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GUIDE** 

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The Greenhorn Valley
Colorado City - Rye - San Isabel
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Festivals for the Summer Season



The Colorado City Parks & Recreation Pool Opening Day is June 8 from 12:30-4:30pm at 5000 Cuerno Verde Blvd, Colorado City. Open Swim hours are Tues - Sat 12:30-4:30pm, and Mon 6-8:00pm. The pool is available to rent for parties and events by calling 719-676-3059.

Family Night at Hollydot Golf Course is every Friday, beginning at 1pm in the afternoon. Cost per day is \$25 w/cart. Clubs are available to rent by calling 719-676-3341.

The **Rye/Colorado City Saddle Club** offers fast fun every Tuesday evening beginning at 6:30 p.m. through August, at the arena off Highway 165 and Cuerno Verde Drive.

The annual **Greenhorn Valley Customer Appreciation Picnic**, held at Greenhorn Meadows Park in beautiful Colorado City on August 8, is one of the biggest traditions during the summertime. Local businesses Bank of the San Juans, Mountain Disposal, Max's Place and Greenhorn Valley Ace

Hardware team up to create the all-day event, including preparation of a bar-b-que pit holding eight pickup loads of firewood to cook 500 pounds of pork. Meals include pulled-pork sandwiches and hotdogs with all the trimmings, cold drinks, entertainment, and games. Make the picnic part of your summer plans, and your annual tradition. All you need to bring is your lawn chair!

A warm Saturday in August brings the annual **Mountain Aire Festival**,

held at Christenson's Brush Canyon Ranch on the Old San Isabel Road, in Rye. Beginning at 4pm, with a delicious dinner of Steak or Cornish Hens and free hot dogs for the kids, followed by a Silent Auction, as well as a live auction later in the evening with wonderful handcrafted items by local artists. Call 719-489-3292, for exact date this year.

On September 18, the **8th Annual Hoofit4Harlie** half marathon run kicks off at 9:30 a.m. The day long event also includes a 5k & 10k run/walk beginning at 10:00 a.m. See Harlie's Greenhouse on

Facebook, or harliesgreenhouse.com for details and registration.

The **Colorado State Fair**, takes place August 26-Sept 6, at the Pueblo State Fairgrounds.

Chile & Frijoles Festival- is September 24-26, also in Pueblo

On Saturday, October 9, the **6th Annual Lions Club Car Show and Craft Fair** is from 10a.m.-3p.m. Hundreds of vintage and collectors models, DJ, a 50/50 raffle, and door prizes make this a fun day in the Greenhorn Meadows Park. Plaques and a Best of show Trophy awarded.

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Dining with a View



Bolt Burgers and Shakes:

The newest restaurant in the valley is in the location that used to be the oldest in the valley. Bolt Burgers and Shakes has taken over the building and location of Max's Place- a mainstay for locals and tourists alike.

New owners, Eric and Dana Guiberson have done a facelift on the building and are grateful for the generous helping hand of John Schaiberger, Max's Place owner.

Dana was raised in Pueblo and her dad, Jeff McCallister owns Fast Break Convenience Store and Liquor right across the street. In fact, it was a conversation between McCallister and Schaiberger that got the ball rolling and led to the beginning of Bolt Burgers and Shakes.

Eric has a lot of food experience, including being the General Manager of a multi-million-dollar restaurant.

One of the changes to the building is the addition of a drive thru along with the ability to handle on-line orders. Those orders can be taken at boltburger-sandshakes.com

The phone number is the same (719) 676-6297. The motto of the new restaurant is "fresh food fast." Their specialty is a wide variety of milkshake and malt flavors, banana splits, and chocolate ice cream tacos - Ole'

Round Table at Hollydot Golf Course: offers cool patio seating with a full view of the mountains, while you enjoy a burger or sandwich with fries. Breakfast Burritos and sandwiches also available for the early birds. 55 N Parkway Drive, Colorado City, CO

Subway Sandwiches at Fastbreak Convenience: a wide variety of hot or cold sandwiches, made just the

way you like them.

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Three Sisters Tavern & Grill:

Truly delicious food and great service. The owners really are sisters and they make getting off I-25 worthwhile. For an unforgettable view take your meal outdoors or enjoy a ice cold beer or glass of wine at the bar. Hwy 165, Colorado City, **The Valley Grind** offers a delicious cup of coffee and iced or frozen drink to meet anyone's tastes.

Friendly and fast drive through coffee shop, located in the Ace Hardware parking lot on highway 165.

San Isabel Lodge

Restaurant - just up the road, due west on 165 in the San Isabel Forest. Family owned dining, with fresh homemade fudge as well. Enjoy the lake and come in for a cool beverage and nachos.

Valley Market- Fresh Deli sandwiches, Chester Fried Chicken, or piping-hot Hunt Brothers Pizza may be just the thing as you begin your adventure in the Greenhorn Mountains. Stop in and stock up on cold drinks and all your camping needs.

Viktorio's Pizzeria: has a wide variety of Italian and American menu items, with some big surprises for a small town. Join the pool tournament Friday or Karaoke on Saturday. Located on Bent Bros Blvd. in Colorado City.

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Plan a Trip to Peppers and Petals

Cheri Pullara has owned Peppers and Petals, 2115 Santa Fe Drive in Pueblo, for the past six years; but worked another 20 years in similar industry. She knows how to run a business.

"We do a million different things at Peppers and Petals," assessed Pullara. "As we say on our Facebook page, 'there is always something fun and interesting' in our inventory. We have great curb appeal. People drive by and chances are they are going to stop and look around."

Pullara has Christmas trees, gift baskets, fruit, flowers, yard art, plants, milk, eggs, chocolate, jams, jellies, salsa, cheese, baked goods, popcorn and a few basic needs for folks since the pandemic began.

"About the only thing we don't do," quoted Pullara from Lonesome Dove, "we don't rent pigs."

The color pulls you in. The flowers and plants are her niche and the two items that make everything else work, but there is always color. The inventory is not only colorful but unique. Although other businesses in the area may do some of the same things, Peppers and Petals is a one-of-a-kind color paradise.

"I love plants and I try to pass on that love," stated Pullara. "Periodically, I take trips to get some inspiration. A trip to Santa Fe is responsible for the yard art and every time I go to a greenhouse in Denver I come away with some new ideas."

Pullara has a degree from CSU-Pueblo in Ag Education and is rooted in agriculture.

She can be reached at 719-546-3137, and invites email at peppersplus@socolo.net. She is also proud of the



Peppers and Petals Facebook page.

"We come from two generations of farmers," she revealed. "From middle school on I went with my Dad to farmer's markets. I learned then, and continue to believe it now, that agriculture people are really good people. In my business I get to deal with good people every day. I love being in the service industry. I love the friends I have made and I love making people happy. That's part of why I love

flowers so much. They make people happy."

Peppers and Petals is open from mid-April until Christmas, from 9:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m., seven days a week.

"Almost everything we sell is from Colorado," revealed Pullara. "We have a Colorado Proud emblem on our Facebook page and carry almost all Colorado products. Many of the items are from small businesses across the state.

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AUGUST



- 1, 6-8 Beulah Melodrama- 6:30pm, Goodpasture Barn, 7970 Hwy. 78 W., Beulah
www.beulahvalleyartscouncil.org
- 7 Beulah Cool Run Classic Car Show, see www.beulahvalleyartscouncil.org
- 7-8 65th Annual Beulah Arts & Crafts Show- Beulah School of Natural Science, www.beulahvalleyartscouncil.org
- 8 Greenhorn Valley Customer Appreciation Picnic- noon, Greenhorn Meadows Park, Colorado City
- 14 Rye Wrestling Team Golf Tournament, Hollydot Golf Course, Colorado City - 719-676-3341
- 28-29 Hollydot Club Championship Tournament - Hollydot Golf Course, Colorado City - 719-676-3341

8/27 - 9/6 Colorado State Fair and Rodeo-Pueblo

MAY

- 5 Rye-Colorado City Saddle Club Gymkhana - Begins May 25 for the Gymkhana season, continuing each Tuesday evening- 6:30 pm *Membership & Liability forms MUST be signed & dated.* <https://www.rccsaddleclub.com>
- 7 Family Night at Hollydot Golf Course - every Friday, 1pm, Cost Per Day, All You Can Play, \$25 per person w/cart. Clubs available to rent. 719-676-3341
- 31 Cuerno Verde VFW Post 7305 Memorial Service 9am, Colorado City Cemetery, E. Jefferson Street, right on Sandy Court

JUNE

- 8 Colorado City Parks & Recreation Pool Opening Day, 12:30-4:30pm, 5000 Cuerno Verde Blvd, Colorado City
Open Swim hours: Tues - Sat 12:30-4:30pm Mon 6-8:00pm
- 19 Bantam Football League Golf Tournament- Hollydot Golf Course, Colorado City - 719-676-3341
- 19 Colorado City/Rye Lions Club 1950's Sock Hop from 5pm to 8:00 pm at the Greenhorn Valley Park - a free, family community event with 1950's music, dancing, food & fun
- 26 Beulah Valleywide Garage Sale- 9am-4pm. Maps at The Market in downtown Beulah.
- 30 Rye High School Golf Clinic - June 30-August 4, 4-6pm, 719-676-3341

JULY

- 4 Cuerno Verde VFW Post 7305 - Veterans, Active Military & Family 4th of July Picnic - noon, Greenhorn Meadows Park. Call 676-2375 for info
- 8-10 High Mountain Hayfever Bluegrass Festival, Bluff & Summit Park, Westcliffe - highmountainhayfever.org
- 17 Annual Mountain Aire Festival at Brush Canyon Ranch, 4:00pm. Tickets include dinner and a live auction, available at the door. All proceeds to benefit Santa's Helpers and other charitable needs in the Valley.
- 24-25 Hollydot Golf Course 2man Tournament- Hollydot Golf Course, Colorado City - 719-676-3341
- 30-31 Beulah Melodrama- 6:30pm, Goodpasture Barn, 7970 Hwy. 78 W., Beulah
www.beulahvalleyartscouncil.org

SEPTEMBER

- 10-11 10th Annual High Peaks Music Festival- Westcliffe
highpeaksmusicfestival.org
- 18 8th Annual Hoofit4Harlie - half marathon run @9:30 a.m. 5k & 10k run/walk @ 10:00 a.m. See Harlie's Greenhouse on Facebook, or harliesgreenhouse.com
- 19 Rye High School Booster Club Golf Tournament, Hollydot Golf Course, Colorado City, 719-676-3341
- 25 The Beulah Challenge - www.beulahchallenge.com

9/24-26 Pueblo Chile & Frijoles Festival

OCTOBER

- 2 Greenhorn Valley Chamber of Commerce Golf Tournament, Hollydot Golf Course, Colorado City - 719-676-3341
- 3 Octoberfest and Poker Run, 2:00-5:00pm, outdoor by the Creek at 'the host', www.beulahvalleyartscouncil.org
- 9 6th Annual CC/Rye Lions Club Annual Autumn Car Show & Craft Fair 9am-3pm, Greenhorn Meadows Park.
- 31 HalloweenTown- twilight, Main Street in Rye



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Colorado City Swimming Pool
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Monday 6-8:00pm
LAP SWIM: Monday - Friday
7:00 to 8:00am
AEROBICS: Monday - Friday
8:00 to 9:00am

Camping, Cabins and Luxury Lodging



The Craftsman Lodge: If you haven't been to the Craftsman Lodge in awhile, we have a few new updates. We are always adding new amenities to your experience at the Lodge. We have something for everyone's taste attending that Family reunion, preparing for the perfect Wedding, or just a nice family/friends get-away.

For relaxation after a fun day of hiking and biking, we have built a dry sauna with a perfect view of the glorious Greenhorn Mountain. It also has a lovely deck if you just want to sit and enjoy the view with a nice beverage. We have also added more benches around the property to enjoy the perfect view of abundant wildlife or read a book in nature. If you would rather explore, there are trails through the wooded area of the property as well as the 160 acres next door. If you prefer something a little more challenging than horse-shoes, we have recently added an Archery range to test your skills.

If you really want to just enjoy the outdoors with a

The Craftsman Lodge gives a discount to residents of the Greenhorn Valley.

San Isabel area lodging includes The San Isabel Lodge and Restaurant, The Pines, and Aspen Acres. All recently purchased for remodeling and updating by a Denver family, this favorite destination has much to offer. As well as freshly updated cabins, the San Isabel



spectacular view without being confined by a house, we have several tent sites and a compost outhouse to set the mood (although you can use the house toilet if desired). This year we plan to expand on this experience by adding a large Yurt to the property. Perfect for that private get-away from the city or a little privacy for the married couple as they start their honeymoon.

Most people don't know that we also have an RV site with full hook-ups available as well. So get outdoors and enjoy what the Greenhorn Valley has to offer and spend your nights glamping in luxury in the Lodge or sleeping in the outdoors on the property.

For more info visit our Website www.craftsman-lodge.com or see what's new on our Facebook page.

The Pines offers cosy cabins and is also located in close proximity to Lake Isabel

Aspen Acres now offers full-hookup sites, cabins, outfitter tents and tent sites, and a remodeled bathhouse. The area offers hiking, biking, fishing, ATVing, dirt-bike riding, paddleboarding, kayaking, and stargazing all at 9,200 feet in the beauty of the San Isabel National Forest.

Information for The Pine Lodge and The Lodge can be seen at the San Isabel Lodging and Restaurant website at <https://www.SanIsabelLodging.com>.

The phone number is (719) 489-2686 and the email address is sanisabel-lodging@gmail.com.

Aspen Acres Campground website is <https://www.aspen-acrescampground.com>, their phone number is (719) 485-3275, and their email address is aspen-acrescamping@gmail.com

The **Day's Inn Motel** offers fully remodeled rooms and a pool with a fabulous view of the Greenhorn Mountains. Conveniently located just off I-25 and Highway 165,

with easy access to the San Isabel National Forest.

The KOA Kampground is just to the west at the Colorado City/Rye exit. Featuring excellent camping and RV parking, with great views and fun events throughout the summer, the KOA is a popular spot in southern Colorado. An inviting pool and miniature golf are open for young and old to enjoy as you get to know your fellow campers. Cabins are also available at the KOA.

The Ophir Creek Campground is located about 48 miles southwest of Pueblo, eight miles north of Lake Isabel. This campground is situated along Squirrel Creek at an elevation of 8,900 feet. There are 31 campsites in the campground. Twelve are back-in campsites suitable for small RVs. The remaining nineteen are walk-in tent sites. Each campsite has a picnic table and fire grate. Some of the sites are in an open meadow while the rest are shaded by spruce and aspen trees. This area is very pretty, especially in the fall and it is a great place to tent camp. Reservations are not

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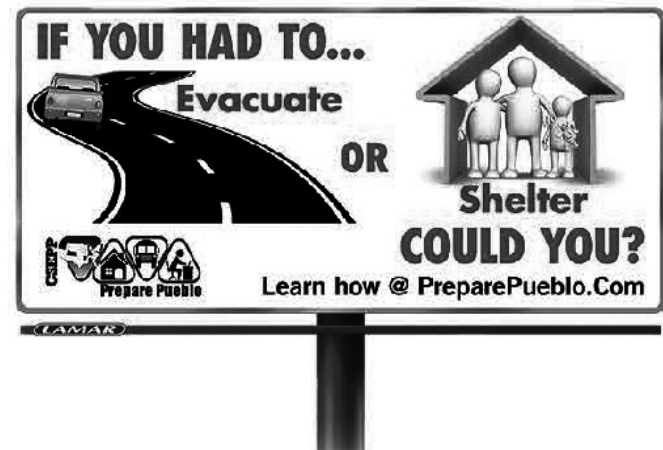
Home numbers are provided to the 911 center by local phone provider. Citizens can register their cellular phones or Voice over Internet (VoIP) phones at www.pueblocountyoctin.com

Aside from ETNS...First responders/officials notify via: Route Alerting (loud speaker patrol and door to door checks) telling residents to do one of two things.....

Evacuate or Shelter-in-Place

During an evacuation you will be asked to secure your home and take your family and pets (if able to load quickly) away from the threat. This is most likely requested by officials during a flood or wild land fire.

If you are told to shelter-in-place, it is likely a chemical or weather event. During this time period staying indoors is how best to keep your family safe. Going to an interior room with no windows and turning off ventilation systems may be requested.



The Pueblo County Sheriff's Office Emergency Services Center houses the 911 center as well as an Emergency Operations Center and a Joint Information Center. During a community disaster, these centers will coordinate and order resources, manage situational awareness, and distribute public information.

You can be better prepared by taking some preparedness steps:

Pack a 72 hour kit

Food, water, battery operated flashlight and radio, tools, first aid kit, cash, plastic sheeting whistle, a change of clothes, duct tape, matches, etc. This kit will be important if you find yourself shut in for extended time periods with no electricity but it is also a great item to grab if you have to evacuate quickly.

Keep copies of your Vital Documents somewhere secure and easy to get to if you have to evacuate.

Copies of....

- Birth Certificates
- Social Security cards
- Drivers Licenses
- Adoption Records
- Wills
- Insurance policies
- Credit Cards
- Credit, Investments, and Bank Account #'s
- Titles, Deeds, Trusts

Know where to go for information during an emergency



Social Media Accounts

- **PCSO Facebook**
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- **Twitter@Pueblo Count SO**
- **Twitter@Rye_Fire_Dist**

Websites

- www.puebloemergency.info
- www.ryefiredistrict.us

Emergency Alert Station

- KCCY 96.9

Zubal Goat Dairy is a Way of Life



Tom and Doris Zubal have been making goat milk cheese at their farm two miles west of Hoene, Colorado for almost 36 years. When you realize that includes milking twice a day, at 3:00 a.m and 3:00 p.m., seven days a week; making cheese two times each day; and delivering their product to ten outlets in southern Colorado, it's no small order.

The young couple started this extraordinary venture together in 1984, before they were married. After graduating from Hoene High School, Doris was working at a bank and dating Tom.

His parents knew friends who were letting their goat farm go, and offered to teach the business to Tom and Doris. With 50 head and a small building on Tom's parents property, they jumped in to a life-long project.

Two years later, they married and began to build on to and remodel to accommodate a milking system. They increased the herd to 100, and later moved from the trailer they lived in while starting out to a nice home with views of the mountain ranges nearby.

"It was rough at first," commented Doris. "We weren't known in the area,

and we were building the business from scratch. We had a lot of support from our family, as well as many friends throughout the years."

Tom's grandfather gave him two cows, and they now

run a herd of cattle on their land as well. A good friend nearby helped the couple purchase his 230-acre hay farm by letting them buy with no interest. They now raise much of their own hay for the goats and cattle. They have also added two horses, two miniature horses, a donkey and a mule to the farm.

Hard work and commitment to their craft has paid off, as Doris says the demand for their cheese is unreal. After the morning milking and starting a batch of cheese to cook, Doris has a delivery schedule each day. She regularly travels to stores in Aquilar, Trinidad, Walsenburg, Rocky Ford, and Pueblo, and ships out to outlets as far away as Westminster, always next-day fresh.

You can always stop at the dairy and buy cheese that has been made the same day.

With a seven day a week dairy farm, the couple have done the work largely by themselves. Doris' sister now helps out two days per week for a few hours and they have hired a teenager who watches over things when they get away.

Getting away is possible each year between October and February. The goats are dried out, to give both the goats and the owners, a much-needed break. During

these breaks the couple likes to travel, including regular trips to Mexico and the Denver Stock Show.

Each February, with the arrival of baby goats, they are back to work at their farm nestled below the Spanish Peaks Mountain range and on the edge of the great plains.

"It's good for us to get away," explains Doris, "but we always love to come home."

By googling Zubal Goat Dairy you will find this description: For over 35 years, Zubal Goat Dairy has produced award winning goat milk-based cheese. The delicious, artisanal dairy products are from an Italian-inspired recipe founded in Italy over 100 years ago. The mellow piquant goat cheese is blended with a variety of flavors including chile caribe, diced jalapeno, Pueblo chile, black pepper, garlic herb basil, and Ricotta.

You can order at 719-846-6138. They also welcome visitors who would like to see the process, or just want the freshest possible goat cheese, at 18761 County Road 75.1, Hoene, CO.

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Beekeeping in Southern Colorado



In Colorado, we have commercial beekeepers. These folks manage several hundred to several thousand honey bee colonies following the bloom, using their colonies in pollination rental for part of the year and then using them for honey pro-

duction. But most of the beekeepers in Colorado are hobby beekeepers. A hobby beekeeper maintains less than 50 colonies. They may live in towns and cities or in rural areas. They may be professional people like doctors and lawyers or individuals that

work in offices or own their own businesses. A hobby beekeeper is seldom motivated in recouping their investment. They just love the hobby of beekeeping!

In this area of Colorado, spring is the best time of the year to start a bee

colony. The bees will have the remainder of the season to become established, they will have abundant floral resources to build their new home and they can store enough honey to make it through the winter.

The honey bee (*apis mellifera*) in Colorado spends the winter in the hive clustered around the queen. The bees beat their wings and shake their bodies as they move as a unit eating the honey they have stored for the winter. This allows the center of the cluster to maintain a temperature of 97F. As the days start to get longer in late February and March, the queen begins to lay eggs to replace the bees that have died during the winter and in anticipation of spring.

Spring is a delicate time for bees. The bees begin to run out of food stores and they need to start increasing in number so they have plenty of bees to gather pollen and nectar. As early as late March and

early April our trees begin to bloom. On warm days the bees begin gathering pollen from these tree blossoms. The bees are vegetarian and depend on pollen as their source of protein. As the weather continues to warm dandelions and other flowers start to emerge and provide the first nectar for the hungry colony. It is this nectar that the bees use to make honey. A honey bee will gather enough nectar in her lifetime to make only 1/8 teaspoon of honey.

The Greenhorn Valley is a wonderful place to raise bees. The mountains and valleys usually provide shelter from the wind. The afternoon rains provide moisture for a variety of flowers and shrubs. And the rugged terrain limits the farming of crops that require spraying large amounts of pesticides and herbicides.

Honey can be harvested whenever the beekeeper

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Beekeeping
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finds an abundance of honey in the hive. Some people like to harvest honey after a specific bloom. For instance, bees will gather nectar from apple trees in the spring. If you have an abundance of apple trees in your area you can harvest the honey when the apple blooms are finished and you will notice a distinct flavor of apple blossoms in the honey gathered because that is the nectar the bees used to make the honey. Other beekeepers allow

the bees to gather nectar all summer and harvest the honey in the fall. This honey, usually called wildflower honey, will have a distinct flavor, depending on the flowers that are prevalent in the area.

Now that you know where the honey comes from think carefully about the chemicals that you use when spraying your property. The chemicals that you use may end up in the honey that you buy at the local farms market!

Would you like to learn more? Beekeeping is a fascinating hobby and the Spanish Peaks Beekeepers

have a beekeeping club that meets in Walsenburg and there is a new group that meets in Pueblo.

There are lots of resources at the library and even a couple of magazines for beekeepers.

It is important to know where your honey comes from. Support your local farmer's market and beekeepers. There's nothing better than farm fresh honey!

The Pueblo Zoo Rocks

For those eager to get back to socializing, the Pueblo Zoo is offering a new Summer Concert Series as a safe way to enjoy a rockin' evening at the zoo. Grab some friends, a blanket or chair, and a place on the lawn for live music from Mark's Midnight Carnival Show.

Prior to the 5:15 pm start of the band, guests will have the opportunity to arrive as early as 4:00 pm to enjoy an evening stroll among some of the rarest animals on the planet. A cash bar will serve adult beverages and pre-ordered meal options are available upon ticket purchase.

The adult 21+ event will take place May 22, 2021 from 4:00 pm - 7:00 pm. Band starts at 5:15 pm. Check-in is from 4:00 pm - 5:30 pm. Tickets are \$20.00

for Non-Members | \$15 for Members. Tickets available online at pueblozoo.org/music.

If there's a genre called "Colorado Rock", Mark's Midnight Carnival Show exemplifies it. It's rock and roll with an indie feel that isn't quite weepy; party rock without being vapid; high energy originals along with carefully curated covers that set a thoughtful mood."

<http://www.marksmidnightcarnivalshow.com>

From October to April, the Zoo, featuring more than 400 animals, 125 species, and beautiful spacious grounds, is open daily 9am - 4pm. From May to September, the Zoo is open every day from 9am to 5pm. Call 561-1452 or visit www.pueblozoo.org. Join us on Facebook.

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Activities
FISHING: Fishing is available in Ophir Creek, Lake Isabel and St. Charles Creek.
HIKING: Hiking is available on the Second Mace, Squirrel Creek, Silver

Circle, Dome Rock and South Creek trails.
BIKING: Biking is available on the Second Mace, Squirrel Creek, Silver Circle , Dome Rock and South Creek trails.
MOTORIZED TRAIL RIDING : ATVs are permitted on the Second Mace, Squirrel Creek, Silver Circle trails.
Ophir Creek Road
From the campground follow Ophir Creek Forest Service Road #360 12 miles, then turn left on Greenhorn Forest Service Road #369, which contin-

ues another 13 miles. Trailheads along this road include the Cisneros, 9 miles in on FSR# 369, Pole Creek, and the western trailhead of Barlett Trail at nearly 17 miles along #369. From the origin at the Ophir Campground to elevations above 11,000 ft., witness a beautifully changing variety of wild-flowers culminating with abundant purple Wild Lupine scattered among the deep forest green of towering Poderosa Pine.
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Greenhorn Meadows Campground-

Located on highway 165, just a few miles from from the I-25 exit. The campground has 15 RV sites with electricity and numerous tent sites, city water, full shower and bathroom facilities, a gazebo and a cave if you can find it!

St. Charles Campground-

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The campground is one of three in the San Isabel Recreation Area. Firewood is available for a fee. The

nearby community of San Isabel offers limited groceries, paddle and row-boat rentals and a small restaurant for a cooks night out.

Hiking-Snow Slide Trail - 5 miles/Cisneros Trail - 15 miles

Fishing-Brown and Rainbow trout in the reservoir and Brook trout in the St. Charles headwaters.

Directions-From Colorado City, CO, take State Rt. 165 west 12.2 miles to San Isabel Recreation Area sign.

Davenport Campground-

Davenport campground stretches along Squirrel Creek among spruce and Aspen at an elevation of 8,500 ft. Widely spaced sites provide a spacious feeling and privacy. The camp ground is primarily for tent camping,.

Directions-From Colorado City, CO, take State Rt. 165 west 18.2 miles to campground sign (Forest Rt. 382). Turn left at sign onto Rt. 382 (dirt, single-lane with turnouts) and go 1.4 miles to campground.

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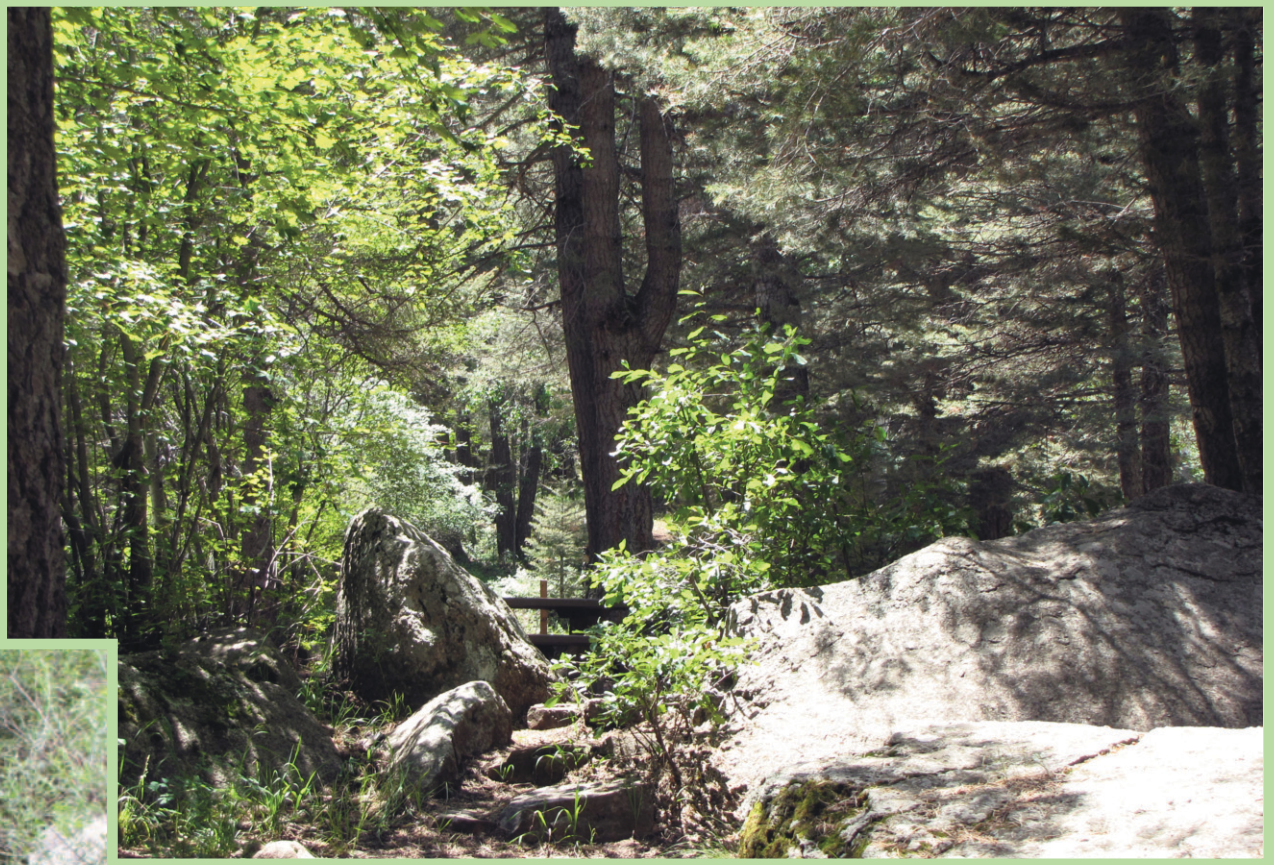


The Charming St. Charles River

You'll take dozens of pictures on the short hike from the western edge of San Isabel Lake, up the St Charles River, and through the picnic area. This shady hike is easy enough for children and a great place to explore the variety of wading pools along the way. Many of the pools are foot-friendly with soft gravel bottoms, but water shoes will make the day even better.

Pack a lunch or grab a sandwich at the Lodge and follow the boat ramp

down to lakes edge; at the ramp go right and follow the sunny path around the lake to the west. As you reach the west edge you will find a trail leading into the forest to your right. Continue up through the park until you hear the river just in front of you and stay to



the right of the river. The trail will end and require an easy cross of the river about 500 feet in, with the trail picking up again on the other side of the river.

From this point, let the kids (or the dog) pick the path, and the wading pools. The cool water will

get plenty of attention but the length of the trail to several well-placed picnic tables is short so there is no need to hurry.

Two footbridges will cross the river along the way and both sides of the river offer clean picnic spots and include fire pits

at some points.

Near the top of the trail, watch for a beautiful natural staircase worth several photos. There is also a nearly waist deep pool at this point which may easily become your destination for the day.

GREENHORN VALLEY – 2021 UPCOMING EVENTS

CHAMBER NETWORKING MIXER

Aug 5th – Meet & Greet – Appetizers – Panel Discussion

GOLF TOURNAMENT

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Sep/Oct – Local Business & Restaurant Displays in Greenhorn Meadows Park

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The 6th Annual Lions Club Car Show & Craft Fair



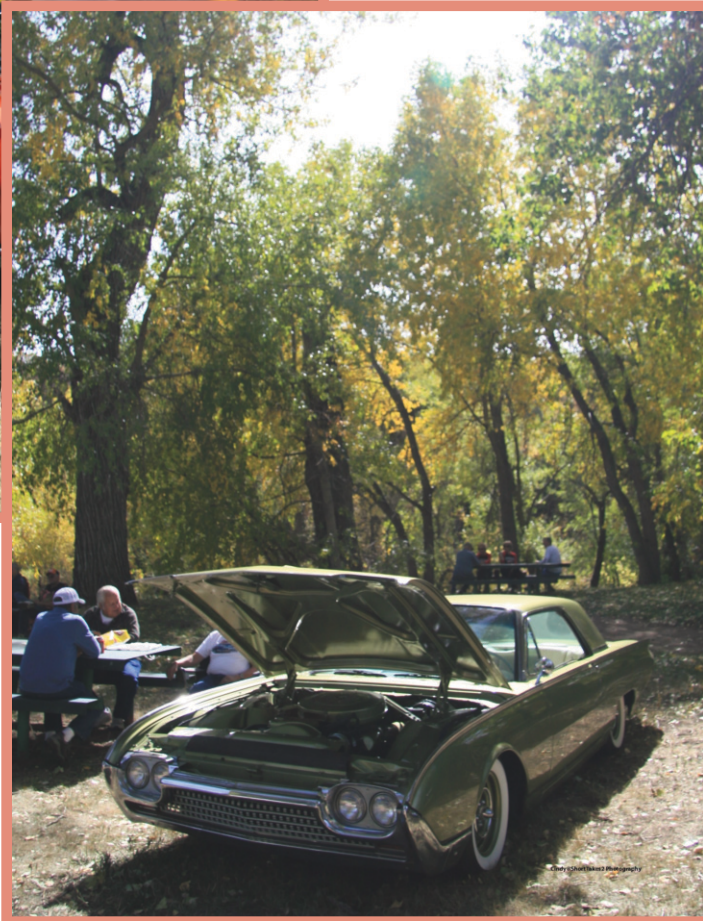
The 6th Annual Colorado City/Rye Lions Club Autumn Car Show and Craft Fair will be held on Saturday, October 9, 2021 beginning at 10:00 am to 3:00 pm. Registration for cars will be from 9:00 am to 10:00 am. The registration fee is \$30 for cars and vendors.

The car show is open to all years, makes and models of anything with wheels. Plaques will be awarded for the TOP 20 cars with a trophy for the BEST OF SHOW.

There will be music by a DJ, a 50/50 raffle, and door prizes every thirty minutes at this family event. The Lions Club Chuckwagon will be serving lunch.

There is no admission for spectators, although donations would be appreciated.

For over half a century the local Lions Club has served our Community through a multitude of programs including meeting the visual needs of young children in our community, providing Christmas food boxes and toys for deserving families in our Community and providing scholarships for Rye High School students, among other projects.



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Beulah Valley can be reached from Colorado City via Crow Crossing to 3R Road, west on Hwy 165 pass Rye and San Isabel to 12 Mile RD , and from Pueblo via Hwy 78 West. All routes offer beautiful vista views.

Beulah is rich in history and tradition, some of which is still in tact. The 65th Annual Beulah Valley Arts and Crafts show held August 7th and 8th, 10:00a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Beulah School grounds at 8734 Schoolhouse Lane. Wander the variety of artisans booths, enjoy lunch while listening to local musicians. The Cool Run Classic car show is also on August 7th.

For over 50 years Beulah has produced melodramas and this year's dates are the weekends of July 30-August 1 , and August 6-8, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. at Goodpasture Barn, 7970 Hwy, 78 W. Beulah. www.beulahvalleyartscouncil.org

The Beulah Challenge takes place on September 25, see www.beulahchallenge.com

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Hiking the Greenhorn Mountain Trails

The Wet Mountains, also called the Greenhorn Mountains, are named for the amount of rain that has traditionally fallen on the range. Located within the San Isabel National Forest, it covers an area of 220,000 acres and is part of the San Carlos Ranger District.

The Wet Mountains are one of Colorado's lower ranges when compared to other major ranges in Colorado. It spans for fifty miles in a north-south direction beginning at the Arkansas River near Canon City and ending at the Huerfano River just north of Walsenburg.

The dominant peaks are Greenhorn Mountain at 12,347 feet; North Peak at 12,220; St. Charles Peak at 11,784; and Deer Peak at 11,572. Approximately 22,000 acres of the Greenhorn Mountain, is protected by the Colorado Wilderness Act. This designation provides an atmosphere that seems virtually untouched by humans. It also has eliminated all motor vehicle traffic, limits the number of hikers during certain periods of time, and requires strict camping guidelines.

Lake San Isabel a 40 acre reservoir was created by the WPA in the 1930's entirely for recreation. Other interesting sites include the abandoned Marion Mine, Maes Creek Burn Out, Apache Falls, the Blue Lakes, Chicken Lookout Point, Marion



Lake and Dome Rock. Elevations: start 8,000', high point 11,580', end 11,580'

The Bartlett Trail #1310
Length: 12.1 miles, Rated: moderate, Use: summer and early fall; hiking, horseback riding

The Bartlett Trail is in the Greenhorn Wilderness Area, so wilderness rules and regulations apply (especially no mechanized vehicles, including mountain bikes and hang gliders). If hiking from the Rye end of the trail, it's a long way up to the junction with the South Apache Trail on the southern shoulder of Greenhorn Mountain. At that junction, if you go north you'll come to the other trailhead for Bartlett. If you go

south, you'll go deeper into the Wilderness Area. The Bartlett Trail skirts the upper part of Greenhorn Mountain by staying south and west of the upper mountain.

Access: The lower trailhead is south of Rye. Go through Rye on Main Street, turn left on Boulder, left again on Graneros Road, right on Hunter and right again on Baxter to the trailhead.

The upper trailhead is the same as for the Greenhorn Trail. Take SR 165 to Ophir Creek Forest Service Road #360. Go west for about 12 miles and then turn left on Greenhorn Mountain Road #369, go 17 miles to the parking area at the end of the road. USGS Maps:

Rye, San Isabel
The South Apache Trail #1311

Length: 4.3 miles, Rated: hard, Use: summer and fall; hiking, horseback riding

Elevations: start 9,600', high point 9,600', end: 7,300'

This trail is a hard drop off the eastern side of the Greenhorn Mountain Wilderness. The trail ends at private property so the only way out is to go back up that relentless hill. At the parking area at the end of the road, follow the signs for the Bartlett Trail. Follow the Bartlett Trail for about 5 miles to the junction with the South Apache Trail. Go right and

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Follow the trail down the hill paralleling South Apache Creek.

Access: From State Highway 165, turn west at Ophir Creek Road (FR 360). Go about 12 miles and then turn left (south) on the Greenhorn Mountain Road #369. Go another 17 miles to the end of the road at the edge of Greenhorn Mountain Wilderness.

USGS Maps: San Isabel, Rye, Badito Cone, Hayden Butte

Cisneros Trail #1314
Length: 10.4 miles,

Rated: moderate, Use: year around; hiking, horseback riding, mountain biking, ATV, Snowmobiling

Elevations: start 8,940', high point 11,220', end 11,220'

This trail rises from Lake Isabel into the heart of the Wet Mountains. It winds through gorgeous country alternating between heavy forest and open parks. Lots of wildlife and great wildflowers.

About three-quarters mile from the Lake Isabel Campground is a trail junction with the St. Charles Trail. St. Charles Trail will take you north onto St. Charles Peak (11,784') while the

Cisneros Trail turns left and heads southwest towards Greenhorn Mountain (12,347').

Access: The upper trailhead: From State Highway 165, turn west at Ophir Creek Forest Service Road #360. Go about 12 miles and then turn left (south) on the Greenhorn Mountain Road #369. Go another 17 miles to the end of the road at the edge of Greenhorn Mountain Wilderness.

The lower trailhead: Go through San Isabel around to the west end of the Lake to the upper campground. The Trail begins on the west end of the campground.

USGS Maps: San Isabel Greenhorn Trail #1316
Length: 7.8 miles, Rated: moderate, Use: summer and fall; hiking, horseback riding

Elevations: start 7,460', high point 12,000', end 11,340'

Although the summit just nudges above the timberline at 12,347 and only ranks as the 1,107 highest peak in the state. There isn't a higher mountain for over forty miles. So Greenhorn's summit provides a wonderful 360 degree view. The endless vista of the Great Plains makes up the views to the east. The spectacular and rugged looking Sangre de Cristo Mountains domi-

nate the view to the west. Looking south the Spanish Peaks with their twin looking summits rule your vision, and Pikes Peak makes its appearance to the north.

Access: The upper trailhead: Take SR 165 to Ophir Creek Forest Service Road #360. Go west for about 12 miles and then turn left on Greenhorn Mountain Road, go 17 miles to the parking area at the end of the road.

The lower trailhead: Turn left into Rye off highway 165 onto Main Street. It becomes Park Road. Veer right at the Y in the road veer onto Cuerno Verde Road. The road heads west and then south. After 1.6 miles there will be a small parking lot with a bridge crossing over Greenhorn Creek. This is the trailhead. USGS

Maps: Rye, San Isabel #1317 Millset

Length: 5 miles, Rated: difficult, Use: summer and fall; hiking, horseback riding

Elevations: start 8,000', high point 11,244', end 11,244'

Access: 9 miles nw of Rye 165 west side end at FDR 369

The Snowslide Trail #1318

Length: 5.7 miles, Rated: moderately difficult, Use: summer and fall; hiking, horseback riding. Elevations: start 8,720', high point 11,500', end 11,500'

This trail climbs slowly up a ridge to the south of the Lake Isabel Recreation Area. This is pine and aspen country with great views and lots of wildlife. Bring lots of your own water.

Access: The lower trailhead is about 8 miles northwest of Rye on State Highway 165. To reach the upper trailhead take SR 165 to Ophir Creek Forest Service Road #360. Go west for about 12 miles and then turn left on Greenhorn Mountain Road #369, go 17 miles to the parking area at the end

of the road. USGS Maps: San Isabel

St. Charles Trail #1326
Length: 7 miles, Rated: moderately difficult, Use: summer and fall; hiking, horseback riding.

Elevations: start 9,200', high point 11,200', end 8,200'

From the northern trailhead, the St. Charles Trail works its way up to the west and wraps around the western edge of the St. Charles Peak summit "block" before heading south. The trail follows Beaver Creek for a short distance before rising again and crossing the ridge into the Amethyst Creek drainage, which it follows down to the lower trailhead. This is a beautiful hike through a lush aspen and pine forest with great views.

There is also a spur trail from the east end of Forest Service Road #335, off of the Greenhorn Mountain Road, that gives easy access to those just wanting to climb St. Charles Peak (11,784').

Access: The northern trailhead is in the Lion Park area, about 1.8 miles south of Bishop's Castle. The southern trailhead is at the confluence of Amethyst Creek and St.

Charles Creek, at the west end of the Lake Isabel Recreation Area. USGS Maps: St. Charles Peak #1330 Lakeshore
Length: .5 mile, Rated: easy, Use: year around; hiking

Access: FDR 317 to lake Isabel

The Squirrel Creek Trail #1384
Length: 4.8 miles, Rated: moderately difficult, Use: year around; hiking and horseback riding, ATV, Snowmobiling. Elevations: start 9,200', high point 9,200' end 7,800'

In the east central Wet Mountains this trail parallels Squirrel Creek down the hill from the main ridge of the Wet Mountains. Aspen and pine forest, big eastern views, lots of wildlife.


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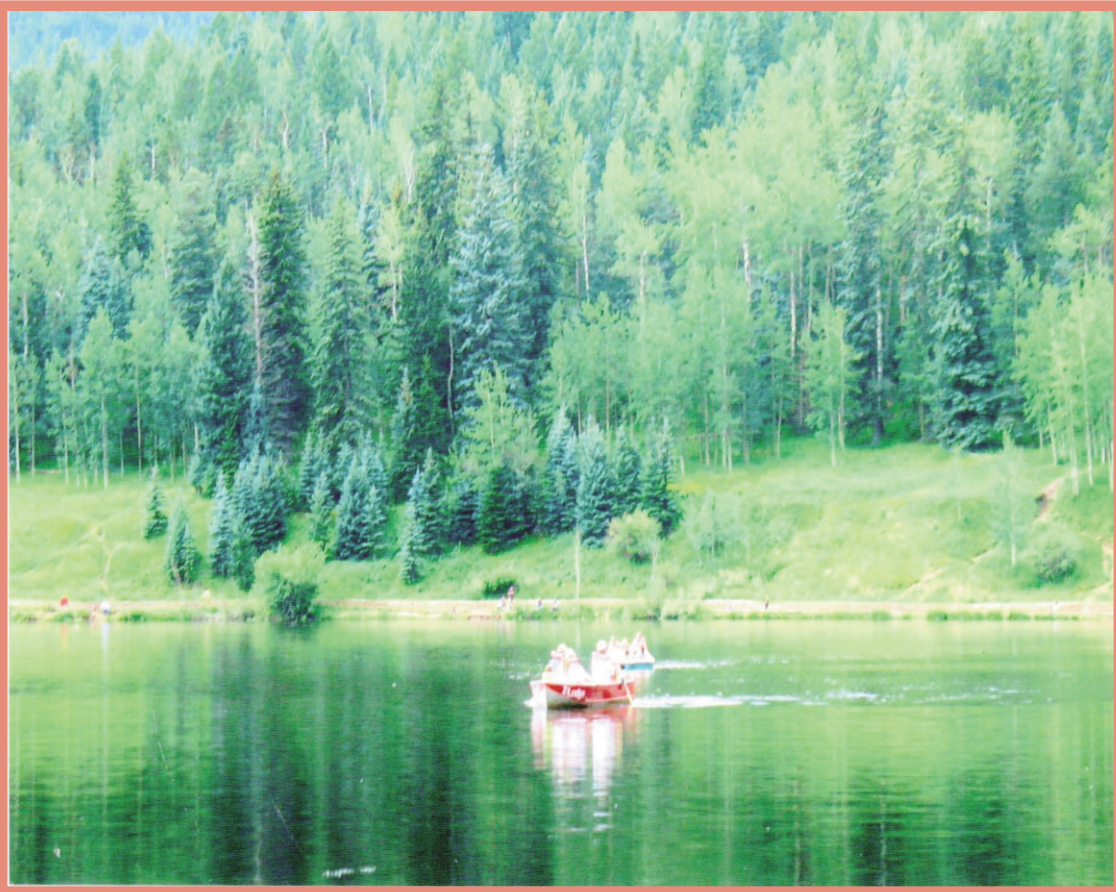
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Fishing at Lake Isabel and Beyond



The two obvious choices for fishing are Lake Beckwith in Colorado City, and San Isabel, further up highway 165. Lake Beckwith has something for everyone in that there is a wide variety of species available. For the warm-water fisherman there are Largemouth Bass, Crappie, Perch, Saugeye (Sauger and Walleye hybrid) and catfish, as well as stocked rainbow trout, and wild brown trout. There is deep, rocky bottom off of the dam, and a nice shallow shelf where the boat ramp is located.

Throughout the lake there are areas where there are submerged brush piles which make excellent structure for large bass and other predatory fish. This makes it an excellent location for any type of fisherman, whether it be a fly-fisherman, bait fisherman, or working structures with a spinning rod.

Boats are allowed on the lake as well as electric motors. This is a technique I like to use, in order to reach locations that the shoreline fisherman cannot.

San Isabel is also an excellent location. It does not have the variety of species that Lake Beckwith has, but makes up for it with an abundance of trout. It has lots of shoreline access, for bait, spin and fly-fishermen alike. Rainbows and/or Cuttbow Trout are stocked frequently, as well as wild Brown and Brook Trout. Fish are taken with a wide variety of techniques. Bait

fisherman tend to do well with a variety of options including worms, salmon eggs and powerbait. There are a lot of spinners that work well too.

Kastmasters are always a good option, as well as 1/8 ounce Krocodiles, Jakes Spin-A-lure, and Panther Martins. Another great technique is to fish a wet fly like a Pistol Pete or Wooly Bugger behind an Adjust A Bubble. My personal favorite technique is to get out on my float tube, and cast a double dry fly rig, towards the shoreline. Often, I can find some of the wild Brown Trout patrolling there, and have an opportunity for some of the bigger fish.

For the more adventurous there are some excellent options that are a little bit off of the beaten path. There are a number of small streams around here for those willing to do a little walking and a little bit of bush whacking. There aren't a lot of big fish, but you find some very ravenous and aggressive smaller ones. The key to success on these smaller fast moving streams is to make a stealthy approach, using some of the brush to break up your outline.

Rainbow's and Brown trout are found at the lower elevations and can be had on just about any type of well presented fly. But as you work your

way upstream you will find fewer Rainbow Trout, and more Brook Trout. Finally as you get near the upper reaches of the streams you can get into some Greenback Cutthroats as well. Greenback's are excellent fighters, but need to be returned immediately as they are currently on the "Threatened" list. North and South Apache Creek, Bartlett Creek, and Graneros Creek are closed to all fishing above the forest service property lines. Check the fishing regulations manual before you fish these.

Finally, Blue Lakes, at the top of Greenhorn Mountain have had a very healthy stock of Cuttbow

and Rainbow trout. They are a little bit bigger than the stockers found in Lake Isabel and Beckwith, and are a bit more finicky as well. Blue Lakes are located at the end of Ophir Creek road at the very top of Greenhorn Mountain, with one of the prettiest camping spots around.

Fish there are caught using a variety of standard techniques. My best advice here is to bring different options, so you can find the one that they are biting on. It's one of my favorite places to camp out and hopefully cook a couple of fresh trout while I am at it.



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Beautiful Lake Beckwith



The naming of Lake Beckwith in Colorado City can be attributed to three possible men: some claim it was named for a Mr. Beckwith who enlarged the small lake in the early

1900's; others attribute the name to a well-loved Dr. Beckwith who settled three miles east of Rye in 1876; and many associate the name with Lieutenant (later Brigadier General)

Edward Griffin Beckwith who led the Calvary escort for Captain Gunnison's ill-fated railroad surveying expedition and visited the Greenhorn Settlement in the summer of 1853.

The expedition roughly followed the 38th parallel, through Kansas and up the Arkansas River. After they left the Arkansas, Gunnison sent Lieutenant Beckwith out to find a guide to take them over the pass to Fort Massachusetts, the new military post in the San Luis Valley.

Beckwith found his way to the Greenhorn Settlement. He was greeted by Marcelino Baca and his Pawnee wife, whom Beckwith admired as a courteous lady of "matronly grace and dignity." Beckwith found six Mexican families living in a cluster of low adobe houses. For protection from the Utes, each house had a yard in front enclosed by poles planted in the ground, fastened to horizontal strips of wood with rawhide thongs. In back, a corral was made

the same way.

Baca agreed to guide Gunnison's party to Fort Massachusetts and Gunnison began the survey of a possible route, via the Huerfano River, through Cochetopa Pass. Captain Gunnison seeking to speed up the mapping divided his team into two detachments.

Gunnison and the eleven men in his group were attacked by a band of Paiute (Ute) Indians. Gunnison and seven of his men were killed. Survivors of the attack alerted the other detachment of the survey team led by Beckwith who rode hard to aid Gunnison and his party. Arriving too late, they buried the victims and Beckwith took the survivors to Salt Lake City to spend the winter of 1853-54.

The Wet Mountain Peaks

The Wet Mountains are one of Colorado's lower and older mountain ranges. The mountain range spans for fifty miles in a north-south direction beginning at the Arkansas River near Canon City and ending at the Huerfano River just north of

Walsenburg.

There are four dominant peaks in the Wet Mountain range from south to north: Greenhorn at 12,347 feet; North Peak at 12,220; St. Charles Peak at 11,784; and Deer Peak at 11,572.

Greenhorn Mountain from base to summit boasts a height greater than Colorado's highest peak, Mount Elbert, which rises from a higher altitude within a mountain range.

The Bartlett Trail climbs the eastern face of Greenhorn

Mountain and the Graneros Creek originates on Greenhorn Mountain, not the Greenhorn Creek which flows from the top of North Peak.

Approximately 22,000 acres of the Greenhorn Mountain, is protected by the Colorado Wilderness Act. This designation provides an atmosphere that seems virtually untouched by humans. It also has eliminated all motor vehicle traffic, limits the number of hikers during certain periods of time, and requires strict camping guidelines.

North Peak bears a flattened top and much of the peak above timberline is visible from the valley, leading many to affectionately call it Mount Baldy. The Greenhorn Trail follows the route of the Greenhorn Creek up the east side of North Peak and over

its 'bald' top to the Blue Lakes. North Peak is called many other names including 'Turtleback Mountain.'

Between Greenhorn and North Peak, at least two other lower peaks stand out on clear days and depending on your vantage point. There are actually three peaks called 'Baldy': North Baldy (North Peak), Middle Baldy and South Baldy with Middle Baldy being the furthest west and blocked by the other peaks from most angles.

St. Charles Peak is northwest of San Isabel and can be reached by the St. Charles Trail. Deer Peak is almost directly west of St. Charles Peak and has very limited to no access.



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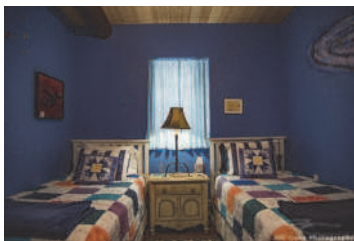


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The 18 hole Hollydot Golf Course which celebrated its grand opening in May of 1973 is nestled in the Greenhorn Valley with the beautiful Greenhorn Mountains towering majestically as a background for the golf course located just 20 minutes south of Pueblo in Colorado City.

The Par 71 course has five different tee-off spots: Gold(6854 yards), Blue(6443 yards), White(6,000 yards), Red(5,000 yards), and Orange for Seniors (5,500 yards). The white was recently lengthened and the red was shortened slightly.

Phillip Spicer, Head Pro at the golf course, has been at Hollydot Golf Course for nine years. Phillip offers lessons for all ages and experience levels.

Hollydot Golf Course is very well run, well laid out, and the weather seems to be unusually cooperative. The course hosts tournaments throughout the season with local teams, as well as many from Pueblo and other surrounding communities. The rates are very affordable, with junior, family and senior rates available.

The COVID restrictions are pretty much a thing of the past. Tee-times are still suggested so that you don't have to wait. Call 719-676-3341 to get a spot. Just showing up is certainly okay also.

The no loitering rule has gone by the wayside. In fact Spicer encourages loitering. Visit with your golfing buddies or head into the Round Table for a bite to eat or something to quench your thirst.

If you want a separate cart you can sure have one but it is acceptable to ride together again.

It is now possible to grab the flag and tote it around while you and your golfing partners finish up the hole. Of course, cleanliness is always a priority.

The Hollydot Pro Shop is filled with top notch golfing apparel and equipment to choose from. Just right for a gift if you have a golf enthusiast.

The Round Table Sports Grill allows diners a choice of the cool air conditioned bar and restaurant or dining alfresco on the patio with a full view of the Greenhorn Mountains. Don't miss this relaxing experience.

You'll enjoy the interesting mix of small town locals and golfers who travel from far and wide to play at Hollydot Golf Course. Helping keep



Hollydot in top shape are the Friends of Hollydot, a non-profit volunteer organization that helps in a myriad of ways from painting, to picking up, cleaning, and just fulfilling their mission statement which is "to promote, support, and enhance the golf experience for the benefit of the community."

Hollydot History

The first nine holes of the Hollydot Golf Course were completed in 1961.

Holland and Clyde Young designed the course and Ron Higgins built it. The course name is a combination of the owners of the land the course was built on: Holland and Dorothy

Duell's first names: Holly and Dot. The West nine holes opened in 1965 and the clubhouse was built in the winter of 1966 to 1967. Eventually the course grew to 27 holes. The official Grand Opening was held in 1973

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The RCCSC is a large group of hard working, dedicated, friendly, family oriented people who enjoy the outdoors. They meet up weekly to challenge their skills by participating in the gymkhana's.

The events vary from barrel racing, pole pending, stake races, keyhole, stake, and flag races. They offer year end awards and a banquet. May 25th is the START date for the Gymkhana season!! Each Tuesday evening after that get registered before the 6:30 pm start time. Membership & Liability forms must be signed & dated. (www.rccsaddleclub.com)

The Saddle Club's Team Sorting begins May 28 and will run through August at the arena in Colorado City.

The club also organizes some trail rides and they participate in the State Fair parade.

To join in on the fun and for scheduling changes see rccsaddleclub.com.

The Rye Colorado City Saddle Club, according to records, started in the early 1960's with the main focus of the Club to be a family fun event where people can get together with friends and neighbors who share an interest in horses. This club didn't invent Gymkhana but they do know how to run the patterns and can be quite competitive all while having fun. The events do teach a variety of skills for every age. To the casual observer it may appear to them that the rider just 'sits' on the horse and the horse just runs off on its own. The non-horse person has no idea the challenges and skills that it takes to do this. They are athletes, both horse and rider. The skills to handle, control, teach/train the horse to maneuver a course is not easy. A non-

horseperson doesn't understand the enjoyment, the intense physical workouts and the mental training it takes to work with a horse. You have to work as a team.

Physical attributes: riding helps develop balance, improves coordination and motor function. You train and strengthen all your muscles, riding provides joint mobility, improves circulation etc. You learn patience and self-discipline all the while increasing your confidence. If you don't think it is exercise, then read this part. At a walk, you burn calories at the rate of five calories per minute, up the intensity and you will burn that much more.

You are always learning new things about your horse which then leads to doing more with them. The end result is this, you

Colorado City Parks & Recreation



Colorado City Parks and Recreation has a lot to offer for summer 2021.

The pool opens on Tuesday, June 8, and open swim is 12:30 to 4:30 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday, and Monday 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. The cost is just \$4.00 per person, with punch passes of 12/\$40 available as well. Children under two years of age swim free. There will be swim lesson sessions throughout the summer, and lap swimming Monday through Friday, 7-8:00 a.m., and Areobics Monday through Friday 8-9:00 a.m.

The swimming pool, as well as the nearby recreation center, is available to rent for pool parties and celebrations by calling 719-676-3059.

The new pavilion at

Greenhorn Meadows Park features 14 covered picnic tables, lighting and electricity. It is available to all and can be reserved for special occasions. Play baseball, kickball, soccer, frisbee or just enjoy the beautiful grass at the ball fields. Play on the playground (12 and under), enjoy a pickup game on the basketball courts, picnic at the many tables in the park; take a walk along the creek.

Cross the creek into Greenhorn Meadows Campground. The campground has 15 RV sites with electricity and numerous tent sites, city water, full shower and bathroom facilities, a gazebo and a cave if you can find it! The campground now offers Wireless Internet access for visitors.

Walk around Lake Beckwith or stop and fish the lake (stocked by the DOW), launch your boat (no gas motors allowed), have a picnic.

There are numerous shady spots to enjoy, and ample parking on the west and east side of the lake.

Locals make use of Lake Beckwith for moonlight paddle-boarding or kayaking excursions throughout the summer on warm moon-lit evenings.

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The Gorge is located on the east side of Interstate Highway 25 at exit 71 south of Colorado City. There is signage indicating you are close to the entrance. At the sign turn north proceeding .3 mile on frontage road then turn east through barbed wire fence opening. The road is not maintained so beware of pot holes and ditches. At .3 mile the road will fork. Take the fork on right and follow it for about .6 mile. It will come near the edge of gorge and you will reach a connecting dirt road (well traveled) that goes to right for .2 mile. Turn right and

park. Walk a hundred yards south towards gorge and you will see the remains of a gazebo built in the thirties situated on the very edge overlooking the gorge.

The view is awesome and breathtaking. It gives you pause to ponder Mother earth's magical spirits that are present.

The Graneros Gorge is documented as a prehistoric site (Bellwood site AD 395-505, Wikipedia) and also listed in the Pre-Historic Site List in Colorado.

Discoveries by archaeological digs indicate early indigenous inhabitants were of the "woodland and plains culture" and frequented there before 1250 AD (Prof Arnold Withers of Denver). There is speculation that the skeletal remains of the great Comanche Chief Cuerno Verde (Greenhorn) may have possibly been unearthed in what is believed to be an old Indian burial ground. Documented verification is ongoing. The site has more than likely been visited by

Ute, Kiowa, Apache, Comanche and various military expeditions both Spanish and American over the centuries.

Also for the delight of visitors, there is an abundance of wildlife. Depending on the season and human traffic you may be fortunate to encounter antelope, deer, bear, squirrel, chipmunk, lizards, snake, bobcat, mountain lion, hawk, falcon, eagle both Bald and Golden. The cliff edge is ideal for the vulture and bird of prey to draft on air currents rising from the bottom. Bring along a pair of binoculars to observe these creatures riding the winds.

Be aware that all birds of prey are protected by state and federal laws with stiff penalties for disturbing them. Fire arms are prohibited!

When exploring the rim of gorge use caution, there are loose rocks and boulders and falls have occurred. Take your time. Also there are plenty of cacti: Prickly Pear, Ball, Cholla, and spiked yucca.



Boots are recommended.

As you weave and wander among the rocks you are bound to come across ancient dwarfed Cedar Trees hugging crevasses or hanging precariously between giant sandstone boulders about to tip into the gorge. You can almost see the eons of weather on their solidified lichen

crusted trunks.

Hiking down into the gorge, however, is not recommended for it is privately owned and trespassers will be prosecuted. Parks and Recreation advises you not to litter and to take all trash out with you when you leave.

Enjoy the view, photographs won't do it justice!



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The Nature and Wildlife Discovery Center



In 2018, the Mountain Park Environmental Center operating Pueblo Mountain Park in Beulah and the Nature and Raptor Center of Pueblo operating the Nature

Center in Pueblo merged to form a new nonprofit environmental organization serving all of Pueblo County, the Nature & Wildlife Discovery Center. The organization

Park Road in Beulah. In 1920, Arthur Carhart wanted to find a place where people from Pueblo could escape the summer heat, and the idea for the Mountain Park was born. Over seven miles of hiking trails are on the park grounds, and two of those trails lead directly into the San Isabel National Forest. Those trails are rated easy to moderate.

The Horseshoe Lodge was built in the 611-acre park in 1938. Renovated into an eco-lodge in 2012, the facility now consists of 11 indi-

vidual Bed and Breakfast style rooms, each with an individual theme and some with their own fireplaces. Prices vary somewhat but are very affordable. In addition, two dormitory style rooms sleep 30 each. The lodge covers over 18,000 sq. feet and features a commercial kitchen and a 100-person dining room. One classroom inside the lodge and the historic WPA-era stone Pavilion 100 yards away are used for educational programs and local gatherings. NWDC's River Campus and Raptor Center are located at 5200 Nature Center Road in Pueblo. The nature center area was founded in 1979 and added on its raptor rehabilitation program in 1981. The area boasts a covered picnic Pavilion, a panoramic fishing deck, direct access to the paved American Bicycle Trail System, and a vast network of social trails leading visitors along the Arkansas River, all the way to Lake Pueblo State Park.


During the summer at both locations, there are guided hikes, drum circles, summer camps, raptor presentations, picnic areas, and more. In the winter, you can snowshoe, hike, fly fish, or just spend a lot of time in one of the donated rocking chairs on the Horseshoe Lodge's porch.

NWDC provides environmental education to people of all ages in Pueblo County, with a focus on school-aged children. Out of more than 1300 Pueblo 5th graders surveyed in 2017, 80% of them had never been in the moun-

tains – NWDC aims to change that.

One of the new programs at NWDC is Earthkeeper Nature School, an entirely outdoor preschool and kindergarten founded in 2018 for kids ages 3-7; it is the first licensed nature school in Colorado. NWDC's newest program is its Grow Wild Forest Club, a Friday program launched in 2020 for kids in K-5th grade to experience nature in a safe, structured setting. Since June of 2018, Patty Kester has served as the Executive Director of NWDC. Kester has taken an active role in keeping the organization afloat during the COVID-19 pandemic, working with her staff to come up with new and unique programs and events to serve the public and fulfill the organization's mission, to promote environmental stewardship and community health through nature education, wildlife rehabilitation, and outdoor recreation. The nonprofit raises money from private donors, grants, fundraisers, and by renting out their facilities to the public for birthdays, weddings, corporate meetings, school overnights, group retreats, family reunions, and more.

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Take a Drive on the Scenic Frontier Pathway and Taos Trail

Frontier Pathway: This old frontier zone marks the intersection of Native American, Spanish, French and American territories. First were the Utes, then the European explorers, then traders, trappers, homesteaders, ranchers, and prospectors came through and left their marks on the land. Historic buildings from mining operations, Victorian towns and long lost cattle empires line the route. And the snow-capped mountains, carpeted meadows, jagged canyons, and aspen-covered hillsides have not changed.

Most folks start the drive out of Pueblo. I usually begin at Westcliffe. From Westcliffe I take State Highway 96 east, towards Pueblo. I usually just go as far as McKenzie Junction in Hardscrabble Canyon and then turn right and take State Highway 165 to Rye and Colorado City. It's a beautiful drive through forested mountain countryside.

At Ophir Creek there's a hairpin turn in the paved road. In the middle of the turn there is a dirt road leading westward to Ophir Campground, Deer Mountain and the Greenhorn Mountain Road. Just south of Ophir Creek is Bishop's Castle. The road is excellent and, if anything, is too short. Shortly after Bishop's Castle the road passes by Lake Isabel and then leads out onto the flatter grassy slopes of Rye and then down the Greenhorn Canyon to Colorado City and the I-25.

The drive from Pueblo to Wetmore takes you out of the high plains climate zone and into the low montane zone. This is seen by the effects of the increase in precipitation: the grasses and cacti give way to the junipers and pinons of the foothills. There are several ranches along the way that qualify as Centennial Ranches: they've been held by the same family for over 100 years. When they look like this, it's easy to see why the original homesteader's descendants have not

moved on.

Take a look at: Wetmore to McKenzie Junction and McKenzie Junction to Colorado City. Then there's the section of road from McKenzie Junction to Westcliffe and that gorgeous stretch from Westcliffe to Gardner.

The Taos Trail broke into three separate routes as it approached Colorado on the way to Santa Fe. All of the routes followed ancient hunting, trading and Indian raiding trails, but they were distinctly different and all presented unique challenges.

The shortest route (and, due to Indian attacks, the most dangerous) cut southwest through Kansas, into the Cimarron Valley, and crossed the northwest corner of Oklahoma into New Mexico. The Mountain Branch followed the Arkansas River west to Bent's Fort and onto La Junta Colorado, then southwest across the grasslands to Trinidad over Raton Pass into New Mexico.

The Western Branch of the Santa Fe Trail was most commonly called the Taos Trail. It followed the Arkansas River further west to its confluence with Fountain Creek in Pueblo. The trail headed south across the St. Charles river into the Greenhorn Valley. After crossing the Greenhorn River it continued south to the Huerfano River at Badito, west up Oak Creek through the Sangre de Cristo Mountains by a pass of the same name and to Santa Fe by way of Taos.

The Taos Trail also was called the War Road and the Huerfano River Trail. Historic records indicate it led native tribes, traders, trappers, the Spaniards, French, settlers and eventually a stage route through the Greenhorn Valley.

The actual location of historic trails and sites are extremely difficult to prove. Early travelers would attempt to take the easiest route depending on the weather conditions and other factors. Although remnants such

as wagon ruts and historic building remains exist at some locations, such sites have not been located in the Greenhorn Valley.

To get a feel for the Taos Trail drive south from Colorado City on State Road 181, Apache City Road. The historic Greenhorn Settlement existed at the shady spot where the Greenhorn River crosses the road.

The Taos Trail headed southwest from here toward the landmark trail marker, Badito Cone*. The Bandito Cone is just above where the trail left the river and headed west up Oak Creek. Today you must continue to Interstate 25 and travel south to the first Walsenburg Exit.

Turn right onto County Road 69 traveling northwest heading towards

Gardner. The remains of the Badito settlement are just east of Farista, about half-way between Tioga and Gardner and just south on County Road 520. The Territorial Daughters of Colorado have erected a bronze marker to commemorate the Badito Crossing on the Taos Trail.

Continue on County Road 520 south. Historic as well, it is commonly called the Yellowstone Road. Yellow stones appeared on the trail as by-products of mines in

the area and were called Piedra Amarillos or Yellow Rocks. The road travels about 15 miles to meet up with State Road 160. Turn left to return to the valley through Walsenburg.

*Several other Buttes dot the plains around the Greenhorn Mountain. The Huerfano Butte, visible to the east of Interstate 25 between Colorado City and Walsenburg was a trail marker on the Santa Fe Trail—Mountain Branch which parallels the highway at this point.



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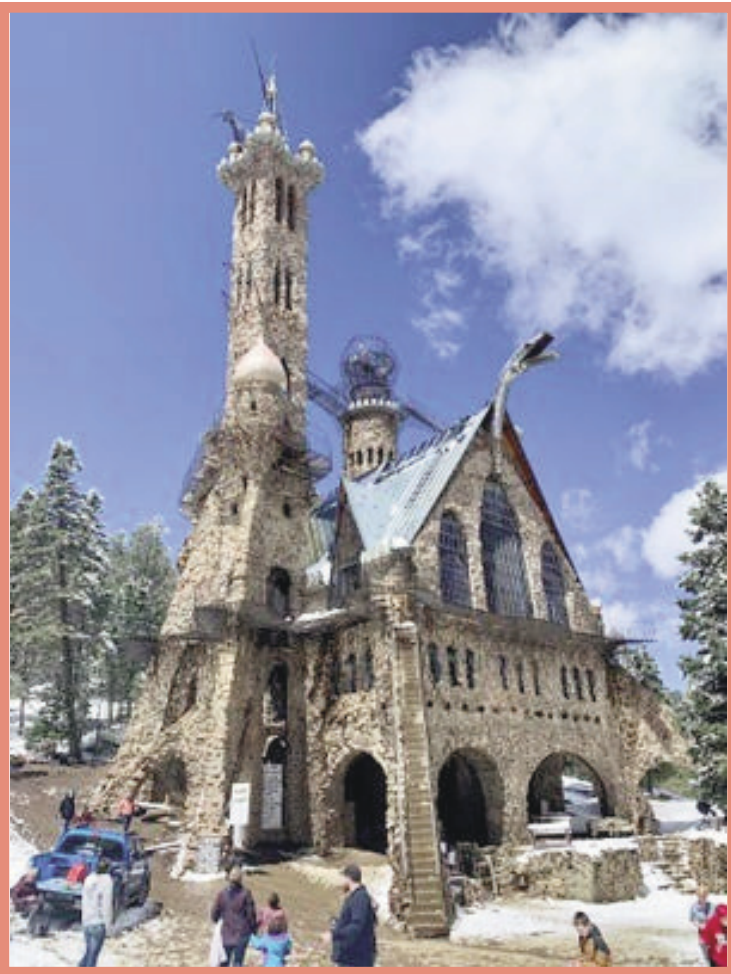


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Save Time to Tour Bishop's Castle



Sara Wilson
The Pueblo Chieftain

It's less Disney and more Tim Burton: a towering

stone castle with precariously perched turrets, winding staircases and elaborate iron walkways is nestled in the San Isabel

National Forest off Highway 165 in Rye. Bishop Castle is free to climb and explore, if you can handle the height and open construction site vibe that ignores almost all building codes. The tallest tower hovers at 160 feet, accessible via a steep iron staircase that is patched up in some parts and completely bare in others, but the reward is an uninterrupted view of the national forest. If it's windy, expect a bit of sway. No matter the weather, expect a breathtaking view and possibly some vertigo.

Jim Bishop, 77, bought the 2.5-acre parcel in 1959 for \$450. The self-described non-conformist began building the structure a decade later as a tribute to his new bride, Phoebe.

"It's for her — an immense monument to the love for a woman," Bishop said.

The all-in-one architect, engineer, builder and foreman sits by his creation most days in a folding chair by his blue Toyota Tacoma. His brown Essex Spaniel named Marley is never too far away.

The truck bed has the obvious tools of a workman, but also mementos from the castle's half-century history.

He's apt to share those photos and newspaper articles to anyone interested, and share his love for his late wife, who passed away from cancer in 2018. One photo shows Jim and Phoebe at a Pueblo East High School prom as adults because they never got a chance to go to a school dance together, him in a black tuxedo and her in a lace gown with full length teal gloves and matching teal pumps. Another is a clipping from a Pueblo Chieftain feature published about Phoebe's knack for handy work. One shows Phoebe grinning next to a deer she hunted and processed. Jim said he's never been a romantic, and yet his devotion is obvious in the memories he chooses to share about the woman he met at a Pueblo gym so long ago.

And then, of course,

there's the castle, that love manifested.

The castle is a hodge-podge of architectural elements and features with a haphazard floorplan. There's the grand ballroom with a three-story high ceiling and nearly an entire wall of Palladian windows. There's the stained glass everywhere, some decorative and others etched with the name of visitors and causes. There's even a dragon's head roosted at the very top of the castle, made of melted-down meal trays from St. Mary-Corwin Medical Center.

Bishop said he never set out with a plan for how

over the walkways that hang perpendicular to the main building. Visitors can spend a good chunk of the afternoon meandering around the property, perhaps working up the courage to climb to the top or just sticking to the lower levels.

While the site is free to access, Bishop encourages donations. He also encourages a thick skin, as it is common to hear him on an expletive-ridden rant about the government, his personal politics and the various ailments in current society.

He said he believes God has only had two successful experiments: dinosaurs



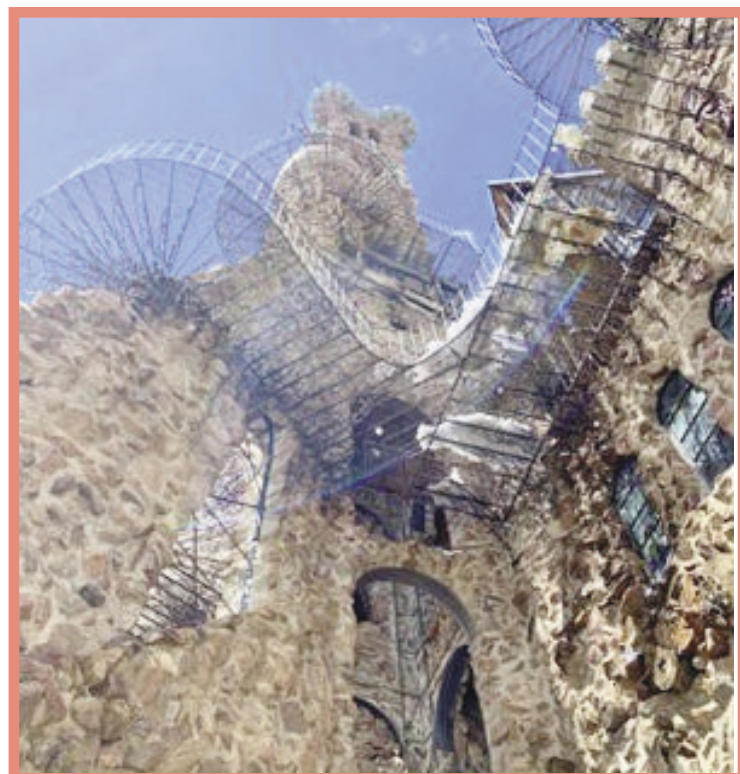
the castle would look, and just followed his instinct when placing each stone.

"I put them in one by one with my two hands," he said. "It was always right the first time. Not perfect, but right."

That philosophy is apparent. It's easy to get lost when scaling the cramped stairways and traversing

and dogs. Humans, unfortunately, didn't make the cut.

Visitors should wear closed toed shoes with good traction, especially in the months when ice can make the iron walkways slick. They should also keep in mind that they take liability if they get hurt on the site.



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The summer temperatures of this area are not typical of normal high desert lands although temperatures above 95 °F (35 °C) are not uncommon in July and August. The large variation between high and low temperatures are typical of the high desert climate. Low temperatures during winter nights can be exceedingly cold, with

several night temperatures dropping below 0 °F (-18 °C) in the winter.

Precipitation averages just above 11 inches (280 mm) of rainfall per year. The high evaporation rates on the dunes qualify the area as desert land. It does snow on the dunes as well, but snowfall is usually very short-lived in the dry and sunny climate that is common in this area of Colorado.

Excerpts from Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia



Less than two hours from Max's Place in Colorado City is the Great Sand Dunes National Park and Preserve, a United States National Park located in the San Luis Valley. The Great Sand Dunes sit on a large area of "High Desert" land just west of the Sangre De Cristo Mountains.

The park includes 44,246 acres (17,906 ha), and the preserve protects an additional 41,686 acres with the tallest sand dunes in North America, rising to a maximum height of 750 feet.

There are several streams flowing on the perimeter of the dunes. Digging a couple inches into the dunes even at their peaks reveals wet sand.

The kid in every visitor loves to sled down the sand year-round. Aside from the dunes, you'll find picnicking, hiking and camping opportunities, the challenging four-wheel scenic drive on Medano Pass, horseback-riding

trails, the mysteriously appearing and disappearing Medano Creek, ranger-led nature walks and a couple of 14,000- and 13,000-foot peaks to climb (Crestone Needle, Crestone Peak, Cleveland Peak and Mount Herard).

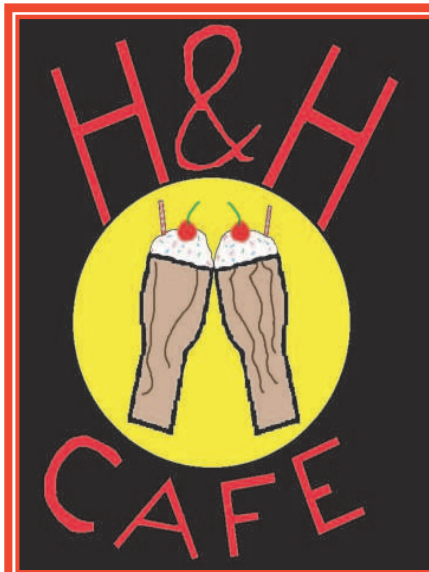
The park's elevation (8,200 feet) and rural location make it a favorite with dark-sky-loving stargazers, and park even offers special astronomy programs many evenings May-September.

For those traveling in 4WD vehicles, there are 21 campsites along Medano Pass Road within the park that are free and available on a first-come, first-served basis.

For those willing to haul their gear and everything else needed in backpacks, free backcountry permits (required) are available at the park's visitor center. You can pitch your tent anywhere in the 30-square-foot dunefield that

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drive of the park, including those at San Luis State Park.



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ROAD BASE



3/4 RIVER ROCK

IT'S OUTDOOR PROJECT TIME!

ANY SIZE LANDSCAPING PROJECT
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- PREMIUM GARDEN SOIL
- WASH SAND
- CRUSHED ASPHALT ROAD BASE
- SLAG & FILL DIRT
- ROAD GRADING
- RAILROAD TRIES - NEW & USED
- BRING A SAMPLE AND WE WILL SOURCE IT



High Country Repair