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What's not to love about these plucky, turn-of-the-century ladies, out for a bit of fun with an afternoon photoshoot? This image, borrowed from the Creede Historical Society's 2023 Calendar, has so delighted us here at the Visitors Center, we couldn't help but join in! Creede is JUST the place for this zesty can-do attitude, with a stunning backdrop to match, and we encourage you to do the same.

So dust off, and stop in the Visitor Center to pick up our "Insider's Guide" or grab one at any of the stanchions located around the County (see map). You'll be busy having fun in no time! We appreciate you being here and look forward to saying hello.

*Pam, Jane and Julie*

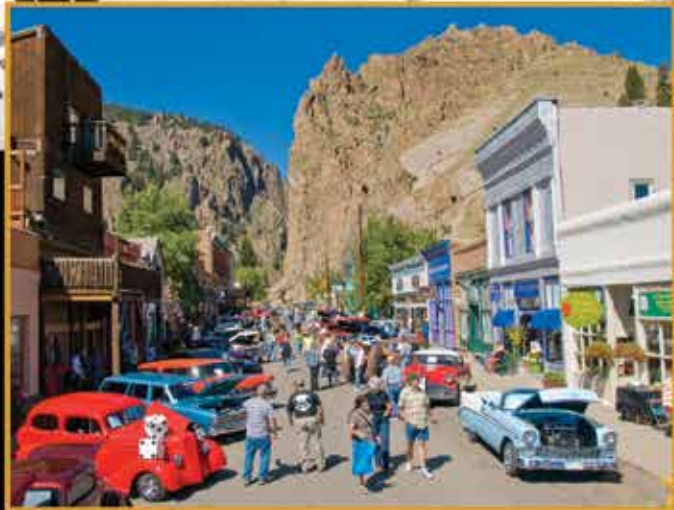
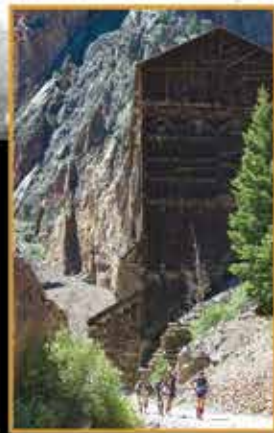
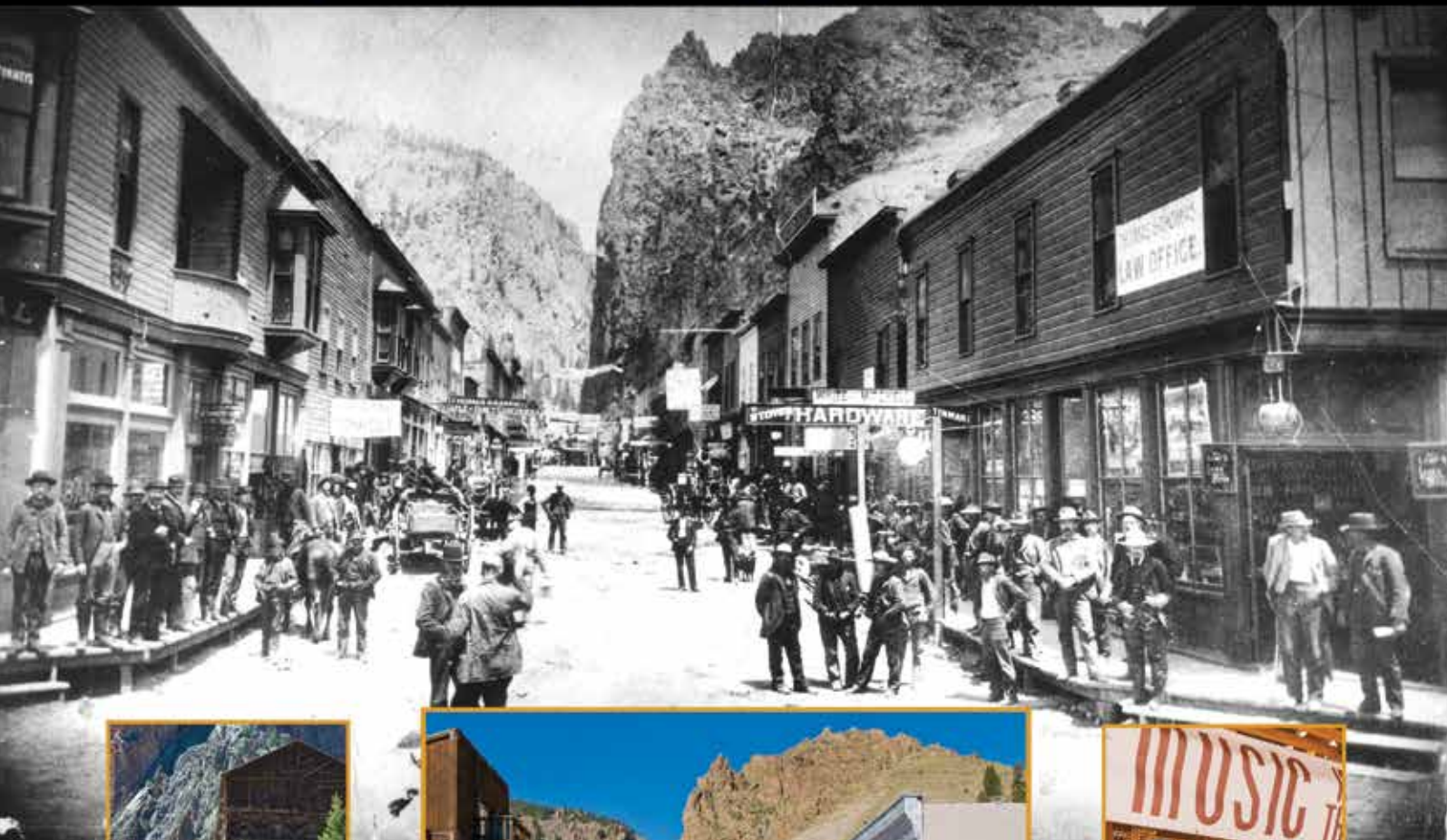
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# Welcome to Historic Creede

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# Itineraries to Explore

Known for its mining history, the area surrounding Creede is one of many mysteries and small surprises, sure to catch the attention of anyone wishing to experience something all their own.

## Hike the 'Up and Over'

The most well-known hike in the area can be hiked in either direction. The trailhead is across La Garita Street from Downstream Gas & Mercantile (where you can pick up drinks and snacks for your hike!). Three quarters of a mile later and 800 feet up, you'll reach the pinnacles that tower above Main Street. Find a rock and take a break while you look down on town and the valleys of the Creede Caldera. If you're hiking with younger kids, head back the way you came. Otherwise descend the "over" side, through pine trees and along the mountainside - there are a few steep drop-offs that require attentive hiking. Keep right at two forks to come down into East Willow and North Creede. From there, stroll less than a mile downhill back to town.



## Into the Back Country

Pool Table Road? Stoney Pass? Bristol Head Mountain? Or any other of our hundreds of back country roads? Venture out in your 4x4 or ATV! Wildlife, wildflowers, and stunning vistas will greet you around every corner! Rental options include Cottonwood Cove for jeeps; Creede ATV at the Snowshoe Lodge, or Creede Adventure Rentals at the RV Park offer ATVs and/or UTVs. Looking for a guided adventure? Check out Mountain Skillz! Have a blast in the back country!

## Creede Art and Galleries In a Day

Spend a day in Creede's galleries featuring some of the finest artists in the southwest. Wander leisurely through Abbey Lane Gallery, Loverings, Quiller Gallery, Wander Off Broadway, Inge Studios at Pappy's Place, Above Snakes Gallery and The Studios at Bristol! Mid-day, eat a to-go lunch from Arp's in the Creede Art Park on Main Street.

Above Right: Bachelor Loop by B4 Studio  
Left: View of Creede from the Up & Over Trail by B4 Studio  
Below: Creede Repertory Theatre's "Ruth Theatre" and performance of "Mildred" courtesy of CRT

## Walking and Shopping in Downtown Creede!

Stroll up and down our historic Main Street and explore the town of Creede. Venture into our wide-range of shops. From sporting goods to jewelry, gourmet shops, clothing and basic supplies, our eclectic offerings have something for everyone! In the summer and fall, catch our weekly Farmer's Market.

- Abbey Lane Gallery
- Coffee on the Fly
- Creede Cabin + Gift
- Creede Olive Oil Company
- Creede Trading Company
- Inge Studios, Rare Things Too
- Loverings / JThompson Gallery
- Mines & Memories
- Ooh La Spa
- Quiller Gallery
- Ramble House
- Rio Grande Angler
- San Juan Sports
- San Juan T-Shirt Co
- The Holy Moses
- Tomkins Hardware
- Underground Mining Museum
- Wander Off Broadway
- Wild Beaver Emporium
- Wild Mountain Jewelry

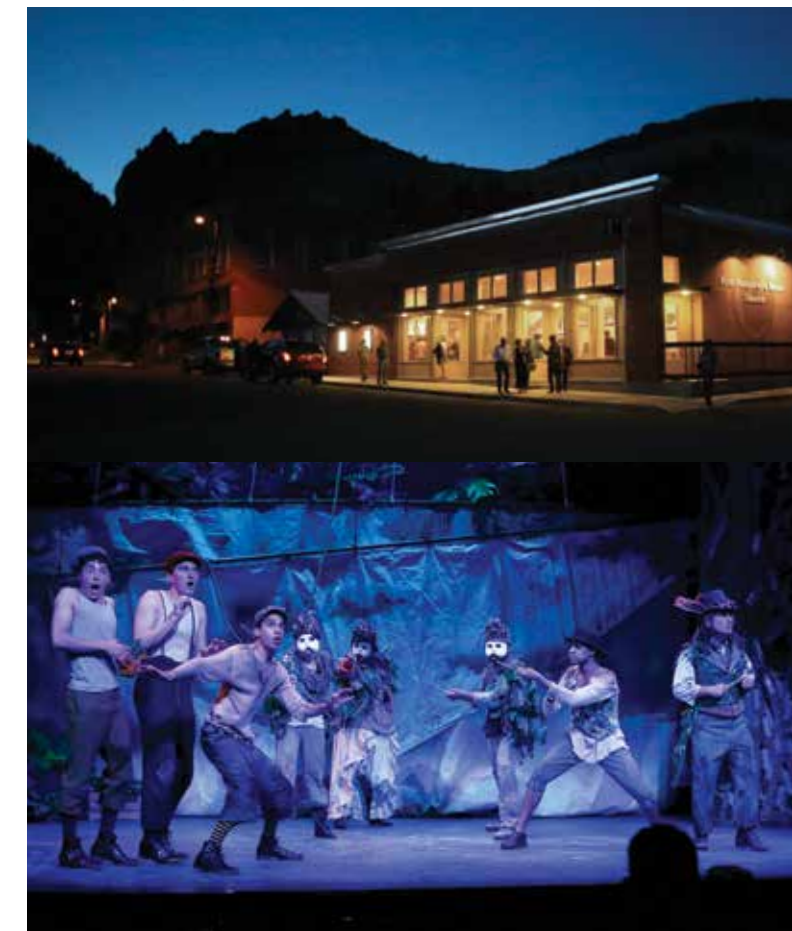


## A Day for Live Theatre

Enjoy a delicious sandwich from Big Doug's BBQ for lunch. Then head over to the Creede Repertory Theatre for a matinee! Our nationally-acclaimed theatre is one-of-a-kind and holds a special place in the history of our town. With a fantastic repertory line-up of 10+ shows this season, you are sure to find something compelling!

## Night Life In Creede

Start with a fantastic meal at the historic Creede Hotel on Main Street. Following dinner, you might catch a live performance of Creede Repertory Theatre's late-night comedy improv show - Boomtown! Then go around the corner to the Tommyknocker for varied live music offerings and late night hops and spirits.



## Hike Inspiration Point

In the summer – an early morning start is essential if you want to enjoy this hike. This trail offers beautiful views of town and amazing vistas of the Rio Grande valley. Make sure to acclimate to the altitude before setting off on this hike! Grab a water bottle and a pastry to go from the Bristol Head Bakery, and head out. It can be strenuous hike, but well worth it!

## Stargazing in Creede

The best place for stargazing in Mineral County is to just look up! High elevation, low humidity and lack of light pollution create the perfect conditions for viewing the Milky Way, witnessing a meteor shower, or night-hiking by the light of the full moon. Grab dinner to go from MJ's Cafe, and take a gorgeous drive up **Pool Table Road** toward Hansen's Mill:

from Creede, travel 7.3 miles east out of town on HWY 149 towards South Fork. Turn left onto Pool Table Road/FR600. Find the perfect spot to spend the evening gazing at the Milky Way: exceptionally bright in our dark skies.

The **Bachelor Loop Historic Tour** is the 17-mile drive through a historic mining district above Creede. Several stopping points present sparkly lights in the valley below, mirrored by the stars above.

For a completely dark experience, **Love Lake** is a small, majestic lake surrounded by mountain scenery. From Creede, travel 7 miles west on Hwy 149 towards Lake City. Turn left and travel southwest on Forest Road 523 for 10 miles and you will come right to the Love Lake parking lot. Enjoy some of the biggest views of our glorious night sky.



## Horseback Riding

Trails galore interlace the stunning San Juan Mountains around Creede and throughout Mineral County. What better way to spend a day than viewing it all from the back of a horse? The following offer guided horseback rides: Freemon's Guest Ranch, Frazier Outfitters, and Cottonwood Cove. After a day of riding, head back to town and relax on the patio at Kip's Grill with a delicious burger or baja tacos and live music!



Left: Inspiration Point View of East Willow by Bob Seago.  
Above, Top: Night Sky by Wendy Naugle  
Above: Horseback Riding at Freemon's Ranch.  
Middle, Top: Fall Colors on the Bachelor Loop by Ed Knight  
Middle, Middle: Phoenix Park Waterfall by Steve Hall  
Right, Middle: South Clear Creek Falls by Bob Seago

## Fall Color Drives

Our golden hues of fall are most pleasing to the eye! Start a relaxing morning with a pastry and hot latte from Coffee On The Fly while you consider which one of these favorite places you'll choose to take



in the fall colors. Join Revolution Railbike Co for a tour along the River, or drive one of these routes:

- Silver Thread Scenic Byway
- Bachelor Loop Tour
- Pool Table Road
- Rio Grande Reservoir
- Love Lake



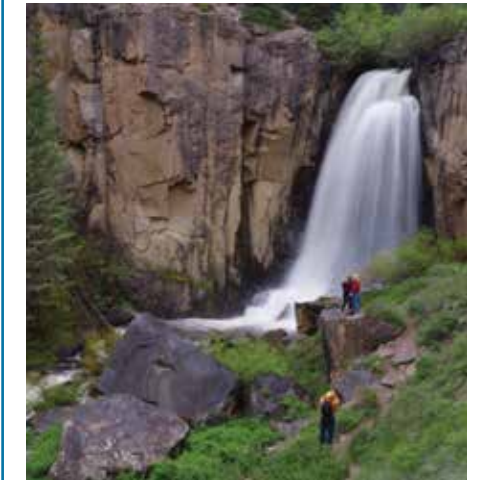
## Hike to Phoenix Park

Start your hike or ATV/jeep ride at the Phoenix Park Trailhead. From the old miner's cabin 2 miles in, it's hiking only. The trail leads you to a beautiful Creede waterfall. Summer wildflowers will be bursting with color and you may be lucky enough to spot a moose so don't forget to leash your dog!

## A Day of Water Falls

Check out the most photographed waterfall in Colorado! North Clear Creek Falls is stunning, and accessible to all just off of Hwy 149; but don't forget about its smaller sib-

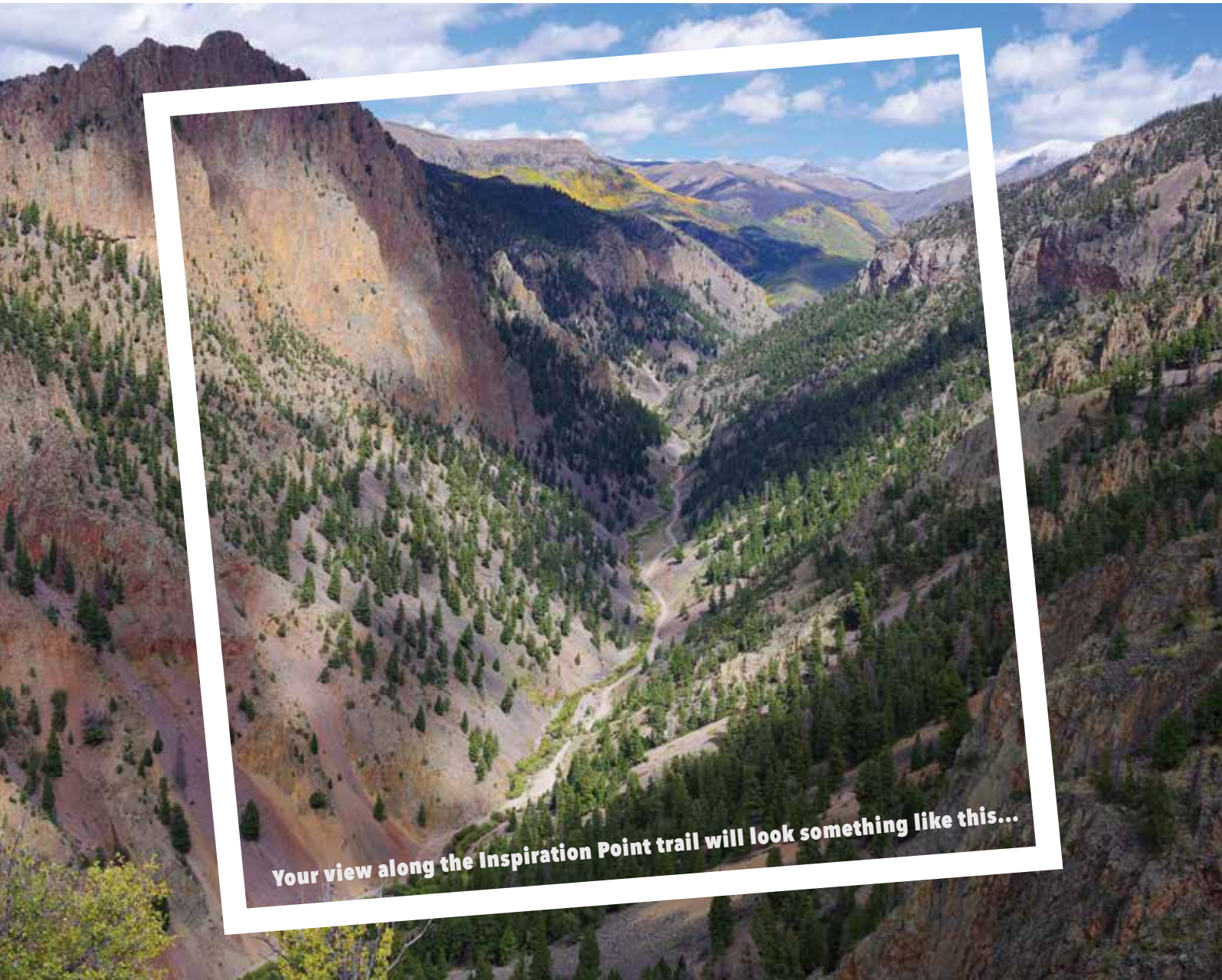
ling, South Clear Creek Falls, just a couple miles away. Park in the back of the Silver Thread Campground and find a 900 ft trail leading down to the falls. Continue south on Highway 149 and visit the Studios at Bristol for beautiful artwork and handcrafted items. Next, enjoy a delicious burger and ice cream from Freemon's Guest Ranch and General Store.



## Hit the Gym!

Looking to get some exercise during the occasional afternoon monsoon? Something to keep the kids busy? Creede's Parks & Rec has fantastic options at the VC Multiuse Facility: indoor climbing wall, weight room and cardio equipment, youth programs and camps, a variety of classes including spin, chair yoga, and archery. Come practice your "slice" on the pickleball court, or set your intentions for the day in a kundalini yoga class with Jo Johnson, local massage therapist, zero balancing and yoga teacher.

Wind down from your workout with a little self-care at Ooh La Spa. Pick from a full range of services including nails, facials, waxing, massages, and hair. Or shop the boutique featuring bath, body and CBD products.



Your view along the Inspiration Point trail will look something like this...



Top, Left: Single Track Mountain Biking by John Goss • Top: San Luis Peak by Nathaniel Anderson  
Middle: Winter Night Creede by Michael Frascella • Below: San Luis Peak by Julie Meiser

## Mountain Biking

Deep Creek Trail is a fantastic trail for mountain biking. After carrying your bike across a small bridge a couple miles into the trail, you'll find yourself in a lush forest. In the late summer and early fall, take a few minutes to stop and collect wild raspberries! Be sure to pack plenty of water and snacks for your adventure. After a day of riding, have a cold one at Sunnyside Bar!

## Hike a 14er: San Luis Peak

The prominent 14,022-foot fourteener is located approximately 10 miles north of Creede. Generally considered a challenging route, it takes an average of 7½ hours to complete. It's a popular trail for hiking and other nature trips, but you will enjoy some solitude during quieter times of day. The trail is open year-round, but the best times to visit are June - September.



## Lake City for a Day

Take a drive to Lake City along the Silver Thread National Byway. Make sure to check out Lake San Cristobal when heading in. It's the second largest body of water in Colorado. Swing by local shops for delicious treats, and take in a matinee at the Mountaineer Movie Theater. Jeep and ATV rentals are available from Lake City Auto & Sports. Rent one for a day and head to American Basin, known for its spectacular display of Alpine wildflowers. Note, the drive is difficult but gorgeous.



## Insider's Guide To Creede

Once you've made it to Creede, we invite you to embrace our "Insider's Guide" as a sort of real-time, field guide to navigating: **the places** (both developed and wild), **paces** (it's slower and kinder here), and **people** (who are varied and remarkable).

**Get tips, historical tid-bits, area to-dos, and our top photo ops for:** around town, driving and touring, hiking, camping, wildlife, fishing, rafting & boating, ATV/OHV & Jeeping, stargazing, snowmobiling, and winter sports.

Field Guides can be found in many locations around town, and at the Visitor Center (see map pg 34).

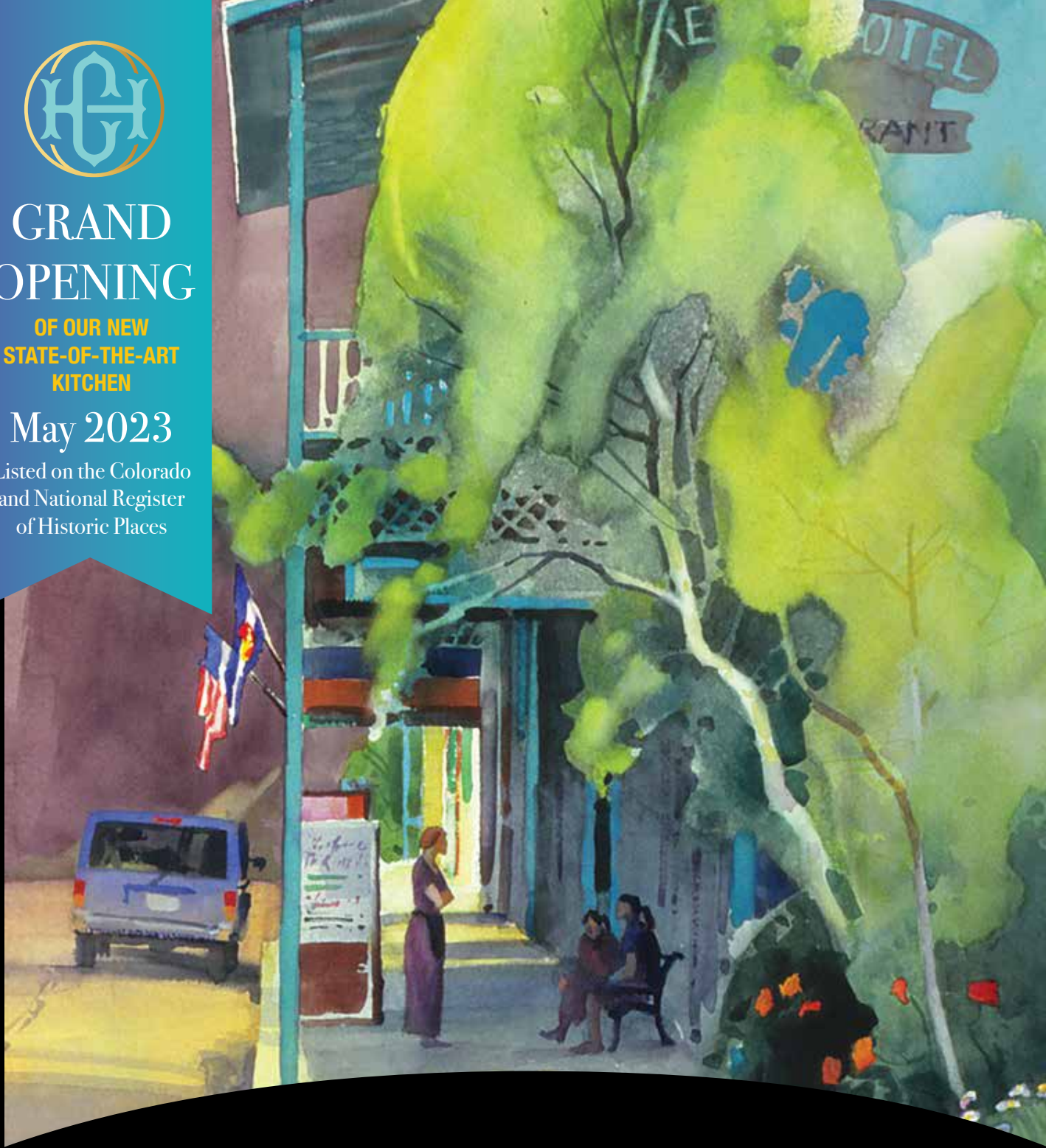


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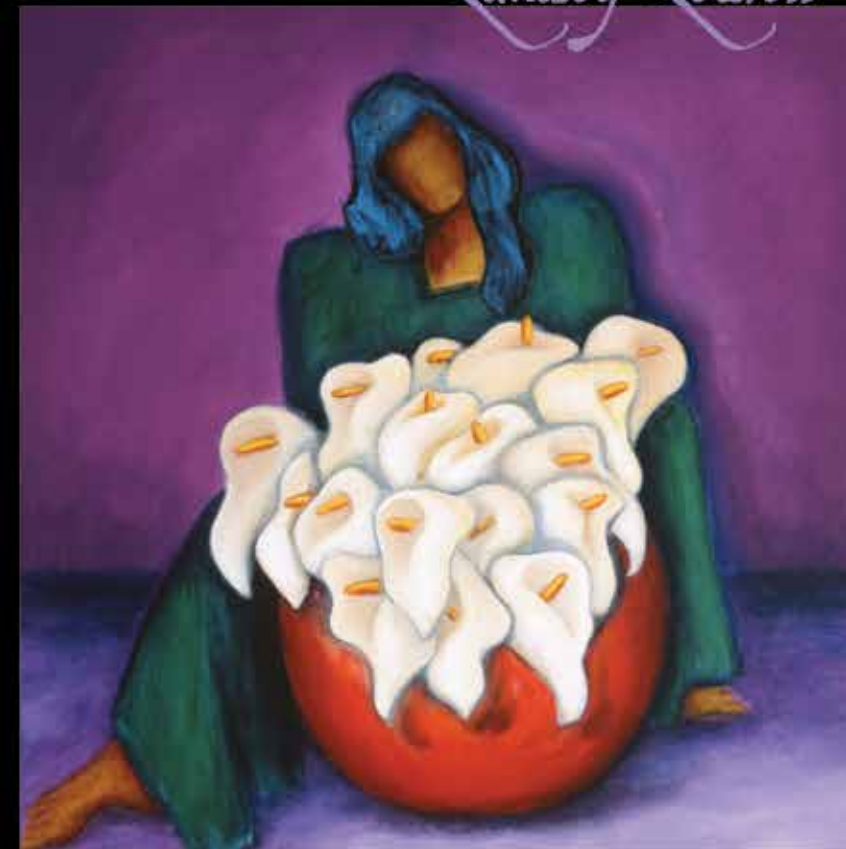
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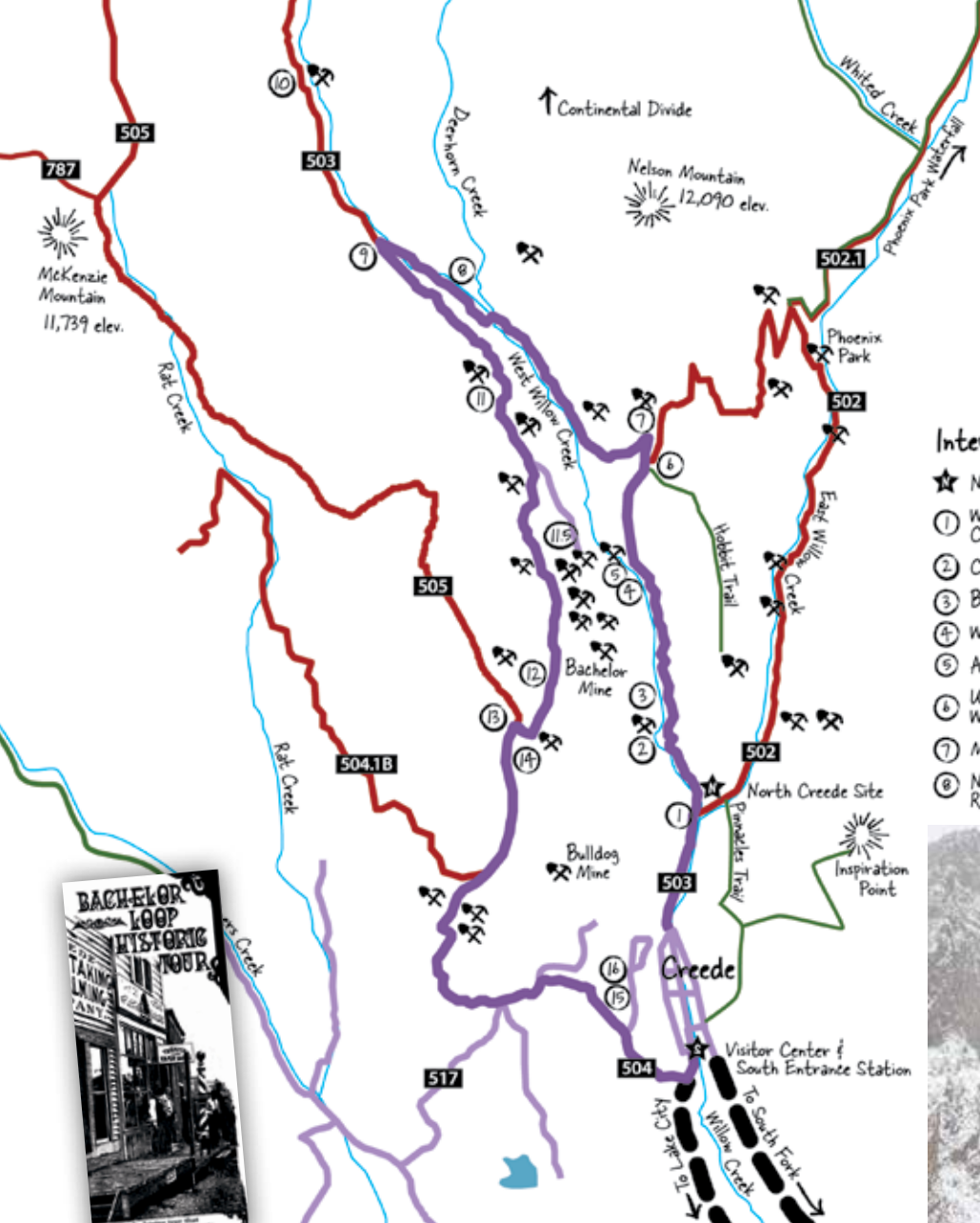
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- Tour Stop

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- |   |                                       |
|---|---------------------------------------|
| ★ North Entrance Station                      | ⑨ Allen's Crossing                    |
| ① West Willow/East Willow Creek Junction      | ⑩ Equity Mine                         |
| ② Commodore Mine                              | ⑪ Park Regent Mine                    |
| ③ Black Pitch                                 | ⑮ Last Chance Mine                    |
| ④ Weaver Town Site                            | ⑫ Bachelor Town Site                  |
| ⑤ Amethyst Mine                               | ⑬ Rat Creek 4wd Rd Jctn               |
| ⑥ Upper Junction of East Willow Creek Rd #502 | ⑭ Bulldog Mine/Creede Scenic Overlook |
| ⑦ Midwest Mine                                | ⑰ Creede Cemetery                     |
| ⑧ Nelson Mtn/Deerhorn Park Roads              | ⑱ Bob Ford's Gravesite                |
|   | ★ South Entrance Station              |



Pick up a Guidebook at the Visitor Center!

**Drive the Historic Bachelor Loop**

This 17-mile self driving loop begins and ends in town and takes you 2000 feet above Creede. A journey into our mining past and an exploration of Creede's scenic wonders, it has something for everyone. Drive past mines that were part of the 1890's Silver Boom. Walk through the old Bachelor town site, once home to over 1500 people! Stop at Last Chance Mine and take an underground mine tour. Look for wildlife (especially moose!) at the Allen's Crossing beaver ponds (particularly stunning with fall colors!). Don't forget your camera! Hungry now? Get some loaded mac-n-cheese and a fried pie from The Mac Mine back in town. Yum!



**Catch a Fish!**

Spend the day on a guided fishing trip with the Ramble House, Rio Grande Angler, or Rio Epic! Our local shops are stocked with expertise, licenses (Ramble House), and all the gear you'll need! The local Forest Service Office has maps showing public access along the river for wade fishing. The area boasts several great lake/reservoirs for those looking to relax and take in the vistas! For the perfect end to a fun-filled fishing day, make reservations to dine riverside at Antlers Lodge, where you'll find a delicious meal, fun cocktails, and live music!



Top: Fishing at Spring Creek Reservoir by Julie Meiser  
Above: Mountain Man Rafting on the Rio Grande  
Right: Headwaters - Rio Grande Reservoir in the Fall by Gin Getz  
Far Right: Creede Sowbelly Amethyst - photo courtesy Bob Richmond Flickr CC 3642772916

**Spend the day at the Headwaters of the Rio Grande River**

Twenty miles and 30 minutes west of Creede, turn left off of Hwy 149 onto FS Rd 520 and make the drive to the Rio Grande Reservoir, particularly beautiful in September. Hike, fish, and picnic in this gorgeous area. Before heading out, stop at Opie's for a specialty coffee and ready-to-go lunch. Finish the day with ice cream at Freemon's General Store.



**Rafting**

We have guided and rental options for rafting on the Rio Grande! For guided trips, check out Mountain Man Rafting (their shop is located in South Fork,

but they offer trips starting in Creede). Be sure to wear a life jacket - that water can be COLD! After a full day of rafting, grab a pizza at the Old Miner's Inn on Main Street!

**Rockhounding in the San Juans**

Mineral deposits made the Rocky Mountains famous! Native Americans used them; explorers were enticed by the wealth they promised; prospectors were rewarded; and industries born. Settlements exploded with the boom and faded to memory when the US adopted the gold standard and the silver market crashed. Stop by the Visitor Center for rockhounding maps and info.





## Play Golf

Check out how far your drive goes at 8200 feet! The Rio Grande Club in South Fork is an award-winning, 18-hole golf course that borders the National Forest. The longest par five is a challenging 600 yards, and the course has large stands of cottonwood trees, rugged rock formations and dramatic elevation changes. Six holes on the front nine play along the Rio Grande, offering a unique shot over the river on hole number six. The back nine alpine holes play at an elevation of over 8,200 feet, through stunning rock

formations, fields of wildflowers, native pine and aspen trees and wildlife habitat along Alder Creek. Incredible views welcome players to #18, along with a dramatic elevation drop onto a generous fairway. After a round, satisfy your appetite at the on-site restaurant or stop by the 149 Eatery located at Cottonwood Cove for good food and ice cream!

## Get Married!

The area offers incredible mountain venues for your next intimate gathering or grand affair! Guest

ranches or event venues, intimate churches, a regal golf course, or any one of our thousands of acres of public land could serve as the backdrop for the most important day of your life! For our size, Creede has a surprisingly large number of award-winning group lodging establishments and just as many quality restaurants offering family-style dining and/or catering. We recommend 8852 Events for planning services, Gracie Elaine Photography or Brooke Ashlee Photography, and Bristol Head Bakery. For venues, look at the Stables at Bristol Head, Sunnyside Chapel, or The Hayloft. Visit [creede.com](http://creede.com) for more!



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Top: Death of Bob Ford 1892, Creede Historical Society 1948-CE-1c5  
 Middle: Bob Ford, Lafont Collection, Creede Historical Society  
 Bottom Left: Bob Ford's old bar at Weaver, Creede Historical Society 3821-MC-16  
 Bottom Right: Creede Historical Museum by B4 Studio

### The Man Who Killed Jesse James

More pompous than dangerous, the coward Bob Ford banked heavily on his reputation as the killer of the notorious Jesse James, whom he shot in the back! This tall, slim, unhealthy-looking drunk landed in Creede during the 1890 boomtown year. For a time, Ford did quite well for himself, running a gambling hall and saloon, and serving as the leader of the dark underbelly of town. Then, in 1892 a stranger would appear at Ford's Saloon in North Creede. Ed O'Kelly shot and killed Ford, though his motives are somewhat unclear... Bob Ford was originally buried in



Creede, but his wife eventually moved his body back to Missouri. Visit Creede's two historical sites attributed to Bob Ford: his gravesite, located up above town near the cemetery, and a stone and plaque outside of Wild Beaver Mountain Man Emporium at the approximate location of his saloon (see map pg 34).

### Creede History & Museums In a Day

Start your day at the Visitor's Center where you'll see the beautiful model of North Creede depicting life in 1892. Tom Kutzley's labor of love took 23 years to complete and was then donated to Creede. Local artist Brian Smith painted the backdrop. Walk over to Mines & Memories with its extensive collection of materials and photographs from the old silver mines. Your next stop is the Creede Historical Museum, located in the old Railroad Depot in Basham Park. The



Museum originated in the 1940's and is home to old artifacts pertaining to Creede's wild west history. Creede's Historical Library is right next door. Your final stop is the Underground Mining Museum, built right into the mountain. It took retired miners over a year to blast out the solid rock for the museum, gift shop, Community Center and Fire Department. Local-led and self-guided tours take you through the museum, imparting the history of one of the worlds largest silver-producing Mining Districts.

### Visit The Oldest and Only Original

Tomkins Hardware is considered the "first fire proof building in Creede" and is the oldest business in town, constructed in 1892. It opened as "Tomkins Brothers Bank and Tomkins Brothers Hardware". The bank portion was sold, but customers can still see the original bank teller cages in the front portion of the building. The original safe is still used and is locked with the combination dial from 131+ years ago! The Tomkins business has long since passed out of the Tomkins family, but the name has always remained the same (with the title "Lumber" added at some point in the late 1900's) and continues to supply "everything you need to build but the land!"

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### Museum Tours

Summer Hours: May 24 - Sept 13  
 Open 7 days-a-week, 9am-5pm  
 Guided Tours at 10am and 3pm

Winter Hours: Sept 14 - May 23  
 Open Tues-Sat, 10:00 - 3:00

### Community Center

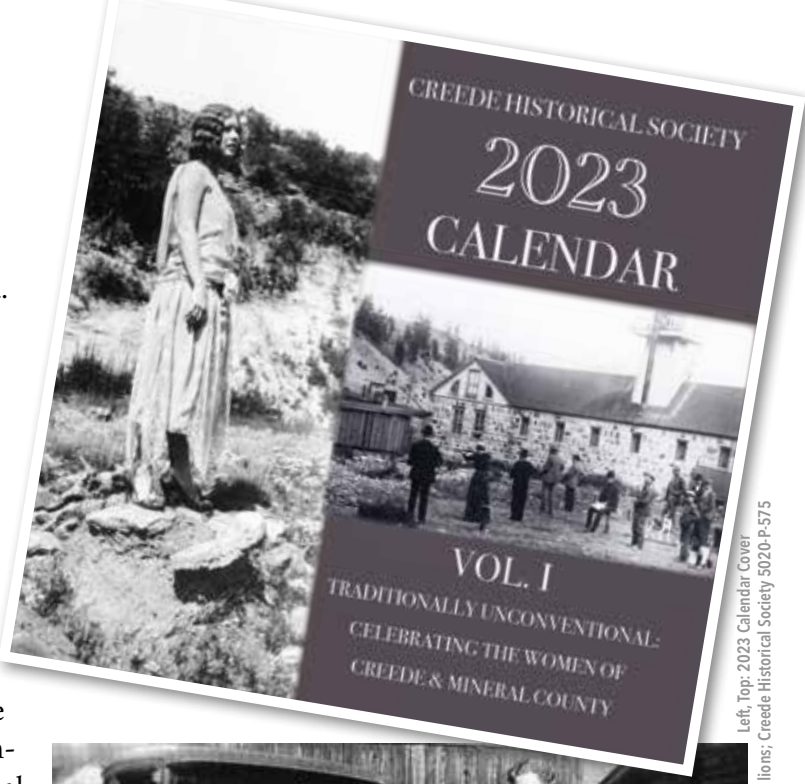
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 Located in the Cliffs north of Creede

## Take a Bit of Creede History Home

Interested in the quirkiest side of Creede history? The Creede Historical Society now releases an annual, collectible, themed calendar exploring many mountain town stories that will likely be new to you. Volume I curated by photo librarian Allison Quiller, is titled "Traditionally Unconventional: Celebrating the Women of Creede and Mineral County." Women throughout Creede's history have had to embody a particular mountain spirit that enabled them to live outside traditional boxes. Within the pages of this calendar, we see prime examples of this: Emma Soward ran Soward's Ranch and was the first woman in Creede to drive a car; Alma Dooley raised four children alone during the depression; Mary Thom operated Creede's first telephone system and was the Creede Repertory Theatre's first superfan. This calendar illuminates the past and marks the dates of annual Creede events and historical milestones.

Calendars are in a convenient 12" x 12" format, taking up minimal wall space while providing plenty of space for personal schedule note. Each photograph is high quality, digitally re-mastered, and can be easily framed. Volume I is available for purchase at the Creede Historical Society Depot, Creede Visitor Center, Downstream Gas & Mercantile, Kentucky Belle Market, San Juan Sports, and the Quiller Gallery. Watch for Volume II, available September 2023!



Left, Top: 2023 Calendar Cover  
Left: Emma Dabney with two mountain lions; Creede Historical Society 5020-P-575



Alma Wintz Dooley on the cliff above Creede, c.1930; courtesy Creede Historical Society 7228-00-13

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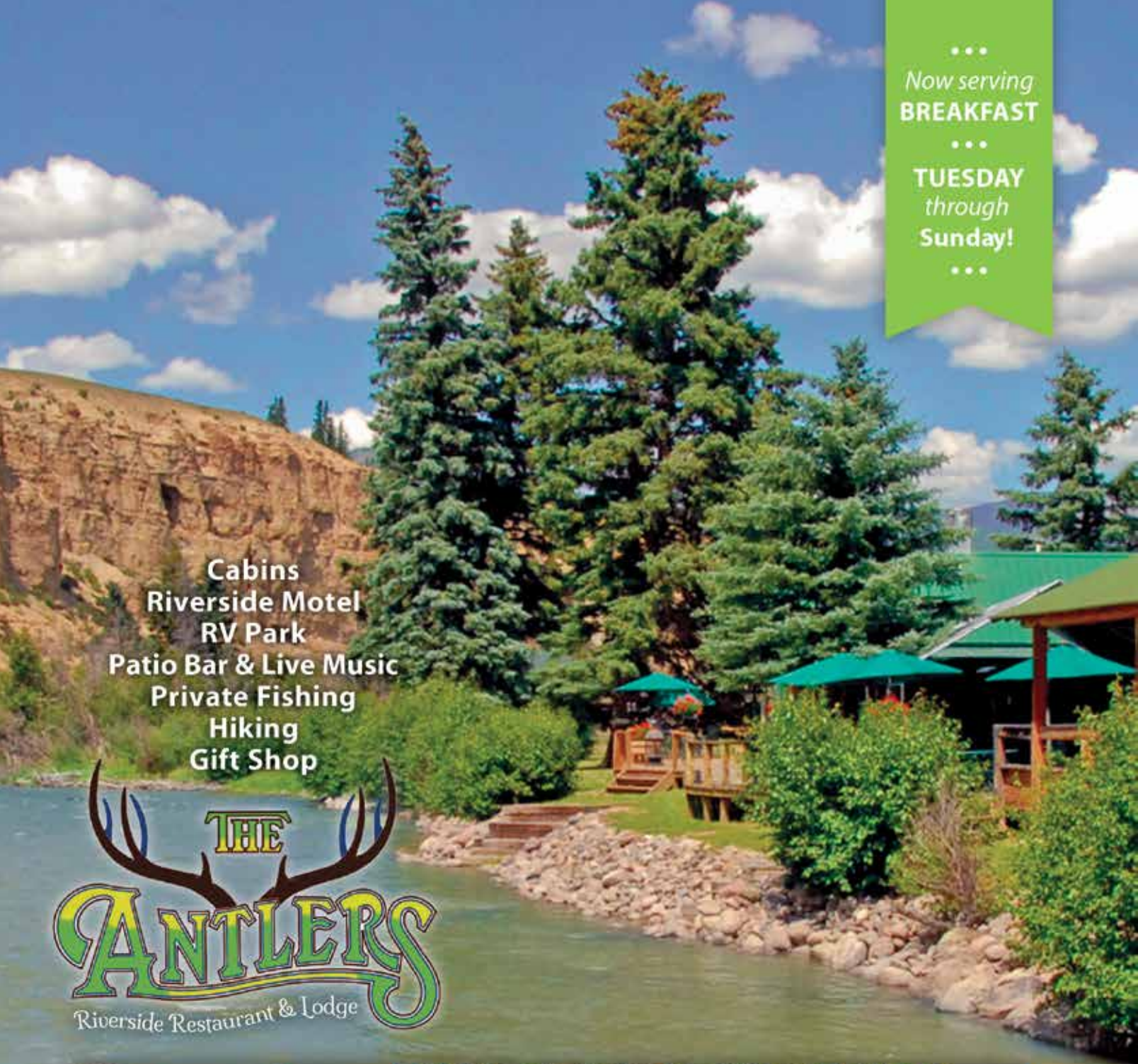


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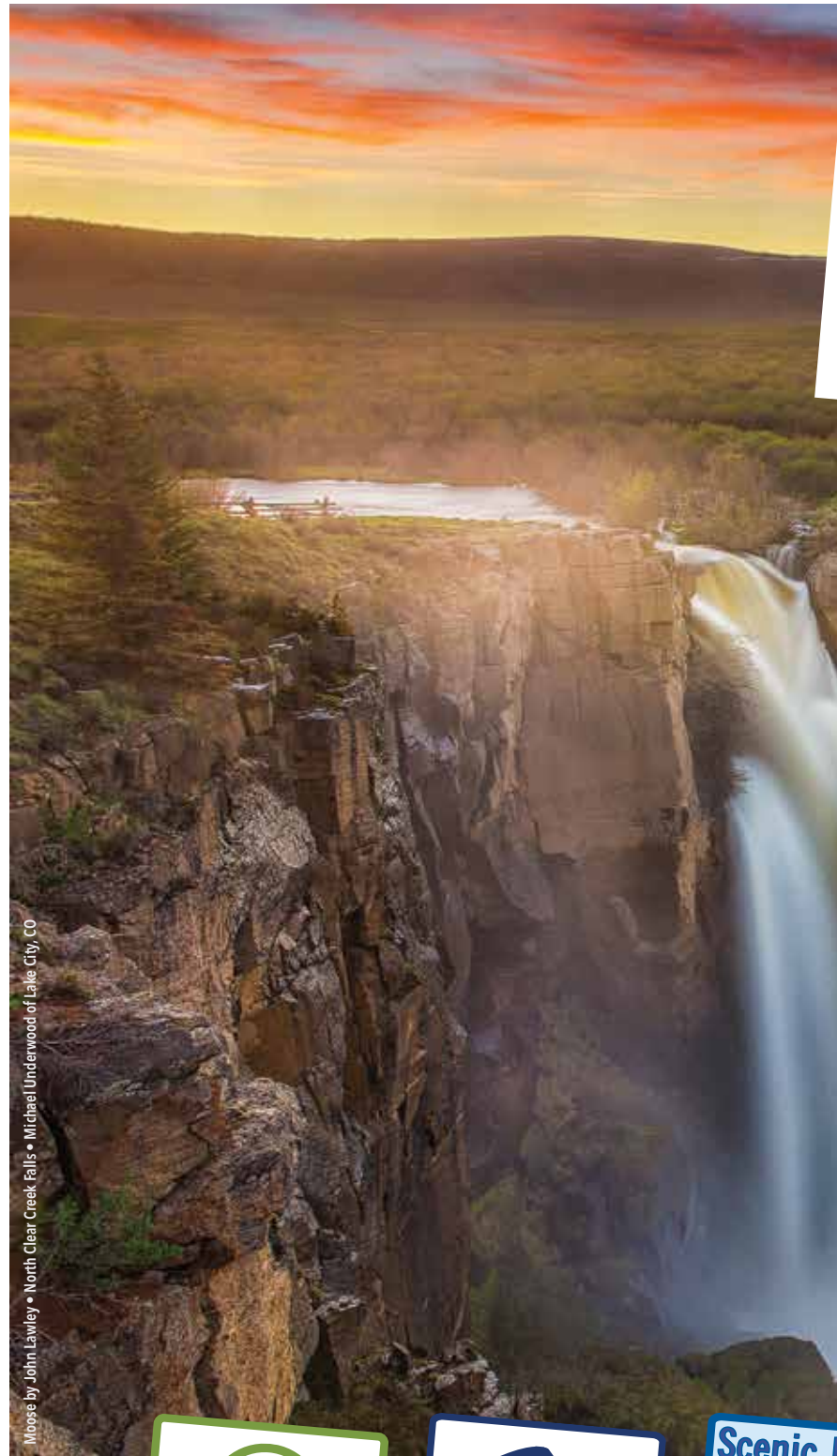
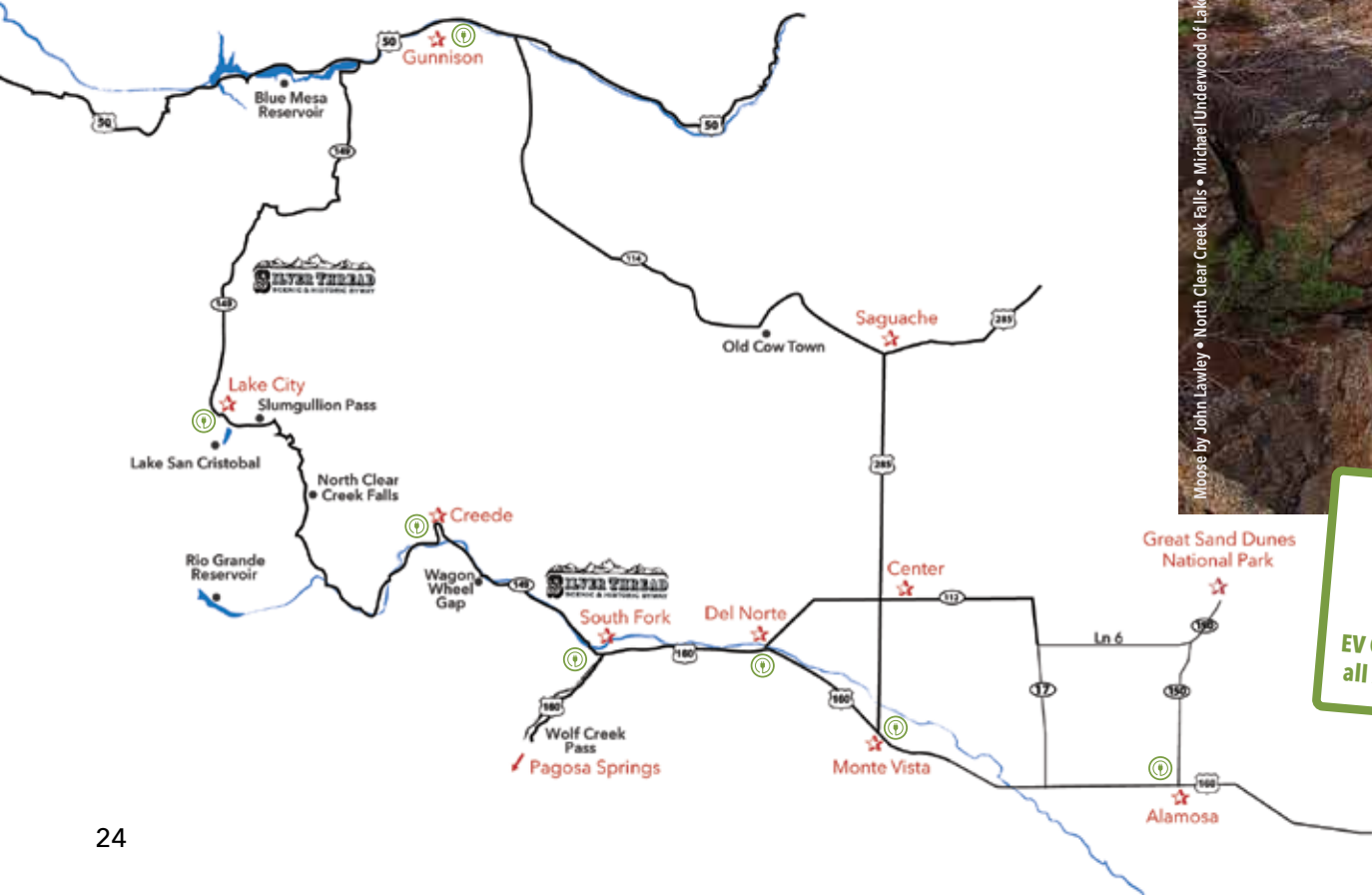
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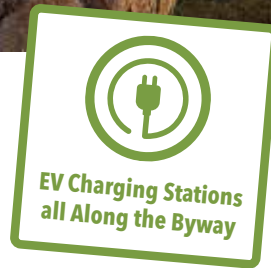
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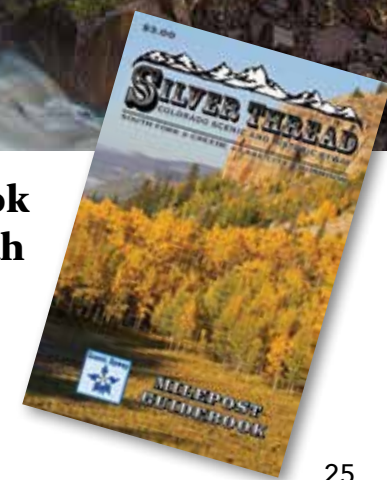
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Moose by John Lawley • North Clear Creek Falls • Michael Underwood of Lake City, CO




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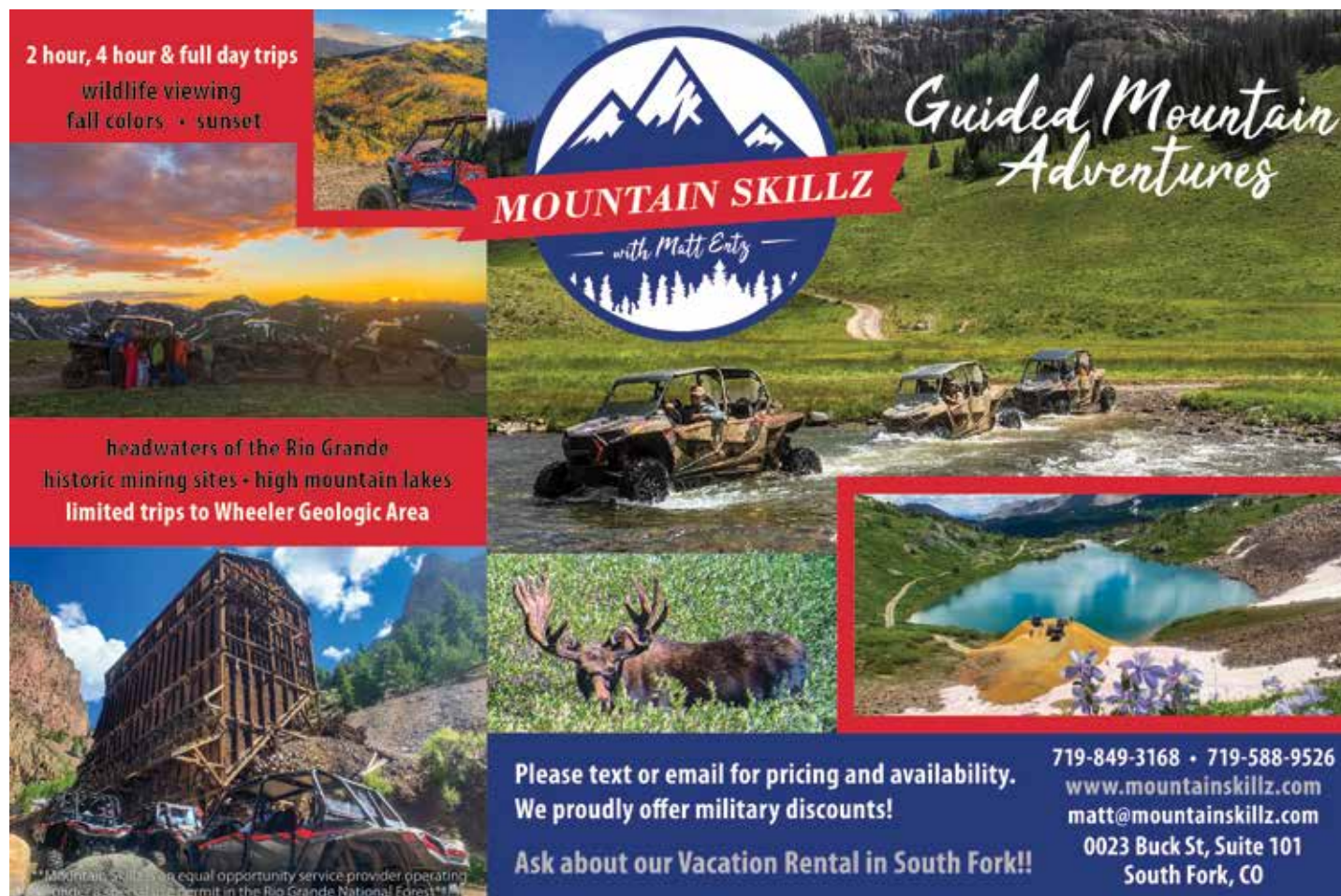
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# Happy Trails

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## Our Favorite Short Hikes

½ Hour to 3-Hour Hikes

**'Up and Over'** - Up & Back or Up & Around (3mi); significant climb to top; Trailhead is across from gas station. See page 6 for more info

**South Clear Creek Falls @ Silver Thread Campground** / 899 - Down & Back (¼ mi); Well-maintained trail down to a dramatic waterfall. 23 mi from Creede

**Hobbit Trail** - Up & Back; moderate elevation gain. Trail begins at stop #6 of Bachelor Loop. Views of E Willow and old mining structures. 2½ mi from Creede.

**Deep Creek Trail** / 806 - Up & Back; gradual climb up. The trail follows Deep Creek up its canyon. Views and wildflowers! Trailhead 3mi from Creede.

**Miner's Creek Trail** / 803 - Up & Back; slight climb for first mile. Scenery, shade and solitude. Trailhead 6mi from Creede

**Shallow Creek Trail** / 897 - Up & Back; relatively flat; wanders through willows along creek with footbridges. 5½ mi from Creede.

**Ivy Creek Trail** / 805 - Up & Back; gradual climb; Restroom at trailhead; Shade and solitude. 16 mi from Creede.

## Our Favorite Day Hikes

4 to 6-Hour Hikes

**Fern Creek Trail to Little Ruby Lake** / 815 - Up & Back (3.7 mi one-way). Witness forest fire regrowth en route to high mountain lakes. 17½ mi from Creede.

**Inspiration Point** / 789 - Up & Back (3.5 mi one-way) Get an early start! Beautiful views of town and amazing vistas of the Rio Grande valley. Trailhead is across from gas station. See page 8 for more info

**Seepage Creek** / 509 - Up & Back (2.5 miles one way) Pastoral setting along what was Seepage Lake. 11mi from Creede.

**Spring Creek Pass to Snow Mesa** / 787/813 - Up & Back (2.5 miles one way) 360-degree expansive views, including the Rio Grande Pyramid. 33mi from Creede

**Phoenix Park** / 502.1A - Up & Back (2.5 miles one way) Aspen Forest hike to a waterfall. 3½mi from Creede. See page 9 for more info

**Deep Creek Trail** / 806 - Up & Back or Loop onto Lime Creek Rd (arrange drop-off or pickup). Creekside, views and wildflowers! Trailhead 3mi from Creede.

## Our Favorite All Day & Overnight Hikes

**Wheeler Geologic Site via East Bellows Trail** / 790 - Full Day or Multi Day - Up & Back (about 7 mi one-way) Wilderness, beautiful views and unique geologic features. 18mi from Creede.

**San Luis Peak** / 882 to 465/813 to 465.5A - Full Day - Up & Back (11 mi round-trip to top of peak) Summit a Colorado 14er! 9mi from Creede. See pg 10 for more info

**Ivy Creek Trail** / 805 - Multi-Day - Up & Back (9 miles to Goose Lake). Authentic Rocky Mountain hiking experience to the remote backcountry. 16mi from Creede.

**Squaw Creek, Continental Divide and Weminuche Trail Loops** / 818 - Multi-Day - Up & Back or Loop (20-30 miles) Hiking deep within the vast expanse of Colorado's Weminuche Wilderness brings you to the Rio Grande Pyramid. 30-40mi from Creede.

**The Continental Divide Trail (CDT) and Colorado Trail** / 813/465 - Full Day or Multi-Day. Near Creede, The CDT and Colorado Trail run together. Learn more at <https://www.fs.usda.gov/>



Go to Colorado Trail Explorer App for trail details

Stay the Trail • Leave no Trace • Pack it in, pack it out, bring water and a jacket, tell someone where you're going and when you'll be back. More tips at [creede.com](http://creede.com)

## Our Favorite Motorized Use Trails

	Difficulty	Usage	Length : One Way	Starting Elevation	Ending Elevation	Elevation Gain	Usage
<b>Fern Creek Trail</b> / 815	Easy - Diff.	Heavy	foot: 15, OHV 4.7	9200	9800	600	mtrcycl/eBike/ATV under 50"
<b>Lost Trail Creek</b> / 821	Moderate	Light to Mod.	11	9750	12350	2600	mtrcycl/eBike/ATV under 50"
<b>Bachelor Road</b> / 504	Easy	Heavy	17	8852	10600	1748	jeep
<b>Bear Town</b> / 506	Mod. - Diff.	Heavy	5.9	10500	12100	1600	jeep
<b>Bristol Head Peak</b> / 532	Moderate	Mod.	15.1	10030	12706	2676	jeep
<b>Regan Lake</b> / 521	Easy	Heavy	4.8	9530	10080	550	jeep
<b>Stony Pass</b> / 520	Moderate	Extra Heavy	14.6	9600	12588	2988	jeep
<b>Pool Table/Wheeler</b> / 600	Difficult	Heavy	13.7	10800	11040	200	Now Hiking Only from Hanson's Mill

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# Campgrounds

	Fee (single/double)	No. of Sites	Reservation Req'd?	Elev. (feet)	Miles from Creede	Amenities
<b>Bristol Head / South Clear Creek</b>	\$26-30 \$12 day picnic	15	No	9500	22.6	Camp Host, Restroom, Water, Fire Grate, Scenic, Trailhead, Fishing
<b>Ivy Creek</b>	\$10 for overnight or picnic	4	No	9500	16	Restroom, NO WATER, Fire Grate, Trailhead, Fishing
<b>Lost Trail</b>	\$10 for overnight or picnic	7	No	9500	38.2	Restroom, NO WATER, Fire Grate, Fishing
<b>Marshall Park</b>	\$26-30/\$52-56 \$12 day picnic	16	<b>Yes</b>	8800	6.2	Camp Host, Restroom, NO WATER, Fishing, Easy Access to Hwy 149
<b>North Clear Creek</b>	\$26-30/\$52-56 \$12 day picnic	21	No	9900	24.5	Camp Host, Restroom, Water, Fire Grate, Fishing
<b>Palisade</b>	\$26-30	12	No	8300	12.1	Camp Host, Restroom, Water, Fire Grate, Fishing, Handicap, Right off Hwy 149
<b>Rio Grande</b>	\$10 for overnight or picnic	7	No	9300	8.4	Restroom, NO WATER, Fire Grate, Fishing
<b>River Hill</b>	\$29-33/\$58-62 \$12 day picnic	20	<b>Yes</b>	9200	29.6	Camp Host, Restroom, Water, Fire Grate, Fishing
<b>Road Canyon Rsvr</b>	\$26-30 \$12 day picnic	6	No	9300	26	Restroom, Water, Fire Ring, Fishing, Wakes Not Allowed, Trolling Motors OK
<b>Silver Thread / South Clear Creek Falls</b>	\$26-30 \$12 day picnic	10	No	9500	23	Camp Host, Restroom, Water, Fire Grate, Scenic, Trailhead, Fishing
<b>Thirty Mile</b>	\$29-33/\$58-62 \$12 day picnic	35	<b>Yes</b>	9300	31.1	Camp Host, Restroom, Water, Fire Grate, Trailhead, Fishing, Handicap Access

To make a reservation at Marshall Park, River Hill or Thirty-Mile visit [recreation.gov](http://recreation.gov) or call 877-444-6777. PLEASE NOTE: Most campgrounds are CLOSED after Labor Day; some allow limited use (no water or trash service). Our public lands are managed by the Rio Grande National Forest Service & San Luis Valley Bureau of Land Management, [fs.usda.gov/riogrande](http://fs.usda.gov/riogrande) or 719-657-3321.

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- Camping is limited to 14 days in a 30 day period. Reserve spot at [www.recreation.gov](http://www.recreation.gov)
- Keep our land as pristine as you found it: Dispersed campers should choose spots that are previously used sites, 200ft from water source, and that keep vehicles within 300ft of a road
- Trash the Trash - pack it in, pack it out. Creede offers a paid trash drop at the gas station (\$5/bag). Bury human waste/tp 2ft deep, and 200ft from water; or pack it out!
- Pets: Scoop their poop and keep them leashed.
- Plan for cold nights, even in July! At high elevations, temperatures drop significantly once the sun goes down
- Bring plenty of water. There are only a few places to fill up: the RV Dump Station, at the Visitor Center for a donation; or at the gas station



Only you can prevent forest fires

**PLEASE BE CAREFUL WITH FIRE THIS SUMMER!**

## The Leave No Trace 7 Principles

- Plan Ahead and Prepare
- Be Considerate of Other Visitors
- Dispose of Waste Properly
- Respect Wildlife
- Leave What You Find
- Minimize Campfire Impacts
- Travel and Camp on Durable Surfaces

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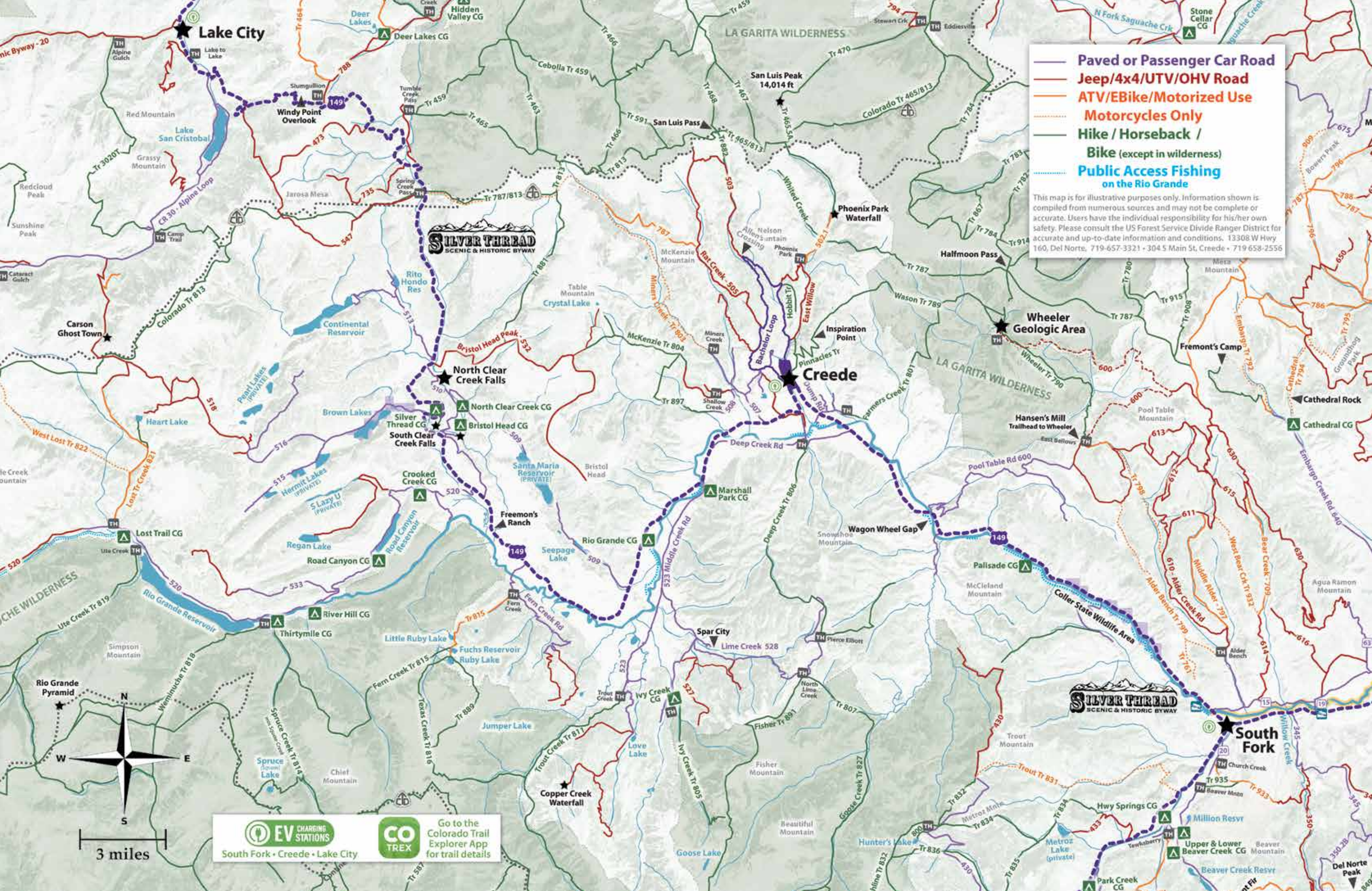
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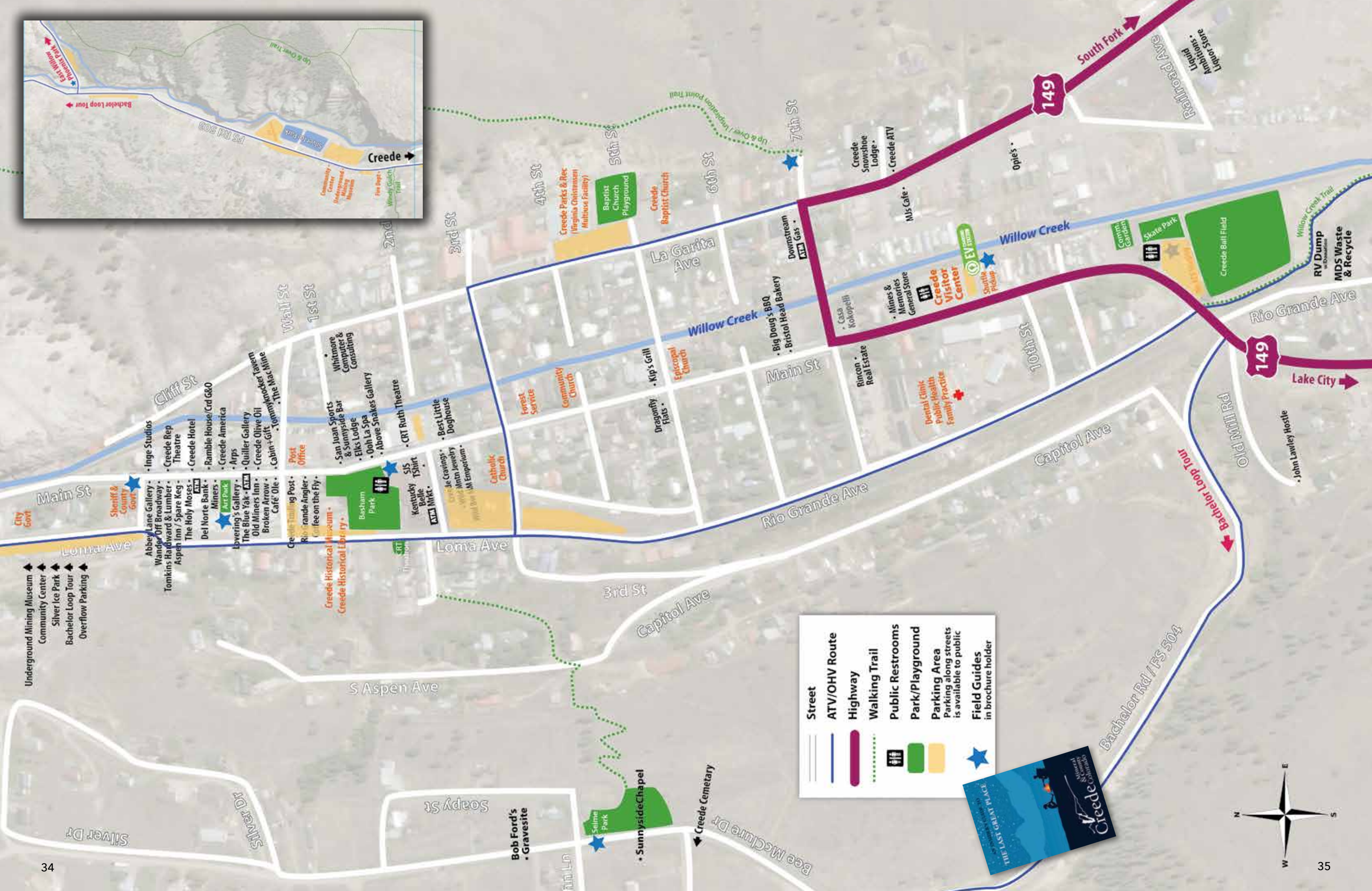


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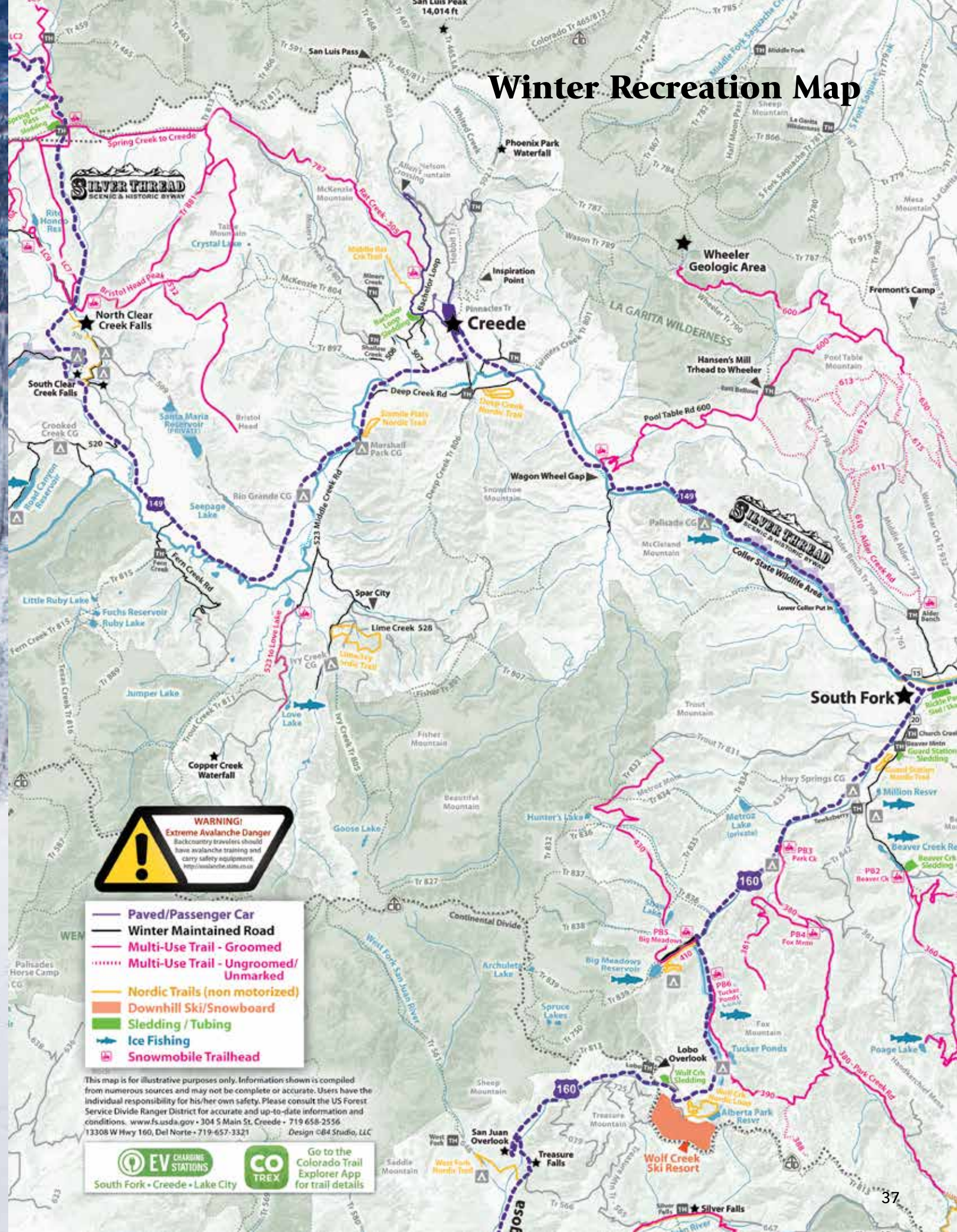


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# Winter Recreation Map



Wolf Creek Ski Area by Ryan Stave, Paddle Boarding by Abiography, Sign and Sledding by John McEvoy

# Winter Wonder

A unique place to spend the winter, Creede offers a wide variety of outdoor recreation opportunities, celebrations, days-upon-days of sunshine, and select moments of solitude. Crowds are non-existent this time of year and the forest is wrapped in a snowy quiet. Take a minute to reflect on yourself, your family, your life. Creede truly offers the perfect opportunity to get a taste of that good, old-fashioned Colorado experience.



## Winter Shopping/Dining/Lodging

Creede is alive and operating during the winter months! We do slow down a bit, but it is an excellent time to come and enjoy town. Browse our shopping/dining/lodging resources throughout the guide and see who is open year-round!

## Snowmobiling

Trails for all categories of riders are plentiful in Mineral County. Join the Snow Country Explorers Club, go on a guided adventure with Lake City Auto & Sports, or take a workshop from the crew at Mountain Skillz. Mineral County's vast expanse of National Forest and state recreation areas support more than 85 miles of groomed trails. Trails connect Creede, Lake City, and South Fork. This area of Colorado is known to have what many consider perfect riding conditions. ALWAYS Check avalanche conditions first (avalanche.state.co.us), then go have a blast in the snow!

## A Day at Wolf Creek

Something most people don't know: Wolf Creek Ski Area has the most natural snow in all of Colorado. Skiing is affordable, and the terrain varies from gentle beginner slopes to the steep and deep. Spend a day at Wolf Creek – it is only 45 minutes from Creede and the drive is gorgeous. Enjoy the Hawaiian Ono Burger while you dine at the lodge. A perfect winter day!

## Sledding & Tubing

Great hills can be found inside Creede city limits and throughout Mineral County. A few favorite spots include Sunnyside off the Bachelor Loop, the top of Spring Creek Pass, or around the intersection of Lime & Ivy Creeks. If you've come unprepared, check for sleds at Tomkins Hardware. This is an adventure to be enjoyed by all ages!

Top Left: Main St by Jeffrey Beall, Flickr CC BY-SA 2.0 Kids • Top Right: Snowmobiling by Marlenee Photography, courtesy MountainSkillz.com • Bottom Left: Skiing at Wolf Creek Ski Area • Bottom Right: Sledding Near Creede by B4 Studio • Opposite Page: Snowy Creede by San Juan Sports



Above: Pond Hockey by B4 Studio • Opposite Page: Snowshoeing at Grandma's Meadow by Bob Seago

## Searching for the UNEXPECTED...

### Cross-County & Back-country Skiing & Snowshoeing

All are popular winter activities in Mineral County. The soft swoosh of skis cutting a trail across snow-covered meadows on a sunny day opens unlimited backcountry territory to enthusiasts and beginners alike. Mineral County's Upper Rio Grande Nordic Club maintains many miles of groomed trails for cross-country skiers! Make the trip into town to rent gear from San Juan Sports and get updated info on where you should head out!

### Wildlife Viewing

Fall and winter are exceptional times of the year to observe wildlife. Mornings and evenings offer the best chance for spotting an animal. While passing Wason Ranch, you may see a large herd of elk. Truly a captivating experience, these herds can sometimes number in the hundreds. Continuing along Hwy 149, keep an eye out along the river for a chance to see an American Bald Eagle. Once you reach Pool Table Road look for the herd of Big Horn Sheep usually grazing near the road. Be careful to watch for them!



Above: Big Horn Sheep in Creede by Bob Seago



Above: Elk outside of Creede by Ken Wyley

### Annual Creede Chocolate Festival

The Creede Chocolate Festival is an annual two-day event beginning the Friday & Saturday after Thanksgiving. Experience a mellow paced Creede during the month of November. This event showcases made-from-scratch chocolate specialties created by local Chamber Members. Spend an afternoon strolling through town enjoying chocolate and dining at our local restaurants. Our new Winter Market pairs well with local Black Friday sales!

### Ice Fishing

Mineral County's lakes and reservoirs provide excellent winter fishing. Ice fishing is a favorite winter pastime for the locals. Stop at the Ramble House for expert advice on ice fishing. The Kentucky Belle Market and Downstream Gas & Mercantile have fantastic food selections for packing a lunch or grilling at the lake!

### Ice Skating and Hockey on the Silver Ice Park

The Silver Ice Park makes up one of Creede's premier outdoor wintertime recreational facilities. The park boasts two skating ponds, a warming hut and skate shack complete with equipment free for public use, and lights for nighttime skating. Weather permitting, ponds are available for use December - March. Skate at your own risk, and HAVE FUN.

Every January, over Martin Luther King Jr weekend, the park hosts a one-of-a-kind tournament. A chilly breeze, warm bonfire, and afternoon cocktail make the **Golden Pick Tommyknocker Pond Hockey Tournament** one of the most loved winter events. Observers enjoy the unique rock formations while watching local Creede folk battle out-of-town teams for the puck, and yearly bragging rights! Learn more from the non-profit that organizes the event: Tommyknocker & KipsGrill For Creede Athletics at [creedepondhockey.wordpress.com](http://creedepondhockey.wordpress.com)

# Make Your Mark

## Volunteering While You're Here!



### Creede Visitor Center 904 S. Main St. • 719-658-2374 www.creede.com

The Visitor Center welcomes volunteers year-round! We love having both newcomers and old-timers who have time to spare and knowledge to share! Volunteer in the Visitor Center for a single afternoon or get on our regular schedule! There are also many opportunities to help with our annual events: run the Art Auction or set up the Iron Chef competition for the Taste of Creede; run a water station along Donkey Dash or Mountain Run courses; help with registration or ticket sales on Labor Day Weekend, run a timer during the Gravity Derby, and MORE!



### Events

Various Organizations  
www.creede.com

Take a look at our Calendar of Events; many of the events require the help of volunteers! The Donkey Dash, Music Festival, and Mountain Run are a few that come to mind...Often, a free pass, T-shirt or other 'swag' is handed out!



### Creede Early Learning Center creedeearlylearningcenter.com

Mission: to provide a safe, dependable, affordable and nurturing childcare facility for Creede and the surrounding communities. The CELC houses Mineral County's Pre-K program, and is open 5 days a week in the summer. Volunteers who LOVE KIDS are always welcome to come from 9-10am or 3-5pm to read, play outside, and help with arts-and-crafts! And if kids aren't your thing, but you support Education and love renovation projects, event planning or outdoor fix ups, the CELC is always seeking volunteers for various projects!



### Creede Rep Theatre www.creederep.org

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### Headwaters Alliance coordinator@headwatersalliance.org headwatersalliance.com

Headwaters Alliance is the local environmental organization working to cultivate a sustainable environmental and economic future for the headwaters of the Rio Grande and all our downstream neighbors through community engagement, restoration, education and innovation. We launched the Comprehensive Willow Creek Watershed Planning Project in 2020, and offer the Annual Willow Creek Science Camp for kids ages 5-9; an Annual RunOff RunOff Marathon, Half Marathon and 6k; Dark Sky programming and more! We love volunteers! Please email us if you would like to help with monthly water quality sampling (training provided!), restoration and revegetation work on the lower Willow Creek floodplain, or helping with the RunOff RunOff race. Come be part of the awesome community of people working to preserve the Creede we all love!



### Creede Arts Council 719-658-0312 creedeartscouncil.com

Mission: to promote the arts and humanities in our community through education, exhibition and performance, and to foster local artistic talent. The CAC sponsors multiple programs and events throughout the year, and is always looking for volunteers!



### Creede Parks & Rec 719-658-2729 recreation@creedetownhall.com

Creede Parks and Recreation operates on a daily basis out of the Virginia Christensen Multi Use Facility. The facility is available to all, and has an indoor basketball and pickleball court, a weight room/cardio area, as well as a small studio room used for spin and pound classes. The Recreation Department offers various sports, classes, and summer camps for all ages, and is always looking for volunteers! We have opportunities for those who want to volunteer once, or those who want to make a regular commitment.



### Mineral County Fairgrounds Association 719-658-2376 upperriogrande.org

Mission: To provide outstanding recreational, educational, cultural, and entertainment programming in harmony with the interests of the community while collaborating with regional partners. The MCFA puts on Creede Chute Out Rodeo Series, the Labor Day Weekend Ranch Rodeo, supports the County 4H Program, and more. Volunteers for any of these events are welcome!!



### Creede Historical Society creedehistoricalsociety.com

The Creede Historical Society is dedicated to the preservation of the history of Creede and Mineral County. The Museum is housed in the Historic Depot and boasts a wonderful collection of memorabilia from the area. Do you LOVE HISTORY? Volunteers help run the museum during open hours (knowledge of area not required), help with digital archiving of area photos, and help put on events.



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# Make Your Mark Volunteering While You're Here!



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**Creede Elks Lodge**  
BPOE #506  
719-658-2661

A Creede tradition for more than 100 years. The Elks serve the community with various events, including a Mother's Day breakfast and Memorial Day Ceremony. They participate in the highway clean up and give out scholarships. The Elks host Bingo every Monday, June - Sept, 7 p.m. at the Community Center.



**Upper Rio Grande Nordic Club**  
719-658-2602

Grooms cross-country ski trails, and sponsors events and activities. The club has permits for six groomed and ungroomed trails all around the Creede area and offers skiing in much of Mineral County's beautiful backcountry.



**Ladies Aid Society**  
719-937-8978  
creedeladiesaidsociety.org

Established in 1899, the Ladies Aid Society is the oldest community service organization in Creede. Through the hearts and hands of our volunteers, we carry on the tradition handed to us to reach out to our neighbors when hardships arise.




**Silver Thread Byway Council**  
www.silverthreadbyway.com

Mission: To promote the Silver Thread Scenic & Historic Byway and enable the public to enjoy and protect all the inherent qualities that make their experiences as memorable as the Byway itself.



**Snowcountry Explorers Snowmobile Club**  
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Spotted knapweed



Canada Thistle



Oxeye daisy

*Photo contains Musk thistle*

**How YOU Can Help**




- REMOVE plants, animals & mud from boots, gear, pets and vehicles.
- CLEAN your gear before entering & leaving recreation sites.
- STAY on designated roads & trails.
- USE CERTIFIED or LOCAL firewood & hay.


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# Events

- May 19**  
CRT Opens *Dear Jack, Dear Louise*
- May 26**  
Creede Farmer's Market  
CRT Opens *Mountain Octopus*
- May 27**  
National Small Prints Show opens  
Creede Farmer's Market
- May 27-28**  
Taste of Creede, A Festival of Fine Arts and Fine Dining
- May 29**  
Memorial Day Ceremony at Basham Park
- June 2, 9, 10, 16, 23, 30**  
Creede Farmer's Market
- June 3**  
Runoff Runoff
- June 4**  
Live Music @ Basham Park

## TASTE OF CREEDE

**Memorial Day Weekend  
May 27-28, 2023**

The Taste of Creede Festival showcases local art and cuisine on Main Street. This annual event envisioned by local artist Steven Quiller will delight visitors with inspired art and great food.

Wander among the 25+ artists on Main Street as they bring to life their latest works. Sample the flavors of this unique boomtown with the first annual Creede Community Cook-Off! Contestants will face a panel of judges, while ladling out samples for everyone to try. The theme for this inaugural event is soup, chili, and stew. Thank you to Kentucky Belle Market for sponsoring the event.

On Sunday, head north on Main Street after lunch for the annual Quick Draw event. Artists begin with a blank canvas and have one hour to complete a one-of-a-kind work. Afterward, these pieces are offered in the annual art auction.

The Creede Elks host a Memorial Day Ceremony in Basham Park on Monday.

- Artist Demonstrations • Live Music
- Creede Community Cook-Off • Art Auction
- Youth Art Class • Children's Activities



## Runoff Runoff!

**June 3, 2023**

This marathon follows the headwaters of the Rio Grande and ranges 8,000-9,000 feet in elevation. It includes a half marathon, full marathon, and 6.6k (fun fact - 6k is the distance that many people around the world have to travel to get water). New and improved route starts at the beautiful Soward Ranch, and will keep the race off the Hwy! A party with food, beer, and music follows at the ballfield. [www.runoffrunoff.com](http://www.runoffrunoff.com)

**CREEDE ARTS COUNCIL**  
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[creedearts@outlook.com](mailto:creedearts@outlook.com)

**Music in the Park** Basham Park  
Local bands on various Sundays 2-4pm

**National Small Print Show**  
Opens at CRT May 27; closes June 22  
Opens Online May 28; closes July 28

**Mountain Shoot Out Photography Show**  
June 16 - Sept 10, Creede Visitor Center

**Silver Thread Studio Tour**  
South Fork & Creede, August 12

**Steamroller Printmaking**  
Main Street, September 16, 9am-1pm at the Crusin' the Canyon Fall Colors Car Show

## CREEDE REPERTORY THEATRE

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## CREEDE CHUTEOUT



**Summer Rodeo Series • Wednesdays • 6pm**

**June 21 and 28 • July 4, 12, 19 and 26** - The Creede ChuteOut is a fast paced, high energy and crowd thrilling show at the Mineral County Fairgrounds south of town. Events include Bull Riding, Barrel Racing, Break-away & Team Roping, Mutton Bustin', Goat Chase, Calf Scramble, fun with the rodeo clown and plenty of action for the fans to enjoy!

**From a Local, Rosemary Egoff:** The Creede ChuteOut, based in my hometown, is one of my favorite rodeo events. Barrel racing became a passion early on, where as a family we watched cowgirls speed around the barrels at the Sky Hi Stampede Rodeo in Monte Vista. As a horse trainer with an English horse showing background, I thought it would be fun to try something different, hence a new passion was born! The first time I bolted into the arena at my very first competition I was scared to death. The ChuteOut was and still is our favorite. Mineral County Fairgrounds does a great job hosting this event. The Chute out is professionally announced and very entertaining. The rodeo and half-time events are always fun and exciting, the food is excellent, and everyone has a great time. It's always a thrill exploding through the gate into the arena and rocketing to the first barrel! You never know what will happen next but that thrill never diminishes, especially when your hometown is cheering you on!



Rosemary Egoff on Maxine





# Events



## June 10, 2023

Burro racing is a great sport begun by some of Colorado's 19th-century miners. Those hardy characters used burros to carry mining tools and supplies through the Rocky Mountains as they prospected for gold, silver, and other valuable ores. Legend has it that two miners found gold in the same location, and raced each other back to town to be the first to stake a claim. Neither could ride their animal because of its heavy load, therefore a basic rule of burro racing was established: no riders! Creede's race abides by these rules, and starts and ends on Main Street. Mini Donkey races, music, and other festivities make cheering at the finish line an all-day affair!

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**32nd Annual Creede Woodcarvers Rendezvous**  
**July 8-14, 2023**  
 Online registration opens January 17, 2023

Take a carving or non-carving class while visiting the area, or make it a destination! We have extremely talented instructors that come from all over the country to share their talents over 7 days. All levels of ability.

Visit [www.creedewoodcarvers.com](http://www.creedewoodcarvers.com) for more information

## Independence Day Celebration

July 2-4, 2023

It's only fitting that Creede's largest festival of the year centers around preserving the history of mining.

- July 4th Street Festival & Parade
- Fireworks • Elks Lodge Dance
- Days of '92 Mining Events
- CO State Mining Championship
- Farmer's Market • Rodeo

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**AUGUST 26<sup>TH</sup> & 27<sup>TH</sup>**

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[headwatersmusicfestival.com](http://headwatersmusicfestival.com)

## HEADWATERS MUSIC FESTIVAL

August 26-27, 2023

Catch a tune in Creede! Each August, the Headwater's Music Festival brings bands to town for the weekend, along with a variety of unique vendor booths. The Headwater's stage is erected on the Ball Field, set against a backdrop of Creede's quaint downtown and soaring rock cliffs. Festival-goers set up tents and lawn chairs on the expanse of grass, backed by the San Juan Mountain range, and just a short distance from the Headwaters of the mighty Rio Grande.

## Creede Rock & Mineral Show

August 4-6, 2023

Over forty exhibitors show and sell a fascinating array of gems, geodes, fossils, silver ore, turquoise nuggets, Australian opals, beads, jewelry, and stone carvings. All types of rock and mineral specimens from around the world will intrigue viewers, buyers, collectors, and rockhounds of all ages.



## Gravity Derby

July 23, 2023

Join the annual free-style soapbox derby down Main Street! The race features multiple heats from all age groups. Only 3 rules: rides must steer, brake and stop! (well, and no motors or pedal power - let gravity do the work!)

- June 10**  
Donkey Dash Burro Race  
CRT Opens *Clue*
- June 16**  
Musical Arts Festival Weekend  
Mountain Shoot Out Photo Show Opening
- June 18**  
Live Music @ Basham Park
- June 21, 28**  
ChuteOut Bull Riding/Rodeo
- June 23**  
CRT Opens *Boomtown!*
- June 28** Historical Society - Poetry, Stories & Song
- June 30**  
CRT Opens *Cinderella*
- July 1, 7, 14, 21, 28**  
CRT's *Boomtown!*
- July 2**  
Live Music @ Basham Park
- July 2-4** Mining Events  
July 4th Festival & Parade  
Fireworks • Elks Lodge Dance
- July 1, 4, 7, 14, 15, 21, 28**  
Creede Farmer's Market
- July 4, 12, 19, 26**  
ChuteOut Bull Riding/Rodeo
- July 8-14**  
Creede Woodcarvers Rdvz
- July 12-13**  
Ladies Aid Rummage Sale
- July 13**  
CRT Special *Celebration of Rodgers + Hammerstein*
- July 15**  
CRT Opens *The Royal*
- July 21-23**  
Musical Arts Festival Weekend
- July 23**  
Creede Gravity Derby  
Live Music @ Basham Park  
FOMCES Golf Tournament at Rio Grande Club



# Labor Day Weekend

Sept 1-4, 2023

## Mountain Run

50k - 22 Mile - 12 Mile - 2 Mile  
SATURDAY, SEPT 2<sup>ND</sup>



## SALSA FIESTA

Downtown Creede • Saturday, Sept 2 • 11am-4pm

Taste Salsas from Creede businesses & vote for your favorite!  
Limited # of Tickets • Available at Basham Park



## Children's Carnival

Saturday • Basham Park



## Live Music

At Restaurants, Bars  
and around town

## LIVE SHOWS

Creede Repertory Theatre



# Cruisin' the Canyon

FALL COLORS CAR SHOW & ARTS WEEKEND

September 15-17, 2023

The Car Show is an autumn event that inspires car fanatics to motor along the beautiful Silver Thread Byway and enjoy the fall landscapes. Final destination: Creede, where Main Street is lined with a kaleidoscope of colors and the public is welcome to stroll through the vintage vehicles, enjoy the classic music, and vote on their favorite car. Venture up to the Steamroller Printmaking event hosted by the Creede Arts Council (you cant miss the giant Steamroller printing plates designed by dozens of artists). The day ends with a Rod Run to the famous North Clear Creek Falls and a burger at Freemon's, and a finale show at the Creede Repertory Theatre. Finish the weekend with Sunday morning breakfast and Fly-In at the Airport. Dozens of planes come in and out of the valley, putting on quite the show!



# Events

- July 28, 29, 30**  
CRT 'The KID Show': Ask a Kid
- August 4, 5, 11, 18, 25**  
Creede Farmer's Market  
CRT's Boomtown!
- August 4-6**  
Rock & Mineral Show
- August 5**  
Snowshoe Shuffle
- August 7**  
Pickle Ball Tournament
- August 12**  
Silver Thread Studio Tour  
FOMCES Fundraiser Dinner
- August 13, 20**  
Live Music @ Basham Park
- August 20**  
CRT Special *Do You Remember?*
- August 25-26**  
CRT's Young Audience Outreach Tour Premier
- August 26-27**  
Headwaters Music Festival  
CRT Headwaters Reading
- September 1, 2, 8, 15, 16**  
Creede Farmer's Market
- September 1, 8, 15**  
CRT's Boomtown!
- September 1-4**  
Labor Day Weekend • Salsa Fiesta • Creede Mountain Run  
Musical Arts Festival Weekend
- September 3**  
Live Music @ Basham Park
- September 15-17**  
Cruisin' the Canyon Fall Colors Car Show  
Silver Threads Quilt Show
- September 16**  
Steamroller Print Making  
CRT final shows of season

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# Annual Creede Chocolate Festival

**Nov 24-25, 2023**

Step away from the mundane and enter into a world of decadent chocolate while shopping for holiday gifts in local shops. No need to bother with the busy holiday crowds in larger cities when you can shop and enjoy sweet treats while you're at it. Each participating business vies for bragging rights for the next year, as they share their own unique talent in the craft of making the perfect chocolate treat. You be the judge!



**Jan 13-14, 2024**

A chilly breeze, a warm bonfire, and an afternoon cocktail make the Pond Hockey tournament one of the most loved winter events in town. The event draws amateur teams from all over the United States, some from as far as Dallas and Detroit. The tournament is held at The Silver Ice Park, situated beneath the famous Creede cliffs. Observers enjoy the view while watching teams battle for the puck and yearly bragging rights.



## Events

**November 24-25**  
 Annual Chocolate Festival  
 Holiday Market on Main St  
 Creede's Black Friday Sales

**December Weekends TBD**  
 Holiday Market on Main St

**December 31**  
 New Year's Eve Celebrations

**Jan 13-14, 2024**  
 Golden Pick Tommyknocker  
 Pond Hockey Tournament

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 for up-to-date event info

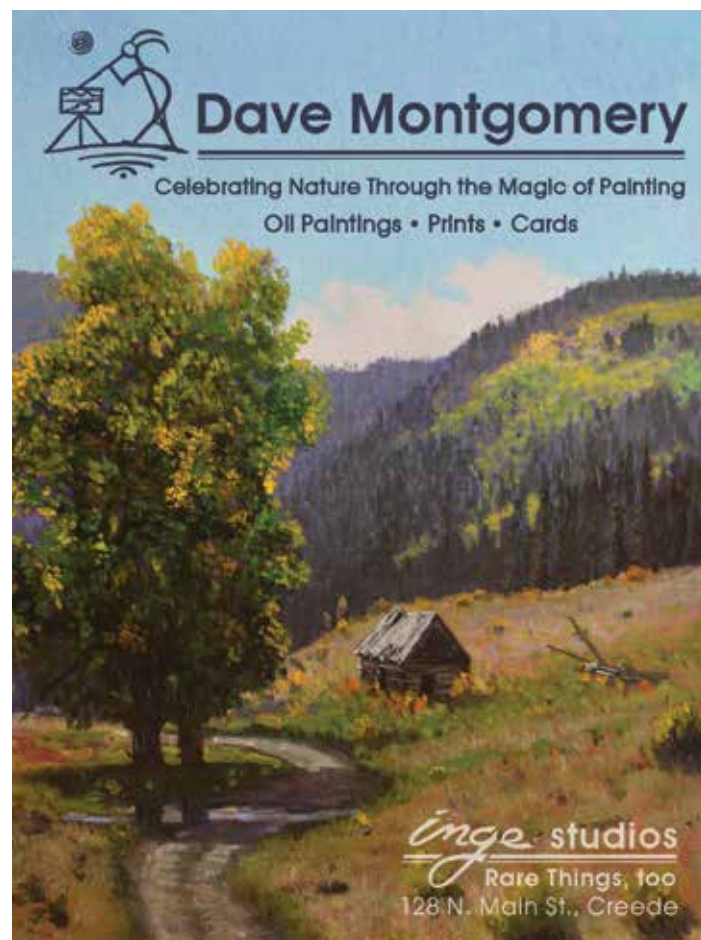
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For more information [CreedeMusicalArtsCollective.org](http://CreedeMusicalArtsCollective.org)

16-18 JUNE	FATHER'S DAY Grace Browning, Harp Benjamin Krug, Cello Patricia Zuber, Flute Katherine Herly, Soprano	
13 JULY	A CELEBRATION OF ROGERS & HAMMERSTEIN Ted Chapin The artists of CRT & CMAC	
21-23 JULY	FLAMENCO & FOLK Sonia Olla & Ismael Fernández Birds of Play	
1-3 SEPT	LABOR DAY WEEKEND NUEVO TANGO AND MORE Grande Orquesta Navarre Vocalists TBA	

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<b>C. Waters Gallery</b>	719-588-8484	X
<b>Coffee on the Fly</b>	13 S. Main St • 918-515-0626 coffeeontheflycreede.com	X
<b>Cottonwood Cove Lodge</b>	13046 Hwy 149, South Fork 719-658-2242 • cottonwoodcove.com	
<b>Creede Cabin + Gift</b>	102 N Main St • 719-490-9995 cabinandgiftcreede.com	
<b>Creede Farmers Market</b>	creedefarmersmarket.com	
<b>Creede Olive Oil Co.</b>	104 N Main St • 719-658-2443 creedeoliveoil.com	X
<b>Downstream Gas &amp; Merc.</b>	117 E 7th • 719-658-2480	X
<b>Freemon's General Store</b>	39284 Hwy 149 • 719-658-2454 freemonsranch.com	
<b>Inge Studios, Rare Things Too</b>	128 N Main rarethingsgallery.com	
<b>Kentucky Belle Market</b>	Second and Main • 719-658-2526 kentuckybellemarket.com	X

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<b>Lovering's Gallery &amp; Janet R Thompson Studio</b>	111 N Main St • 719-658-0880 jthompsonsgallery.com	
<b>Mines &amp; Memories</b>	708 S Main St • 719-658-2370	
<b>Monte Vista Coop</b>	1901 E Hwy 160, Monte Vista 719-852-5181 • mvcoop.com	X
<b>Ooh La Spa &amp; Boutique</b>	108 S Main St • 719-658-3070 oohlaspacecreede.com	X
<b>Quiller Gallery</b>	110 N Main St • 719-658-2741 quillergallery.com	
<b>Ramble House</b>	116 N Main St • 719-658-2482 creedeflyfishing.com	X
<b>Rio Grande Angler</b>	13 S Main St • 719-658-2955 riograndeangler.com	
<b>San Juan Sports</b>	102 S Main St • 719-658-2359 sanjuansports.com	X
<b>San Juan T-Shirt Co</b>	103 W 2nd St • 719-658-2359 sanjuansports.com	
<b>The Holy Moses</b>	121 N Main St • 719-658-2848	X
<b>The Studios at Bristol</b>	39542 Hwy 149 • 719-658-0121 www.kathykillip.com	
<b>Tomkins Hardware &amp; Lumber</b>	127 N Main St • 719-658-2240 ww3.truevalue.com/tomkins	X
<b>Underground Mining Museum Gift Shop</b>	#9 FSRD 503 • 719-658-0811 undergroundminingmuseum.com	X
<b>Wander Off Broadway</b>	129 N Main St • 719-658-0368	X
<b>Wild Beaver Mountain Man Emporium</b>	243 S Main St • 719-588-9541 www.mountainmanemporium.com	X
<b>Wild Mountain Jewelry</b>	247 S Main St • 719-588-9541	
<b>NON CHAMBER MEMBERS</b>		
<b>Abbey Lane Gallery</b>	131 N Main St • 719-658-2736	
<b>Last Chance Mine</b>	504 Last Chance Mine Rd, Creede 719-238-7959 • lastchancemine.com	
<b>Creede Trading Post</b>	11 S Main St • 719-658-0925	
<b>The Blue Yak Salon &amp; Boutique</b>	107 S Main St • 719-658-2500 theblueyaksalon.com	X

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<b>Cabins At Lost Trail</b> 18100 USFS Road 520, Creede 719-588-3386 • cabinsatlosttrail.com High country adventure on horseback! Drop camps, hunting, progressive camping, pack & guide services, day trips, or any combo! Lodging offerings include Private Cabins/Homes - Wifi Available - Pets Welcome!		X				X			
<b>Casa Kokopelli</b> 702 S Main St, Creede • 254-717-0777 2 bed, 1½ bath home. Relaxing living room with kiva fireplace, full kitchen, king bed w/ luxury linens. Full-size washer & dryer. Ample Parking	X	X	X			X	X		
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<b>Creede Hotel</b> • thecreedehotel.com 120 N Main St, Creede • 719-658-2608 The Creede Hotel and Restaurant. A small intimate inn with four historic guest rooms in the original 1892 building on Main Street.	X		X		X				
<b>Creede Snowshoe Lodge &amp; Cabins</b> 202 E 8th (Hwy 149), Creede 719-658-2315 • creedesnowshoe.com Located in town with ample parking. All rooms and cabins are ground-level and non-smoking. Cabin floor plans include full kitchen, private bedroom, twin bunks & futon in seating area with TV. Dogs accepted in cabins only. Easy access to town's ATV/OHV route. Free WIFI. Coin Laundry. Rental Shower 9 am - 6 pm.	X		X		X	X			
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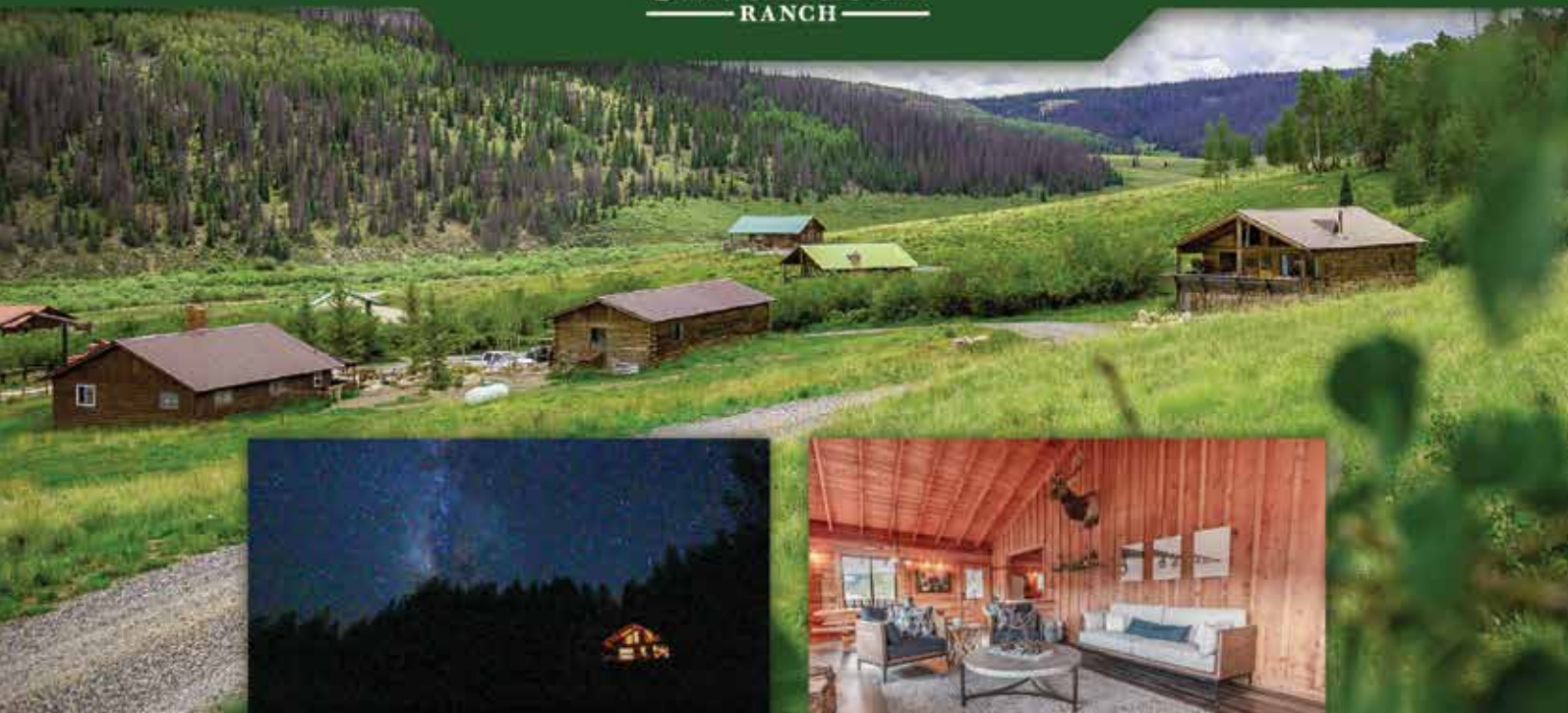
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# Dining Guide

	Distance from Downtown	Breakfast / Lunch / Dinner	Adult Beverages	Open Year-round	On-site Lodging	Outdoor Dining	Entertainment	Coffee & Treats	
<b>Antler's Riverside Restaurant &amp; Lodge</b> • 26222 Hwy 149, Creede 719-658-2423 • antlerslodge.com	6 mi	B / D	X		X	X	X	Excellent indoor & outdoor dining on the banks of the Rio Grande. Signature items include specialty soups, Filet Mignon, Oven-roasted Rack of Lamb, Gourmet Salmon... Reservations Recommended.	
<b>Arp's</b> 112 N Main St, Creede • 719-223-9000 thecreedehotel.com	Downtown	L / D	X					Arp's, in collaboration with The Creede Hotel, prepares and sells frozen and ready-to-eat high-end foods for take-away. And best fried chicken to eat-in or take-out!	
<b>Big Doug's BBQ</b> 600 S. Main St, Creede • 713-899-7067	6 blocks	L / D				X		Great central Texas BBQ. Everything is cooked fresh, daily. Open 11-Sold Out. Plates, by the pound, 4 Sides; 4 Sandwiches; Baked Potatoes.	
<b>Bristol Head Bakery</b> 600 S Main St, Creede • 918-944-0282 brandon@bristolheadbakery.com	6 blocks	B				X	X	Bakery offering made-from-scratch pastries, cookies, cakes, and desserts. Special orders and dessert catering available.	
<b>Coffee on the Fly</b> • 918-515-0626 13 S. Main St • coffeontheflycreede.com	Downtown	B		X			X	Providing great coffee and breakfast treats all year round. WiFi	
<b>149 Eatery</b> at Cottonwood Cove 13046 Hwy 149 • 719-658-0802 149eatery.com	9 mi	L/D	X		X	X	X	Scratch-made comfort food with an elevated taste. Presenting dishes that are local, delicious and simply unforgettable. Also offering lunch wraps to go and hand-dipped ice cream.	
<b>Freemon's General Store</b> 39284 Hwy 149, Creede 719-658-2954 • freemonsranch.com	18 mi	B/L/D			X	X		Serving some of the best old-fashioned burgers anywhere! Dine inside or outside and enjoy the amazing view of Bristol. Follow up with hand dipped ice cream! ATM on site.	
<b>Kip's Grill</b> • kipsgrill.com Fifth & Main St, Creede • 719-658-0220	4 blocks	L / D	X	X		X	X	Fresh Baja-style tacos, handmade salsa, cold beer and fresh juice margaritas! Great patio, live music.	
<b>Old Miners Inn</b> (formerly Pizzeria 8852') 05 N Main St, Creede • 719-658-1233	Downtown	L / D	X			X	X	Historic Main St building serving pizza made w/ hand tossed dough and fresh ingredients. Balcony seating. Bar area serving beer, wine, margaritas, and cocktails.	
<b>Opie's</b> 981 La Garita St., Creede	10 blocks	B / L			X	X		Offering ready-to-go breakfast and lunch burritos, specialty coffee, pastries, and gifts	
<b>Rio Grande Club</b> 0285 Rio Grande Club Trail, South Fork 719-873-1995 • www.rgcsort.com	22 mi	B/L/D	X	X		X		Enjoy happy hour at the Big River Grille or dinner at the Timbers Dining Room. Menu offers old-world tradition, all natural ingredients, and progressive American culinary inspiration.	
<b>Sunnyside Bar</b> @ San Juan Sports 102 S. Main St, Creede	Downtown			X			X	Located inside San Juan Sports. Serving beer and wine while you shop or hang out. Open daily 9am-10pm	
<b>The Creede Hotel and Restaurant</b> 120 N Main St, Creede • 719-658-2608 thecreedehotel.com	Downtown	L / D	X	X	X	X	X	Enjoy fine dining with a comfort-food edge inside the historic Creede Hotel or under our Big Tent just next door. Live music. Local artists. And check out our life-size moose sculpture!	
<b>The Mac Mine</b> 111 Wall St, Creede • 719-580-9959 Facebook: The Mac Mine Creede	Downtown	B / L				X	X	Mac & cheese food truck. Open 7 days a week. Made-to-order breakfast burritos, tater-tot bowls, Mac & Cheese w/ choice of toppings, sliders, sides and fried pies. Outdoor seating, WiFi.	
<b>Tommyknocker Tavern &amp; BBQ Bistro</b> • 107 Wall St, Creede 719-658-0138 tommyknockertavern.com	Downtown	L / D	X	X		X	X	Delicious sandwiches, soups, and our famous BBQ Ribs served in historic Creede building. Back patio & deck with views of cliffs. Serving locally brewed beers. Lots of live music.	

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	Distance from Downtown	Breakfast / Lunch / Dinner	Adult Beverages	Open Year-round	On-site Lodging	Outdoor Dining	Entertainment	Coffee & Treats	
Café Ole 103 N Main St, Creede • 719-658-2880	Downtown	B / L		X				X	Creede's hometown place to meet friends and neighbors for breakfast or lunch. Coffee and bakery goodies. Excellent food, courteous service and reasonable prices.
Creede Cravings & Catering 243 1/2 S. Main Street	Downtown	L							Serving Mexican food and sandwiches.
Cup Cake Girls • 719-398-1010 orders@cupcakegirlsbakery.com								X	Beautiful and Delicious Cupcakes to order
Liquid Ambitions Liquor 21315 HWY 149 • 719-658-2337	11 blocks		X	X					Large selection of beer, wine and spirits. Soda and ice
Miners Elevated Burgers 115 N Main St, Creede • (719) 223-9016	Downtown	L/D		X				X	Fresh and unique burgers and more! Fresh house-made pickles, @zuberfizz on tap, and hand-dipped ice cream.
MJ's Café 801 La Garita, Creede • 719-658-0340	9 blocks	B/L/D	X	X		X		X	Dine with the locals where fresh made Chicken Fried Steaks, Chicken strips, and homemade Green Chile are a constant.
Spare Keg Brewerks 123 N Main St Creede	Downtown		X						Craft Brewery; allows guests to bring in food
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 Sunday: 9:45am - Bible Study • 11am - Worship  
 6pm - Bible Study  
 Wednesday: 6pm - Dinner • 7pm - Bible Study

## Creede Community Church

719-658-2209 • Main St. and Fourth St.  
[creedecommunitychurch.org](http://creedecommunitychurch.org)  
 Sunday:  
 8am - Service  
 11am - Service & Sunday School

## Church of Christ

719-658-2300 • Airport Rd., Creede  
 Sunday:  
 10am - Sunday School  
 11am - Service  
 6pm - Service (Summer)  
 Wednesday:  
 7pm - Bible study

## St. Augustine's Episcopal Church

719-658-2394 • Main St. and Fifth St.  
 Sunday: 1:30pm - Service

## Immaculate Conception Catholic Church

719-852-2673 • Main St. and Third St.  
 Saturday: 4pm - Service

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9:45 Bible Study for all ages	6:00 pm Potluck Meal Fellowship
11:00 Worship Service	7:00 pm Adult Bible Study & Youth Service and recreation

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## Museums/History

<b>Creede Historical Society</b>	Main St, Creede • 719-658-2004 creedehistoricalsociety.com
<b>Underground Mining Museum</b>	#9 FS Rd 503, Creede • 719-658-0811 undergroundminingmuseum.com

## Recreation & The Arts

<b>Creede Arts Council</b>	103 N Main St, Creede • 719-658-0312 • creedeartscouncil.com
<b>Creede ATV</b>	866-982-7333 • creedeatv.com
<b>Creede Farmers and Local Artisan Market</b>	creedefarmersmarket.com
<b>Creede Guide &amp; Outfitters at Ramble House</b>	116 N Main St, Creede • 970-403-1987 • creedeflyfishing.com
<b>Creede Musical Arts Collective</b>	www.creedemusicalartscollective.org
<b>Creede Parks &amp; Rec</b>	408 La Garita Av, Creede • 719-658-2729 • recreation@creedetownhall.com
<b>Creede Repertory Theatre</b>	Main St, Creede • 719-658-2540 creederep.org
<b>Creede Woodcarvers</b>	creedewoodcarvers.com
<b>Frazier Outfitting &amp; Cabins at Lost Trail</b>	18100 USFS Rd, Creede • 719-588-3386 • ddavis@frazieroutfitting.com
<b>Headwaters Music Festival</b>	headwatersmusicfestival.com
<b>John Lawley</b>	johnrlawley@yahoo.com • FB / Instagram
<b>Lake City Auto &amp; Sports</b>	809 N Hwy 149, Lake City lakecityauto.com
<b>Longridge Outfitters</b>	39284 Hwy 149, Creede • 719-658-2454 • longridgeoutfitters.com
<b>Mineral County Fairgrounds</b>	Airport Rd NE, Creede • 719-658-2376 upperriogrande.org
<b>Mountain Skillz</b>	719-849-3168 • mountainskillz.com
<b>Mountaineer Movie Theater</b>	811 Gunnison Av, Lake City 970-944-2298
<b>Revolution Rail Co</b>	888-738-0123 • www.revrail.com 0097 Ponderosa Dr, South Fork
<b>Rio Epic Outfitters</b>	rioepic.com • 970-259-0484
<b>Rio Grande Anglers</b>	13 S. Main Street, Creede 719-658-2955 • riograndeangler.com
<b>Rio Grande Club &amp; Resort</b>	0285 Rio Grande Club Tr. South Fork 719-873-1995 • rgresort.com
<b>Silver Threads Quilt Guild</b>	silverthreadsguild.com
<b>Snow Country Explorers</b>	719-658-2221 • kukuk@fone.net
<b>Upper RG Nordic Club</b>	Creede • 719-658-2602

## Weddings & Events

<b>8852 Events, LLC</b>	8852eventsllc.com • 580-309-1123
<b>Creede Mining Heritage</b>	Sunny Side Chapel sunnysidechapel.com
<b>Gracie Elaine Photography</b>	Creede • 719-588-6412 littleelainephoto.com
<b>The Hayloft at Creede</b>	thehayloftatcreede.com
<b>The Stables at Rio Grande</b>	creedeweddings.com

## Health and Wellness

<b>Connect 4 Health CO</b>	connectforhealthco.com
<b>Jo Johnson</b>	Zero balancing & Yoga • 719-480-2845 jojohansoncreede@gmail.com
<b>Ooh La Spa &amp; Boutique</b>	289 S Main St, Creede • 719-658-3070 oohlaspace.com
<b>Silver Thread Public Health</b>	802 Rio Grande Ave • 719-658-2416

## Schools / Childcare / Camps

<b>Creede Parks &amp; Rec</b>	719-658-2729 • creedetownhall.com
<b>Creede Early Learning Center</b>	Creede • 719-658-2090 creedeearlylearningcenter.com
<b>Creede School District</b>	450 Corsair Drive, Creede 719-658-2220 • www.creedek12.net

## Other Local Non Profits

<b>Creede Elks Lodge #506</b>	104 S Main St, Creede • 719-658-2661
<b>Creede Ladies Aid Society</b>	Creede • 719-937-8978 creedeladiesaid.org
<b>Day's of '92</b>	Creede • geawyley@hotmail.com
<b>Friends of Mineral Co. Emergency Services</b>	www.fomces.com
<b>Headwaters Alliance</b>	headwatersalliance.com

Please visit [www.creede.com](http://www.creede.com) for a full business directory

## Realtors/Land Sales

<b>Broken Arrow Ranch &amp; Land Co</b>	103 N Main St, Creede • 719-658-2533 • brokenarrowcreede.com
<b>Creede Real Estate</b>	Debby Dooley • 719-850-8811 creederealestate.com
<b>EXIT Silver Thread Realty</b>	30330 US 160, South Fork • 719-873-3948 • exitsilverthreadrealty.com
<b>Realtors of Central CO</b>	Poncha Springs • <a href="https://rocc.realtor">https://rocc.realtor</a>
<b>Rincon Real Estate</b>	705 S Main St, Creede • 719-658-2900 rinconrealestate.com

## Building & Construction

<b>Cooley &amp; Sons Excavating Inc</b>	4469 N CR 108 Mosca • 719-378-2352 cooleyandsons@gmail.com
<b>Navajo Development</b>	719-850-8443 • navdev@me.com
<b>Steve Albright Builders</b>	705 S Main St, Creede • 719-658-2900
<b>The Riverhead Company</b>	Creede • 719-588-1654

## Auto

<b>Downstream Gas &amp; Mercantile</b>	719-658-2480 • 117 E 7th St, Creede
<b>Lake City Auto &amp; Sports</b>	809 N Hwy 149, Lake City 970-944-2311 • lakecityauto.com
<b>Monte Vista Coop</b>	1901 E Hwy 160, Monte Vista 719-852-5181 • mvcoop.com

## Services/Supplies

<b>Charles Powers Attorney at Law</b>	www.charlespowerslaw.com
<b>Gold Dust Store It</b>	20402 Hwy 149, Creede goldduststoreit.com
<b>Kentucky Belle Market</b>	Second and Main • 719-658-2526 kentuckybellemarket.com
<b>Host Merchant Services</b>	Pagosa Springs • 970-946-8642 np@mussers.co
<b>MDS Waste &amp; Recycle</b>	108 N Main St, Creede • 719-658-3060 • mdsweasteandrecycle.com
<b>Mineral County Noxious Weed Department</b>	719-480-5006 • 1201 N. Main St. Creede • slvnoxiousweeds.org
<b>Monte Vista Co-Op</b>	1901 E Hwy 160, Monte Vista 719-852-5181 • mvcoop.com
<b>Rio Grande Silver</b>	719-658-1080
<b>Silver World Newspaper</b>	970-944-2575 • lakecitysilverworld.com
<b>SLV Rural Electric Cooperative &amp; Ciello</b>	3625 W Hwy 160, Monte Vista 719-852-6630 • slvrec.com
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<b>Whitmore Computer &amp; Consulting Services</b>	Creede • 719-658-0888 dawhitmore@outlook.com

## Area Chambers, Visitor Centers, Local Government Offices

<b>City of Creede</b>	2223 N Main St, Creede 719-658-2415 • colorado.gov/creede
<b>Mineral County</b>	1201 N Main St, Creede • 719-658-2331 • mineralcountycolorado.com
<b>Lake City - Hinsdale County Chamber</b>	800 N Gunnison Ave, Lake City 970-944-2527 • lakecity.com
<b>Rio Grande Nat'l Forest</b>	Creede: 719-658-2556 Del Norte: 719-657-3321
<b>South Fork Chamber of Commerce</b>	www.southforkchamber.com
<b>South Fork Visitor Center</b>	28 Silverthread Lane, South Fork 719-873-5512 • southfork.org

## Banking/Loans

<b>Community Banks of Colorado</b>	29889 US Hwy 160, South Fork 719-873-5562 • cobnks.com
<b>Del Norte Bank</b>	106 S Main St, Creede • 719-658-0126 truelocalbank.com
<b>RG Bank</b>	901 First Ave, Monte Vista 719-852-5933 • www.rgbank.bank

# You Should Know

## How will I be affected by the altitude?

Creede's elevation is 8,852 feet above sea level, and everyone reacts differently to the altitude. Even if you are in top physical condition, the altitude can affect your body and you can easily develop acute mountain sickness, commonly known as "altitude sickness." Check with your personal physician before traveling to any high-altitude destination, and take these steps to lessen or prevent the effects of the altitude:

- Drink at least three quarts of water a day.
- Avoid overdoing it the first few days you are at high altitude.
- Get medical attention immediately if these symptoms occur: headache, fatigue, poor coordination or shortness of breath.

## Distance to Creede MILES AIRPORT

	MILES	AIRPORT
Wolf Creek Ski Area	40	No
Pagosa Springs	64	No
Alamosa	69	Yes
Gunnison	105	Yes
Durango	124	Yes
Pueblo	190	Yes
Four Corners Monument	208	No
Colorado Springs	233	Yes
Denver	256	Yes
Albuquerque, NM	268	Yes

## Important Numbers

### For Any Emergency Dial 911

#### Mineral County Sheriff

Call 911 • 1201 N. Main St., Creede

#### Medical Center

719-658-0929 • 802 Rio Grande Ave., Creede  
Regular Hours: Mon-Fri. 8:30am-5pm

#### Public Health

719-658-2416 • 802 Rio Grande Ave., Creede  
Regular Hours: Mon-Fri. 8am-4pm, Closed 12-1pm

#### Mineral County Fire Department

719-658-2211 • 24/7 Dispatch

#### City of Creede

719-658-2276 • 2223 N. Main St., Creede  
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#### Mineral County Ambulance

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Creede Fall by Brandon Jennings

## Creede Visitor Center

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**Commodore Mountain Challenger** Painting by Brian Smith

Inspired by the beauty of Colorado, Brian relocated from Oklahoma to Creede in 2012. Using the surrounding landscape as inspiration, he uses acrylics and oil as his medium. Brian has pursued his artistic talent since 1980. Being commissioned by private clients in Creede and Oklahoma, he also painted the diorama mural in the Creede Visitor Center.