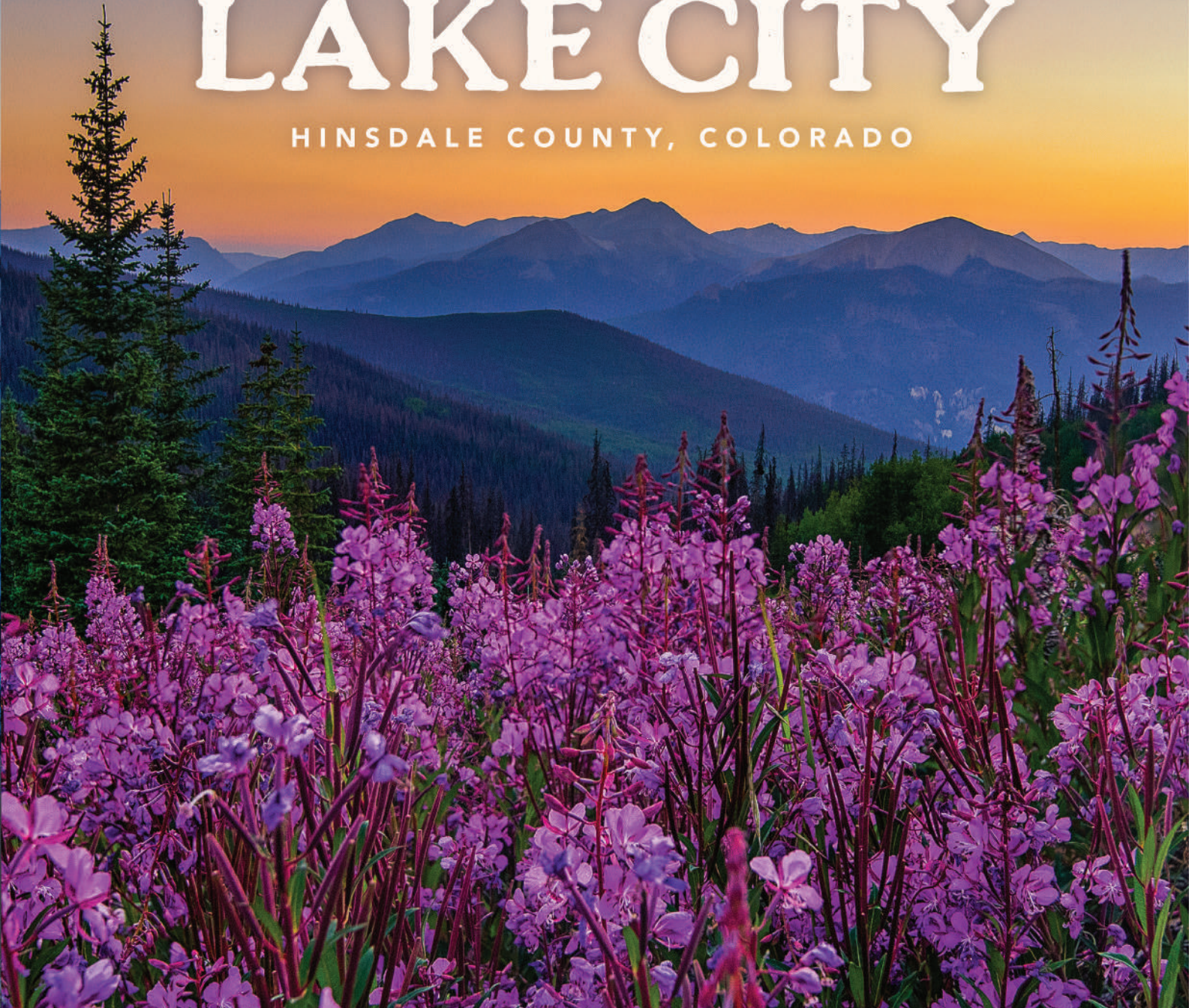


A PEAK EXPERIENCE



LAKE CITY

HINSDALE COUNTY, COLORADO



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A PEAK EXPERIENCE.

Jagged peaks, deep blue skies, paths that follow rushing creeks up tumbling waterfalls to crystalline lakes at timberline. Top-of-the-world views from that invisible line that splits the continent, but crosses this land twice because once just isn't enough! 96% public land, **five 14,000-foot peaks** and their 13,000-foot cousins that literally envelop the only "dot" of civilization within 50+ paved miles.

Where others promise escapes from life's overload, Hinsdale County and its historic town of Lake City deliver. The **most remote county** in America's lower 48, Hinsdale is the mystical place where real trumps virtual and experiences are extraordinary, exceptional, and extreme.

Fishermen, hunters, four-wheel enthusiasts, wildlife watchers, history buffs, trail riders, hikers, bikers, kayakers, and climbers – **your peak vacation experience awaits.** This is the year to go remote in Hinsdale County and the town of Lake City.

GETTING HERE



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VISITOR INFORMATION CENTER

800 Gunnison Avenue Lake City, CO 81235

Friendly, personalized help with your Lake City visit. Find information about where to stay, where to eat, and what to do. We have maps for trails and scenic drives, plus information about fishing, hiking, jeeping, boating, ATV and motorcycle riding, mountain biking, wildflowers, wildlife, historic sites, museums, guided tours, lessons and classes, artist workshops and galleries, special events, relocation information, and more. Located between the Alpine Gateway Plaza and the U.S. Post Office. Call us at 970-944-2527.



LAKE CITY is located in the heart of the San Juan Mountains in southwestern Colorado, about halfway between Gunnison and Creede on Highway 149, which is also designated as the Silver Thread Scenic & Historic Byway. This two-lane highway is well maintained year round. The closest airports are Gunnison (GUC) and Montrose (MTJ), both having rental cars available. Highway 149 is open year round. For road conditions, check COTrip.org or call 877-315-7623.



CONNECT WITH US BEFORE, DURING, AND AFTER YOUR VISIT!

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ARE YOU COLO-READY?



One of the things that makes Hinsdale County so special is its makeup of 96% public lands.

We love sharing our wealth of natural beauty and outdoor experiences with you, which is why you'll find us eager to share our favorite places. We only ask that you do your part to care for our public lands and conserve them for future generations to enjoy by following the Care for Colorado Principles.

With a little preparation, a spirit of adventure, and a soft spot for nature and the past, you'll be on the trail to exploring Colorado like a local.

LEAVE NO TRACE – CARE FOR COLORADO PRINCIPLES

01 KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- This land really is your land. Our state and federal agencies manage 42 percent of Colorado's majestic landscape, and our cities and counties maintain even more. Learn about and respect the spaces we all own, share and sing about.
- Stay back from the pack. Find your way to less-visited and off-peak destinations to minimize down time and maximize your connection with special places.
- Bring along reusable water bottles or hot drink tumblers to limit waste and stay hydrated in our dry climate.



02 STICK TO TRAILS

- With 39,000 marked trails and 13,000 designated campsites, there's no need to venture beyond. By sticking to these areas and camping at least 200 feet from lakes, rivers and streams, you're helping natural areas stay natural.
- Even though shortcuts can be tempting, please don't take them. A few extra strides on the path will protect plants and the homes of the true locals.



03 LEAVE IT AS YOU FIND IT

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



04 TRASH THE TRASH

- Pack it in, pack it out. Or pick it up to leave a place better than you found it. Put litter, even crumbs, peels and cores in your nearest waste/recycling bin.
- Wash yourself, your dog or whatever else needs cleaning at least 200 feet from waterways, and use biodegradable soap. A bubble bath is no treat for fish.
- If you have to poo, walk at least 70 steps from trails, water and people. Dig a cat hole 6 inches deep, do your thing in the hole, cover it and pack out your TP. Or, use a wag bag (a disposable bag found in most outdoor stores) so you can pack out your waste.



05 BE CAREFUL WITH FIRE

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



06 KEEP WILDLIFE WILD

- Colorado is home to tens of thousands of furry, scaly and feathered creatures. To keep them – and you – safe, don't approach them.
- It is not adorable to feed wild animals. You could alter natural behaviors, exposing them to predators or even euthanasia.
- Keep your furry buddies leashed when enjoying dog-friendly trails, and pack out their waste. All the way to a trashcan.



07 SHARE OUR TRAILS & PARKS

- Chances are you're not out in nature to people watch, so try out the lesser-known paths and sites.
- Silence your cell phone before stepping into nature, and speak softly without using the speaker function.
- Be considerate when passing others on the trails and yield to the uphill hiker and biker – they need the momentum.
- Listen to nature. Keep your voice and music soft so all can enjoy the peace of Colorado.





WINTER

Winter glistens like nowhere else in this high country wonderland.

A mantle of white only makes the secret treasures of Hinsdale County and the town of Lake City stand out. Black winter skies glow with starlight that only remote places can boast. Ice crystals sparkle on whitened lakes, ice-laden creeks and waterfalls frozen in motion until the spring thaw. From mountain peaks to wind-swept valleys, this may be the truest time when our San Juan Mountains shine.

Less expensive places to stay, great food, outstanding weather, an abundance of outdoor activities – why not trade glitzy for glistening this year and experience a real Colorado winter with down-home, back-to-basics fun in Lake City and Hinsdale County.



Photos in this spread by Petar Dopchev



WINTER VISIT DREAM PLAN

November through March

No hustle, no bustle, quiet beauty and great outdoor fun – visitors become locals during Lake City’s laid back winters, with no snow bunny markups or underwhelming “tourist” experiences.

- Many motels, vacation homes, restaurants, and stores are open year-round, most offering reduced rates during snow months. For assistance and itinerary ideas, call the Visitor Center at 970-944-2527.

- Recreational opportunities include over 100 miles of snow mobile and multipurpose groomed trails; a local ski hill and terrain park; ice climbing; Hinsdale County Haute Route; backcountry skiing and snowshoeing; ice skating; and ice fishing.



Photo by Matt Hopson

WINTER ADVENTURES

SNOWMOBILING

Hinsdale County has over 100 miles of multipurpose groomed trails that weave through the backcountry between Lake City and Creede. Snowmobile access include a number of entry points at Spring Creek Pass, Slumgullion Pass and Penniston Park, all just off Highway 149.

BACK COUNTRY SKIING / SNOWSHOEING

Cross country ski and snowshoe opportunities include in-town, from the edges of town, and backcountry treks. Most hiking trails are winter sport adaptable, and the 100+ mile trail network groomed by the snowmobile club provides guaranteed multi-use trails and amazing access to the Continental Divide, the Alpine Plateau and the mountains of Slumgullion Pass.

ICE CLIMBING

Just one block south of historic downtown Lake City is the Lake City Ice Park, a favorite among ice climbers who prefer small crowds, stellar routes, and a casual, fun atmosphere. Climbs are free. Keep an eye on conditions at [Facebook.com/LakeCityIceClimbs](https://www.facebook.com/LakeCityIceClimbs).

Join in the annual Ice Climbing Festival each February, and many workshops and guided trips held throughout the season.

For the more experienced, climbing the frozen waterfalls at Sherman or North Clear Creek Falls is exceptional. For information about the Lake City Ice Park and its February Ice Climbing Festival, go to LakeCity.com

ICE SKATING

Part of Lake City Area Recreation's winter program includes ice skating at Memorial Park. A rink is in operation from December to March (weather permitting). For information call 970-944-2333.

LAKE CITY SKI HILL AND TERRAIN PARK

Money spent on one "fancy resort" lift ticket will buy a day of fun for ten at the Lake City Ski Hill. Home to four runs of varying difficulty, the Ski Hill also includes a great terrain park that allows skiers and snowboarders to practice jumps, tricks, and more. For fees and times of operation visit LakeCity.com

HINSDALE HAUTE ROUTE

One of the crown jewels of Lake City and Hinsdale County is the Hinsdale Haute Route, a system of three yurts. Colorado's highest hut route, the system features fully-stocked yurts and "top of the world" views. Each yurt sleeps six to eight people, and guide services are available. For more information, go to www.hinsdalehauteroute.com.

FAT BIKING

The 100 miles of multi-use groomed trails that wind around and down from the Continental Divide are ideal for Fat Biking. With wide, smooth trails, fat bikers can cruise along the trails while the peaks of the surrounding San Juan mountain range surround carve a rugged line along the vista. This area offers the very best views of Uncompahgre, Wetterhorn, and Matterhorn Peaks.



NIGHT SKIES

by Phil Virden

Lake City is well suited for great stargazing opportunities. On a clear night, one can marvel at the moon, planets, constellations, and other spectacular phenomena of our universe. Certainly, a good set of binoculars or telescope will enhance your "up close" viewing. One of the best astronomy activities in Lake City is absolutely free and requires nothing more than patience, the naked eye, and mostly clear sky conditions. That activity is watching for meteors. Although they last only seconds, meteors are always fun to watch as they streak across the sky. And, there are times a fireball (a very large meteor) may flash above. Here are some astronomical event dates you should mark on your calendar:

Jan 3/4 - Quadrantids meteor shower | Jan 10 - New Moon | Jan 24 - Full Moon | Feb 8 - New Moon | Feb 22 - Full Moon | March 8 - Jupiter at opposition (good viewing) | Mar 9 - New Moon | Mar 20 - Vernal Equinox (beginning of spring) | Mar 23 - Full Moon | Apr 7 - New Moon | Apr 18 - Mercury low in the western sky at dusk | Apr 22 - Full Moon | Apr 22/23 - Lyrid meteor shower | May 6 - New Moon/Eta Aquarid meteor shower | May 9 - Mercury transits the Moon | May 21 - Full "Blue" Moon | May 22 - Mars at opposition | June 3 - Saturn at opposition | June 5 - New Moon | June 20 - Full Moon & Summer Solstice | July 4 - New Moon | July 4 - NASA Spacecraft Juno scheduled to enter Jupiter's orbit | July 19 - Full Moon | July 28/29 - Delta Aquarid meteor shower | Aug 2 - New Moon | Aug 11/12/13 - Perseid meteor shower | Aug 18 - Full Moon | Aug 27 - Conjunction of Venus and Jupiter in the west at dusk | Sept 1 - New Moon | Sept 16 - Full Moon | Sept 22 - Autumnal equinox (beginning of fall) | Oct 1 - New Moon | Oct 7 - Draconids meteor shower | Oct 16 - First of three "Super" Full Moons | Oct 21/22 - Orionid meteor shower | Nov 4/5 - Taurid meteor shower | Nov 14 - 2nd Super Full Moon | Nov 17/18 - Leonid meteor shower | Dec 13/14 - Geminid meteor shower | Dec 21 - Winter solstice | Dec 21/22 - Ursid meteor shower | December 29 - New Moon

SPRING

Spring in the San Juans is not easily described.

Late snows melt and the mountains literally explode with life. One day the cloak of winter is tied tightly, while, what seems like the very next moment, rivers rush, trees and shrubs green-up, and the varied species of high country inhabitants emerge to enjoy this treasure-laden land.

With backcountry roads and trails just opening and becoming passable to foot, hoof, and tire traffic, and streams and lakes abandoning their icy shells, springtime is the perfect time to visit Lake City and Hinsdale County and experience the pristine solitude and beauty of its high country places.



SPRING VISIT DREAM PLAN

April through Mid-June

Seasonal lodging facilities begin opening late April or early May, with some offering springtime discounts (see page 36).

- The Alpine Loop, see page 21, with Cinnamon and Engineer passes, typically opens at the beginning of June.
- The majority of visitors begin arriving in July, meaning minimal spring traffic on roads, trails, and at fishing and recreational spots.
- Great recreational opportunities include ice-out fishing (see page 33), great kayak and rafting water levels, high elevation ski or foot trekking, bird and wildlife watching, historical tours, races, and festivals.
- Great photo opportunities include unique waterfalls (see map), an impressive and massive snowplow-created snow wall on Engineer Pass, and newborn wildlife with their moms and at play.

Waterproof shoes are always a good bet when adventuring outdoors, but are a must in Spring as the snow melts. Trails can be muddy so come prepared to keep your feet dry! Trekking poles are also a great addition.

SUMMER

Summer guarantees a Peak Experience for everyone.

Wildflower color everywhere, daylight adventures that inevitably continue into late evening, night skies blanketed with star shine, fun times all around town – with so many dream-come-true possibilities, Lake City and Hinsdale County summers are surely where rainbows end.

With things to do and sights to see filling every summer-month moment, happy energy is contagious in town, on backcountry roads and trails, on summits and at tranquil lakes, and even at campfires flaming under the stars. Despite the presence of more people than at other times, all can find their special moments and places amidst the vastness of these San Juans.

SUMMER VISIT DREAM PLAN Mid-June through August

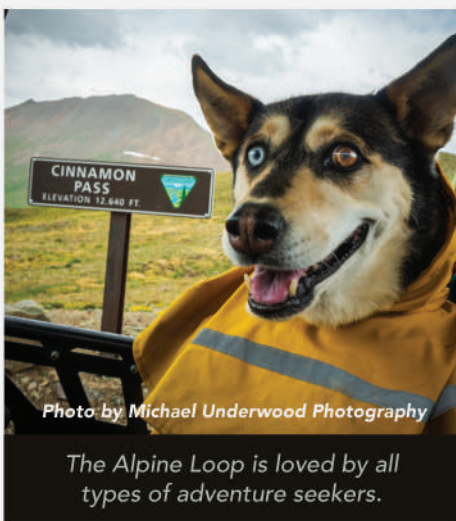


Photo by Michael Underwood Photography

The Alpine Loop is loved by all types of adventure seekers.

- While the Alpine Loop is quite busy during summer months, a number of alternate 4-wheel and 2-wheel roads and passes (page 12), including the Silver Thread Scenic & Historic Byway (page 22), offer fun-filled and less-traveled options with those always spectacular San Juan views.

- Additional recreational opportunities include camping (page 29), hiking high-elevation and wilderness trails (page 17), climbing area peaks, and even tackling a couple or all of our five nearby Fourteeners (page 16). Hinsdale County literally overflows with lake, stream, river, and reservoir fishing

options (page 18), and boating and rafting are additional “water play” opportunities (page 33).

- Great photo opportunities include American Basin in full bloom, wildlife enjoying the fruits of summer, and historical and geological sites and scenes.

- Enhance your stay by taking advantage of a wide range of free or minimal-cost learning opportunities, including historical tours, performances and presentations (page 27, 28); fly fishing workshops (page 33); mine tours (page 30); and art and recreational classes and events (page 28).

If you can, book lodging in January, February, or March (page 36) to guarantee your dream-stay. Lake City's peak tourism season is during July and early August, and yearly repeat visitors claim their spots early. For help finding lodging any time or if you'd like personal assistance, call the Visitor Center at 970-944-2527.

PLAN YOUR TRIP



Photo by Michael Underwood Photography



Photo by Lauren Stamp



Photo by Jennifer Gibson

SCENIC DRIVES

Seasonal road conditions are subject to change. Please call the Visitor's Center for the most up to date information 970-944-2527.



TWO-WHEEL DRIVES

(Accessible by any vehicle)

Cebolla Creek (FS 788): 🌞🌳 Forest Service Road 788 winds from the top of Slumgullion Pass through the ranching community of Cathedral and can connect to County Road 50, which intersects Highway 149 at Powderhorn. This is a great "circle" drive for those who do not have four-wheel drive but are looking for beautiful scenery off the beaten path. While driving, keep a watchful eye for moose known to hangout around the upper and lower mill ponds near Deer Lakes.

CR 20 to Whitmore Falls: 🌞🌳 This section leading to Engineer Pass is accessible for those unable to drive the entirety of the Alpine Loop. Sites along this road include the Ute Ulay mine and mill site, Snowden's Meadow, the remnants of Capitol City, and Whitmore Falls.

CR 30 to Sherman: 🌳🌞🌳 This drive wanders through the valley past Lake San Cristobal to the Sherman town site, ending at the Cataract Gulch trailhead. Those who want to vary their view of the lake and mountainsides should try taking CR 33 on the trip back to Lake City.

Blue Mesa Cutoff & Sapinero Cutoff: 🌞🌳 These two cutoffs are not only great time savers in the summer, but they are also vista-laden scenic routes providing alternate ways to get from Highway 149 to Highway 50, west of the 149 & 50 junction. Both cutoffs are marked on Highway 149.

Silver Thread Scenic & Historic Byway: 🌳🌞🌳 Highway 149 is always a breathtaking drive, regardless of season. Stretching from Blue Mesa Reservoir to South Fork, this scenic sojourn is a great day trip. For those looking to mix up the drive, try taking FS Road 788 from Slumgullion Pass around to Powderhorn. For more information on the Silver Thread, please see page 22.

FS 520 (Highway 149 to Rio Grande Reservoir): 🌞🌳 FS Road 520 travels past Road Canyon Reservoir and a number of campgrounds before becoming four-wheel drive only near Stony Pass past the Rio Grande Reservoir and Lost Trail Campground. The drive also offers access to a number of fishing spots.



FOUR-WHEEL DRIVES

(Four-wheel drive required.)

Alpine Loop: 🌞🌳 This scenic drive always delivers great sights and wonderful memories. For more information on the Loop, please see page 20.

Cottonwood Creek: 🌞🌳 Just after the Cataract Gulch trailhead on CR 35 a beautiful and short stretch of rocky road begins. It meanders through aspen groves and along Cottonwood Creek, opening up just before the Cuba Gulch trailhead.

Hill 71: 🌳🌞🌳 A favorite spot of snowmobilers during the winter can also be accessed by ATVs via Sawmill Park.

Nellie Creek: 🌞🌳 This short stretch of bumpy road just off CR 20 ends at the Uncompahgre trailhead after traveling past Nellie Creek's two tier waterfall. Please note that the road does cross the creek twice and may not be accessible during high water.

Round Top: 🌞🌳 A drive that is particularly spectacular in the fall, Round Top Road starts just after the Lake City Ski Hill, travels through impressive aspen groves, and offers phenomenal views of Uncompahgre Peak.

Stony Pass: 🌞🌳 This is one of the lesser traveled passes of the Alpine Loop, but one that offers great views and plenty of photo opportunities. Stony Pass can be accessed from via FS 520 (Rio Grande Reservoir) and ends at Howardsville, just a few miles east of Silverton.

Wager Gulch: 🌞🌳 Take a trip up Wager Gulch to one of the best preserved ghost towns in Colorado, Carson. The town site is well worth exploring, but please respect the site. Wager Gulch continues to the Continental Divide and offers access to the Heart Lake Trail.

OHV ONLY

Cannibal Plateau: 🌞🌳 This ATV trail is just off Forest Service Road 788. The trail takes users up to its namesake, Cannibal Plateau. The plateau offers one of the best views of the Slumgullion Slide. The trail is also open to hikers and horses.

Lost Trail (width restriction): 🌞🌳 Lost Trail picks up where Wager Gulch left off at the Continental Divide near Heart Lake. This trail does have a 56 inch width restriction. The trail ends at Lost Trail Campground by Rio Grande Reservoir.

Schafer Gulch/Hurricane Basin: 🌞🌳 This beautiful basin has light to moderate traffic during the summer. The road is only wide enough for ATVs, but is also open to hikers and horses. The basin is home to the historic Golconda Boardinghouse as well as beautiful views and scenic vistas.

FALL

Photo by Birdie Reeves

FALL VISIT DREAM PLAN

September through October

As the tourism season winds down, lodging opens up during the fall, with some special rates offered as winter nears (page 36). For assistance and itinerary ideas, call the Visitor Center at 970-944-2527.

- Recreational opportunities include scenic “color” tours of the countryside over 2-wheel and 4-wheel drive roads and color-filled, in-town strolls and backcountry treks – all breathtakingly memorable.
- Sporting activities include fishing, especially for Kokanee salmon and native brown trout and hunting in game management units 65, 66, 67, 76, 77 and 751. See page 18 for more information.
- Photo opportunities – Fall is truly where Colorful Colorado gets its name. Need we say more!

Fall is perhaps the most beautiful time to visit Lake City and Hinsdale County – definitely the most serene.

As if knowing winter is near with all its icy air and whiteness, this remote part of the San Juans flaunts its incomparable beauty in the Fall, when gold, red, orange, and yellow “brilliance” lights up mountain purple and deep forest green.

With a decrease in “vacation” traffic, the pace of life slows locally, wildlife eases closer to town, and area festivals and recreational activities complement the seasonal change with celebrations of art and music and welcoming events for hunters, fishermen, and other sportsmen.



Photo by Travis Hodges

Scenic drives and hikes burst with color during fall. See page 17 for hikes.

TRIP ITINERARIES

The most remote county in the lower 48, 96% public lands, an amazing variety of events offering year-round enjoyment – when you visit Lake City/Hinsdale County, prepare to turn off your normal and experience your extraordinary. Here for hours, days, weeks, months? We hope the following “activity/time” categories help you plan an excellent adventure tailored to your interests.



OUTDOOR RECREATION

A Few Hours to a Half-Day ⌚

Hike, Fish, Bike, or Walk

- Bike or Walk Lake City's in-town trails – for locations and distances see pull-out map or pickup a walking trails pamphlet at the Visitor Center.
- If you want a short hike with a beautiful 4-part waterfall destination, try Cataract Gulch Trail. It is only two miles to the waterfall. The trailhead is located just past Sherman on CR 30.
- Use the kid-friendly equipment, courts, and sport fields available at the town's parks and recreation facilities, or sign up for Lake City Recreation's year-round activities.
- Go for a game (or two) of mini-golf or disc golf at Lake City Ski Hill.
- Take a fly-fishing lesson or go horseback riding with a local business (page 33).
- Try your luck at nearby fishing spots (page 18) – Lake San Cristobal, Deer Lakes, Henson Creek, the Lake Fork of the Gunnison River and many more!

Take a Drive

- Take the short ride around Lake San Cristobal, perhaps stopping for a picnic or fishing, but always for photographs and memorable views you will always treasure.
- Drive along Henson Creek (CR20) to Nellie Creek Road and take a short hike (or 4-wheel) to Nellie Creek's much photographed, 2-tier Waterfall.
- Drive further up CR20 toward Engineer Pass and snap a shot of Whitmore Falls as it sends Henson Creek waters thundering downstream.
- 4-wheel up Cinnamon Pass Road (CR30) to beautiful American Basin (normally in bloom July into August) and capture fields of wildflowers like no others. When blooms in the basin are peaking, you might want to extend that half day stay and take a quick hike to Sloan Lake for the full effect of San Juan magic.

One - Two Days or More... ⌚

Take a Drive

- 4-wheel the Alpine Loop (page 21) – plan on a minimum of eight hours and add time for stops in Silverton, Ouray, or for short hikes and photographs along the way.
- Four-wheel up Nellie Creek Road off CR20 to the Uncompahgre Peak Trailhead and set up your tent for a night under the stars. Climb Uncompahgre the next day, and take another day or two to explore other areas of the Uncompahgre/Big Blue wilderness.
- With Lake City as your base camp, take a few days to camp out and explore all Hinsdale County has to offer (see campgrounds page 29). To check out the county's south end, drive the Silver Thread Scenic & Historic Byway, Hwy. 149, to and through South Fork to Pagosa Springs via Hwy. 160. Take Piedra Road (FSR 631) north from Pagosa Springs and you can camp out along Williams Creek or at the Williams Creek Reservoir before exploring the Upper Piedra area and the Weminuche Wilderness.

Ski, Hike, Fish, Bike, or Walk

- Climb a Fourteener (page 16) – Handies Peak is very doable and a MUST, with Uncompahgre, Wetterhorn, Redcloud and Sunshine for those a bit more in shape and experienced.
- Hike any one of the trails off CR 20, CR 30, CR 50 or Hwy. 149 (page 16). Some right-around-town favorites include hikes to Thompson Lake, Larson Lakes, and/or Crystal Lake and Peak.
- The Continental Divide crosses Hinsdale County twice and can be accessed via trails and some 4-wheel drive roads in northern,

central, and south. Views from the literal spine of the continent are spectacular. Some favorite access treks include Williams Creek Trail, Camp Trail, Cataract Gulch, Cuba Gulch, Poison Park Trail, and Rough Creek Trail.

- Spend a day fishing either on your own (page 18) or with a guide (page 33). Favorite day trips include fishing at Thompson Lake and Larson Lakes, in the Deer Lakes area, along the Cebolla River and at Continental and Rio Grande Reservoirs. When Lake San Cristobal freezes over, ice fishing makes for great day-long fun.
- Tired of overpriced, upscale, and commercial? Come to Lake City after the snow flies and ski or snowboard at the Lake City Ski Hill (page 7). Make a day of it and try out in-town ice climbing off Henson Creek.
- Attention snowmobile, snowshoe and cross-country ski enthusiasts – over 100 miles of groomed trails between Lake City and Creede offer day trips for all levels and abilities.
- Into cold-weather sports? Before spring, Lake City plays host to the annual Ice Climbing Festival, Lake City Snowshoe Race, and Matt Milski Ski Race, usually scheduled weekends in February. Go to www.lakecity.com for more information.
- Three yurts located on the higher reaches of Hinsdale County can be booked by skiers, snowshoers, and mountaineers through www.hinsdalehuteroute.com. Touted as the highest hut system in Colorado, the yurts are great backcountry base camps for those seeking “out there” adventures.

FOOD, SHOPPING & ENTERTAINMENT

A Few Hours to a Half-Day 🕒

Local Restaurants, Businesses, and Attractions

- Catch a movie at Lake City's down home, but high-tech, Mountaineer Theatre (page 30).
- Live music and other family-friendly entertainment can be had at local bars, restaurants, coffee shops including BINGO hosted by Lake City/Hinsdale County Chamber of Commerce.
- Attend local performances – plays, music, dance – scheduled by Lake City Arts (page 28).
- Good food and great shopping, a variety of tasty offerings and locally-made items have visitors lamenting the need for more time. From BBQ to French cuisine, from San Juan inspired paintings to locally-honed woodcraft – on-line or mall shopping can't hold a candle.



One Day 🕒

Local Restaurants, Business, and Attractions

- The Annual Lake City Fourth of July Celebration – it's a generational event for generation after generation.
- If you like local and regional arts and crafts, be here in July for the Lake City Arts "Arts & Crafts Festival" or in September for the "Colorfest Arts & Crafts Festival" (page 28).
- Ever seen more than 1000 ducks float the river - well, you can attend the Ducky Derby in July, a fundraiser held by the Lake City/Hinsdale County Chamber of Commerce.
- If wine and music are your perfect storm, you'll want to be in Lake City for the annual Uncorked Wine & Music Festival the third Saturday in September. See www.lakecityfestival.org for details.
- Enjoy a great Labor Day weekend in Lake City at the Silver Thread Adventure Festival and S.T.A.R. Brew & Q, sponsored by the Lake City/Hinsdale County Chamber of Commerce.

ART & HISTORY

A Few Hours to a Half-Day 🕒

History Abounds in Lake City

- Take a guided Historic Homes Walking Tour, Cemetery Tour, or Friday evening Ghost Tour in Lake City – all provided by the Hinsdale County Historical Society (page 27 & 28).
- Visit the Hinsdale County Museum and see displays featuring Hinsdale County pioneer, mining, and ranching history and the history of Lake City (page 27).
- Check out Lake City Arts' exhibits and presentations at the historic Hough Building (page 27 & 28).
- Walk the streets of the Lake City Historic District and learn about the historic homes, buildings and events described on standing plaques throughout town.
- Take an art class offered by Lake City Arts (page 30).
- Attend free or minimal fee presentations during our August History month celebration, including in the past Alferd Packer, blacksmithing, the Lake City Narrow Gauge Train, red light district ladies, glass plate photography, and parlor singing, at the Hinsdale County Museum (page 30).
- Take Hinsdale County's only mine tour at The Hard Tack Mine located just a few miles up CR 20 (page 30).

One Day 🕒

Take a Drive and Take in History

- Drive the Cinnamon Pass (CR30) side of Lake City's Alpine Loop (page 20) circle trip for a day of mining history sites and sights. Along the route, a side-trip up Wager Gulch will take you to the well-preserved mining camp of Carson. Further up CR30, an overlook provides a view of the once thriving mining town of Sherman. Nearing Cinnamon Pass, a few restored buildings from more than six mining towns that dotted the Burrows Park area remain at area trailheads.
- Drive the Engineer Pass (CR20) side of Lake City's Alpine Loop circle (page 20), and history buffs will be treated to a number of whispers from the past, including remains of the Ute Ulay Mine and Mill, Capitol City "ghost town" remnants, and the Rose Lime Kiln built in 1881. Once standing at 44' tall, 20' of the Rose Lime Kiln remains after being damaged by an avalanche in 2019.



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TRAILS hiking. ho



FOURTEENERS

14,000'+

Uncompahgre Peak 14,309'

Trailheads: Nellie Creek Trailhead, 7.25 mi. roundtrip, Moderate, Uncompahgre Peak Quad; Matterhorn Creek Trailhead, 11 mi. roundtrip, Wetterhorn Peak/ Uncompahgre Peak Quad; Big Blue Trailhead, 20 mi. roundtrip, Sheep Mountain/Uncompahgre Peak Quad.

Redcloud Peak 14,034'

Trailhead: Silver Creek Trailhead, 9.4 mi. roundtrip, Moderate, Redcloud Peak Quad.

Sunshine Peak 14,001'

Trailhead: Silver Creek Trailhead, 11.4 mi. roundtrip, Moderate, Redcloud Peak Quad.

Handies Peak 14,048'

Trailhead: American Basin (Sloan Lake) Trailhead, 5.5 mi. roundtrip, Easy to Moderate; Grizzly Gulch Trailhead, 8 mi. roundtrip, Moderate, Handies Peak Quad.

Wetterhorn Peak 14,015'

Trailhead: Matterhorn Creek Trailhead, 7.5 mi. roundtrip, 2500 ft. elevation gain, Moderate to Difficult, Wetterhorn Peak Quad.

THIRTEENERS

13,000'+

Wildhorse Peak 13,266'

Trailhead: American Flats Trailhead, 6 mi. roundtrip, Moderate, Wetterhorn Peak Quad.

Half Peak 13,841'

Trailhead: Cataract Gulch Trailhead, 7 mi. roundtrip, Moderate to Difficult, Pole Creek Mt. Quad.

White Cross Mountain 13,542'

Trailhead: Grizzly Gulch Trailhead, 7 mi. roundtrip, Moderate, Redcloud Peak Quad.

Matterhorn Peak 13,590'

Trailhead: Matterhorn Creek Trailhead, 6 mi. roundtrip, Moderate to Difficult, Uncompahgre Peak Quad.

Coxcomb Peak 13,656'

Trailhead: Matterhorn Creek Trailhead, 9 mi. roundtrip, Difficult, Wetterhorn Peak Quad.

Carson Peak 13,657'

Trailhead: Carson (Wager Gulch) Road - 3.5 mi. past Carson, 5 mi. roundtrip, Easy, Pole Creek Mt. Quad.

Bent Peak 13,393'

Trailhead: Carson (Wager Gulch) Road - 1 mi. past Carson, 2 mi. roundtrip, Easy, Finger Mesa Quad.

As we recreate, it is important to leave nature as unchanged by our presence as possible so that that future generations can enjoy it too. Learn how to adventure like a local and protect our outdoor spaces. Before you head out, check out the Care for Colorado principles on page 5 to prepare.



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EASY TO MODERATE TRAILS

◆ **Big Blue Creek** Length: 12 miles. Season of use: June through October. Amount of Use: Light horse use; light hiking. Total Elevation Gain: 1,800'

◆ **Powderhorn Lakes** Length: 4 miles to Lower Powderhorn Lake; 4.5 miles to Upper Powderhorn Lake. Season of use: Mid-June through October. Amount of Use: Light hiking, backpacking, and horse use. Total Elevation Gain: 660'

◆ **Powderhorn Park** Length: 6.3 miles to Robbers Roost. Season of use: Mid-June through October. Amount of Use: Light hiking and horse use, moderate during hunting season. Total Elevation Gain: 1,730'

◆ **Ski Hill to Lake Trail** Length: 1.6 miles. Season of use: Mid-June through October. Amount of Use: Light hiking. Total Elevation Gain: 800'

◆ **Weminuche Pass to Continental Divide** Length: 4.5 miles. Season of use: Mid-June through October. Amount of Use: Light hiking and horse use, moderate during hunting season. Total Elevation Gain: 1,900'

MODERATE TO DIFFICULT TRAILS

◆ **American Basin to Handies Peak** (14,048') Length: From the Trailhead it is 1.3 miles to Sloan Lake; 1 mile further to Handies Peak. Add another .9 mile if you start walking from the Alpine Loop Turnoff. Season of use: July through October. Amount of Use: Moderate hiking; moderate jeep/ATV traffic along the road to the trailhead. Total Elevation Gain: 2,448'

◆ **Camp Trail** Length: 5 miles to the Continental Divide. Season of use: July through October. Amount of Use: Light horse use; moderate hiking. Total Elevation Gain: 2,600'

◆ **Canon Infierno** Length: 6 miles. Season of use: July through October. Amount of Use: Light horse use; light hiking. Total Elevation Gain: 1,780 ft.

◆ **Cataract Gulch** Length: 4.1 miles to the Continental Divide. Season of use: July through October. Amount of Use: Moderate hiking. Total Elevation Gain: 2,570'

◆ **Cooper Creek** Length 3.7 miles to Cooper Lake. Season of use: July through October. Amount of Use: Light hiking. Total Elevation Gain: 2,190'

◆ **Cottonwood Creek Length:** 4.1 miles to switchback; trail continues for about 2 more miles. Season of use: June through October. Amount of Use: Light jeep/ATV traffic, light walking, mountain biking. Total Elevation Gain: 1,370 ft. to switchback; 3,000 ft. to Upper Snare Basin.



◆ **Crystal Lake** Length: 4 miles to Crystal Lake. Season of use: July through October. Amount of Use: Light horse use; light hiking. Total Elevation Gain: 3,000'

◆ **Cuba Gulch** Length: 3.25 miles to the Continental Divide. Season of use: June through October. Amount of Use: Light horse use; light hiking. Total Elevation Gain: 2,020'

◆ **Devil's Creek** Length: 6.8 miles to Devil's Lake. Season of use: Mid-June through October. Amount of Use: Light hiking/ horse use; moderate during hunting season. Total Elevation Gain: 3,520'

◆ **Independence Gulch Trail** Length: 2.25 miles to Little Elk Trail. Season of use: July through October. Amount of Use: Light horse use; light hiking. Total Elevation Gain: 1,700'

◆ **Larson Lakes** Length: 4.75 miles. Season of use: July through October. Amount of Use: Light horse use; light hiking. Total Elevation Gain: 2,200'

◆ **Round Top Road** Length: 5 miles. Season of use: July through October. Amount of Use: Light horse use; light hiking, moderate jeep/ATV traffic. Total Elevation Gain: 2,800'

◆ **Waterdog Lake** Length: 3.8 miles to Waterdog Lake. Season of use: Mid-June through October. Amount of Use: Light hiking, horseback, and mountain biking. Total Elevation Gain: 2,500'

DIFFICULT TRAILS

◆ **Alpine Gulch** Length: 6 miles. Season of use: July through October. Amount of Use: Light horse use; moderate hiking. Total Elevation Gain: 3,480'

◆ **Alpine Loop** Length: 54 miles. Season of use: July through October. Amount of Use: Heavy jeep/ATV traffic, light horse use, light hiking. Total Elevation Gain: 4,000'

◆ **Cannibal Plateau** Length: 3 miles to Meso Seco. Season of use: July through October. Amount of Use: Light horse use; light hiking; light ATV traffic. Total Elevation Gain: 1,400'

◆ **Grizzly Gulch** to Handies Peak (14,048') Length: 4.2 miles to Handies Peak. Season of use: July through October. Amount of Use: Moderate hiking; light horseback. Total Elevation Gain: 3,623 ft.

◆ **Matterhorn Basin** to Wetterhorn Peak (14,015') Length: 3.5 miles. Season of use: July through October. Amount of Use: Light horse use; light to moderate hiking. Total Elevation Gain: 3,300 ft.

◆ **Matterhorn Creek to Matterhorn Peak** (13,590') Length: 3.3 miles. Season of use: July through October. Amount of Use: Light hiking. Total Elevation Gain: 2,790 ft.

◆ **Nellie Creek to Uncompahgre Peak** (14,309') Length: 3.75 miles. Season of use: July through October. Amount of Use: Light horse use; Moderate hiking. Total Elevation Gain: 3,000 ft.

◆ **Silver Creek to Redcloud Peak** (14,034') & Sunshine Peak (14,001') Length: 5.7 miles to Sunshine Peak. Season of use: July through October. Amount of Use: Moderate hiking. Total Elevation Gain: 3,609 ft.

◆ **Stewart Creek to San Luis Peak** (14,014') Length: 6 miles. Season of use: July through October. Amount of Use: Light horse use; light hiking. Total Elevation Gain: 3,600 ft.

◆ **Wager Gulch** Length: 3.4 miles to Carson town site; 4.8 miles to the Continental Divide. Season of use: July through October. Amount of Use: Moderate jeep/ ATV use, light hiking, mountain biking. Total Elevation Gain: 3,100 ft.

◆ **Williams Creek** Length: 7.5 miles. Season of use: June through October. Amount of Use: Light horse use; light hiking Total Elevation Gain: 3,295 ft.

Page 16 and 17 mileage and elevation gains may not be exact. Difficulty ratings are subjective in nature and are directed toward hikers only.

FISHING & HUNTING

FISHING BY THE SEASONS

Fish year round in the Lake City area. Each season requires a distinct approach for the best chances of success.

SPRING (March-May): Spring fishing begins in the Lake City area when the ice leaves the Lake Fork of the Gunnison in March. The water is low and clear at ice-out, and the fish are still concentrated in their winter habitat, the deep pools. The trout aren't interested in expending much energy to chase lures, so fly fishers do best using a variety of nymphs fished near the bottom. Spring runoff usually spoils stream fishing from mid-May through mid-June. Lake San Cristobal thaws out in late April or early May, and veteran anglers know it's the best time to fish for giant 10 to 30-pound mackinaw (lake trout) that cruise near shore. Fishing with sucker meat on the bottom is a proven technique. Landing one of these monsters could easily be your fish of a lifetime!

FALL (September-November): Fall is a perennial favorite season for many Lake City anglers. Changing colors of aspens and cottonwoods light up our waters with a golden glow, and the streams are usually low and clear. Brown trout move upstream to spawn on the Lake Fork and Cebolla Creeks, and are quite aggressive in the fall. They'll chase streamers or lures that imitate small fish. Please take care not to wade through their redds (spawning beds) in order to protect their newly-laid eggs. In early fall on the smaller streams, using grasshopper flies in the fall can trigger explosive hits from fish hungry for a big bite.

SUMMER (June-August): Summer is prime season for the high country streams and lakes surrounding Lake City. It's a great time to teach a child to fish in unintimidating waters like Deer Lakes or Big Blue Creek. In both places, brook trout are abundant, but not large. Skilled anglers seeking larger fish should try for the wild browns of Cebolla Creek and Henson Creek or the browns and rainbows of the Lake Fork of the Gunnison. Dry fly fishing is superb during the stonefly hatch in late June and into early July. Small spinners work well on these streams, too. High country lake fishing at Crystal, Cooper, Cataract, and Powderhorn Lakes can be phenomenal at times, but they are also temperamental. Plan to fish a full day at these lakes in order to intersect their prime feeding periods. Lake San Cristobal fishing is often best in the summer from a boat, either by trolling spoons or casting spinners.

WINTER (December-February): Stream fishing is very limited to nonexistent in the Lake City area in the winter, as ice covers most of the flowing water by late November. Ice fishing on Lake San Cristobal, however, is popular by those who either brave the elements outside or from the amazing comfort of a fishing hut on the ice. Fishing with bait and jigging are common Lake San Cristobal ice fishing tactics that result in many smaller lake trout being caught, and occasionally one too large to fit through the hole! Lake City area fishing has remained outstanding for generations because many anglers "limit their kill" instead of "kill their limit." Read the Colorado Division of Wildlife Fishing Regulations or The Lake City Fishing Guide to learn how to return a fish safely to the water. The latter publication is available at the Visitors' Center, and also includes detailed descriptions of all area streams and lakes. Whatever season finds you in Lake City, there's fishing to be enjoyed. Spend a day with rod and reel, and let the magic of our waters and their trout restore your soul.

EASY ACCESS FISHING



Lake San Cristobal - Formed by the Slumgullion Earthflow over 700 years ago, Lake San Cristobal is now the second largest natural lake in Colorado. It is a great recreation area for anglers, boaters, and families. There are public campgrounds around the lake as well as a public boat launch.

Deer Lakes - Near the top of Slumgullion Pass is the turnoff for Deer Lakes. This road is a wonderful, easy backcountry drive leading to several campgrounds, hiking trails, and excellent fishing. Deer Lakes is a great place for children to fish.

Henson Creek - Coming down from high in the San Juans, Henson Creek is a brushy mountain stream that can often yield great trout fishing. Henson follows County Road 20 down from Capitol City and joins the Lake Fork in Lake City.

Lake Fork of the Gunnison River - With over 28 miles of public waters, the Lake Fork is a great place for those who want to fish but do not have the time to hike to a fishing spot. There are a number of places right along Highway 149 where you can fish 10 feet from your car.

Rio Grande Reservoir - For access to this reservoir, travel south on Highway 149 to Forest Service Road 520. The reservoir is located 13 miles down Forest Service Road 520. Rio Grande Reservoir is stocked with fish in the summer months and is also open to boating.

Continental Reservoir - This reservoir is located about halfway between Lake City and Creede off of Highway 149. To access it, travel south out of Lake City on Hwy 149 to Forest Service Road 513, which leads to Forest Service Road 513.1A. The reservoir is about 2 miles down this road. Fishing is great in this stocked lake and boats are allowed.

Williams Creek Reservoir - Located in the south end of Hinsdale County, this reservoir is accessed from Highway 160 by Pagosa Springs. Turn off of Highway 160 onto Forest Service Road 631. After traveling 22 miles on this road, turn onto Forest Service Road 640. The reservoir is located just half a mile down Forest Service Road 640. Fall and late spring fishing is great in this reservoir, which is stocked with Kokanee salmon and trout. Boating is allowed and there is a large public campground near the reservoir.



HUNTING IN THE SAN JUANS

started during the 19th century when the mountain men who weren't prospecting for precious metals learned of another commodity that these mountains had to offer: fur pelts. Beaver pelts at this time were fashionable and could fetch a high price in cities. Once mining became the trade of the county in the 1880s, miners hunted big game animals such as deer to feed themselves and their families.

Today, elk and deer hunting is a way to enjoy the outdoors and pleasant fall weather. Hunting in Hinsdale County is limited licensing only, which requires hunters to be drawn for tags. Six game management units occur partially in Hinsdale County: 65, 66, 67, 76, 77, and 751. Units 66, 67, and 76 are draw only with some over the counter licenses sold in units 65, 77 and 751.

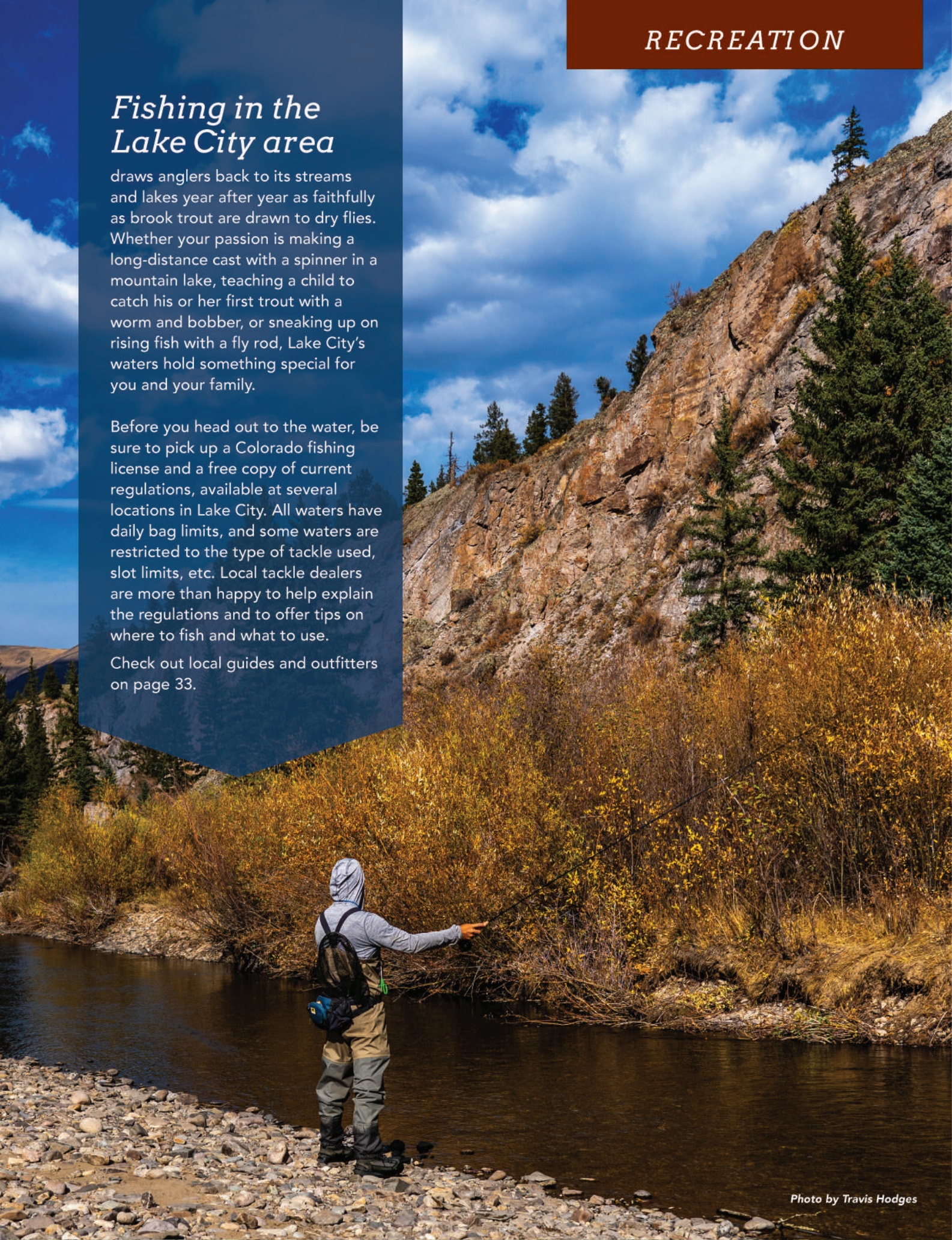
Area hunters are likely to have high harvest rates, quality animals, and a great overall experience. The benefits of hunting in a county comprised of 96 percent public land offer numerous access points to the backcountry, plenty of room to hunt and a lower chance of overcrowding of hunters. The application deadline for tags for big game hunting is usually the first week of April.

Fishing in the Lake City area

draws anglers back to its streams and lakes year after year as faithfully as brook trout are drawn to dry flies. Whether your passion is making a long-distance cast with a spinner in a mountain lake, teaching a child to catch his or her first trout with a worm and bobber, or sneaking up on rising fish with a fly rod, Lake City's waters hold something special for you and your family.

Before you head out to the water, be sure to pick up a Colorado fishing license and a free copy of current regulations, available at several locations in Lake City. All waters have daily bag limits, and some waters are restricted to the type of tackle used, slot limits, etc. Local tackle dealers are more than happy to help explain the regulations and to offer tips on where to fish and what to use.

Check out local guides and outfitters on page 33.



THE ALPINE LOOP

THE ALPINE LOOP BACKCOUNTRY BYWAY,

a network of four-wheel drive roads that connect Lake City, Ouray, and Silverton, traverses passes up to 12,800 feet while showcasing old mines, ghost towns, natural wonders, beautiful wildflowers, and abundant wildlife. These roads were originally paths used by Native Americans crossing the region. In the 1880s, these trails were widened and used to access mines. Today, the Alpine Loop is an avenue for exploring nature and history amidst thrilling views and stunning geography. The listed points of interest are in order from Cinnamon Pass to Engineer Pass. Drivers looking for a more thrilling experience can venture to Poughkeepsie Pass, Black Bear Pass, and Imogene Pass. These passes are for experienced 4x4 drivers only. Maps of the Alpine Loop are available at the Lake City Visitor Center for a small donation. Also available at the Visitor Center is the Alpine Explorer magazine, which includes detailed information about recreation opportunities, points of interest, wildlife, a detailed map, and more.

is still a thing?



POINTS OF INTEREST

📍 **Carson:** Considered one of the best preserved historic mining camps in Colorado, Carson is well worth the trek up Wager Gulch.

📍 **Sherman Overlook:** Get a bird's eye view of the once bustling city that serviced the profitable Black Wonder Mine. Also keep an eye out for big horn sheep, as they are known to frequent the rocks around the overlook.

📍 **Burrows Park:** In a space of a few miles, at least 6 towns once existed here during the height of mining in the San Juans. Historic buildings at the trailheads of Handies, Redcloud and Sunshine Peaks have been restored.

📍 **American Basin:** American Basin, one of the most photographed places in Colorado, is located about a mile east of the summit of Cinnamon Pass. American Basin is home to a spectacular show of wildflowers each July, though some flowers bloom earlier in the summer. Species include larkspur, lupine, old man of the mountain, Indian paintbrush, monkshood, and native columbine. The flowers usually peak mid-July. To keep this display for all visitors, please do not pick the flowers and walk only on the road and trails.

📍 **Animas Forks:** Animas translates to spirit or ghost and visitors will sense the spirits of the old miners who worked this area in days gone by. This old mining town has a number of well-preserved buildings and serves as a junction for several four wheel drive roads.

📍 **Mineral Point:** Located just south of the summit of Engineer Pass, this point of interest isn't for the faint of heart. Those willing to drive out on the point will be rewarded with a breathtaking panoramic view of the surrounding wilderness.

📍 **Rose Lime Kiln:** This kiln stands alone along the road to Engineer Pass. Built in 1881 to produce an ash-free lime, it is listed in the National Register of Historic Places. Once standing at 44' tall, 20' of the Rose Lime Kiln remains after being damaged by an avalanche in 2019.

📍 **Whitmore Falls:** Tucked back almost beneath the road, Henson Creek is choked into a tight column of water that thunders through the falls. Steps have been placed to allow easier access to a safe viewing platform and a great photo opportunity.

📍 **Capitol City:** Named because its founder had high hopes of the town becoming the capital of Colorado, this ghost town sits at the confluence of Henson Creek and North Henson Creek.

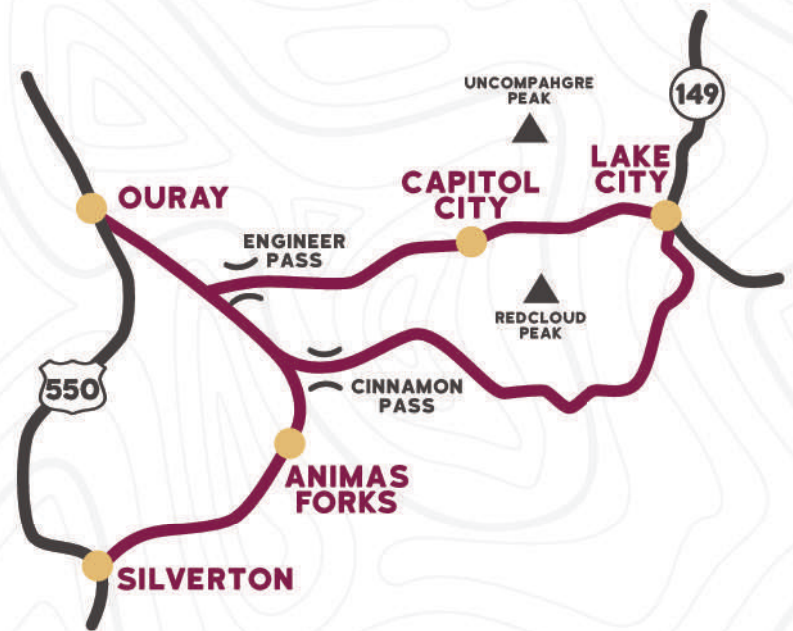
📍 **Nellie Creek:** This steep, rugged four-wheel drive road passes a beautiful 2-tier waterfall as it leads to the trailhead for Uncompahgre Peak.

📍 **Ute Ulay Mine and Mill:** Designated in 2015 as one of Colorado's Most Endangered Sites, a number of original mine and mill buildings remain at this site, which also includes informational signs and a picturesque view of Henson Creek. Power for the mine was supplied by a dam just below the old Henson town site. This site has a designated walking trail that allows you to safely explore the area. Please stay on the trail.

📍 **Silverton:** Connected to Lake City not only by Cinnamon Pass but also by a rich mining history, Silverton was founded in 1873, a year before Lake City. More info at www.silverton.com

📍 **Ouray:** Named for perhaps the most famous Ute leader, Chief Ouray, this mountain town is nicknamed the "Switzerland of America." More info at www.ouray.com

RECREATION



KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

Hinsdale County OHV Laws & Regulations within Lake City Limits

- Must comply with all Colorado motor vehicle traffic laws
- Valid driver's license or operator's permit in possession
- Proof of standard motor vehicle liability insurance
- Windshield or eye protection (sunglasses or safety glasses) for all occupants
- Helmets required under 18 years of age (unless in a child restraint)
- Motor vehicle child restraint laws apply
- No more occupants than OHV designed by the manufacturer
- If provided by the manufacturer, seat belts must be worn
- A Colorado State Parks sticker
- All OHVs are required to stay on designated roads and observe all road conditions.

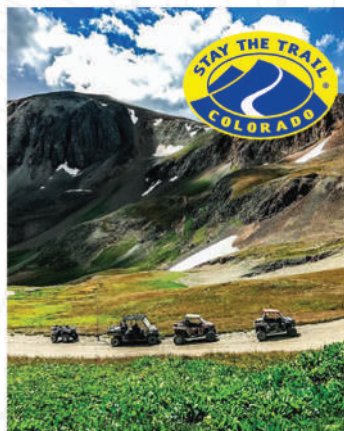
All OHVs must follow Hinsdale County law. While riding, please be courteous to others and obey all speed limits and regulations. For updated OHV regulations within the town of Lake City visit LakeCity.com

Driving The Alpine Loop

Portions of this road are not paved and require a four-wheel drive, high clearance vehicle. The Alpine Loop has narrow twists and blind curves. It is best to go clockwise around the loop to keep the driver on the outside edge.

Courtesy Rules of the Alpine Loop

1. Stay on designated roads. Obey posted signs for parking and trails.
2. Please drive slowly and watch for on-coming traffic.
3. Stay on your side of the road on blind curves. Honk to warn on-coming traffic.
4. Uphill traffic has the right-of-way.
5. Do not park or stop on narrow sections of the road. Use pull-outs or wider areas of the road to park.



Stay the Trail

The Alpine Loop gives access to the high country and alpine tundra. Alpine plants are rare, fragile, endangered, and are easily killed from both human and animal footsteps. It is imperative to stay on designated roads and trails to protect the fragile alpine tundra.

Did you know that damage to alpine tundra may take hundreds of years to recover?

Irresponsible use causes closures for all of us. Let's work together in 2021 by keeping our wheels where they belong to help keep trails open!

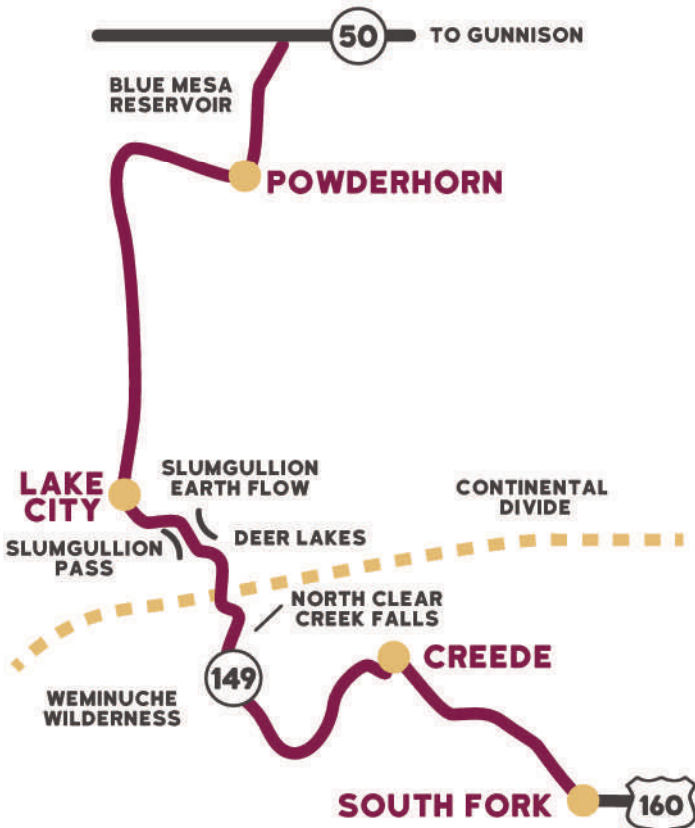
Visit StayTheTrail.org to learn more.

SILVER THREAD

scenic and historic byway

Like many attractions in the San Juans, the Silver Thread Scenic & Historic Byway finds its roots in the rich mining days of the late 19th century. Industrialists and merchants became road builders and widened the narrow footpaths of the Ute Indian Tribe, turning the paths into toll roads for transporting ore, supplies, and people to the remote San Juans. Eventually, the railroad came to Hinsdale County, making travel faster and more efficient. By the 1920s, more and more travelers were using automobiles, creating the need for better roads. Highway 149 remained a dirt road until 1968, when paving began between Lake City and Creede. The last stretch was paved in the Santa Maria Reservoir area in 1983. In 1990, portions of Highway 149 were designated as a historic byway.

Today, the Silver Thread Scenic & Historic Byway spans the entire length of Highway 149, winding through four counties and three towns including Lake City, Creede, and South Fork. From beginning to end, it is a historical route with astounding beauty, recreational abundance, and a varied and unique geology. Elk, deer, moose, and bighorn sheep are often seen along the highway. There are several marked stopping points along the Byway and beautiful views with every turn. For more information, pick up a Silver Thread Guide at the Lake City Visitor Center.



DEER LAKES

Just north of the summit of Slumgullion Pass is Forest Service Road 788. While its official name may not sound inviting, this road is one of the greatest gateways to recreation opportunities in Hinsdale County. This area is known for great wildlife watching, especially for spotting moose at the Upper and Lower Mill Ponds. FS Road 788 leads to five campgrounds, one day use area, access to Cannibal Plateau, numerous hiking trails, past the historic farms of Cathedral, through the Mason Family State Wildlife Area, and eventually ends in Powderhorn at Highway 149. This road is two wheel drive and great for those looking to take the other scenic route to Gunnison. It also provides access to Los Pinos Pass, a magnificent drive especially in the fall. High clearance is recommended for Los Pinos Pass.

📍 **Blue Mesa Reservoir:** Located in Curecanti National Recreation Area, this 20 mile long reservoir, the largest in the state, is a popular recreation area for anglers, boaters, hikers, campers, and swimmers.

📍 **The Gate:** This stunning rock formation, which resembles a gate in a fence of mountains, was carved by the Lake Fork of the Gunnison and towers over the river and highway. In this area, there is easy access to the Lake Fork and a public campground.

📍 **High Bridge:** The railroad bed and trestle of a bridge owned by the Denver and Rio Grande Railroad that once spanned the canyon still remain at this site. When the line was abandoned, timbers from the bridge were removed and used to build a school in Gunnison. The road to this area is steep and may not be accessible to all cars.

📍 **Alferd Packer Massacre Site:** In the winter of 1874, Alferd Packer led five under prepared prospectors into the wilderness. Two months later, Packer emerged alone, looking suspiciously well-fed. He later confessed to killing one crazed man in self-defense and eating the remains of his five companions in order to survive. He was eventually convicted and imprisoned until 1901. His victims are memorialized at this site.

📍 **Lake San Cristobal Overlook:** A short hike is required to view Lake San Cristobal but is worth the walk. The overlook offers a view of Colorado's second largest natural lake and surrounding peaks.

📍 **Slumgullion Earthflow:** This earthflow, a National Natural Landmark, caused the damming of the Lake Fork and formed Lake San Cristobal. It continues to move up to 20 feet a year.

📍 **Windy Point Scenic Overlook:** This overlook offers an unparalleled panoramic view of the northern San Juans, fourteeners, and many thirteeners.

📍 **Spring Creek Pass:** The Colorado Trail and the Continental Divide Trail cross the highway at Spring Creek. This marked site includes an informational kiosk, restrooms, and a nice place for picnicking.

📍 **North Clear Creek Falls:** Though it is not visible from the road, the cascade of water that appears almost magically out of a meadow at the end of this worthwhile detour will take your breath away. A short drive and walk are required to view one of the most photographed waterfalls in Colorado.

📍 **South Clear Creek Falls:** Those willing to travel off the beaten path will enjoy the breathtaking beauty of two waterfalls sharing the same name. One of the South Clear Creek Falls can be reached by way of the path from Silver Thread Campground. The trail to the other falls starts from Bristol Head Campground.

📍 **Bristol Head:** Named by a settler who missed his native Bristol, England, this distinctively shaped mountain is an imposing and impressive figure along the Silver Thread.

📍 **Brown Lake/Rio Grande Overlook:** On the side of the Silver Thread is an overlook of impressive beauty that showcases the Rio Grande River. At this overlook, look to the skyline and locate the Rio Grande Pyramid. North of the Pyramid is the Stony Pass area, where the mighty 1,885 mile Rio Grande River begins as a little trickle of water.

📍 **Rio Grande Reservoir/Stony Pass:** Just a few miles north of Creede is the turnoff for

Rio Grande Reservoir, which is stocked with fish each summer and is open to boats. A little farther along the road is Stony Pass, a four-wheel drive only road that leads to Howardsville, an old ghost town just outside of Silverton.

📍 **Creede:** During the height of Creede's mining boom, it was said to be one of the wildest mountain towns in the west. It was home to a two mile long street that consisted mainly of saloons, gambling houses, and brothels. In this century, Creede is considerably tamer now. More info at www.creede.com

📍 **South Fork:** This town, located at the junction of the Rio Grande River and its south fork, marks the end of the Silver Thread. It once was a highly productive timber industry town. More info at www.southfork.org



North Clear Creek Falls

USEFUL RECREATION INFORMATION

BEFORE YOU EXPLORE



WEATHER

We enjoy over 300 days of sunshine every year and a cool, dry climate. Summer daytime highs are typically in the 70s or low 80s F. Lows in the summer are in the 40s or upper 30s F. Temperatures at higher elevations are usually lower than in town. A jacket and/or sweater is recommended for your visit during the summer. Conditions can change quickly in the mountains, so be prepared for anything.



LIGHTNING

Thunderstorms are typical daily occurrences during the summer, especially during July and August. Locally, we refer to this as the “monsoon” or rainy season. Stay off of ridges and away from open ground to avoid lightning strikes. Longer hikes are best started very early in the morning so that you can be down off the mountain when the lightning starts.



THE SUN

It is essential to wear eye protection, a hat, and sunscreen when outdoors. The sun is many times more intense here than at sea level.



ALTITUDE

Lake City sits at 8,661'. Gains in altitude can affect anyone, especially when traveling above 7000 feet. Sometimes, the effects can include headaches, breathlessness, fatigue, nausea or vomiting, inability to sleep, and swelling of the hands, face, or feet. Some ways to reduce your symptoms are to avoid strenuous activity for the first day or two of your visit, drink extra water, and avoid alcohol. Check with your doctor before going to high altitude if you have a heart or lung condition. If your symptoms worsen go to lower elevation and consult a doctor immediately.



DRIVING SLUMGULLION PASS

A common problem for drivers coming over Slumgullion Pass is overheating brakes. To avoid this problem, use a lower gear. After reaching the summit of Slumgullion Pass heading towards Lake City, start out going slow downhill. If the car starts gaining too much speed, simply shift into the next lowest gear, repeating this process as often as necessary. Contrary to popular belief, this practice will not hurt a transmission. For those with standard transmission cars, remember that the gear used going uphill is likely the same gear that will be used going downhill. A general tip for everyone is to not rush going over Slumgullion. Take it slow and enjoy the drive.



CARE FOR COLORADO

Hinsdale County is full of incredible beauty and home to abundant wildlife. Travel like a local by staying on trails and roads, packing out trash, and keeping the wildlife wild. Before you head out, check out the Care for Colorado Principles on page 5 to prepare.



Help Keep Bears Wild

Get in the habit of being bear-responsible. It's like recycling — at first it's a little extra effort, but soon it becomes a better way to live. And you can be proud you're helping to make Colorado a better place for people and bears.

- Don't feed bears, and don't put out food for other wildlife that attracts bears.
- Be responsible about trash and bird feeders.
- Burn food off barbecue grills and clean after each use.
- Keep all bear-accessible windows and doors closed and locked, including home, garage and vehicle doors.
- Don't leave food, trash, coolers, air fresheners or anything that smells in your vehicle.
- Pick fruit before it ripens, and clean up fallen fruit.
- Talk to your neighbors about doing their part to be bear-responsible.

If You See a Bear

If a bear comes near your home, do your best to chase it away. Yell, blow a whistle, clap your hands, and make other loud noises. But never approach or corner a bear.

Learn more at cpw.state.co.us/bears

LAKE SAN CRISTOBAL

Formed over 700 years ago when the Slumgullion Earth Flow blocked the Lake Fork of the Gunnison River, Lake San Cristobal is the second largest natural lake in the state of Colorado and a scenic playground year-round. There is a boat dock and parking area on the west side of the lake for easy boat access. Locals also remove snow from a large area of ice at the dock in winter for one of Colorado's most spectacular ice skating locations. On the west side is Wupperman Campground, with excellent shore fishing access, picnic tables and fire rings. Red Mountain Gulch Day Use Area is a nice picnicking spot. Fishing is rewarding from the shores, from a boat or from atop the winter ice, and it's not uncommon to spot a moose or two in the willows and swampy areas at the south edge of the lake.

NATURAL WONDERS

THE CONTINENTAL DIVIDE Also known as The Great Divide, this massive continuous ridge of mountain summits separates the watersheds that drain into the Pacific Ocean and those that drain into the Atlantic Ocean (including the Gulf of Mexico). It stretches from the far north coast of Alaska all the way down to the southern tip of South America. This means that if you are in a rain storm on the Continental Divide, the raindrops that fall to the west of you will drain down to the Gunnison River, then into the Colorado River and then on to the Pacific Ocean. The raindrops on the east side of you will drain down to the Arkansas River, then into the Mississippi River and then into the Gulf of Mexico. Lake City is tucked up underneath the summits that create the divide as it passes through Colorado. For the easiest access point, travel south on highway 149 to Spring Creek Pass at mile marker 55. There is a picnic area, interpretive signs, and the famous Continental Divide and Colorado Trails. There are also several more access points via 4WD roads and hiking trails.



Photo by Travis Hodges

WATERFALLS Of all the natural elements, it can be argued that water is the most awe inspiring. The Lake City area is home to a number of spectacular waterfalls that exhibit power and beauty.

North Clear Creek Falls is just off the Silver Thread Scenic & Historic Byway and is considered the most photographed falls in Colorado.

Nellie Creek Falls is a thrilling two tier waterfall about a half mile up Nellie Creek Road, 4WD only.

Piedra Falls is located on the border of Hinsdale and Mineral Counties, in southern Hinsdale county.

Horseshoe Falls on the Engineer Pass road is a wide, beautiful cascade of water.

Whitmore Falls is a thrilling waterfall just off Engineer Pass near Capitol City with an observation point.



Photo by Michael Underwood Photography

SLUMGULLION EARTH FLOW

About 700 years ago, Mesa Seco collapsed into the Lake Fork valley and created the colorful four mile Slumgullion Slide, named for its coloring similar to a stew favored by miners. The slide dammed the Lake Fork of the Gunnison River, creating Lake San Cristobal. Around 400 years later, a second six mile earth flow began and continues today with a yearly flow of three to twenty feet. The Slumgullion Earth Flow can best be viewed from the parking area and overlook on Highway 149 at mile marker 66 just a few miles south of Lake City as you head up Slumgullion Pass.

HISTORIC HIGHLIGHTS



UTE INDIAN TRIBE

Three bands of the Ute tribe claimed seasonal domains in what is now Hinsdale County - Chief Ouray and his Uncompahgre Band, the Capote Band, and the Weminuche Band. Because of the high terrain and harsh winters, they only visited the area in the warmer months to hunt game and gather seeds and berries. Upon the official "ceding" of the lands in 1874, Colorado's territorial legislature created the La Plata, Rio Grande, and Hinsdale counties.

LAKE CITY'S FOUNDING On August 6, 1874, Enos T. Hotchkiss, his son Monette, and companions Henry Finley, B.S. Bartholf, and W. C. Newman discovered the Hotchkiss Lode, later known as the Golden Fleece Mine, at the outlet of Lake San Cristobal. Credited as Lake City founders, Enos Hotchkiss, John D. Bartholf, and Henry Finley formed the Lake City Town Company and surveyed the townsite in the fall of 1874. Enos Hotchkiss is known as the "Father of Lake City" and is believed to have built Lake City's first cabin. In 1875, the town of Lake City was incorporated and also became Hinsdale County's seat.

THE RAILROAD COMES TO LAKE CITY

In August of 1889, Engineer Peter J. Ready manned the controls as the first steam engine arrived in Lake City, signaling completion of the 36.7 mile Denver & Rio Grande Railroad narrow gauge spur from Sapinero. Lake City's railroad era ended just 44 years later. The train rails were salvaged in 1937 and Lake City's depot and round house were demolished.

TOURISM IS BORN

In 1915, Richard and Hildegard Wupperman, well-to-do capitalists from Galveston, Texas, began annual summer vacations to Lake City after hearing intriguing descriptions of Colorado's remote "Angler's Paradise." Tourism sustained Lake City when the mining subsided, making Lake City one of the few mining boom towns that didn't end as a ghost town. In the winter of 1966, Lake City officially welcomed downhill skiing to the area when the Chamber of Commerce purchased a poma lift from Arapahoe Basin (now the oldest operating lift in Colorado) and opened the Lake City Ski Hill.



THE "COLORADO CANNIBAL"

Alferd Packer was a prospector who was accused of cannibalism on the mountainside above Lake San Cristobal during the winter of 1874. He and five other men attempted to travel through the high mountains of Colorado during the peak of a harsh winter. Only when Alferd reached civilization, he claimed that the others had either died or been killed and eaten for food. He confessed to having lived off the flesh of his companions during his snowbound state. After his story was called into question, he was convicted of murder in 1883, and sentenced to death. Packer won a retrial and was sentenced to 40 years in prison for manslaughter. He was later paroled and died near Denver in 1907.

ARTS, HISTORIC DISTRICT, MUSEUM



HISTORY PRESERVED In 1978, the Lake City Historic District was placed on the National Register of Historic Places in recognition of its significant contribution to the heritage of the State of Colorado. With more than 200 historic structures, including the oldest operating courthouse in Colorado, the Historic District consists of a portion of the 1875 town plat and several circa 1880 residential additions.



THE HINSDALE COUNTY MUSEUM consists of a complex of buildings and surrounding grounds in downtown Lake City. Centerpiece of the complex is an 1877 commercial building, the stone Finley Block, which was originally constructed as a general merchandise store by one of the town's founders, Henry Finley. This central museum building showcases rotating exhibits as well as permanent displays that include an interactive mining map and mineral and ore exhibit, vintage firearms and Hinsdale pioneer displays, and the Alferd Packer exhibit that includes a dollhouse crafted by Packer while imprisoned in Canon City. Elsewhere on the museum grounds are the Transportation Building, which houses firefighting equipment dating to 1877 and a restored 1965 Chaparrel snowmobile manufactured and tested in Lake City. Other historical attractions on museum grounds include a century-plus caboose, 19th century mining equipment, the restored Smith-Grantham house, and the beautiful Helen's Garden, which honors one of Lake City's pioneers. In addition to a variety of events and presentations, the Museum hosts guided tours from June through August, including cemetery tours, historic district walking tours, interior modern home and historic home tours, and the always popular ghost tour.



ARTS The area is home to a host of photographers, painters, sculptors, writers, and musicians. Glass work, jewelry, fiber arts, and music by local singer-songwriters are also abundant. You'll find an inspiring collection of locally crafted items in Lake City's gift shops and galleries, and you're very likely to meet the artists themselves. Check the events calendar on page 28 for the area's annual arts, crafts and music festivals.

EVENTS



Lake San Cristobal Brew-Ski



Stick Horse Rodeo & Show



Ice Climbing Festival



Wine & Music Festival



Fourth of July Celebration

Photo by Michael Underwood Photography

It's easy to feel right at home when you attend an event, activity, or festival in Lake City. Whether you're looking for an adrenaline-pumping adventure, family-friendly outing, or wanting to take in the night sky with the help of an expert, there is something to do for everyone, and no matter the season, there is almost always something to do in Lake City!

Unless otherwise noted, event information can be found at LakeCity.com.

FEBRUARY

- Lake City Ice Climbing Festival facebook.com/lakecityiceclimbs
- Cannibal Snowshoe Race facebook.com/lakecitywintertrails
- Matt Milski Memorial Ski Race facebook.com/TownofLC
- Lake San Cristobal Brew-Ski
- Cold Shot Ice Out – Furthest Drive Tournament
- Ice Fishing Derby
- Songwriters Alpine Summit saslcco.com

MARCH

- Creede Repertory Theatre Classes lakecityarts.org

APRIL

- Lake City Volunteer Appreciation Dinner
- Planetarium Show lakecityarts.org

JUNE

- Packer Days 5K Survival Race
- Chamber Membership Appreciation Dinner
- Lake San Cristobal 5K Race
- Weekly Bingo
- Lake City Arts Gala lakecityarts.org
- Lake City Arts Bloom Festival lakecityarts.org
- Lake City Arts Plays and Art Shows lakecityarts.org
- San Juan Solstice 50 Mile Race SJS50.com
- Night Skies Tours with Phil Virden lakecityskies.com

JULY

- 4th of July Celebration
- High Country Craft Fair
- Town-Wide Yard Sale
- Wolf Refuge
- Ducky Derby
- Weekly Bingo
- Old West Shooters Show
- Lake City Arts: 46th Annual Arts and Crafts Festival lakecityarts.org
- Lake City Arts Plays and Art Shows lakecityarts.org
- Bear Day in the Armory lakecityfriendsofthebears.org
- Historic District, Cemetery & Ghost Tours lakecitymuseum.com
- Night Skies Tours with Phil Virden lakecityskies.com

AUGUST

- Lake City Alpine 50 Bike Race lakecityalpine50.com
- PJWC Chuckwagon Dinner and Dance www.facebook.com/LakeCityPJWC
- Lake City Stick Horse Rodeo and Show
- Lake City Stinger Band Performance
- Farm to Table
- Weekly Bingo
- Old West Shooters Show
- Lake City Arts Plays and Art Shows
- Lake City/Hinsdale County History Month lakecitydirt.com
- Back in Thyme Victorian Tea lakecitymuseum.com
- Scarlet Belles Drama lakecitymuseum.com
- Annual Lake City Pub Crawl lakecitymuseum.com
- Hinsdale County Museum Special Tours: Trains, Geology lakecitymuseum.com
- Historic District, Cemetery & Ghost Tours lakecitymuseum.com
- Night Skies Tours with Phil Virden lakecityskies.com

SEPTEMBER

- Silver Thread Adventure Rally (formerly Lake City OHV Rally)
- S.T.A.R Brew and Q
- Colorfest Arts and Crafts Festival lakecityarts.org
- Uncorked Wine and Music Festival lakecityfestival.org
- Oktoberfest

OCTOBER

- Halloween Carnival lakecitymuseum.com

NOVEMBER

- Thanksgiving Day Turkey Trot lakecitymuseum.com

DECEMBER

- Christmas in Lake City lakecitymuseum.com

Visit the event websites for the most up-to-date info, changes, or cancellations due to COVID-19.

PUBLIC CAMPGROUNDS

	SITES	RESERVATIONS
Campgrounds on the Silver Thread Scenic & Historic Byway		
Red Bridge Located on the Lake Fork of the Gunnison River. Elevation 7800'. BLM.	7	
Gateview Located on the Lake Fork of the Gunnison River. Elevation 8000'. NPS. Trailers over 22' not recommended.	5	
The Gate Located on the Lake Fork of the Gunnison River. Elevation 8000'. BLM.	8	
Big Blue Located several miles off of Highway 149 at the entrance to the Uncompahgre Wilderness. Sites of short length. RVs and trailers are not recommended due to the rough, narrow road. Elevation 9800'. USFS. No Fee.	11	
Bristol Head Located near North Clear Creek. Sites of 32' length. Elevation 9500'. USFS.	15	X
North Clear Creek Located near North Clear Creek. Sites of 32' length. Elevation 9900'. USFS.	25	X
Silver Thread/South Clear Creek Located just off of Hwy 149 near South Clear Creek Falls. Sites of 30' length. Elevation 9500'. USFS	11	X
Road Canyon Reservoir Campground and State Wildlife Area Located six miles west on FS Road 520 (Rio Grande Reservoir Road). Elevation 9300'. USFS. Open year round. No fee.	6	
River Hill (12 miles off the Silver Thread) Located on FS Road 520. Sites of 35' length. Elevation 9200'. USFS.	20	X
Thirty Mile (Reservation Required - 12 miles off the Silver Thread) Located on FS Road 520 near Squaw Creek and Weminuche trail. Sites of 32' length. Accessible. Elevation 9300'. USFS.	35	X
Lost Trail Located sixteen miles west on FS Road 520 (Rio Grande Reservoir Road). No large RVs or trailers. Elevation 9500'.	7	
Campgrounds on the Alpine Loop		
Wupperman Located at Lake San Cristobal on County Road 33. Dump Station for guests only. Campground Hosts. Elevation 9000'. Owned by Hinsdale County.	31	
Williams Creek Located on County Road 30, Cinnamon Pass Road. Sites of 20' length. Elevation 9200'. USFS.	23	
Mill Creek Located on County Road 30, Cinnamon Pass Road. Elevation 9500'. BLM.	22	
Campgrounds on Cathedral/Powderhorn Road (FS Road 788)		
Deer Lakes Located on FS Rd. 788 near the top of Slumgullion Pass. Sites of 30' length. One accessible site; one accessible toilet. Elevation 10,400'. USFS.	12	
Hidden Valley Located on FS Road 788. Sites of short length. Tents only. Elevation 9700'. USFS.	3	
Spruce Located on FS Road 788. Sites of short length. Elevation 9300'. USFS.	9	
Cebolla Creek Located 6.5 miles from Powderhorn on FS Road 788. Sites of short length. Elevation 8355'. BLM.	3	
Campgrounds in South Hinsdale - Piedra Area (access via Pagosa Springs)		
Palisades Horse Only Campground Located north of U.S. Highway 160 on Piedra Rd. (CR 600) at the end of Williams Creek Road just past the Cimarrona Campground on FSR 640. To check availability and reserve specific sites please check Palisades at www.recreation.gov or 1-877-444-6777. USFS.	12	X
Cimarrona 2.3 miles north of Teal Campground on Forest Rd. 640. Sites of medium to long length. Elevation 8400'. USFS. No services.	21	
Teal Located a mile north of Williams Creek Campground along Forest Rd. 640, overlooking Williams Creek Reservoir. Sites of small to long length. Elevation 8300'. USFS.	16	
Bridge Travel 2.0 miles west on U.S. Hwy 160, then turn northwest on Piedra Road, FR #631 for 18.0 miles. Plenty of large sites offer views of the high peaks to the north. Elevation 7800'. USFS	19	

GALLERIES

Michael Underwood Photography

michaelunderwoodphotography.com

His gallery features all the landscapes and wildlife you love! Prints at any size or budget. Calendars, notecards, and other local gifts.

Art at Inn At The Lake



600 CR 33, Lake City /
720-235-8729 | 970-944-2032
innatthelake.org

Rotating curated art gallery wall emphasizing local photographers and painters. Music, poetry and spoken word around the camp fire and in the lodge when possible.

Russ Brown Gallery



223 N Silver St, Lake City /
970-944-5009 | 214-557-3242
rbgallery@hotmail.com

The most unusual art gallery and working studio in Colorado, featuring the amazing art of Russ Brown. Open year round.

HISTORY & CULTURE

Hard Tack Mine Tours & Museum



CR 20, Lake City /
970-944-2506
hardtackmine.com

Experience local mining history, 40 minute guided tour, underground gift shop, amazing minerals, crystals, and local specimens. Great family fun!

Hinsdale County Museum

130 Silver St, Lake City / 970-944-2050
lakecitymuseum.com

Presenting exhibitions rotating on an annual basis, as well as special events, lectures, and tours, including the popular Ghost Tour. Visit lakecitymuseum.com for more information

ENTERTAINMENT

Chillin' Entertainment Live Music



205 N Gunnison Ave, Lake City /
970-944-0287

chillininc.com
facebook.com/chillininternetcafe

Every Friday night 7pm-11pm in the summer enjoy live music, fire pits, beer & wine bar, and our great made to order coffees & hot chocolate.

Lake City Arts

300 Silver St, Lake City / 970- 944-2706
lakecityarts.org

Offering a variety of music, theatrical productions, visual art exhibits, dances, youth programs, and much more.

Lake City Old West Shooters

970-944-0546 / lakecitylorax@yahoo.com

We provide old west entertainment in the form of historical or humorous skits. We also share musical, poetry, or dancing for the audience.

Mountaineer Movie Theatre



811 Gunnison Ave, Lake City /
970-944-2298

mountaineertheatre.com

Celebrating over 40 years showing films in a vintage cinema theatre. For the current schedule go to our website or call us.

Sportsman's BBQ Station & Backyard



173 S. Gunnison, Lake City /
970-944-2525
sportsmansbbqbackyard.com

Offering summer entertainment June – September in our spacious Backyard venue. Farmers markets, concerts, yard games, and more! Please check our website for upcoming events.

Sweety's Wildlife Preserve Art Zoo

1220 Black Bear Rd, Lake City / 970-944-2684

Find on Facebook: [Sweety's Wildlife Preserve Art Zoo](#)

Rock painting lessons Monday - Friday. Over 300 animals painted on wood and rock. Gift store and painting lessons. Croquet, Cornhole, Jenga, and 9 hole mini golf.

GIFTS, CLOTHING, SOUVENIRS

38 Degrees North



Lake City /
970-596-2444

38degreesnorthlc.com

38° North brings contemporary merchandise to the community. Whether you call Lake City home, visit annually, or make your way for your first time, take a piece of our beautiful mountain town, wherever you go!

Cabin Fever Mercantile



306 Silver St, Lake City /
918-361-9447

cabinfevermerc.com

Shop the mountain life! Lake City souvenirs, cabin decor, handcrafted knitwear, rustic jewelry, soaps, and much more. On Silver Street.

Creede Olive Oil Company

104 N. Main, Creede / 719-658-2443

creedeoliveoil.com

90 varieties aged Italian balsamics & extra virgin olive oils, local & Colorado products, gourmet grocery, jewelry, gifts. Open year-round!

Dog + Bone

308 Silver St, Lake City / 970-369-9192

dogplusbone.com

Visit our world headquarters! Quality dog gear handcrafted in Lake City, Colorado with a focus on sustainability and rescue.

HerbaKava Cafe & Herb Shop @ Alpine Moose Lodge



1221 N Hwy 149, Lake City /
970-944-2415

alpinemooselodge.com

A variety of dried herbs, tonics, elixers, mushroom tinctures and more. Stay and enjoy a delicious herbal drink. Many choices from green tea to kava drinks and yummy sweet herbal dessert drinks too. Check our website for hours.

Inklings in the Mountains

182 S. Gunnison Ave / 219 Silver St. Lake City / 214-536-6361

Antiques and gifts....Visit us at both locations. Collect what you love - Love what you collect. Beautiful antiques, great gifts, and decor for your home

Silver Spur Gift Shop



301 N Gunnison Ave, Lake City /
970-944-2231

facebook.com/silverspurlakecity

At the Silver Spur Motel. A gift shop with gifts, souvenirs, clothing, printed t-shirts, and jewelry. In operation since 1974.

Slumgullion Gift Gallery



401 N Gunnison Ave & Fourth St, Lake City / 970-944-2623

slumgullioncotrade.com

A cornucopia of gifts from whimsical to sublime await you in the historic old store on Fourth St (one block north of downtown).

World of Gems Creations

329 Silver St, Lake City / 970-944-2722

cindybb7@hotmail.com / leojolowry@yahoo.com

Custom jewelry with hundreds of gemstones, turquoise, mineral specimens, candles, antiques, paintings, jewelry repairs.

SHOPPING

GROCERIES

Country Store Grocery

916 N Hwy 149, Lake City / 970-944-2387

Find on Facebook: [The Country Store](#)

Lake City's largest selection of groceries and much more. Make your plans even better with a hand-cut steak, fresh sandwich, or homemade summer sausage.

LIQUOR

Elkhorn Liquors



144 S Hwy 149, Lake City /
970-944-2424

elkhornliquors@centurytel.net

Get your party "bugling" with the best selection of wine, liquor, micro-brew beers, and liqueur choices in Lake City.

Silver Spur Liquor Store



301 N Gunnison Ave, Lake City /
970-944-2231

[facebook.com/silverspurlakecity](https://www.facebook.com/silverspurlakecity)

Located at the Silver Spur Motel. A liquor store with cold beer, nice wine selection, liquor, and mixers. In operation since 1974.

CONVENIENCE STORE

Sportsman's BBQ Station & Backyard



173 S. Gunnison, Lake City
970-944-2525

sportsmansbbqbackyard.com

Offering snacks, beverages, automotive & personal supplies! Now home for the Colorado Lottery! Gasoline & Diesel available 24/7 with Credit/Debit Card! Conveniently located, OHVs welcome!

Texan Resort Convenience Store



860 CR 142, Lake City /
970-944-2246

Texan Resort is 73 years old! Drinks, snack food, staples, ice, brisket, gifts, postcards, T-shirts, caps, medicines, fishing, outdoors.

Town Square Cabins & Minimart



231 Gunnison Ave, Lake City /
970-944-2236

townsquarecabinsoflakecity.com

Lake City's only real convenience store. Fuel, large beer selection, snacks, candy, toys, gifts, outdoor supplies, firewood, ice, cabin rentals.

OUTDOOR RETAIL

Dan's Fly Shop



723 Gunnison Ave, Lake City /
970-944-2281

dansflyshop.com

Serving old pros and beginners 60 continuous years. We know fishing, area streams, equipment, and fishermen. Clothing, equipment sales and rentals, maps, and more.

Sportsman Outdoor and Fly Shop



238 S Gunnison, Lake City /
970-944-2526

lakecitysportsman.com

Renting boats, bikes, camping, hiking, fishing, and outdoor gear. SALES: Clothes, footwear, gear, maps, gifts, fudge, and more.

GUIDED TRIPS

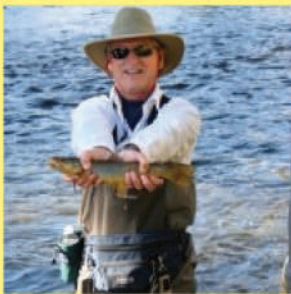
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970-688-1879 / Seth Withrow
alpineoutfitterscolorado.com

Year-round guided boat, ice and fly fishing. Fun for the whole family! Guided big game hunting. All equipment provided.

Dan's Fly Shop



723 Gunnison Ave, Lake City /
 970-944-2281
dansflyshop.com

Guided fishing trips with exceptional guides. Provide equipment as needed. Free casting lessons and equipment set up. Equipment rentals.

Lake City Auto and Sports Center



809 N Hwy 149, Lake City /
 970-944-2311
lakecityauto.com

Guided/unguided snowmobile tours and rentals. Single and double passenger, clothing and helmets included. 2 and 4 door hard top jeeps, automatic transmission, maps provided.

Mineral Mountain Outfitters

7444 County Rd 50 Powderhorn / 970-641-2783
mineralmountainoutfitter.com

Mineral Mountain Outfitters offers guided wilderness horseback trail rides, back country fishing trips, summer pack trips, and hunting opportunities in GMU 66 and 67.

Scenic River Tours



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 970-641-3131
scenicrivertours.com

Join us for a great day on the river! Exciting whitewater trips and family friendly float trips. Experienced, fun, daily!

Sportsman Outdoors & Fly Shop

GUIDED Fly Fishing, Lake Fishing, Scenic 4WD Tours, Hikes.
 See Ad Below.

Three Rivers Resort & Outfitting

130 CR 742, Almont / 888-761-3474
3riversresort.com

Raft on the Lake Fork, Taylor, or Gunnison Rivers. Choose scenic floats or whitewater fun. Dinner float trips from Almont to Garlic Mike's restaurant in Gunnison.



A STORE LIKE NO OTHER

The Sportsman Outdoors & Fly Shop

www.lakecitysportsman.com | 970-944-2526



Guided Fly/Fishing	Scenic Tours	Guided Hikes	Sales-Clothes to Gear	Gear We Rent	Locations
			Life is good: EXEFFICIO patagonia KOVE SAGE VASQUE LEKI SIMMS RYO CAMELBAK BUCK USGS MAPS Think	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Motorized Boats Nonmotorized Boats: SU Paddleboards, Kayaks, Canoe Bikes: Adult & Kids Tents Walking Sticks Camping Stoves & Cookware Backpacks Lots More 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Store is in Lake City Guiding Areas: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lake City Gunnison Creede South Fork

This operation is conducted on public lands under special use permit from the US BLM #CO1600313003 & the USDA Forest Service #1920 Gunnison National Forest & #DIY1709 Rio Grande National Forest. An equal opportunity employer.

OUTDOOR ADVENTURE RENTALS

Cliffhanger Jeeps & RZR's at Pleasant View Resort



549 S Gunnison Ave, Lake City / 970-964-7827

pleasantviewresort.net

Late model Jeeps and 2 & 4 seat Side-by-Sides. Maps, helmets, and coolers. Prompt friendly service provided.

High Altitude Adventures

467 Gunnison Ave, Lake City / 970-964-7213

highaltitudeadventures.com

Side by side and ATV rentals. Helmets, map, insurance, GPS provided. Veteran-owned and operated.

Sportsman Outdoor and Fly Shop



238 S Gunnison, Lake City / 970-944-2526

lakecitysportsman.com

GUIDED: Fly/fishing, 4WD tours, lake tours, hikes, snowshoeing, shuttles. RENTALS: Boats, bikes, gear. SALES: Clothes, footwear, gear, maps, gifts, fudge, and more.

Lake City/Hinsdale County OHV Regulations

OHVs are allowed on all Hinsdale County and Town of Lake City roads.

OHV regulations include:

1. Must comply with all Colorado statutes pertaining to motor vehicles in motion. Must follow posted speed limit (all town streets are 15 mph, HWY 149 varies) and any other traffic laws.
2. Vehicle operators must have valid driver's license in possession.
3. Proof of minimum liability insurance for each vehicle.
4. Helmet is required for riders under 18 years of age unless in a child restraint.
5. Motor vehicle child restraint laws apply.
6. Eye protection for EVERY rider. (prescription glasses, sunglasses, goggles, etc. A vehicle windshield also satisfies this requirement.)
7. No more occupants than OHV designed by manufacturer. (ATVs may have 2 occupants)
8. If provided by the manufacturer, seat belts must be worn.
9. Stay on designated roads.
10. Highly recommended - rear view mirror

Lake City Auto & Sports Center

970-944-2311 - www.lakecityauto.com

(970) 944 - 2887 (ATVS)



Lake City Auto & Sports Center

Jeep Rentals



Late model Jeep Wranglers. 4 & 5 passenger vehicles, 4-door hard top jeeps available. Automatic transmissions available.

Side x Side Rentals

Half and Full-Day unguided brand new 2021 Equipment: 2 seat RZR's, 4 seat 1000 RZR's, 4 seat 1000 Generals, and 6 seat 1000 Ranger Crew We offer Side x Side rentals in the summer from 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m., seven days a week.

Gas Station & Repair Shop

24-hour self-service station. Year-round auto repair. Over 30 years authorized Polaris snowmobile, ATV, RZR's, SideXSide, General, and Ranger Dealer.

Snowmobile Tours



Beginners welcome. Single and double passenger snowmobiles available; clothing and helmets included.

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925 Ocean Wave Dr, Lake City / 970-944-4244

breakfasthangout.com

New full service breakfast and brunch restaurant in the morning, and unique cocktail bar serving delicious appetizers and small plates in the afternoon.

Lake City Bakery



922 N Hwy 149, Lake City / 970-944-2613

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Our 33rd season! Open 7 days a week. Breads, pastries, cookies, cakes, and pies baked fresh daily. Outdoor Seating.



Chillin' Internet Coffee House



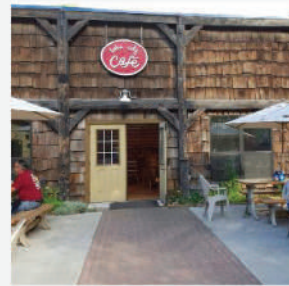
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Specialty Coffees, breakfast, lunch, BBQ & daily drink specials, beer and wine, take out available. Dog-friendly, outdoor seating. Live music, open all year.



Lake City Cafe



310 Gunnison Ave, Lake City / 970-944-0301

facebook.com/lakecitycafe

Coffee shop! Free high-speed wifi. Food that reminds you of your grandmother! We specialize in home made!



Climb Elevated Eatery



808 Gunnison Ave, Lake City / 970-944-5566

climbeatery.com

Upscale American comfort food, where homemade meets the mountains! Full bar and wine list. Outdoor dining available. Reservations recommended!



Lake City Brewing Company

130A Bluff St, Lake City / 970-944-5222

lcbrewco.com

Lake City's first brewery since the 1800's. Craft beer and gourmet hot dogs and appetizers.



HerbaKava Cafe & Herb Shop @ Alpine Moose Lodge



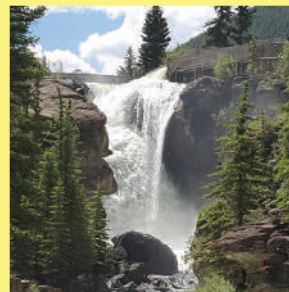
1221 N Hwy 149, Lake City / 970-944-2415

alpinemooselodge.com

Cafe style herb shop offering Kava Beverages, Herbal Iced Teas, Sweet Concoctions (herbal dessert drinks), and Baked Herbal Goodies. Come on in and enjoy! See website for hours and menu.



Longhorn Grill



860 CR 142, Lake City / 970-944-2246

texanresort.com

Outdoor seating. View of waterfall. Down-home cooking – smoked/B-BQ meats. Veggies. Gourmet coffee/tea. Full bar. Dogs ok. Reservations



Packer Saloon & Cannibal Grill



310 N Silver St, Lake City /
970-944-4144
packersaloonandcannibalgrill.com

Full service restaurant open 6 days a week (closed Wednesdays)! Enjoy our huge outdoor patio and bar in the summer. Live music, catering, dogs welcome on patio!



Restless Spirits Saloon



300 Third St, Lake City /
970-944-0300

A bar for adults! Ten beers on tap with Lake City's largest liquor and scotch selections. We serve a variety of food options as well.



San Juan Soda Company



227 Silver St, Lake City /
970-944-0500
sanjuansoda@gmail.com

Located in downtown Lake City. We serve authentic old-fashioned ice cream sodas, fountain drinks, thick malts and shakes, and scooped cones. Also, gifts, souvenirs, and jewelry.



Silver Slice Pizza @ Alpine Moose Lodge



1221 N Hwy 149, Lake City /
970-944-2415
alpinemooselodge.com

Handmade, hand-tossed pizzas. Fresh ingredients, fantastic breadsticks, salads, desserts, and more. Check online for menu, hours, and specials. Call for dinner reservations.



Southern Vittles

200 Silver St / 970-944-2010
Facebook: [Southern Vittles](https://www.facebook.com/SouthernVittles)

Specializing in southern goodness in a laid back atmosphere where kindness comes first. Bring your car, truck, OHV, dirt bike- and make some memories with those you love!



Sportsman BBQ and Backyard



173 S Gunnison, Lake City /
970-944-2525
sportsmansbbqbackyard.com

Come enjoy our Full Diner Breakfast with Eggs, Breakfast Tacos, Bacon & Sausage! Lunch & Dinner offer our Homemade BBQ & Burgers. Indoor & Outdoor seating! Pet Friendly!



BED & BREAKFAST

Inn At The Lake



600 CR 33, Lake City /
720-235-8729/ 970-944-2032
innatthelake.org

Spectacular views of the lake combined with scrumptious breakfasts and clean comfortable rooms make your stay not just a vacation but a beautiful experience!



MOTELS

Alpine Moose Lodge



1221 N Hwy 149, Lake City /
970-944-2415
alpinemooselodge.com

Clean, comfortable, spacious rooms. Lightning fast WIFI and amazing views. Pets welcome. Trailer parking. See website for specials. Military discounts.



American Elk Grill & Inn

230 N Gunnison Ave, Lake City / 940-594-6710
americanelkgrillandinn.com/lakecity

Our quaint, historical, & pet-friendly cabins are located within easy walking distance to shops, restaurants & outdoor recreation.



Matterhorn Motel

970-944-2210

Silver Spur Motel



301 N Gunnison Ave, Lake City / 970-944-2231
facebook.com/silverspurlakecity

Motel, gift shop & liquor store serving Lake City since 1974.



Cannibal Cabins



413 S Gunnison Ave, Lake City / 970-901-5500
cannibalcabins.com

8 units, fully equipped. Great location within easy walk to downtown, restaurants, parks, galleries and shopping.



CABINS

Alpine Village Resort

631 N Silver, Lake City / 970-944-2266

Rustic cabins, fully furnished. Grills, fire pits. No minimum stay. In town location. Sleep 4 - 8 in select cabins.



Castle Lakes Campground and Cabins



8201 CR 30, Lake City / 970-944-2622
castlelakes.com

Ten miles southwest of Lake City on the Alpine loop. Cabins and RV sites. Fully equipped. Two private lakes for guest-only fishing for a fee.



Arnold's Pleasant View Resort



549 S Gunnison Ave, Lake City / 970-964-7827
pleasantviewresort.net

Modern completely furnished cabins, two bedroom, bathroom, fire pits, playground, groups welcome, quiet location, easy walk downtown, trailer parking. Jeep/RZR rentals on-site.



Cathedral Ranch Cabins



2104 CR 52, Powderhorn / 970-641-1784
cathedralcabins.com

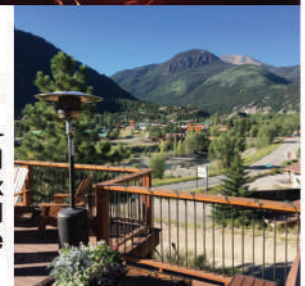
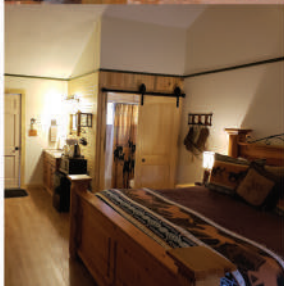
"Relaxation!" Your perfect mountain hideaway for family time/ reunions/weddings, outdoor recreation; hiking, fishing, atv/ohv, hunting.... Modern cabins-Clubhouse.



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Elkhorn Camper Cabins



713 Bluff St, Lake City /
970-944-2920
elkhornrvresort.com

Quiet, in-town location with walk to historic downtown, shopping, and dining. Six camper cabins. Mini-fridge, microwave, public showers. Bring your own linens.



G & M Cabins



331 N Gunnison Ave, Lake City /
970-944-2282
gmcabins.com

A little oasis in the center of Lake City. Cabins with kitchens, private bathrooms, and fully furnished, within walking distance to all.



Iron Kettle Cabin

203 Gunnison Ave, Lake City / 415-375-1528
facebook.com/IronKettleCabin

Enjoy comfortable indoor/outdoor living in our fully remodeled cabin. Located on the Alpine Loop and within walking distance of restaurants, shopping, and the town park.



Lake City Cabin



101 CR 33 Lake City /
214-392-1575
lakecitycabin.com

Enjoy the beautiful San Juan Range of the Rocky Mountains while you fish for trout from the deck of this private lakeside cabin. All amenities included.

Mountain Memories - Red Cedar Cabin



900 Hotchkiss, Lake City /
936-203-7257
vrbo.com/427595

Vintage red cedar cabin, 3 bedroom/2 bath. Two blocks from river. Full kitchen. Year round. Sleeps 8.



Mountain Memories - Riverfront Log Home



510 Henson St, Lake City /
936-203-7257
vrbo.com/302010

Immaculate riverfront, 2-story, 3 bedroom/2 bath with loft and game table. Large deck, water front gazebo. Year round. Sleeps 8.



With rentals expanding from the north end of town, within walking distance of historic downtown, with views of Lake San Cristobal, or south of the lake along the river, we offer a wide variety of options to fit your needs. From large family homes and groups of cabins for family reunions to cozy cabins that are ideal for one or two, we have accommodations that will be the perfect fit for your unforgettable vacation to Lake City.

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Mountain Memories - Riverfront Log Home II



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[vrbo.com/959925](https://www.vrbo.com/959925)

Exquisite, river front log cabin with 2 living areas. 3 bedroom/2 bath, bunk in loft. Full kitchen. Year round. Sleeps 8-10.



Oleo Guest Ranch

1001 Hinsdale CR 107, Creede / 214-929-2508
oleoranch.com

Fully furnished cabins, fishing, hiking, wildlife, sightseeing, secluded, stables.

Squire's Cabins



9901 CR 30, Lake City / 970-944-7779
squirescabins.com

Located 12 miles from town on the Alpine Loop offering easy ATV access to Loop and river access for fishing.

Texan Resort



860 CR 142, Lake City / 970-944-2246
texanresort.com

A pristine, rough-hewn American cabin village with a river running through it. Old-fashioned hospitality, a playground, volleyball court, basketball court.



Town Square Cabins & Mini Mart



231 Gunnison Ave, Lake City / 970-944-2236
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Eight historic cabins. Central location. Guest laundry, picnic tables, fire pits, firewood supplied. Mini Mart with fuel on site. ATVs welcome.



Vickers Ranch

162 S Hwy 149, Lake City / 970-944-2249
vickersranch.net

Family run since 1929. Offering an excellent vacation destination for your whole family or family reunion. Private lake and stream fishing.

Wagon Wheel Cabins



249 S Gunnison Ave, Lake City 970-944-2264
wagonwheelcabinslc.com

Full housekeeping cabins. Kids' playground, trailer parking, walking distance to downtown. Located across the street from the Lake Fork of the Gunnison River.



VACATION HOMES

Backcountry Basecamp



720 Gunnison Ave, Lake City 970-403-6301
lakecitybasecamp.com

Lodge style accommodations, all rooms have attached bathrooms. Rent the entire lodge or individual rooms



DeLoach Cabins & Condo

Lake San Cristobal / 719-964-7117
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Hall Realty, Inc. Vacation Homes



269 S Gunnison, Lake City /
970-944-8104
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We are your source for the best vacation homes that Lake City has to offer. Please check our website for availability.



Northshore Townhome



215 CR 33 Unit 8, Lake City /
918-341-9242 or 918-855-9708
lakecitytownhomeonthelake.com

Located on the lake and the Alpine Loop Backcountry Byway with views of the mountains and recent updates throughout.



Lake City Vacation Home

700 Buttercup Lane, Lake City / 281-703-6029

Spacious 3 bedroom, 2 bathroom house with great views. An outdoor picnic & campfire area, on 1-1/2 acres, within walking distance of downtown, restaurants and the post office.



Loft on Henson

105 Henson St, Lake City / 979-219-1364
loftonhenson@gmail.com

Quiet loft vacation rental on walking trail next to Henson Creek and Memorial Park. Available nightly, weekly, or monthly.



Magnificent Mountain View Cabin

2494 Elk Rd, Lake City / 858-335-8027
vrbo.com/386900

View of mountains and river. Wrap around deck, on an acreage of native flora and fauna. Sleeps 10.



Occidental on Silver

720-290-7858

Newly renovated 2 bedroom, 2 bath vacation rental in the heart of Lake City! Walking distance to restaurants, shopping, trails, museum, park, river, and more.



Paradise Found

Lake City / 847-272-9459
vrbo.com/104655

This new, two-story mountain home has a beautiful great room, wood stove & deck. Close to everything, great views. Sleeps up to 6.



Pilgrims Rest

970-944-2466

Two story guest house. Full kitchen, living room, and bathroom with upstairs loft. Minimum 2 night stay required.



Rocky Mountain Cabin



601 Water St, Lake City /
515-707-5558

lakecityvacationrental.com

Variety of modern cabins/houses available. Pet friendly options, kitchens, spacious, ride OHVs to trails, wifi, cable. Open year-round.



Rocky Top Vacation Home Rentals



1425 N Hwy 149, Lake City /
970-688-1879

rockytopvacationhomerentals.com

Three cabins, plus a condo at the lake. One/two bedroom options, king beds, kitchens, spacious and modern conveniences. Open year round.



Silver Dream Cabin Home



549 S Gunnison Ave, Lake City /
970-964-7827

pleasantviewresort.net

Well appointed, fully furnished, quiet location, 2 private bedrooms, 6 beds, loft, 2 baths, new appliances, dishwasher, trailer parking, well-kept.



Slumgullion Vacation Rental



401 N Gunnison Ave & Fourth Street / 970-944-2623

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Classic 1902 home in Lake City's Historic District. One bedroom, sleeper sofa in parlor, dining room, kitchen, and full bath.



Twin Peaks Rentals

409 Gunnison Ave, Lake City / 970-944-0357
lakecitytwinpeaks.com

Charming country-style home and guest cabin in downtown. House sleeps 10-12. Cabin sleeps 4-6.



RV PARKS

Castle Lakes Campground and Cabins



8201 CR 30, Lake City /
970-944-2622

castlelakes.com

Ten miles southwest of Lake City on the Alpine loop. Cabins and RV sites. Fully equipped. Two private lakes for guest-only fishing for a fee.



Elkhorn RV Resort



713 Bluff St, Lake City /
970-944-2920

elkhornrvresort.com

Quiet, in-town location with walk to historic downtown, shopping, and dining. Full hookup, 30/50 amp, Internet, TV, 45ft+ spots. Tent sites. Public showers, fire pit. Long term rates.



Highlander RV Campground

1245 CR 30, Lake City / 970-944-2878

highlandercampground.com

Located north of Lake San Cristobal at the base of Hotchkiss Mountain. Full hook-ups, 20/30/50 amp, tent sites, wifi, jeep rentals, RV supplies, propane. Long term rates.



Woodlake Park



2690 S Hwy 149, Lake City /
970-944-2283

woodlakeparkcolorado.com

Beautiful location. Friendly, fun, on the river. Spacious, full hookup sites for small and big rigs. 30/50 amp. Tent sites, riverside camper cabins. Public showers. Long term rates.



YURTS

Hinsdale Haute Route

Slumgullion Pass, Lake City / 970-944-2269

hinsdalehauteroute.com

Year-round backcountry hut system offers yurts accessible by skis, snowshoes, fat bikes, snowmobiles, foot, horse, mountain bike, and 4x4.

SERVICES

HOSTEL

The Raven's Rest Hostel

207 Gunnison Ave, Lake City / 970-944-7119

ravensresthostel.wordpress.com

Eat, sleep, rejuvenate, and kickback. Centrally located, close to the town park, library, post office, and many bars and restaurants. Shuttle services available. Reservation required.

AUTOMOTIVE

Lake City Auto and Sports Center



809 N Hwy 149, Lake City
970-944-2311

lakecityauto.com

24-hour self-service pumps. Sales and repair for autos. Authorized Polaris/ Can-am/Skidoo dealer for ATV's, UTV's, and Snowmobiles.

Rene's Garage



929 Ocean Wave Dr, Lake City /
970-944-3000

renesgarage.com

Full service automotive repair. All makes and models, gas & diesel engines. Diagnostics, small engine repair. Licensed for towing & recovery.

Toy Wash

N Hwy 149, Lake City

2 bay heated water and self service car wash with foam brush. Vacuum cleaner and change machine. Located 1 mile north of town on Hwy 149.

BANK

Community Banks of Colorado

231 Silver St, Lake City

cobnks.com

Community Banks of Colorado in Lake City provides a convenient banking location, ATM, mortgages, and small business loans. Hours M-F 10-4.

SALON & MASSAGE

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My Office

PO Box 1044, Lake City / 970-944-0249

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VETERINARIAN

SouthPaws House Calls

Lake City / 937-672-3025

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Compassionate veterinary care in your home, vacation rental, or RV.

CHURCHES

Community Presbyterian Church

429 Gunnison Ave, Lake City / 970-944-2514

lakecitypresbyterian.org

Oldest Protestant Church on Colorado's western slope - Est. 1876. See the Silver World Newspaper for service times.

First Baptist Church

401 N Bluff St, Lake City / 303-501-4315

fblakecity.org

Please join us to worship our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ every Sunday at 9:00 Sunday School and 10:30 worship.

Grace Fellowship

805 Gunnison Ave, Lake City / 970-944-2732
gracelakecity.org

You're welcome at Grace Fellowship, a nondenominational church meeting at the Alpine Gateway Center. Sunday services include traditional and contemporary music, communion, and Biblical preaching. 9:30am year round.

St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church

100 Silver St, Lake City
gunnisoncatholic.org/st-rose-of-lima

Built in 1877. Located at Gunnison and Silver Streets behind Henson Creek RV Park. Masses in Spring and Summer. Winter communion.

REAL ESTATE

Hall Realty



269 S Gunnison, Lake City / 970-944-8100
hallrealty.net

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CONTRACTORS

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970-596-6933 / n321am@gmail.com
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Native Sun Construction

PO Box 956, Lake City / 970-944-2495
nativesuninc.com

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Team Murphy Realty



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MAINTENANCE & REPAIR

Lake City Maintenance & Repair

970-964-7048

lakecitymr@yahoo.com

We provide winterizing, house checks, & snowplowing. We unclog/locate sewer & plumbing lines, offer Rinnai installation & service, & more. References available. Insured. 20 years experience.

Paradise Property Service

324 Bluff St, Lake City / 970-944-0216

paradiseinlakecity@centurytel.net

Complete home maintenance. Winterizing, plumbing, snow plowing, frozen or clogged sewer lines, frozen water lines, and many other services. Insured and licensed.

UTILITIES

Gunnison County Electric Association, Inc

37250 W Hwy 50, Gunnison / 970-641-3520

gcea.coop

GCEA is a non-profit, member-owned, cooperative providing electricity to Lake City. GCEA is powering possibilities by offering our members choices.

JC Propane

1851B. Lynn Ln, Lake City / 970-944-5381

jcpropane.com

Family owned and operated since 1998. Maintaining the best competitive pricing with safe, friendly, and reliable customer service.

Utah's Sanitation, Inc

Lake City / 970-275-0026

facebook.com/UtahsTrash

Trash pickup throughout Lake City, north & south of town, and Upper Lake Fork Valley. Residential pickup and commercial dumpsters. More than 25 years local service.

COMMUNITY/NON-PROFIT ORGS

Alpine Outdoor Association

alpineoutdoorassociation.org

Striving to educate and inspire outdoor enthusiasts. Find blogs, maps, swag, and attractions from hiking & fishing to jeeping/ATV riding! Plus much more!

Lake City DIRT

231 N Silver St #5, Lake City / 970-944-3478

lakecitydirt.com

Lake City DIRT (Downtown Improvement and Revitalization Team) works to revitalize our community through historic preservation, improvements, and business assistance.

Lake City Friends of the Bears

PO 568, Lake City / 970-944-3322

lakecityfriendsofthebears.org

We're dedicated to eliminating human/bear conflicts through education and community outreach and involvement. Feeding our wildlife invariably results in conflict and tragedy.

Lake City Medical Center Endowment Fund

PO Box 822, Lake City / 970-944-0294

lcmcendowmentfund.org

It is the mission of the LCMC Endowment Fund to insure the financial stability of healthcare delivery in Lake City.

Lake Fork Community Foundation

PO Box 322, Lake City

lakeforkcf.org

The LFCF is a 501(c)3 private foundation which solicits and receives donations for grant-giving, including funds designated for qualifying organizations.

Lake Fork Valley Conservancy

231 N Silver St #6, Lake City 970-944-5382
lfvc.org

Our mission is to facilitate long-term environmental and economic sustainability in the Lake Fork of the Gunnison and Cebolla Creek valleys.

Pioneer Jubilee Women’s Club

PO Box 41, Lake City
pjwclc@outlook.com | facebook.com/LakeCityPJWC

The purpose of the club is to raise funds for non-profit organizations in town while making new friends and having fun together.

GOVERNMENT

Hinsdale County

317 N Henson St, Lake City / 970-944-2225
hinsdalecountycolorado.us

Provides law enforcement, treasurer, assessor, clerk, coroner, public health, veterans, land use, building, environmental, administrative, road maintenance, waste management, and emergency services.

Town of Lake City

230 N Bluff St, Lake City / 970-944-2333
townoflakecity.co

The Town of Lake City protects, maintains, and enhances our sense of community, historical heritage, and mountain environment.

HEALTH CARE

Lake City Area Medical Center

700 N Henson St, Lake City / 970-944-2331
lcamc.org

Lake City Area Medical Center provides primary care, urgent care, x-ray, injections, wellness visits, dental care, and more. Ambulance service 24/7.

Silver Thread Public Health District

304 W Third, Lake City / 970-944-0321
silverthreadpublichealth.org

Serving Hinsdale and Mineral Counties, providing the communities with a wide array of public and environmental health programs and services.

LIBRARY

John Wagner Public Library

206 N Silver St, Lake City / 970-944-2615
lakecitypubliclibrary.com

Large collection of books, books on CD, large print books, DVDs, periodicals, 24 hour WiFi, computers, fax and copy machines.

MEDIA

Lake City Silver World Newspaper

231 N Silver St, #2 / 970-944-2515
lakecitysilverworld.com

Official Weekly Newspaper of Lake City / Hinsdale County. Online \$40/year, Mailed \$50/year.

Moe’s Maps

PO Box 4100, Pagosa Springs/970-749-4935
moe@moesmaps.net

Producing Lake City’s Caricature map for 25 years! Businesses, activities, attractions. Get your free souvenir copy at participating businesses.

SCHOOLS & CHILD CARE

Lake City Community School

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Our award winning preschool through 12th grade educational community provides an individualized, challenging, lively, enriching, safe, respectful, and caring learning environment.

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2021 Calendar of Events

- May 28-30** Annual of Taste of Creede
Festival of Fine Arts & Dining
- June 12-13** Donkey Dash Pack Burro Race
Creede Gravity Derby
- June/July/Aug - Wednesdays**
Creede Chute Out Bull Riding/Rodeo
- July 3-4** July 4th Street Festival & Parade
Fireworks - CO State Mining Championship
Days of '92 Mining Events - Elks Lodge Dance
- July 10-16** Creede Woodcarvers Rendezvous
- Aug 6-8** Rock & Mineral Show, Snowshoe
Shuffle
- Aug TBD** Silver Thread Artist's Studio Tour
- Aug TBD** Headwaters Music Festival
- Sep 3-6** Labor Day Weekend - Salsa Fiesta
Creede Mountain Run
- Sept 18** Cruisin' the Canyon Car Show
Silver Threads Quilt Show - Steamroller
Printmaking
- Nov 26-27** Thanksgiving Chocolate Festival
- Jan 15-16** Golden Pick Tommyknocker Pond
Hockey Tournament



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