

## [Silver Thread Byway: South Fork, Creede & Lake City](#)

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Opportunities to survey untamed wilderness, uncover mining history and pursue some of the state's most iconic outdoor activities — including hiking, rafting and fly-fishing — make a cruise along the Silver Thread Byway a must.

Sustainability Activity

How to Give Back to These Special Places

Become a member and donate to [Hinsdale County Historical Society](#) or volunteer with the [Lake Fork Valley Conservancy](#).

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Activity

Mountain Man Rafting

Mountain Man offers guided and custom whitewater rafting trips on the Rio Grande River near Creede, South Fork and Lake City, Colorado. Mountain...

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#### Lunch

##### Ramon's Mexican Restaurant

Ramon's Mexican Restaurant serves delicious food for an authentic taste of Mexico! Come experience our fresh-prepared burritos, fajitas, tacos,...

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#### Activity

##### Twin Pine Motor Sports, Inc.

Twin Pine Motor Sports is ready for the summer season in beautiful South Fork, Colorado! We have all the new and exciting Arctic Cat ATVS and...

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#### Dinner

##### Rio Grande Club and Resort

Southern Colorado's premier golf and fly-fishing destination resort. The culinary experience at the Rio Grande Club & Resort is paralleled by its...

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## Activity

### Wolf Creek Anglers

We are your catch and release guiding connection for Southwestern CO, specializing in the Rio Grande, San Juan River, private and other...

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## Lodging

### Arbor House Inn Bed & Breakfast on the River

Riverside setting. 5 lux. guest rooms: pvt. bath, TV/DVD, micro., fridge, WIFI, coffee, robes. Honeymoon suite: candelabra fireplace, spa tub...

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## Breakfast

### Cafe Ole

Fresh-baked pastries and light breakfast, sandwiches, soups and salads for lunch.

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#### Activity

##### Wheeler Geologic Area

One of the most astounding geologic sites in Colorado, the area is accessed by hiking a 7-mile trail or driving a 14-mile 4WD road. The 640 acre...

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#### Lunch

##### Arp's

Domestic and international comfort food. Full bar. Dine in. Take out. Catering. Eat at Arp's!

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#### Activity

##### Hike Weminuche Trail

The Weminuche trail is 5.5 miles long. It begins at 30 Mile Campground and ends at Weminuche Pass/San Juan National Forest Trail 564. The trail is well defined and easy to follow.



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#### Dinner

##### Antlers Rio Grande Lodge & Riverside Restaurant

An old-fashioned American vacation destination with modern riverside cabins, rooms, RVs, private fishing and riverside dining.

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#### Activity

##### North and South Clear Creek Falls

This Overlook facility is situated as a stop on the Silverthread Scenic Byway right along State Highway 149. It offers a new restroom, picnic tables, ample paved parking for even larger vehicles, trails to the overlook, safety railings, and interpretive signs. Open year around but usually snowed in between December and April. It is not plowed after heavy snows seal it down, but becomes a snowmobile trail stop.

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#### Breakfast

##### Lake City Bakery

The Bakery sits in the San Juan Mountains. We are going on our 29th summer It's in a small town with beautiful views. Everything is baked fresh...

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#### Activity

##### The Sportsman Outdoors & Fly Shop

Everything for the fly fishing trip of a lifetime-experienced guides and custom planning for beginner to advanced anglers! Half-, full-, and multi...

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##### Insider's Tip

##### Kayak Lake San Cristobol

Get rentals and tips on where to go from the friendly folks at Sportsman Outdoors before heading out!

#### Lunch

##### Climb Elevated Eatery

Elevated comfort food and craft cocktails served with attentive, friendly service.

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#### Activity

##### Hike Williams Creek

Quick, short hike or not-so-quick long hike — Williams Creek is one of those something-for-everyone trails for hikers and horseback riders alike. For those with limited time, a trek of about 1.5 miles to a talus slope provides a great, micro-escape into the magical San Juans of Hinsdale County.



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#### Dinner

##### Packer Saloon & Cannibal Grill

Serving food from 11am to 9pm every day. A very relaxing and fun place! Come join us!

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#### Activity

##### Lake City Ghost Tour

During the Summer months several tours are held to educate the public on the history of our community. All are walking tours and begin at the Museum...

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Lodging  
Matterhorn Motel

Excellent online reviews. Open 365 days a year! Located in the downtown National Historic District, off the main Hiway tucked up against the...

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Breakfast  
Sportsman's BBQ Station & Backyard

The Sportsman's BBQ Station and the Backyard offers great Texas BBQ ☐as well as have the only outdoor live music event venue dubbed The Backyard, ☐in...

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Activity  
Hike Powderhorn Lakes Trail

This trail leads to both Lower and Upper Powderhorn Lakes. The trail climbs through a Spruce forest to a large meadow at 11,700 ft. The meadow contains a wide variety of wild flowers and, from the northern rim, offers good views to the north.



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Lunch  
Silver Slice Pizza

Determined, hard-working, creative cooks and friendly waiting staff, we all welcome you every moment when you feel hungry!

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Activity  
Lake City Auto and Sports Center

Come play in our Rocky Mountain paradise! We rent snowmobiles, ATVs and Jeeps.

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Insider's Tip  
Rent an ATV at Lake City Auto Sports Center

Get directions from the crew and head to Schafer Gulch/Hurricane Basin for stunning San Juan mountain vistas.

Dinner  
Lake City Brewing Company  
Lake City's first new brewery in over 130 years! Craft beer brewed right here in Lake City. Wine and cocktails also available. Dig into some pub grub...

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#### Activity

##### Mountaineer Theatre

Over the years our theatre has been a staple to our family, the members to the Lake City, and everyone passing through. We continue to provide...

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#### Lodging

##### Pleasant View Resort

Modern Mountain Housekeeping Cabins. Magnificent scenery, fishing, 14ers, trails and a small Victorian town. Queen beds, kitchens, cable TV/WiFi,...

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#### Breakfast

##### Lake City Bakery

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## Activity

### Visit Deer Lakes

Most visitors to this campground come for great fishing in a beautiful location. Hikers, backpackers and equestrians will enjoy the trails of the La Garita and Powderhorn Wilderness Areas located southeast and northeast (respectively) of this site.



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## Lunch

### Lake City Cafe

Our menu is a mix of southern style. We have a little something for everyone.

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## Activity

### Hinsdale County Museum

The Hinsdale County Historical Society was established in October 1973 and opened its first museum in the Finley Block in July 1975. The building...

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Dinner  
Lake City Cafe

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Activity  
Stargaze at Big Blue Campground

A real jewel of a secluded campground overlooking a picturesque valley adjacent to the Uncompahgre Wilderness.



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Lodging  
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