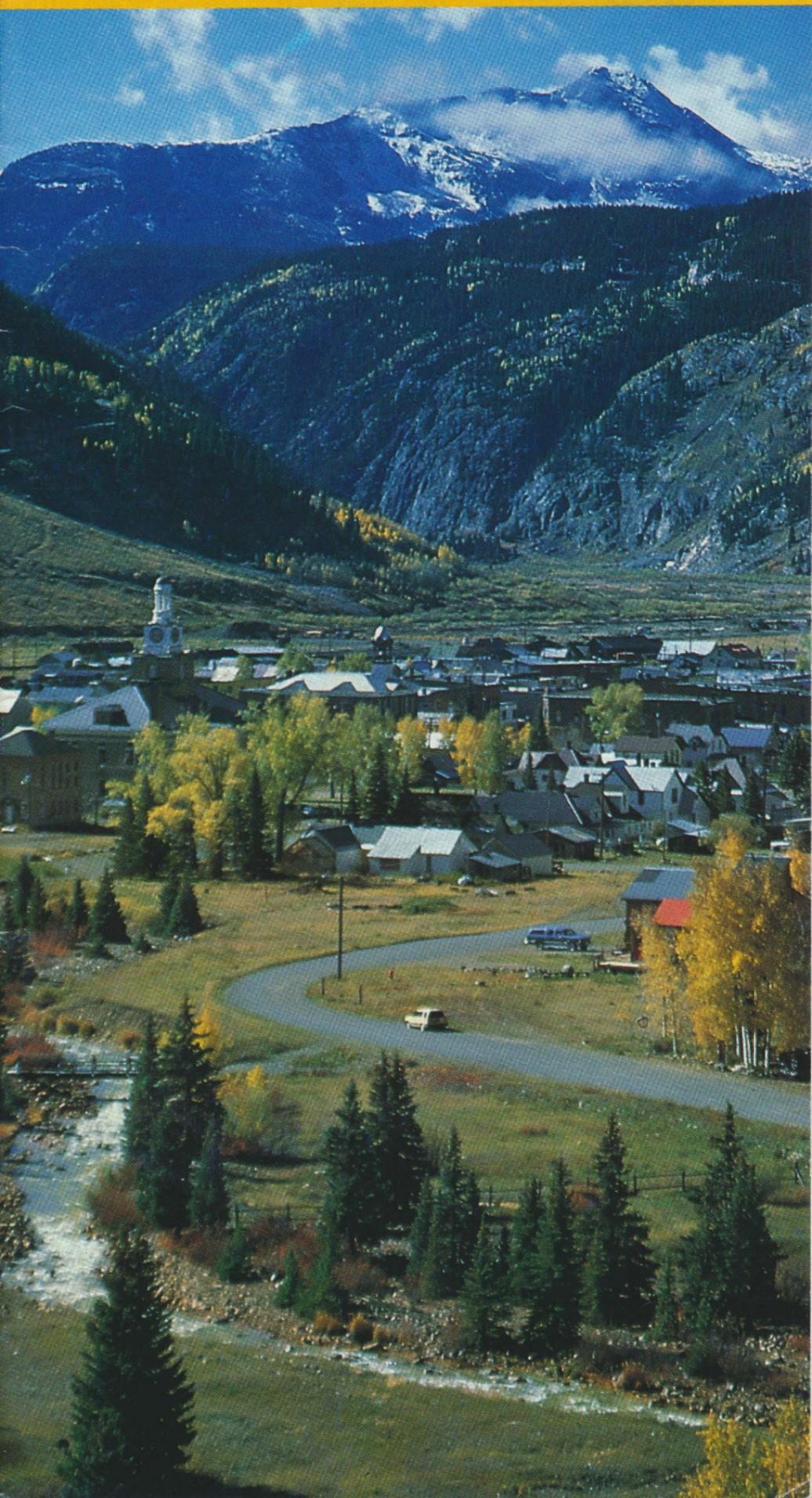


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SILVERTON, COLORADO



One of Silverton's finest  
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oldest restaurants.

1219 Greene Street  
*One block forward of the train.*  
Call 303-387-5707  
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## President's Greeting

Dear Visitor,

This edition of our brochure describing Silverton and San Juan County is made possible through the paid advertising of the businesses contained within and general funding raised by the Silverton Chamber of Commerce.

This very special area of the Colorado Rockies has few equals for scenic mountain beauty. The area offers many opportunities for recreation ranging from hiking and fishing to rides on our historic narrow gauge train. Summers are filled with natural displays of wild flowers and numerous scheduled activities, while winters feature ice skating, skiing, snowmobiling, and other winter sports.

Silverton is a community that dates from the 1870s and retains its historic fabric as a National Registered Historic Landmark. The town maintains modern service facilities such as our utility system and is well equipped to handle business relocations as well as handling the needs of our visitors.

Detailed information on any of the subjects in this brochure is readily available — just give us a call!

We hope you enjoy a visit to our mountains. It is our desire to make your stay here a memorable one.

Sincerely,

President, Silverton Chamber of Commerce

## Welcome to Silverton and San Juan County

Silverton is located in the heart of the San Juan Mountains of southwestern Colorado at an altitude of 9,318 feet. All of San Juan County is mountainous and has the distinction of having the highest mean elevation of any county in the United States.

Summers are mild with temperatures ranging from nightly lows in the 30s and 40s to highs around 70°. Winters have many days of crystal clear skies and warm sunshine, with nightly lows often dropping below 0° and daytime highs up to the 50s. Snowfall averages a total of 200 inches in Silverton. Ongoing research conducted by the government is showing that some of the clearest and cleanest air to be found anywhere in the continental U.S. is just south of Silverton on top of Molas Pass.

Silverton's population peaked by 1910, when there were around 5,000 people living in the county. As mining gradually declined over the years, the permanent county population has reached its current level of about 500.

Silverton is the only community in San Juan County. It serves as county seat and proudly maintains a majestic courthouse erected in 1907. The Silverton town hall was built in 1908 and suffered a devastating fire on November 30, 1992. Immediate steps were taken to save the building and restoration is now underway. The structure was recognized by the National Park Service for its unaltered and original woodwork, furnishings, and elaborate pressed tin ceilings. Both the exterior and interior will be faithfully restored to their original condition.

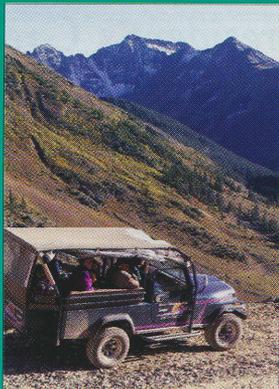
Public lands constitute 95% of the land ownership in the county and are managed by the U.S. Forest Service and Bureau of Land Management. The bulk of private lands are patented mining claims. Not one acre of agricultural land lies in the county.

# J E E P I N

The  
High  
Country

## Guided Jeep Tours & Rentals

Whether you're visiting Silverton between trains or here for an extended period, **Rocky Mountain High Jeep Tours & Rentals** will take you on an off-road, back country adventure you will not forget. You'll see the ghost towns and mines where the legends began . . . all set in the most spectacular scenery in the country!



Our reservation center is located across from the train in the Lookout Gift Shop on Blair Street. In Silverton, call **387-5562**. In Durango, call **247-0807**.

### Rocky Mountain High JEEP TOURS & RENTALS



DURANGO • PURGATORY  
SILVERTON

## Visit The Lookout

Gifts • Jewelry • Souvenirs • Christmas Shop • Jeep Tours

The historic *Shady Lady* was famous in its time as a friendly gathering place for the miners and tired travelers in the rugged mountains of Silverton. Times have changed a bit but the good times at the *Shady Lady* have not. Enjoy great home cooking served up friendly & quick. Watch a game at the bar and swap stories with the locals. Take a tour of our "Rooms Upstairs" & learn about the infamous ladies of the evening or visit the *Shady Lady Boutique* for elegant gift items and souvenirs.

The  
**SHADY LADY**



Restaurant & Spirits

Hearty Mountain Breakfasts  
Great Soup & Salad Bar  
Home Cooked Nightly  
Specials

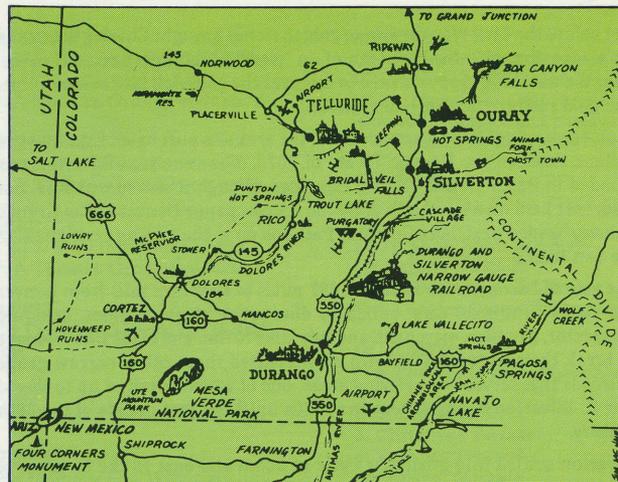
Delicious food at  
reasonable prices,  
with an  
atmosphere you  
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Visit our *Shady  
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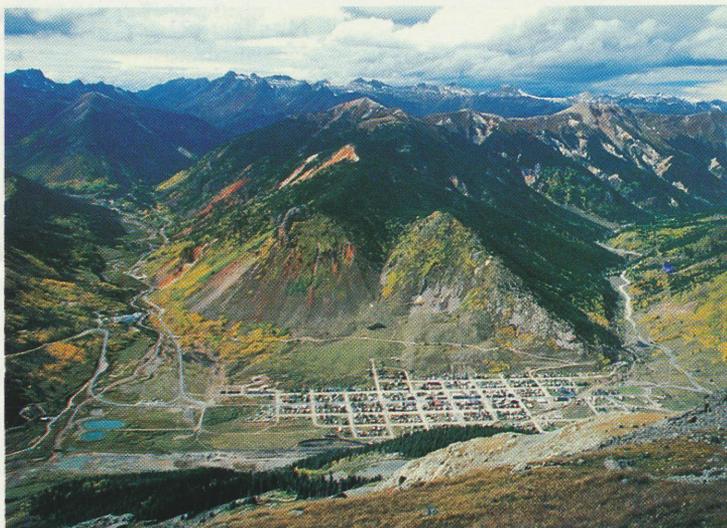
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Featuring Silverton's only Bordello Tour

# Destination Silverton



Silverton is reached by U.S. Highway 550. Montrose to the north is 60 miles and Durango to the south is 50 miles. Four wheel drive roads connect the county to Telluride on the west and Lake City on the east. Over 200,000 people a year reach Silverton on the trains of the Durango & Silverton Narrow Gauge Railroad, originating their trips in Durango. A few intrepid souls reach us on foot, hiking over the Colorado Trail and other hiking routes. Scheduled air service is provided to both Montrose and Durango where rental vehicles are available. Daily year-round bus service provided by Greyhound is another effective way to get here.



The San Juan Mountains surround Silverton as seen from the top of 13,066 foot high Kendall Mountain.

# D I N I N G

# Mining and Railroad History

Just before the Civil War, dreams of golden riches brought Charles Baker and his prospectors into the high mountain "park" which now bears his name. After the war, his group returned to discover the gold rich Little Giant mine. The gold rush to the San Juans was on!

Soon other mines were discovered and the area was purchased from the Ute Indians through the Brunot Treaty of 1873. The next year Silverton was founded in Baker's Park. Mining expanded, though it was to be silver, not gold, that held men's sway. In 1880 the narrow gauge Denver & Rio Grande Railway headed west, over Cumbres Pass and on to the mining excitement of the San Juan's—Silverton!

The railroad arrived July 11, 1882. 497 miles of slim iron rails from Denver saw elegant Pullman cars, pulled by diminutive steam engines, bringing prospector, gambler, merchant, and ladylike to the "end of the line" to make or break their fortune. The town soon boasted three other narrow gauge railroads that served the outlying areas, one of which survived up to World War II. Silverton boomed from the 1880s until the first decade of the 20th century.

Silverton settled into a familiar cycle of boom and bust as the fortunes of mining rose and fell on the economy, prices, wars, and depressions. But by the late 1950s, the little train was carrying something new. Thousands of visitors now came to hear the whistle, see the peaks, and experience the well preserved old mining camp of Silverton.

The Sunnyside mine, last of the big gold and silver producers, closed its portal doors in 1991 118 years after its initial discovery. But a never ending supply of golden dreams and silver memories still awaits today's visitor to Silverton!

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# Calendar of Events

## JANUARY

1: New Year's Day Skating Party  
14-16: Avalanche School  
\*: A Theatre Group Production

## FEBRUARY

11-13: The Great Snowscape  
\*: A Theatre Group Production

## MARCH

12-13: Fencing Tournament  
\*: A Theatre Group Production

## APRIL

30: Opening Day of the D&SNG RR

## MAY

\*: A Theatre Group Production

## JUNE

20: Country and Western Songfest  
25-26: Silverton Jubilee Folk Music Festival  
\*: A Theatre Group Production

## JULY

4: July 4th Celebration  
4: Blue Ribbon 10-K Fun Run  
8-10: Hardrock 100  
15-17: Art and Craft Festival  
16: Kendall Mountain Run  
23: Silverton Barbershoppers Music Concert  
30: Children's Fishing Derby  
\*: A Theatre Group Production

## AUGUST

12-14: Hardrockers Holidays  
16: All Elvis Night Songfest  
19-21: Great Western Rocky Mountain Brass Band Festival  
\*: A Theatre Group Production

## SEPTEMBER

3-5: Labor Day Hang Gliding Meet  
17-18: Quilt Show and Sale  
19: Variety Songfest  
19-25: Ode to the Old West  
\*: A Theatre Group Production

## OCTOBER

\*: A Theatre Group Production

## DECEMBER

3: Christmas Bazaar  
4: Yule Log Festival  
24: Arrival of Santa

**Silverton  
Chamber  
of Commerce  
(303) 387-5654**

## Business Directory



This symbol \* indicates that the business is open year-round. Our Zip Code is 81433 and Area Code is 303. Cascade Village's Zip Code is 81302, Ouray 81427, Montrose 81401, and Durango 81301.

**Bold Face** listing indicates Chamber membership.

### LODGING AND CAMPING

Silverton offers a unique blend of old and new in lodging. We feature Victorian style hotels and bed and breakfasts which complement our more contemporary motels. Several choices in condominiums are also available. Privately operated campgrounds with full facilities in Silverton and at Molas Lake are available, and the U.S. Forest Service maintains a campground at South Mineral Creek.

#### Alpine House

\* **Alma House**, 220 East 10th Street. 387-5336

Relax in gracious Victorian splendor offering the charm of yesteryear in this beautifully restored 1890s Hotel. Spacious rooms, room service, free continental breakfast, and Victorian hospitality. Pets Welcome. Christine and Terry Payne, Proprietors.

**Bear Mountain Vista Cabin**, 1 mile south off Red Mtn. Pass. 387-0108



Once the terminus of the narrow gauge "Silverton Northern" railroad, Animas Forks is one of our well-known ghost towns.

\* **Best Western Lodge at Purgatory**, 49617 Highway 550, Durango. 247-9669

Bowman House, 1469 Reese Street. (505) 662-6419

\* **Cascade Falls Lodge**, 191 5th Avenue, Ouray. 1-800-438-5713  
New in 1992. Quality lodging. Immaculate rooms with A/C, queen beds, cable TV, phones. Free continental breakfast. Quiet convenient location, Outdoor hot tub.

\* **Cascade Village**, 50827 Highway 550, Durango. 259-3500

**Christopher House B & B**, 821 Empire Street, 387-5857/904-567-7549

**4-J+1+1 Trailer and RV Park**, 790 Oak Street, Ouray. 325-4418

\* **Grand Imperial Hotel**, 1219 Greene Street. 387-5527

\* **Emma Harris House**, 1007 Snowden Street, 259-4808

\* **Hermosa Meadows Camper Park**, 31420 Highway 550, Durango. 247-3055

\* **Kendall Mountain Getaway Condominium**, 545 Reese Street #27. 249-5711

\* **Lindsay House**, 1043 Greene Street, 387-5381  
Quaint, cozy suites by day/week. Children/pets welcome.

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outdoor patio seating available

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\* **Lodges at Telluride**, 666 W. Colorado Ave, Telluride. 728-6621

\* **Logwood Bed & Breakfast**, 35060 Highway 550 North, Durango, 259-4396

\* **Miner's Mansion**, 325 W. 13th Street. 387-5646

Weekly vacation rental located on the edge of town. Small and clean, completely remodeled with kitchen, shower, washer and dryer. Attic dorms are reached by a folding stair. Non-smokers preferred. Rates according to season.

**Molas Lake Park**, 5 miles south on Highway 550.

\* **Ouray Victorian Inn**, 50 Third Avenue, Ouray. 1-800-443-7361

\* **Prospector Motel**, 1015 Greene Street. 387-5466



Built in 1898

*Stay and dine in Victorian Splendor*

**THE ALMA HOUSE HOTEL**

220 East 10th Street 1-303-387-5336



**MINER'S MANSION**



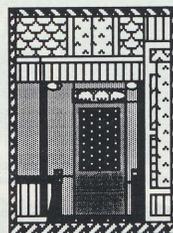
*of Silverton Colorado*

*A quiet, cozy weekly vacation site  
Non smokers preferred, Beds for 6  
No cats or marmots*

325 W. 13th Street

Baca's (303) 387-5646

## Wingate House bed & breakfast



*Built in 1886*

Enjoy the 13,000 foot Kendall Mountain while sitting comfortably on the front porch of the beautiful, Victorian *Wingate House*. Queen-sized beds with down pillows and comforters, access to a fully furnished kitchen and a parlor decorated with art depicting nearby landscapes are among the amenities available to *Wingate* Guests.

The *Wingate House* is available for special occasions. Call 303 387-5520 for reservations and more information.

*Proprietress - Judy Graham*

**Red Mountain Lodges**, 664 Greene Street. 387-5512

\* **Smedleys Bed & Breakfast**, 1314 Greene Street. 1-800-342-4338

**South Mineral Campground**, Highway 550 north. US Forest Service

\* **Super 8 Lodge**, Ridgway/Telluride, intersection of highway 550 & 62. Ridgway. 1-800-368-5444

Located on the spectacular San Juan Skyway between Durango and Telluride. New 52 room lodge with clean, spacious rooms and king or queen beds. Indoor heated pool, spa, sauna, game room, laundry. Free continental breakfast, 1/2 price Telluride lift tickets. Boat, fish, X-country, downhill, or back country ski, horse back ride, Jeep trails, snowmobile, hike. Reasonable rates.

\* **Tamarron Resort**, 42992 Highway 550, Durango. 259-2000

\* **Teller House Hotel**, 1250 Greene Street. 387-5423, 1-800-342-4338

Within easy walking distance of the train, the Teller House offers Victorian rooms at reasonable rates. Shared and private bath, singles start at \$24. Smedley's offers suites with private bath, living rooms, kitchens. Breakfast is included and is served at the French Bakery Restaurant.

\* **Triangle Motel**, 864 Greene Street. 387-5780

Very clean with rooms, suites, kitchens, queen beds, private baths, bathtubs, phones, and cable TV. Jeep rentals on location. Open all year. We are a warm friendly place to stay. Bill & Cindy McDougall proprietors for 18 years.

\* **Wingate House Bed & Breakfast**, 1045 Snowden Street. 387-5520

Built in 1886, the restored historic Victorian Wingate House overlooks beautiful Kendall Mountain, 13,000 feet above sea level. Enjoy the pristine alpine setting comfortably from the porch or rest on down pillows and under down comforters in rooms decorated with original art depicting nearby landscapes. Freshly ground coffee and homemade bread are among the amenities. Affordable yet for the particular. No Smoking. Open all year around.

**Wyman Hotel**, 1371 Greene Street. 387-5372, off season 249-4646.

Silverton's only Mobil Travel Guide-AAA recommended lodging. NON-SMOKERS ONLY. All private baths. 100% Simmons Beautyrest queens and kings. VCR in every room with 400 free movies plus cable. AARP and AAA discount. 1902 native stone masterpiece with all amenities. May 25-Oct. 10th only. \$63-78 double, plus \$5 each additional. Spotless, friendly, warm, historic inn, not to be missed! ★ ★ ★



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*Specialties of the House*  
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Other Mexican combination plates  
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## RESTAURANTS, FOOD AND BEVERAGE

When you join us in Silverton, bring your appetite as we offer everything from a quick sandwich to a fine dining experience. Some of the 20 eating establishments offer entertainment during lunch and dinner with many of them decorated with historic mining and railroad artifacts. They are all located within a short walk from the train and offer ample seating for train passengers.

**Bent Elbow Restaurant**, 1134 Blair Street. 387-5775

**Chattanooga Cafe**, 116 East 12th Street. 387-5892

**French Bakery Restaurant**, 1250 Greene Street. 387-5423

\* **Gold King Dining**, 1219 Greene Street. 387-5707

**Handlebars Restaurant and Saloon**, 117 East 13th Street. 387-5395

**High Noon Hamburgers**, 1205 Blair Street. 387-5516

\* Kendall Mountain Cafe

\* **Miner's Tavern**, 1069 Greene Street. 387-5337

Natalia's

**Pickle Barrel Restaurant**, 1304 Greene Street. 387-5713

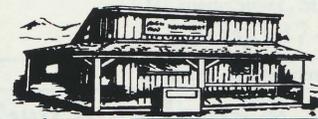
**Rocky Mountain Funnel Cakes**, 1249 Greene Street. 387-5450

**Romeros Restaurante y Cantina**, 1151 Greene Street. 387-5561

Established 1970

## HIGH NOON HAMBURGERS

**Fast Convenient Service**  
Just a few steps from the train.  
Sandwiches • Frozen Yogurt  
Homemade Soups  
Ice Cream



## The Pickle Barrel

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AAA approved eatery. Next door is Smedleys Victorian Ice Cream Parlor—Waffle Cones, Frozen Yogurt, Shakes, great homemade ice cream.





Another Silverton tradition for breakfast and lunch is the French Bakery. Great selection, baked goods, and upstairs the Teller House Hotel, a bed and breakfast.

### THE FRENCH BAKERY & TELLER HOUSE HOTEL

## Relive the Past in Victorian Silverton

The Teller House Hotel and Smedleys Bed & Breakfast offer great rooms at affordable rates. An easy walk from the train on Silverton's main street. Rooms and suites with private or shared bath.

**Silverton Bed & Breakfast**  
at The French Bakery Restaurant



1250 Greene St., (303) 387-5423

\* **Rusty Cowboy B-B-Q & Steakhouse**, 1323 Greene Street. 387-5508

\* **San Juan Cafe & Saloon**, 1129 Greene Street. 387-5630

**Shady Lady Restaurant & Spirits**, 1154 Blair Street. 387-5332  
Silverton Bar and Grill

\* **Silverton Drive In**, 1124 Greene Street, 387-5658

**Silverton Fudge Mine**, 1227 Greene Street. 387-5622

**Smedleys Ice Cream Parlor**, 1314 Greene Street. 387-5713

**12th Street Station**, 1157 Mineral Street. 387-5519

**Zhivago's Restaurant**, 1260 Blair Street. 387-5357

#### GIFT SHOPS

Silverton offers more than 60 gift and speciality stores. They carry a diversity of items ranging from souvenirs to top-of-the-line collectibles, as well as hand-crafted gifts, many by local artisans. The short train layover allows barely enough time to both eat and browse through the shops, so the option to spend the night in Silverton is offered by the railroad. Mornings and late afternoons offer the best time to visit the largest gift selection in southwest Colorado.

\* Blair Street Emporium

**Carolyn's Victorian Christmas Shop**, 116 East 12th Street, 387-0209

Chautauqua Artisans

\* Clear Mountain Pottery

\* Colorado Threads

Cowboy and the Lady Too

Dailey's Rock Shop

**Eagle's Nest Leathers**, 1152 Greene Street. 387-5782

Eagle's Nest Silver Co.

**Fetch's Mining and Mercantile**, 1231 Greene Street. 387-5312

Fly By Night Creations

\* **General Store and Candle Shop**, 1246 Blair Street. 387-5733

Gold Nugget

**Great Divide Co.**, 1248 Greene Street. 387-5528

Heaven's Gate

Henry Smith's

**Hitchin' Post**, 1240 Blair Street. 387-5666

**Hold Your Horses**, 1303 Greene Street. 387-5873

Hummingbird Shop

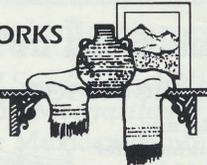
**Lookout Sportswear**, 1215 Blair Street. 387-5536

**Mountain Visions**, 1227 Greene Street. 387-5622

**Old Arcade**, 1202 Blair Street. 387-5678

Orange Crate

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## Whistle Stop Trading Post

Large Inventory of Distinctive Southwest gifts:

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Trains and accessories by: LGB, Bachman, and Aristocrat. Collectibles and custom layouts also available.

1333 Greene Street, Silverton CO 81433  
303/387-5422

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## Mountain Visions

- Jewelry • Clothing • Native Stones
- Other Unique Gifts

1227 Greene Street, Silverton CO 81433  
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**Ore Bucket Gift Shop**, 1104 Blair Street. 387-5327

Ortega's Indian Trading Post

\* **Professor Shutterbug**, 1135 Blair Street. 387-5705

Rocky Mountain Gifts

Silver Wolf

\* **Silverton Artworks**, 1028 Empire Street. 387-5823

**Silverton Minerals and Gifts**, 1245 Greene Street. 387-5702

Silverton Mint

Silverton Wool Co.

**Stern Mountain Gallery**, 1135 Blair Street. 387-5405

Storyteller Indian Store

Sun House Feather Art

**Swanee's Gifts and Sweets**, 1257 Blair Street. 387-5555

**Tiffany's Victorian Gifts**, 1340 Greene Street. 387-5447

An enchanting Victorian shop filled with a wonderful collection of fascinating gift items. Furnished with original Silverton antiques from hotels and bordellos.

Trails West

Train Store at Silverton

\* **Tsarskoe Selo Station**, 441 East 10th Street. 387-5487

Tsarkoe-Selo

**12th Street Station**, 220 East 12th Street. 387-5519

Tommyknockers

Triangle C Trading Post

Western Depot

**Whistle Stop Trading Post**, 1333 Greene Street. 387-5422

White Woman Trading Post

Ye Olde Livery

#### SPORTING GOOD STORES

\* Outdoor World

\* **The Outdoorsman**, 949 Main Street, Durango. 259-6661

#### NEWSPAPERS

\* **DURANGO HERALD**, 1275 Main Street, Durango. 247-3504

\* **Silverton Standard and the Miner**, 1257 Greene Street. 387-5477

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Local mining and geologic questions answered

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*Film - FUN - Souvenirs  
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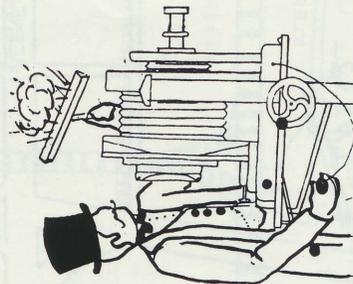
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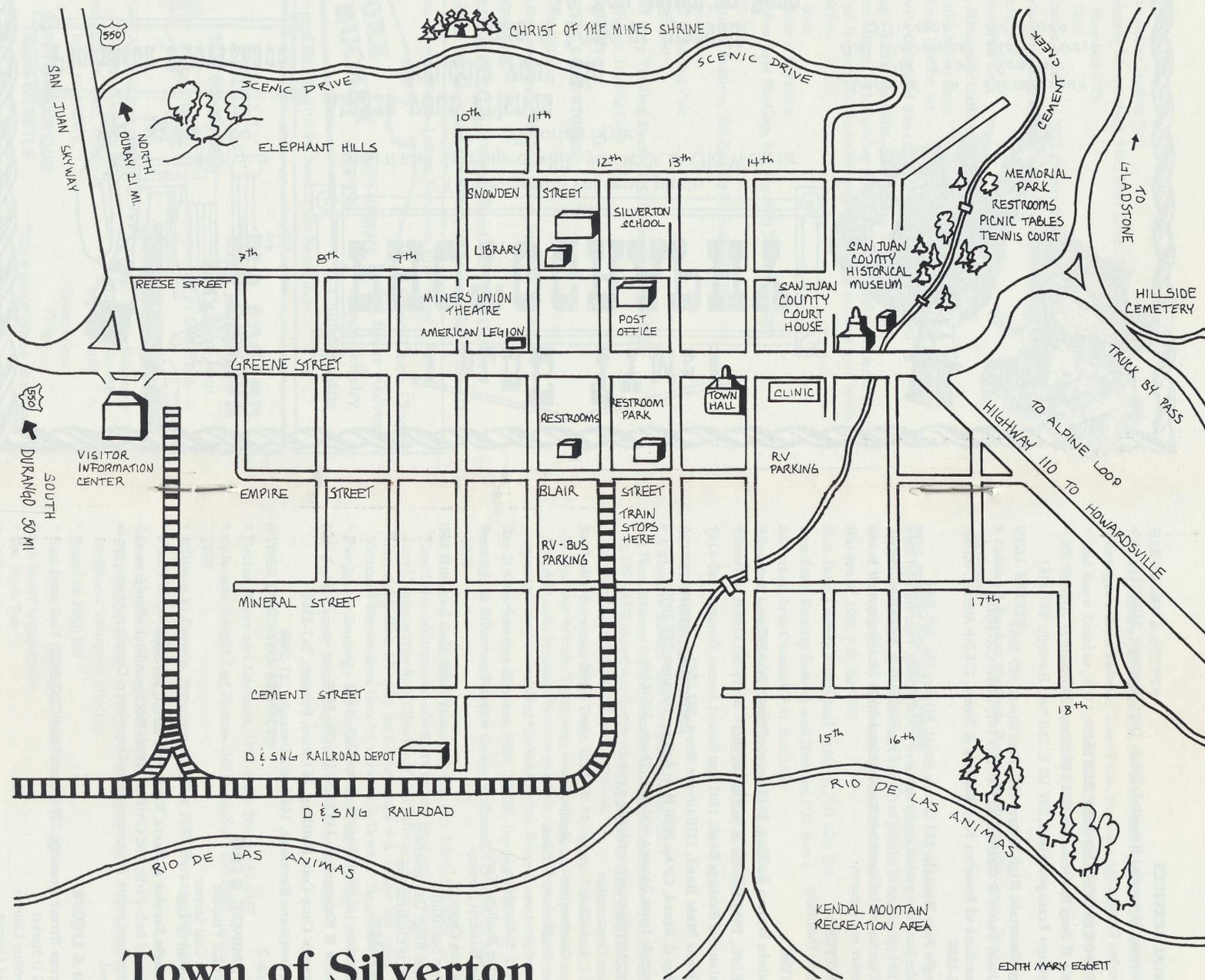
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Take a Look at 'yerself  
As You Might've Been**



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# Town of Silverton

## MEDICAL SERVICES

- \* **Montrose Memorial Hospital**, 800 S. Third, Montrose. 249-2211
- \* Silverton Clinic

## TRANSPORTATION AND JEEP RENTALS

- Double H Jeep Rentals**, 148 East 14th Street. 387-5430
- \* **Durango Transportation**, 547 1/2 E. 2nd Ave., Durango. 247-4161

**Rocky Mountain High Tours**, 1215 Blair Street. 387-5562

**San Juan Tours & Outfitters**, P.O. Box 707, 1-800-4X4-TOUR

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- \* **Boker Lumber & Hardware**, 960 6th Street, Durango. 247-3474
- \* **Kroeger's True Value**, 8 Town Plaza, Durango. 247-0660
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- \* **ZE Supply**, 740 Greene Street. 387-5774

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- \* **Coldwell Banker Heritage House Realtors**, 939 Greene Street. 387-5883

## NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS

- A Theatre Group**, P.O. Box 56. 387-5337
- Great Western Rocky Mountain Brass Band Festival**, P.O. Box 711
- Hardrock 100**, P.O. Box 565
- San Juan County Historical Society**, P.O. Box 154
- San Juan County Search and Rescue**, P.O. Box 4
- Silverton Arts Council**, P.O. Box 185
- Silverton Gunfighters Association**, P.O. Box 480
- Silverton Handcrafters & Artists Guild**, P.O. Box 63

## RECREATION/ATTRACTIONS

- \* **A Theatre Group**, 1069 Greene Street. 387-5337  
A Theatre Group is a year-round production company now in its 5th Season. In 1991, ATG moved into its present home, the Miners Union Theatre, on the 2nd floor of the American Legion building.
- Bachelor-Syracuse Mine Tour**, 1222 CR 14, Ouray. 325-4500  
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- Durango & Silverton Narrow Gauge Railroad**, 479 Main, Durango. 247-2733
- Old Hundred Gold Mine Tour**, P.O. Box 430. 1-800-872-3009  
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- \* **Purgatory Durango Ski Resort**, 1 Skier Place, Durango. 247-9000
- San Juan County Museum**, 1567 Greene Street, 387-5838

## OTHER ESSENTIAL SERVICES

- \* **Better Mines and Gardens**, 1067 Reese Street. 387-5462
- \* **Colorado Knight Log Homes**, 34511 Highway 550 #208, Durango. 385-7696
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# Special Needs & Services

## MEDICAL

Emergency medical services from basic to advanced life support are handled by a staff of paid and volunteer emergency medical technicians who have two ambulances. EMT's are dispatched through the emergency phone, 387-5531, and there is a fee charged for their services. Emergencies requiring hospitalization are transported to either Durango or Montrose.

The Silverton Clinic is staffed by a physician assistant who lives in Silverton. The clinic offers out patient evaluation, diagnosis, and treatment. Some pharmaceuticals are available. Hours are 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday and 9:00 to noon on Tuesday. Located across from the county courthouse on Greene Street, phone 387-5354. For services after hours call 387-5876.

Counseling services are handled by a psychotherapist (M.A.) dealing with individual, couple, and family problems. Office hours are once a week at the Miner's Union Hospital, call 387-5522.

## EMERGENCY SERVICES

**LAW ENFORCEMENT.** The San Juan County Sheriff's Department is responsible for law enforcement for both town and county. The office is staffed by three full time and two reserve officers. Office is located in the San Juan County Courthouse. Call 387-5531.

**FIRE DEPARTMENT.** Silverton's fire department consists of 24 volunteers with two fire engines. It also maintains its 1929 Chevrolet-American LaFrance engine in mint condition for ceremonial purposes. Located across from county courthouse on Greene Street, call 387-5531 for dispatch.

Cascade Village, at the southern end of the county, is serviced by the Hermosa Cliff Fire Department, located on highway 550 across from Purgatory Ski Area. Call 911 (Cascade area only).

**SEARCH AND RESCUE.** A volunteer group trained for back country search and rescue efforts. They specialize in avalanche rescue and have become nationally recognized for their annual Silverton Avalanche School which celebrated its 26th anniversary in 1993. This school is for ski patrol members, highway workers, as well as back country skiers. Their motto is "If you need our help, you really need help!" Call 387-5531.

## OTHER SERVICES

**U.S. Post Office.** Located on the corner of 12th and Reese Streets. Our post office is classified as a second class office (ie. no passports issued). There is no home delivery, but they are open for limited service on Saturday. Call 387-5402.

**Library.** Silverton's public library building was funded by steel magnate Andrew Carnegie. After lengthy negotiations, construction started in 1905 and the library opened in the fall of 1906. The exterior retains its original appearance and the relatively unchanged interior features nearly all the original furnishings.

The collection has grown to over 8500 volumes and the library offers inter-library loans, cassette tape library, a rotating selection of videos, winter ice skate rentals, microfilm access of local historic and current newspapers and an extensive mining reference section.

The library is open year-round Tuesday through Thursday, 11 a.m. to 8 p.m., Friday and Saturday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Numerous programs are offered which include a movie series, lectures, and a children's story hour. Call 387-5770.

**Town of Silverton offices:** The town offices are temporarily located in the Miner's Union Hospital, 1303 Snowden, 387-5522.

# Attractions

## DURANGO & SILVERTON NARROW GAUGE RAILROAD

Durango & Silverton Narrow Gauge Railroad Co. operates the Silverton branch that was originally built by the Denver & Rio Grande Railway in 1882. The 1994 full service season starts April 30 and runs through October 30. Additional trains are added to the schedule on May 16, June 6, and June 13 so that there are four trains operating daily into Silverton during the peak of the summer season. The May and October months of operation are growing in popularity with plenty of seating available then. The Fall colors during September and October provide for beautiful train rides. It is highly recommended that advance reservations be made.

The railroad offers a variety of services. For those staying in Silverton or Ouray, a railroad operated bus originates in Silverton from June 6 through August 19. Boarding time is 8 a.m. and the bus leaves Silverton at 8:15 a.m. arriving in Durango to connect with the 10:10 a.m. train for Silverton. This is a particularly convenient way to ride the train without having to drive many extra miles to Durango. The train arrives in Silverton at 1:30 p.m. which allows plenty of time for other activities during the afternoon.

A very popular option for those starting their ride in Durango is to come up on the train to Silverton, stay one or more nights in town, and then return by train to Durango. This is a more relaxed way to enjoy both the train and Silverton. Arrangements for the return trip are easy to make by contacting the agent in the Silverton depot after arrival in Silverton.

### SAN JUAN EXPRESS

June 13 through August 19

#### 7:30 AM TRAIN

Dep. Dgo .....	7:30 AM	Arr. Silv .....	10:45 AM
Dep. Silv .....	12:45 PM	Arr. Dgo .....	4:05 PM

### FIRST SILVERTON TRAIN

April 30 through Oct. 16

#### 8:30 AM TRAIN

Dep. Dgo .....	8:30 AM	Arr. Silv .....	11:45 AM
Dep. Silv .....	2:00 PM	Arr. Dgo .....	5:25 PM

### SECOND SILVERTON TRAIN

May 16 through Oct. 30

#### 9:15 AM TRAIN

Dep. Dgo .....	9:15 AM	Arr. Silv .....	12:40 PM
Dep. Silv .....	3:00 PM	Arr. Dgo .....	6:25 PM

### THIRD SILVERTON TRAIN

June 6 through August 19

Sept. 3 through Sept. 24

#### 10:10 AM TRAIN

Dep. Dgo .....	10:10 AM	Arr. Silv .....	1:30 AM
Dep. Silv .....	3:45 PM	Arr. Dgo .....	7:10 PM

Silverton is also a starting point for those wishing to ride the train for access to the Weminuche Wilderness area or other locations in the Animas Canyon. Flag stops are available at Elk Park and Needleton. Cars may be left at either the county courthouse (contact Sheriff's department) or near the Silverton depot. Contact the Silverton agent for detailed information.

The Silverton depot of the D&SNGRR is open from June 6 through September 24. Hours of operation change during the season and it is wise to call ahead. The building itself is worth a visit as it is the original depot built in 1882 and has been featured in several movies and TV commercials. Call 387-5416.

Year-round information on the railroad may also be obtained through the Durango depot. Write to them at 479 Main Avenue, Durango, Colorado 81301 or call (303) 247-2733.

## A THEATRE GROUP

See a play Silverton style! Silverton's own theatre company, A Theatre Group (ATG), offers entertaining productions in the Miners' Union Theatre, located on the second floor of the American Legion building at 1069 Greene Street. One of less than a half-dozen year-round Colorado mountain town theatre companies, ATG stages American plays, the plays of George Bernard Shaw, new scripts, and the December fantasy for children of all ages.

The American Legion building was built in 1901 as the Miners' Union Hall; construction was completed by the miners themselves who thought the contractor was working too slowly! ATG, a non-profit corporation, opened the Miners' Union Theatre in 1991 and continues to renovate and restore the space as funding and time allow. A State Historical Fund Grant awarded this year will assist with this process. Seeing a play Silverton Style is to be part of a theatre of gusto, good entertainment in the relaxed atmosphere of one of Silverton's finest historic buildings.

## OLD HUNDRED GOLD MINE TOUR

The Old Hundred Gold Mine Tour is Silverton's newest attraction giving a unique look at the secret underground world of a gold miner. Set up by local miners, the Old Hundred is an authentic gold mine using real mining equipment. Opened in 1904, the mine was last worked in the 1970s.

## CHRIST OF THE MINES SHRINE

Overlooking Silverton is the Christ of the Mines Shrine. Standing against Anvil Mountain, the shrine can be seen from most areas of town and is easily reached by foot going up 10th Street and by car on the "Shrine Road."

The idea for the shrine was conceived during the 1950s when mining was at a low ebb. The statue of Christ was carved in Carrara, Italy and the shrine was completed not long before the announcement that the famous Sunnyside Mine was to be reopened.

# Theatre Group

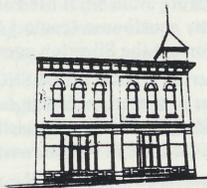
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## WALKING TOUR-NATIONAL HISTORIC DISTRICT

Silverton has many original historic buildings. A Walking Tour guide is available in the summer Vacation Guide published by the Silverton Standard and the Miner newspaper and is available at many locations in town. The tour starts at the museum located next to the county courthouse. Most of the buildings listed now proudly display cast bronze plaques that identify the structure. Silverton is fortunate to have retained most of its original homes and commercial structures, and that is a primary reason the entire town was designated a National Historic Landmark by the Department of Interior in 1966.

## PURGATORY - DURANGO SKI RESORT

Purgatory Ski Area is 23 miles south of Silverton on U.S. 550. With some of the best snow in Colorado, Purgatory offers slopes perfect for beginners as well as advanced skiers. Full facilities offer rentals, restaurants, ski school, and

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#### ACTIVITIES/FUN THINGS TO DO

##### HORSEBACK RIDING

Several commercial operators offer horseback riding along with day trips, pack trips, and fishing and hunting packages. There is plenty of help for those who have never been on a horse, and children are especially welcome. Short guided trips around town are popular and are a fun way to see the local sights.

##### GOLD PANNING

Many of the creeks joining the Animas River contain some color as does the river itself in some areas. All gold production in this area came from underground mines, but it is still fun to try your hand at gold panning. Pans, "how to" books and other items are available from several of the shops in town. Remember that all mining locations and ruins are private property.

##### HIKING

The Colorado Trail is the latest addition to a network of hiking trails that cover the county. Many trails originally served area mines, but are now a convenient way to access fishing streams, lakes and backcountry scenery.

Several day hikes start in Silverton and most other starting points are easily reached by car. Some trails outside the Weminuche Wilderness provide for challenging mountain bike rides. Weather conditions may change rapidly, so it is always advisable to carry adequate clothing and rain gear while hiking.

The U.S. Geological Survey topographical quadrangle maps that cover the Silverton area are: Silverton, Howardsville, Handies Peak, and Ironton.

##### WINTER ACTIVITIES

Come and experience the winter wonderland of Silverton. Full services are available to make a stay a pleasant one. An average winter will see 200 inches of snow fall during the season. The snow covered mountains around Silverton provide a delightful setting for numerous outdoor activities, such as cross-country skiing, snow shoeing, snowmobiling, ice skating and sledding. There are many days of t-shirt weather, even though the snow may be several feet deep.

The town maintains a free skating rink with skate rentals available at the town library.

Silverton's children enjoy sledding for several months during the winter. Visitors are welcome to try the traditional run down "Catholic Hill" on 10th Street. Parental assistance is necessary to observe vehicular traffic.

The Silverton Snowmobile Club invites everyone to enjoy snowmobiling on some of the best snow to be found anywhere. Snowmobiling is concentrated on Molas Pass and around Andrews Lake. Miles of open terrain with hills and numerous benches make this a popular snowmobile area. The highway department makes a special effort to plow areas along U.S. 550 to allow for parking, usually on the south side of the pass. Our local club is developing a series of maintained, groomed trails, some of which reach the 12,000 ft. elevation mark. More information may be obtained from the club at P.O. Box 571, or by calling (303) 387-5705.

Cross country skiing is a popular winter sport with several great places to ski. The Molas Pass area offers snow well into the Spring with easy access. The South Mineral Creek road from U.S. 550 to the Forest Service campground provides several miles of beautiful skiing in the "easy" range. More challenging terrain can be found on Red Mountain Pass and several routes, including the ghost town of Red Mountain Town, may be taken from the summit. Many other routes are in Silverton, both groomed and ungroomed. Equipment rentals are available in Silverton.

Numerous special events are scheduled in Silverton throughout the winter. The holiday season offers the lights, charm and quiet that makes a snow-blanketed Christmas an enjoyable experience. A Theatre Group's monthly

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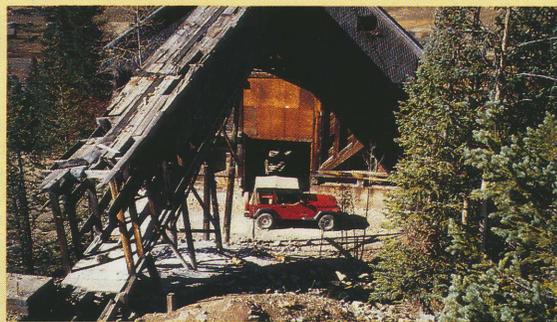
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## Public Lands

Silverton and the surrounding area was secured from the Ute Indians through the Brunot Treaty of 1873 and was immediately opened to mining claims under the Mining Law of 1872. The federal government retains title, along with some Colorado state school lands, to 95% of the land in San Juan County.

This federal stewardship of land covers some of the most spectacular mountains in the United States. The U.S. Forest Service manages through the San Juan National Forest the larger portion of land. A representative is available to the public at the Silverton Visitors Center afternoons during the summer. Other rangers and employees are regularly in the area. Smaller segments of the Forest Service lands in the county are administered by the Rio Grande and Uncompahgre National Forests.

A significant portion of the county is managed by the Bureau of Land Management (BLM). The ghost towns of Howardsville, Eureka, and Animas Forks are all located within the BLM administered area.

Both agencies have active programs for recreation, camping, fishing and other uses. Valid Colorado hunting and fishing licenses are required. The Forest Service maintains one campground in San Juan County at South Mineral Creek. Located near the end of a beautiful valley and just a few miles from Silverton, this campground is very popular. The Forest Service also maintains Andrews Lake and Little Molas Lake near Molas Pass for fishing and picnicking. Both areas are easily reached by car.

The BLM has started to erect restrooms and trash facilities along the road from Silverton to Animas Forks and beyond. Signage is an important part of their program as well as support for stabilization of historic mining structures in their area.

The Silverton Visitor's Center has maps and information on these areas. Detailed topographical maps are available from several retail outlets in Silverton.

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### WEMINUCHE WILDERNESS

The Weminuche Wilderness administered by the Forest Service, contains some of the most rugged and majestic peaks in the continental United States. The Weminuche encompasses nearly 460,000 acres; a large portion of it lies in the southeastern portion of San Juan County. The northern boundary starts near Silverton and includes portions of the Continental Divide. Motorized vehicles of any kind (and bicycles) are prohibited in the wilderness and access is only on foot or on horseback.

Easy access from Silverton is from the head of Cunningham Gulch, which can be reached by car. From there, trails lead to the Highland Mary Lakes, a favorite of locals for fishing, and on to the Continental Divide and Colorado Trails. Other access from Silverton can be made by riding the train to Elk Park and hiking up the Elk Creek trail, or from Needleton which gives access to Chicago Basin. Elk Park can also be reached from Molas Lake using the Snowflake Trail down to the Animas River.

The Colorado Trail is a continuous 450-mile long foot trail that goes from Denver to Durango. It leaves the Weminuche Wilderness at Elk Park, and uses the Snowflake Trail to Molas Pass. There, the trail crosses the highway, and continues to Durango.

### OFF ROAD VEHICLE USE

All motorized travel within both Forest Service and BLM lands is restricted to established roads and trails. Roads may be closed by these agencies from time

to time depending on their needs. Law enforcement is handled by the Sheriff's department. Off road vehicles, such as ATVs and dirt bikes, are required to be licensed and registered. Operators must have a valid driver's license and proof of insurance. Detailed information can be obtained from the Sheriff at 387-5531.

### MILLION DOLLAR HIGHWAY

U.S. Highway 550 was a major road building effort that took place over many years. The railroad was Silverton's only reliable method of transportation until the 1940s. When road building north of Durango reached the more difficult mountains after World War I, the cost estimates shot up to over a million dollars—a huge sum of money in those days. The road on into Silverton, completed in 1922, was officially dubbed the D-S-O Highway, but was popularly called "The Million Dollar Highway." The last stretch to be paved was between Coal Bank and Molas Passes in the mid-1950s.

The road from Silverton to Ouray was well established by the 1880s. It was built as a toll road by Otto Mears, a man of legendary stature who pioneered roads, railroads, and mining in the area. This road was incorporated into the state highway network in the 1920s and utilizes in some portions the right of way of the narrow gauge Silverton Railway, also built by Mears from Silverton to the Red Mountain Pass area.

### SAN JUAN SKYWAY

The Million Dollar Highway forms a key part of the recently designated San Juan Skyway. This drive has been designated as a National Scenic Byway by the Forest Service and State of Colorado. This 236-mile journey on paved highways is a loop that connects the towns of Durango, Silverton, Ouray, Ridgway, Telluride, Dolores, and Mancos. Detailed information may be obtained from the Chamber at the Silverton Visitor's Center.

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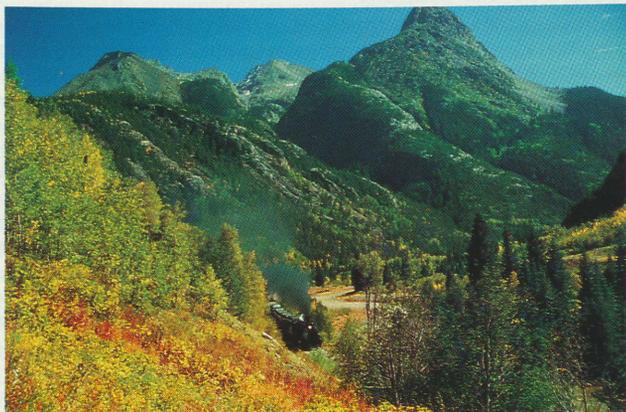


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ABOVE: The view from U.S. 550 just south of Silverton on the approach to Molas Pass.

TOP LEFT: The Silverton train at Elk Park is just minutes from its arrival in Silverton.

MIDDLE LEFT: The Fall colors of September brighten up the Lime Creek area of U.S. 550 south of Silverton.

BELOW: Snow covers Silverton in mid-winter.

BOTTOM LEFT: The Molas Pass area offers spectacular views and excellent hiking and camping.

Photography by Ray Dileo



## ALPINE LOOP

The Alpine Loop is part of the National Backcountry Byway system. It connects Silverton with Lake City and Ouray over dirt and gravel roads. The entire loop is 65 miles long and requires 4-wheel drive vehicles to cover the entire loop. Portions of the loop are easily driven by car.

This Byway is managed by the BLM and Forest Service; maintenance is by the county road departments. The Byway offers outstanding scenery, access to stream and lake fishing, ghost towns and mining sites, hiking trails and routes to five peaks over 14,000 feet. This is also a popular route for motorcycles and mountain bikes.

## JEEPING AND GHOST TOWNS

The old wagon roads of the San Juans came to life after World War II when Jeeping became popular. Some of the nation's best 4-wheel drive roads are found in the Silverton-Lake City-Ouray-Telluride area. Silverton is an ideal base from which to explore the surrounding roads. Several days are required to travel all the main roads, although trips as short as half a day can be done.

Jeep rentals and tours are available in Silverton and advance reservations are suggested. Some of the roads, such as the ones to Gladstone and Animas Forks may be travelled by most passenger cars (with due caution).

The Chamber has a detailed Jeep map with a "Circle Jeep Tour" available at the Visitor's Center.

## MUSEUM

The San Juan County Historical Society museum is located on Greene Street next to the county courthouse in the old county jail. The museum is open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily from Memorial Day weekend through mid-October. Adult admission is \$2.00 and children 12 and under, school groups, scouts and other special groups are admitted free.

## CHURCHES

Silverton is a family oriented community served by several active churches. St. Patrick's Catholic Church. Reverend William Conner. Sunday Mass 11 a.m. in the winter, 8 a.m. June through September. Corner of Reese and 10th Streets.

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints (Mormon), Branch President Duane Eggett. Priesthood 8 a.m., Sacrament meeting, 9 a.m., Sunday School 10 a.m. 727 Greene Street.

United Church of Christ, Silverton, Dan Timbrell officiating. Sunday School 8:45 a.m., Worship Service, 10 a.m. winter, 9 a.m. summer. Corner of Reese and 10th Streets.

Word of Life Fellowship (nondenominational), James Greenfield, pastor. Worship Service, 10 a.m. Sunday, and 7 p.m. Wednesday. 1706 Empire Street. Call 387-5893.

Silverton Baptist Church, Jim Hogue, pastor. 1105 Snowden Street, summer worship Sunday, 9:30 a.m., Bible study 7:00 p.m., winter worship, 11 a.m.

## SCHOOL

Silverton's school offers kindergarten through high school. With a small enrollment, the school is able to work closely with its students. An innovative physical education program includes fishing, mountain climbing, ice skating, and skiing. A highly rated music program that has earned state honors starts with students in the 4th grade. Silverton is small enough that there is no busing—students walk to school.

## MARRIAGES

Silverton offers the perfect setting for a romantic wedding ceremony. Many couples over the years have made special arrangements to be married here, using the ever affable county judge or one of the local ministers to perform the rites. There are a variety of locations available, from outside ceremonies in any

number of places in the surrounding mountains to our historic government buildings to commercial businesses that offer unique settings. One popular site has been on the narrow gauge train, either en route to Silverton, or during the noon layover while in town. Advance arrangements are necessary and the Chamber of Commerce would be pleased to furnish information. Plenty of lodging is available for guests and several of the restaurants and bars can handle receptions. Call 387-5654 to get the ball rolling!

## SAFETY

The rugged nature of the mountains and the frail condition of 100 year old mining sites require careful attention to personal safety. Even in the summer months, sudden rain storms can bring temperatures down rapidly. Adequate clothing and vehicles in good mechanical condition will eliminate many potential problems. Registration with the Sheriff's office is strongly suggested before hiking into the back country, especially when alone.

Rules do exist for proper off road and 4-wheel driving. This information may be had in detail from the Visitors Center.

Winter driving requires adequate snow tires, chains, or 4-wheel drive vehicles with snow tires. U.S. 550 is very well maintained and serves as a major north-south artery. On rare occasions, the road may be closed temporarily for snow removal. Much of the time, the road is clear of snow and ice, much to the surprise of those visiting us. It is always a good idea to call ahead either to the Sheriff's office or the chamber if road conditions are in doubt.

## RELOCATION

We hope you enjoy your stay in Silverton and that you will return to see us soon. If a move or retirement is in your future, then consider Silverton. We offer the charm and quiet of a small community that is also well equipped to meet your needs with modern facilities. Businesses will find Silverton an exciting place to set up shop—with the conveniences of modern telecommunications, daily UPS and Federal Express service, excellent postal service, but without the aggravating problems of an urban location. Business start up and relocation information may be obtained from the Chamber of Commerce. We have something for everyone and would like to share it with you.

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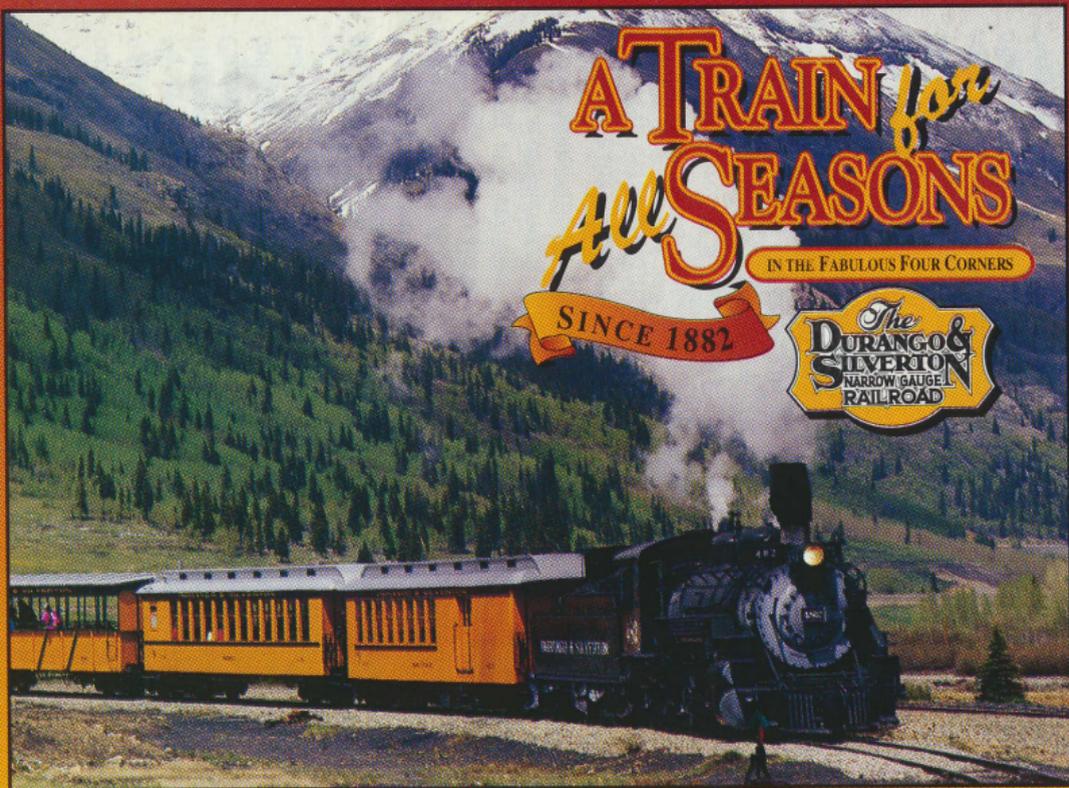
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