets.business.site (303) 569-2546
- Free Wheel Coffee Co Proudly roasted in Empire fwcc.store (Online Only) (720) 684-9436

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

Selfsponsored Snow & Dirt
 335 Park Avenue, Empire
 www.selfsponsored.co
 (303) 567-2098

Georgetown

• Buckskin Trading Company 506 6th Street, Georgetown www.buckskintradingcompany.com (303) 569-2050

• • •••••••••

- Clear Creek Glass & Gifts 612 7th Street, Georgetown (970) 389-6855
- Columbine Corner
 507 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
 507 Taos Street, Georgetown
 www.facebook.com/MyStampingTable
 (405) 919-0052
- End of The Line Colorado Wear 503 6th Street, Georgetown www.georgetownloopgifts.com (303) 569-2058
- Family Dollar 1560 Argentine Street, Georgetown (303) 569-2076
- 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 Market 1204 Argentine Street, Georgetown www.facebook.com/GeorgetownMarketCO (303) 569-2464
- 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
- Mining the West Bookstore 509 6th Street, Georgetown (303) 569-2818
- Mountain Mamas' Needful Things
 710 6th Street, Georgetown
 www.mountainmamasllc.com
 (303) 569-5116
- **My Lovely Company** 504 6th Street, Georgetown (303) 569-5062
- **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
- Shoppe International 604 6th Street, Georgetown (303) 569-2495
- Stonehenge Gallery 514 6th Street, Georgetown www.stonehengecolorado.com (303) 569-2153
- The Quilted Purl 707 Taos Street, Georgetown 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

Live WILD ...

With Clear Creek County home of 396 square miles to explore and offering more than 80% public lands, it is easy to see why Clear Creek County is truly quintessential Colorado...

Here you can enjoy visiting four of Colorado's original mining camps that now serve as the local municipalities of Idaho Springs, Empire, Georgetown, and Silver Plume. Today these communities still represent the heart of the 1859 gold rush but are adorned with shops, restaurants, breweries, museums, art galleries, attractions, and cozy accommodations.

Enjoy driving along two scenic and historic byways, drop a line in mountain lakes and rivers, stroll down authentic mining neighborhoods, tour gold and silver mines and visit gold mills, marvel aboard a steam powered locomotive in open-air train cars as you wind your way through the Rocky Mountains, enjoy white water rafting, ziplines, via ferrata, guided OHV tours, skiing and snowboarding, snow tubing, ice skating, climbing to the summit of four fourteen thousand foot mountain peeks, or simply set up camp in the Arapahoe-Roosevelt National Forest and escape the hustle and bustle for a little while.

From simple daytrips to week-long vacations we hope you feel welcome, ignite your imagination, leave no trace, and discover more!

Thank you for visiting responsibly!

When you Shop, Dine, Play, or Stay You Help Preserve the Lands you Love!

Live Wild ...
























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

• Azteca Mexican Restaurant 1628 Miner Street, Idaho Springs www.orderelaztecamexicanrestaurantco.com (303) 567-2933

~~~~~



- Beau Jo's Pizza 1517 Miner Street, Idaho Springs www.beaujos.com (303) 567-4376
- Big B's Soup & Grilled Cheese 2448 Colorado Blvd., Idaho Springs www.cheesus.biz (720) 339-3232
- Buffalo Restaurant 1617 Miner Street, Idaho Springs (720) 502-3121
- **Carl's Jr.** 2901 Colorado Blvd., Idaho Springs (303) 567-2255
- Clear Creek Cidery Tavern & Taps
   1446 Miner Street, Idaho Springs
   www.ClearCreekCider.com
   (303) 567-2158
- Conrad's Hot Dog Co (Coming Soon) 2745 Colorado Blvd., Idaho Springs www.conradsdogs.com (720) 787-9881
- Edelweiss Pastry Shop 1520 Miner Street, Idaho Springs www.edelweisspastryshop.com (970) 309-0117
- Eric's Asian Cafe 2700 Colorado Blvd., Idaho Springs www.ericsasiancafe.com (303) 567-1166
- Fountain BBQ 291 Colorado Blvd., Idaho Springs www.fountainbbq.com (720) 275-4870

- Frothy Cup Coffee Roasters 1510 Miner Street, Idaho Springs www.thefrothycup.com (303) 567-2622
- GyroX Mediterranean Deli
   1641 Miner Street, Idaho Springs
   (303) 567-4976
- Main Street Restaurant
   1518 Miner Street, Idaho Springs
   www.mainstreetrest.com
   (303) 567-2788
- Marion's of the Rockies
   2805 Colorado Blvd., Idaho Springs
   www.facebook.com/marionsoftherockies
   (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
- Picci's Pizzeria & Bakery 2745 Colorado Blvd., Idaho Springs www.piccispizzeriamenu.com (303) 567-0345
- Pick Axe Pizza 1640 Miner Street, Idaho Springs www.facebook.com/pickaxepizzasocial (303) 567-2148
- Sit n Chill Ice Cream 1501 Miner Street, Idaho Springs www.sitnchillicecream.com (303) 567-2715
- Slaymaker Cellars Meadery 1428 Miner Street, Idaho Springs www.slaymakercellars.com (720) 432-0133
- Smokin' Yards BBQ 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 Banana Leaf 1637 Miner Street, Idaho Springs www.the-banana-leaf.com (720) 389-8142
- The Bee's Knees Wine Bar 1430 Miner Street, Idaho Springs www.facebook.com/BeesKneesIdahoSpringsCO (720) 998-0624
- 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 1424 Miner Street, Idaho Springs www.twobrothersdeli.com (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
- Yards Taphouse (Coming Soon) 2731 Colorado Blvd., Idaho Springs www.smokinyards.com
- Yeti Saloon
   1633 Miner Street, Idaho Springs
   www.theyetisaloon.com
   (303) 567-0982

### Dumont + Lawson + Downieville

-

- Adventure Basecamp Bar & Grille at Lawson Adventure Park & Resort 3440 Alvarado Road, Lawson www.lawsonadventurepark.com (855) 372-7238
- Colorado Caboose Coffee
   1041 County Rd. #308, Dumont
   www.coloradocoffeecaboose.com
   (303) 955-7963
- Taco Bell 1073 County Rd. #308, Dumont (303) 567-2175
- Subway (Inside Sinclair) 1039 County Rd. #308, Downieville (303) 567-4213
- Vail Mountain Coffee & Tea Co 999 County Rd. #308, Downieville www.vailcoffee.com (303) 578-5888

#### Empire

\*\*\*\*\*\*

- Empire Dairy King 181 East Park Avenue, Empire (303) 569-3103
- Empire's Edge Cafe 420 East Park Avenue, Empire www.empiresedgecafe.com (720) 464-6261
- Guanella Pass Brewery Taproom (Inside Original Hard Rock Cafe) 18 East Park Avenue, Empire (720) 739-2337
- Lewis Sweet Shop
   6 East Park Avenue, Empire
   www.lewissweetshop-empire.com
   (303) 569-2379

Georgetown 

- **511 Rose Bourbon Saloon** 511 Rose Street, Georgetown www.511rose.com (303) 569-5142
- Cabin Creek Brewing 577 22nd Street, Georgetown www.cabincreekbrewing.com (720) 619-7264

- Colorado T-Shirt and Espresso Store 1510 Argentine Street, Georgetown www.facebook.com/ coloradotshirtandespressostore
- Cooper's on the Creek
   1500 Argentine Street, Georgetown
   www.coopersonthecreek.com
   (303) 569-5088
- End of the Line Ice Cream Fountain 503 6th Street, Georgetown (303) 569-2058
- Georgetown Coffee and Tea 612 6th Street, Georgetown (303) 569-5084
- Georgetown Jerky & Emporium
   509 Rose Street, Georgetown
   www.georgetownjerky.com
   (405) 919-0052
- Georgetown Market 1204 Argentine Street, Georgetown www.facebook.com/georgetownmarketco (303) 569-2464
- Georgetown Valley Candy Co 500 6th Street, Georgetown www.shopgvcc.com (303) 569-2778



- Guanella Pass Brewery
   501 Rose Street, Georgetown
   www.guanellapass.com
   (303) 569-5167
- Guanella Pass Cantina
   505 Rose Street, Georgetown
   www.facebook.com/Chifus.Cantina
   (303) 569-5094
- Kneisel & Anderson Grocery Store 511 6th Street, Georgetown (303) 569-2650

- Lil' Annie's Cafe 507 Rose Street, Georgetown (303) 569-5143
- Lucha Cantina 606 6th Street, Georgetown www.luchageorgetown.com (303) 569-2300
- Mother's Saloon 601 14th Street, Georgetown (303) 569-2080
- Mountain Mamas' Needful Things
   710 6th Street, Georgetown
   www.mountainmamasllc.com
   (303) 569-5043
- Pho Bay III
   1025 Rose Street, Georgetown
   www.thephobay.com
   (303) 569-2126
- Scooters Smokehouse BBQ
   1416 Argentine Street, Georgetown
   www.facebook.com/scooterssmokehousebbq
   (720) 955-6629
- Silver Queen Tap 612 6th Street, Georgetown (303) 569-5195
- Sweet Easy 504 6th Street, Georgetown www.sweeteasygtown.com (303) 569-5134
- The Alpine Restaurant and Bar 1106 Rose Street, Georgetown www.alpinerestaurantgeorgetown.com (303) 569-0200
- The Happy Cooker 412 6th Street, Georgetown www.happycookerrestaurant.com (303) 569-3166

Silver Plume

- Plume Coffee Bar 855 Main Street, Silver Plume www.plumecoffeebar.com (917) 902-3684
- The Bread Bar
   1010 Main Street, Silver Plume
   www.facebook.com/breadbarsp
   (720) 722-7323









oringtime 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!

Day 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 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 or Fountain 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<sup>®</sup> 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 Cantina and 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

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

### Gamp 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 non-reservable Location: 4 miles south of Georgetown on Guanella Pass Road Activities: Hiking, Fishing, Mountain Biking, Wildlife Viewing

#### Image: Cold Springs\*

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 Image: Second State Sta

• 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

Wildlife + Attitude

Mountain Lions and Bears

- Stay inside before dusk and before 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 slowly back away while facing the lion. Do all you can to appear larger raise your arms, open your jacket, pick up your children to protect them so that they won't panic and run. Speak firmly and if the lion behaves aggressively, throw stones, branches, or whatever you can get your hands on without crouching down or turning your back. If the lion attacks you, 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, and clothes worn while cooking should be stored away. Store all garbage in your trunk and pack it out at the end of your stay.
- Store Your Food and Toiletries Safely: All food coolers and toiletries should be stored in your trunk or suspended from a tree at least 10 feet from the ground and 4 feet out from the trees. Don't underestimate the ingenuity of a bear!
- If You Meet a Black Bear: Stay Calm. Stop, and slowly back away while facing the bear and avoid eye contact. Do not make any sudden movements. Speak softly and try to show no fear. If the bear attacks you, FIGHT BACK.

# High Attitude Information

#### 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 the 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 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, remember to steam up your hotel room by running the shower before you go to sleep to aid in breathing.

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 Wildlife Watching Tips

Here are a few simple ways to blend into an 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.

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're over 35 and planning strenuous exercise in high altitude, have a history of heart circulatory, lung disease, respiratory infections, pneumonia, or are 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 less than 3 years old, pets, and women in their third trimester do not go above 10,000 feet.

# *DO COLORADO RIGHT WITH THE CARE FOR COLORADO LEAVE NO TRACE PRINCIPLES*



### KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

The first step happens before you ever step outside. Minimize your impact while maximizing your enjoyment by researching the area you're visiting and preparing accordingly.



## STICK TO TRAILS

Stick to trails and follow the path to preservation. As tempting as shortcuts may be, staying on designated trails protects our landscapes from erosion and you from injury.



### TRASH THE TRASH

It's not just what you take, but what you leave behind that has an impact. So next time you adventure into the great outdoors, know that your small effort to clean-up goes a long way.



### LEAVE IT AS YOU FIND IT

The best way to nurture the nature you love is to leave it alone. Tree carvings, uncleaned gear and even a picked flower can wreak havoc on a delicate ecosystem. So remember, if you love it, leave it.



### **BE CAREFUL WITH FIRE**

Colorado's first defense against wildfires isn't our firefighters or rangers – it's you. Prevent damaging wildfires by never leaving fires unattended and always fully extinguishing them.



### KEEP WILDLIFE WILD

Colorado is home to tens of thousands of creatures. Keeping them — and you — safe means keeping your distance and keeping your food locked tight.



### SHARE OUR TRAILS AND PARKS

With over 40% of Colorado being public land, there's room for everyone to enjoy. Help others experience the peace and wonder of our great outdoors by keeping noises low and respect high.

To learn more visit DoColoradoRight.com







© 2023 Colorado Tourism Office. All rights reserved. © Leave No Trace: LNT.org.





**PLAN AHEAD** 



**BE CAREFUL WITH FIRE** 

**STAY THE TRAIL** 



#### $(\mathbf{1})$

(2)

**Butler Gulch Trail** 

#### 🍋 🥻 🕶 <u>É</u> 葐 🚣

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

#### ðo 🥻 🏂 🚮

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.

ðo 🏌 🟂 3 **Continental Divide Trail (CDT)** LEVEL: INTERMEDIATE/ADVANCED | DISTANCE: 35 MI ONE WAY

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.

#### Watrous Gulch

(4)

(5)

1 K

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.

#### (6)

#### ðo 🥻 🏂 🗹

(10)

(1)

(12)

**Loveland Trail - BLT** (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.

Grays & Torreys Peaks (Trail #54) K 🔬 (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 🏌 🕶 <u> </u> 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.

#### **Silver Dollar Lake** (9)

#### #0 🦹 <u>K</u> 🗺

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

<u>م</u>ہ

🏌 🏂 🚮

ito 🟌 <u>6</u>

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) 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.

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.

Argentine Central RR Grade శాం 🏌 🕶 🟂 (13) 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

Trails - Outdoor Recreation

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) 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.

ðo 指 🏂 🚮 **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**

dia 🟌 🏂 🚮 LEVEL: EASY/INTERMEDIATE | DISTANCE: 4.2 MI

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 yearround. 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.

### (15)

#### (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.

1/2 1/2

#### (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

47

#### dio 🏌 🏂

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.

#### 20 PAW Education Research Trail 🛃 🔝 🖄 LEVEL: EASY (ADA ACCESSIBLE) | DISTANCE: 0.2

MI ONE WAY ELEVATION START/HIGH/GAIN: 8,629'/8,641'/14' GETTING HERE: ¼ 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 tourch the map and know what

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 ELEVENTION 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 M

(23)

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.

#### 🏌 <u>k</u> 🐔

K 🟂

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.

(26) Echo Lake

يبٽ

(25)

ðo 🟌 🏂 🚮

🏌 🏂 🐔

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

LEVEL: EASY | DISTANCE: 10 MI TRAIL 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.

#### (28) Cascade/Ute Creek

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.

29 Resthouse Meadows (Trail #57) M 🕅 🖾 🗹 32 LEVEL: INTERMEDIATE | DISTANCE: 6.4 MI ONE WAY ELEVATION START/HIGH/GAIN:

10,655'/11,444'/1,754' 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:

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: EÁSY | DISTANCE: 3.9 MI RT ELEVATION START/HIGH/GAIN: 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** 

8,692'/10,572'/2,542'

(Including Trail #48)

NETWORK ELEVATION START/HIGH/GAIN:

LEVEL: INTERMEDIATE | DISTANCE: 8 MI TRAIL

GETTING HERE: TH w/large dirt parking lot

Soda Creek Rd, approx. address 2930 Soda

located 3 mi past Indian Hot Springs on

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

and ruins along the way.

Warren Gulch

2.520'

(33)

(34)

<u>k</u>

spurs. All will appreciate fantastic overlooks

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

GETTING HERE: Upper TH w/parking located

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.

up Little Bear Creek Rd. to Echo Ski Area,

Rd. to Steve Canyon Rd. to lower TH with

steep climb to the top. Users encouraged

to remain on the trail and respect private

Trail (Clear Creek Greenway Segment)

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

ABOUT: Paved multi-use recreational path

with bike lane sections along the frontage

just west of Floyd Hill and across the Scott

Idaho Springs. Following along Clear Creek,

Greenway is home to several popular fishing

Lancaster Memorial Bridge to the City of

this scenic segment of the Clear Creek

sites and wildlife along the way.

roads. This path runs from Hwy 6 & I-70

Rd, 80452. Additional parking in town.

LEVEL: EASY | DISTANCE: 4 MI ONE WAY ELEVATION START/HIGH/GAIN: 7,231'/7,561'/878'

property as the trail weaves between USFS

land and private property on lower section.

dio 🦹 🟂 🚅

up the shuttle route, or up Soda Creek

Scott Lancaster Memorial

Mtn bikes may shuttle from lower parking

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

### Trails - Outdoor Recreation



ởo 🏌 🕶 🏂 ₫

(35)

#### Beaver Brook Watershed 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.

#### (36) Clear Creek Greenway

digo

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

dio 🟌 🟂

ðo 🏌 🏂 🚮

LEVEL: EASY-ADVANCED | DISTANCE: 10 MITRAIL NETWORK

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.

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 Meeting rooms, 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.

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 Old School 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...

#### 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, Popula's Evergroop

- 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
 2394 Colorado Blvd., Idaho Springs
 502 6th Street, Georgetown

Dance + Yoga Studios 

- Cherie Ebert Yoga www.cherieebertyoga.com (303) 905-2205
- Clear Creek Recreation Center 98 12th Avenue, Idaho Springs www.clearcreekrecreation.com (303) 567-4822

#### NYC Dance

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

lentistry

- Colorado Dental Co.
   Scott T. Keys, DDS
   1625 Miner Street, Idaho Springs www.ColoradoDentalCO.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 EMS
   411 W. Chicago Creek Rd., St.2, Idaho Springs
   (303) 567-2752 or (303) 679-4213
   EMERGENCY DIAL 911



Clear Creek County
 Health and Wellness Center
 1969 Miner Street, Idaho Springs
 www.jcmh.org/locations/clear-creek-office-2
 (303) 425-0300

Resource Directory

- Clear Creek County Sheriff
   405 Argentine Street, Georgetown
   www.clearcreeksheriff.us
   (303) 679-2376 or (303) 679-2393
- Clear Creek Fire Authority
   681 County Rd. #308, Dumont
   www.clearcreekfire.com
   (303) 567-4342
- Enlightened DPC and Aesthetics Dr. Terri A. Bowland, DO, FACOFP www.enlighteneddpc.website (303) 567-4544

Florist • Marigolds Flowers 1620 Miner Street, Idaho Springs www.marigoldsflowers.com

- (720) 635-6665
  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 Wine & Spirits 1406 Argentine Street, Georgetown (303) 569-3138
- Georgetown Market
   1204 Argentine Street, Georgetown
   www.facebook.com/GeorgetownMarketCO
   (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

- Slaymaker Cellars Meadery
   1428 Miner Street, Idaho Springs
   www.slaymakercellars.com
   (720) 432-0133
- Phillips 66 + Liquor Beer Wine 83 Park Ave., Empire (800) 333-3560

# 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

Clear Creek Laundromat
 1347 Idaho Street, Idaho Springs
 (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

Photographers

- Gary Haines www.grizzlycreekgallery.com (303) 569-0433
- Gary Regester
   www.garyregester.com
   (303) 888-8099
- 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

#### Padio

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 Barber 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

### Tattoo 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

Summit of MOUNT EVANS

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 Scenic Byway
   www.bit.ly/MtEvansByway
   (303) 567-3000
- Guanella Pass Scenic Byway www.bit.ly/GuanellaPass 303-679-2422 x.2

# Veterinary + Pet Services

- 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
- 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 Marketing Alliance
   1634 Miner Street, P.O. Box 1402
   Idaho Springs, CO 80542
   www.facebook.com/MinerStreetMarket
- 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

   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





### 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











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!

> Facebook.com/CJMiner303 #VisitClearCreek

TOURISM BUREAU I WWW.VISITCLEARCREEK.COM

lew - BFL SOC

Jeep

HIKE







Plan your trip today!



History to Discover · Beauty to Explore · Memories to take Home