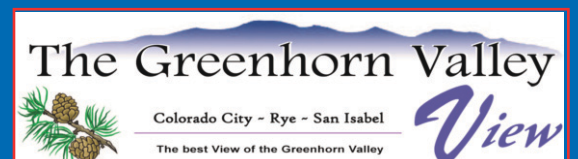


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Festivals & Fun in the Greenhorn Valley



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 9, 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.

The Colorado State Fair, takes place August 28-Sept 7, at the Pueblo State Fairgrounds.

Chile & Frijoles Festival- is September 25-27, also in Pueblo

October offers the annual Fall Festival held at the

Rye Home United Methodist Church in Rye. Lunch Menu includes grilled hamburgers and hot dogs. The event features a Bake Sale, carnival games, pumpkin decorating contest and a 4-H petting zoo. Call (719)489-2779, for the date this year

On Saturday, October 10, the 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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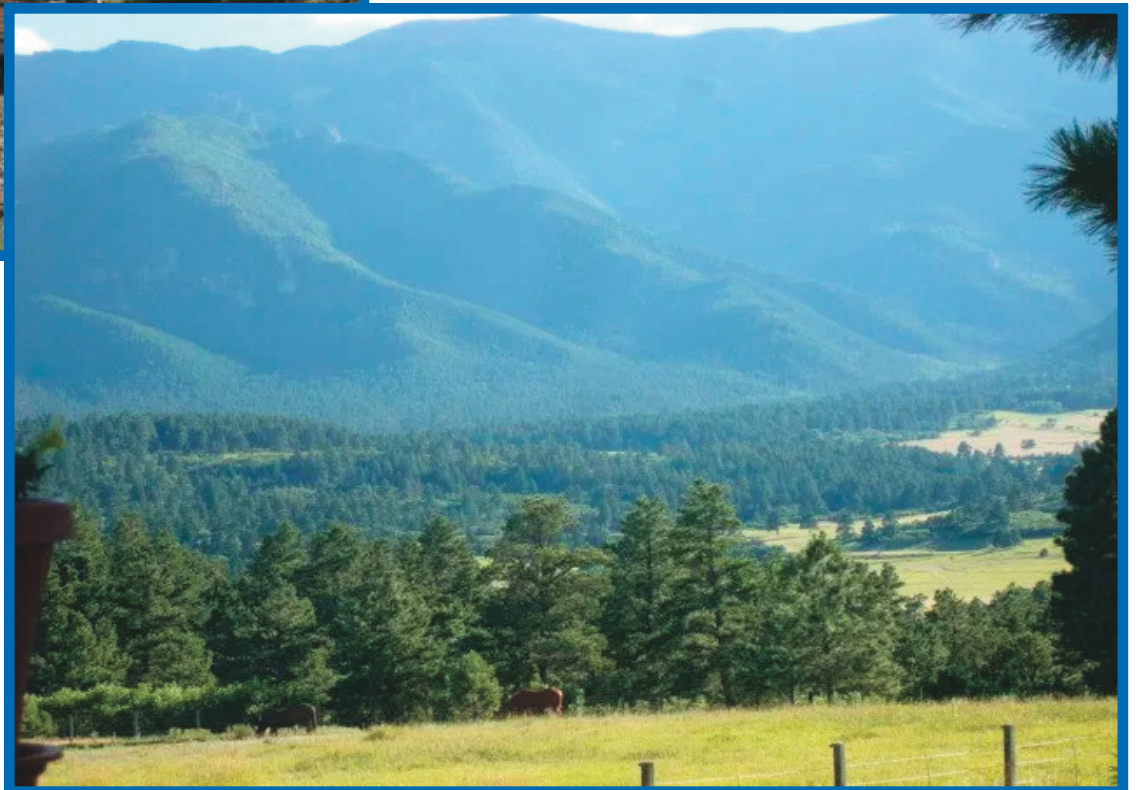
and a compost outhouse to set the mood (although you can use the house toilet if desired). This year we plan to expand on this experience by adding a large Yurt to the property. Perfect for that private getaway from the city or a little privacy for the married couple as they start their honeymoon.

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.craftsmanlodge.com or see what's new on our Facebook page.

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



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 getaway.

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.

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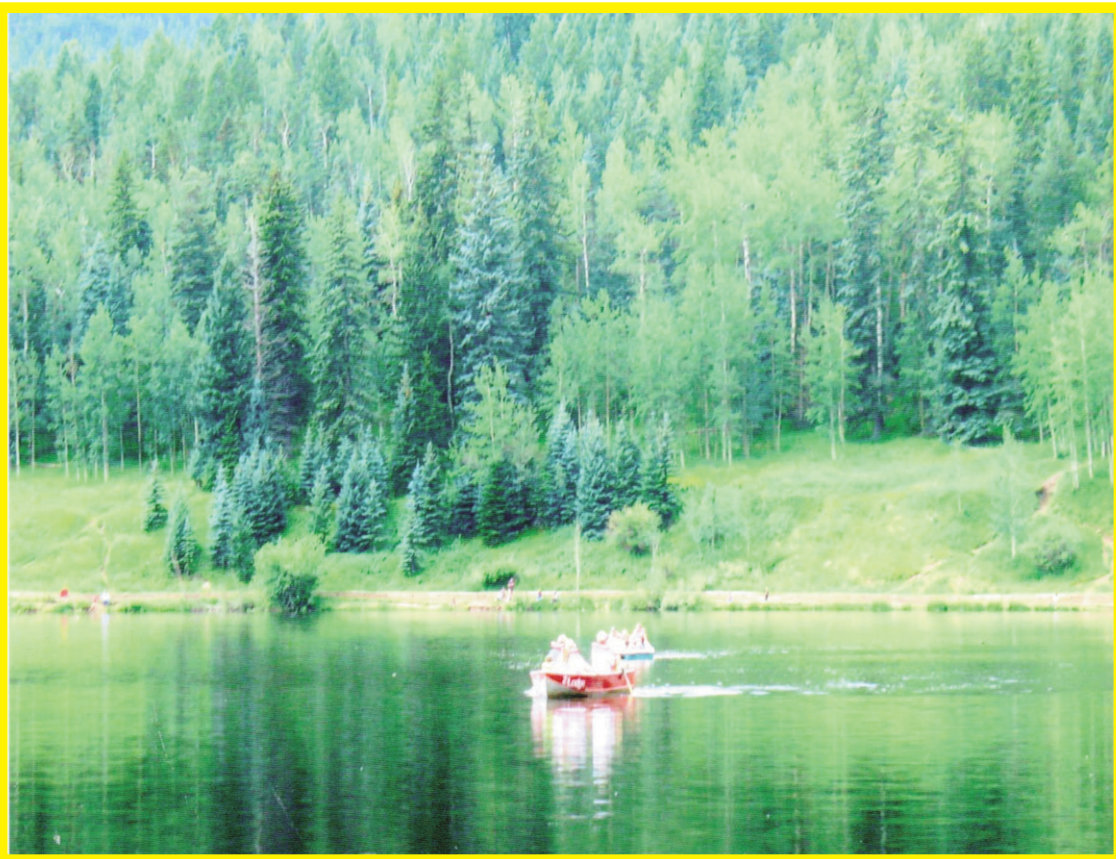
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Fishing at San Isabel Lake & Other Nearby Locations



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 fisher-

man, 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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Take a Hike in the Beautiful San Isabel National Forest



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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

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

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

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 follow the trail down the hill paralleling South Apache Creek.

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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.

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- Birth Certificates
- Social Security cards
- Drivers Licenses
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- Wills
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Know where to go for information during an emergency



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Websites

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

Emergency Alert Station

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Zubal Goat Dairy is a Way of Life



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 jalepeno, 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.

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.

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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



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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 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.

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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 co-

operative. 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.

Things are a little different right now because of the Corona Virus but golf still takes place. Until restrictions are lifted you have to call and get a tee time. (719-676-3341). You

check in at the window in the back of the pro shop within 12 minutes of your scheduled tee-time. After completing your round, no loitering, so the next golfers can hit the course.

Up to five can play and each has a separate cart unless they are living in the same household. Social distancing applies.

You don't have to touch the flag as the holes are rigged so the ball goes in but is easily gotten out. Between rounds, every cart is sanitized.

Now that doesn't mean you can't shop at the pro shop. 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. Rules allow up to four people in the pro shop at a time to look at the wonderful array of product.

This year golfers, travelers and locals can enjoy

the convenience of grabbing food to go at the Round Table Sports Grill. When restrictions lift for COVID-19, diners can choose 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 dining 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. For more info: 719-676-3341

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."

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The Lodge at San Isabel: has been a family run business where the restaurant and gift shop have been serving cus-



tomers for years. It's worth the drive to try their homemade fudge. Hwy 165, San Isabel, CO (Call 719-489-2280 for current services and hours of operation)

Max's Place: Owner John Schaiberger is proud of the fresh beef he serves which is cut locally by grocer Scott Swartwood of Valley Market. The awesome green chili and delicious breakfasts are well-known by travelers and locals. Also serving Shakes and Malts. 6675 Hwy 165, Colorado City, CO (Call 719-676-6297 for current services and hours of operation)

The Round Table Grill at the Hollydot Golf Course: offers cool outdoor seating, a view of the Greenhorn Mountains and a wonderful steak. Full menu and homemade fries too. 55 N Parkway Drive, Colorado City, CO (Call 719-676-3300 for current services and hours of operation)

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 on the patio. Hwy 165, Colorado City, CO (Call 719-676-2276 for current services

and hours of operation)

Subway

Sandwiches: Fresh and ready to go. Located in the Fastbreak Station. (Call 719-676-2214 for current services and hours of operation)

The Valley Grind:

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Viktorios Pizzeria:

has a wide variety of Italian and American menu items, with some big surprises for a small town. Join the pool tournament Friday at 7 p.m or Karako on Saturday. Bent Bros Blvd. Colorado City (Call 719-676-4455 for current services and hours of operation)

Valley Market:

Fresh Deli, Chester's Fried Chicken and Hunt Brothers Pizza- Pick up all your picnic and camping food on your way up the mountain to Lake Beckwith or San Isabel. (Call 719-676-3348 for current services and hours of operation)

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Favorite Camping Areas in the Valley



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- located about 40 miles southwest of Pueblo near Lake Isabel, the elevation is 8,800 feet. Fifteen campsites suitable for both RVs and tents. About one mile to Lake Isabel from the campground. No hookups for RVs. Ten of the campsites

are reservable and five available on a first come/first serve basis.

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. Open Memorial Day through Labor Day weekend.

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

Ophir Creek Campground-

The campground is located about 48 miles southwest of Pueblo, eight miles north of Lake Isabel, and situated along Squirrel Creek at an elevation of 8,500 feet. 31 campsites: twelve are back-in campsites suitable for small RVs. The remaining nineteen are walk-in tent sites. Many of the campsites are along Ophir Creek with nine sites located on a ridge above the creek. Some of the sites are in an open meadow while the rest are shaded by spruce and aspen trees.

This campground is a first come first serve site and there is a self registration station at the entrance of the campground. This campground is usually open Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day weekend with full service and, depending on snow conditions, is usually open through the middle of October with reduced service. Reservations are not accepted.

Hiking, fishing, bicycling, motorcycle and ATV. Fishing in Ophir creek. A short drive will take you to various trailheads. Firewood is available for a fee

From Colorado City, CO, take State Rt. 165 west 19.5 miles to campground sign. Turn left at sign onto dirt roadway and go 0.1 miles to another campground sign. Turn left at sign and go 0.3 miles to campground entrance.

Davenport Campground
Davenport campground stretches along Squirrel Creek among spruce and Aspen at an elevation of

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we're in this **together.**



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 10, 2020 beginning at 10:00 am to 3:00 pm.

Registration 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.

This year's car show will be held in Memory of LION BOB FLINN who passed away on March 27, 2020.

There will be music by a DJ, a 50/50 raffle, and door prizes every thirty minutes at this family event.

There is no admission for spectators, although donations will be accepted.

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 boxes of food for deserving families and presents for at least 100 families and providing scholarships for Rye High School students, among other projects.

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Camping

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8,500 ft. Widely spaced sites provide a spacious feeling and privacy. The camp ground is primarily for tent camping,

Hiking-Squirrel Creek Trail #1384 (foot, horse, mountain bike & dirt bike) - 4.5 miles,
 Second Mace Trail #1322 (foot, horse, mountain bike & dirt bike) - 7 miles
 Fishing-Brook trout
 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.

This is bear country; practice safe food storage techniques.

La Vista Campground
 La Vista Campground is a developed campground with the following activities: hiking, fishing, and boating. At Lake Isabel, activities include non-motorized boating and

fishing. St. Charles Creek is close to the campground and may be fished. Access to motorized and non-motorized trails including Cisneros, St. Charles, and Snowslide.

Campsites #1 through #10 are tent-only sites.

From Colorado City travel west 18 miles on state Hwy 165. Turn into the south entrance at Lake Isabel, go about 1 mile and look for the La Vista campground signs. Located in South Central Colorado 43 miles southwest

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Hiking

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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 pro-

vides 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 dominate 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 rid-

ing. 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.

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. This is a beautiful hike through a lush aspen and pine forest with great views.

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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.



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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.

Lake Beckwith is now a favorite fishing spot for locals and travelers alike. Find a shady spot on the shoreline with a beautiful mountain view for the afternoon; or fish from any nonmotorized water craft. Kayaks, sailboats, canoes and row boats are welcome.

There is also a rumor that on fullmoon nights, kayakers meet to take in the night sky and float in the bright moonlight at Lake Beckwith's easily accessible, calm waters.



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The Taos Trail



(Also known as the Santa Fe Trail—Western Branch, the War Road and the Huerfano River Trail) led native tribes, traders, trappers, the Spaniards, French, settlers and eventually a stage route through the Greenhorn Valley.

To get a feel for the Taos Trail head south from Colorado City on State Road 181, Apache City Road. The historic Greenhorn Settlement is 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 just off the road.

If time allows 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.

GPS Coordinates: Badito Cone N37.7775 and W105.0191

Huerfano Butte N37.7538 and W104.8269

Colorado City Parks and Recreation

Colorado City Parks and Recreation has a lot to offer summer travelers

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!

Walk around Lake Beckwith or stop and fish the lake (stocked by the DOW) and have a picnic.

The Colorado City swimming pool, normally opening the first week of June, is a popular spot for young and old. With aerobics, lap swimming and swim lessons for all ages, it will be greatly missed in 2020.

For more information about Colorado City Parks and Recreation call 719-676-3059, or check out their website at www.cocityparksandrec.com.



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