

establishing the first path south of Denver by dragging a log behind his wagon back and forth from **Englewood** to Denver. The road eventually became Broadway, the main north-south thoroughfare linking the two cities.

ESTES PARK

Located just 30 miles west of Loveland on Hwy. 34, 25 miles west of Longmont on Hwy. 36.

Estes Park, at 7,522 feet, is the birthplace of Rocky Mountain National Park. The town was established in 1907 while the park became a National Park in 1915. Home to about 5,500 permanent residents, visitors from around the world have come to embrace **Estes Park** as their home away from home. They find the vistas surrounding the town to be spectacular as they gaze at Long's Peak at 14,255 ft. and the many surrounding snow capped peaks. It is easy to catch their enthusiasm with 300 sunny days and cool mountain nights.

Estes Park offers year-round activities both in the town and in the National Park. These include a historical museum, live performances of music and the arts, galleries, children's activities and both summer and winter adventures which include many festivals and parades. Open all year, the National Park has numerous hiking trails as well as winter activities which include snowshoeing and cross-country skiing. And, don't forget the fine dining and eclectic shopping experiences during your stay. For more information, contact **Estes Park** at www.estesparkcvb.com

EVERGREEN

Located 30 miles west of Denver, take exit 252 from I-70 onto Evergreen Parkway (Highway 74).

Evergreen, nestled into the Rocky Mountains at an elevation of about 7,200 feet, rests in the shadow of Mount Evans, elevation 14,260 feet, but only 30 minutes from the cultural center of Downtown Denver. It is the melding of the best of both worlds, a quiet get away truly hidden in the Colorado Mountains but within reach of the Mile-High City and all it has to offer.

A drive from I-70 takes the traveler through Bergen Park, a retail and residential section of **Evergreen**, takes you to the lake where there is myriad activity in full swing between ice-skating in winter, and non-motorized boating in the summer. The 1.5 mile walking path that circles the lake is in daily use as fresh air lovers take advantage of the over 300 days of sunny weather each year. Nearby open space offers more challenging trails for walking, hiking and biking from May through October, and snowshoeing throughout the winter months, and the public golf course provides a high altitude challenge to golfers of every ability.

A visit to Downtown **Evergreen** will find you wandering down the boardwalk of Main Street through art galleries and unique shops to please the discriminating buyer, as well as eateries, coffee shops and a winery, with the means for suiting every palette. Artisans from around the country show their wares in the art savvy community, along



Estes Park from Hwy. 34 (photo courtesy of the Estes Park Destination Marketing Organization)

side award winning local talent. The visual arts are only part of the cultural flavor of **Evergreen** as the Chorale, Mountain Bell Ringers, Chamber Orchestra, Players, Children's Chorale and the now famous Jazz Festival bring music and drama to the mountains every month of the year. Weekends fill the streets with live music as bands and acoustical groups perform in the eating and drinking establishments and at outdoor concerts. The **Evergreen Chamber of Commerce** website, www.evergreenchamber.org, has details.

Evergreen offers a unique Colorado Mountain experience that is hard to find elsewhere. The limitless access to outdoor recreation, the arts, shopping and dining, and the mountain setting are only part of **Evergreen's** vast appeal. It is the residents of **Evergreen** who are the true

treasure of the area. The people who live here and run businesses, raising their families, putting their roots down, are what make **Evergreen** more than just a pass through, day trip excursion. Once you have been here you'll want to come back and when you do, you'll want to stay.

For more information, contact the **Evergreen Chamber of Commerce**, (303) 674-3412 or visit their website at www.evergreenchamber.org

FAIRPLAY

Located about 85 miles southwest of Denver on Hwy. 285 & Hwy. 9.

The historic mining town of **Fairplay** elevation 9,500 ft. overlooks the head waters of the South Platte River that flows through South Park.

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that are above 14,000 feet, and South Park, a high plateau valley to the east, which includes four reservoirs and numerous streams for fishing, some of them are Golden Trout Waters. The national forest is easily accessible for hiking, biking, 4-wheeling, fishing, horseback riding, sightseeing and breath-taking for pictures. Some of the oldest Bristle Cone pine trees are located to the west of town along with old mining sites.

South Park City Museum was created to save 32 vintage

buildings and to show the historic value of South Park. Within these buildings are over 60,000 artifacts of the late 1800's.

During the fall, the aspen trees are breathtaking with their bounty of gold. Also placer gold can still be found along the South Platte River and other streams in and around **Fairplay**.

Winter offers snowshoeing, cross-country skiing and snowmobile trails. Skiing is less than 30 miles away. Come join us in the center of the Rockies, where fresh air is unlimited.



South Park City's transportation exhibits feature a narrow gauge locomotive, rolling stock depot and water tower as well as a variety of nineteenth century road vehicles. (courtesy of South Park Historical Foundation)

SOUTH PARK CITY

The year was 1859. Gold was discovered in **South Park** and the rush was on! Hordes of gold-seekers spilled into the **Park**, and within a few short months the mountains were dotted with mining camps sporting names like Tarryall, Eureka and Buckskin Joe.

During the next several decades the promise of riches became reality. The families of those early prospectors arrived and with them the need for improved goods, services and social activities. Entrepreneurs in every field and trade recognized the opportunity, and rough camps were transformed into thriving communities.

South Park City is a remarkable restoration of one of those early towns. Conceived as a means of preserving deteriorating buildings as well as pioneer history, it was opened to the public in 1959, just 100 years after the first gold rush to the Rockies. It is an accurate representation of a mining town between 1860 and 1900. Thirty-six period buildings filled with over 60,000 artifacts portray most of the economic and

social aspects of boom town life. The restored buildings contain room settings and exhibits illustrating the professions, trades and industries that contributed to life in a nineteenth century mining town.

A visit to **South Park City** will enhance your understanding of life in those rip-roaring days when life was risky, fortunes were made or lost overnight, and men and women of vision laid the groundwork for Colorado's future.

You will never forget your encounter with history in **South Park City**.

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FORT COLLINS

Located 65 miles north of Denver on I-25.

Fort Collins showers visitors with recreational opportunities the whole family will enjoy. Now home to extensive displays of Pre-Columbian and Plains Indian artifacts and exhibits depicting **Fort Collins'** history as a trade center, the Fort Collins Museum was originally built as a Carnegie Library.

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