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Just a few days in Chaffee County will leave you longing to come back again and again. Explore Salida, Monarch, Nathrop and Buena Vista over three days.

Sustainability Activity
Give Back

[Guidestone Colorado](#) is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization growing a vibrant agricultural future through education, community building and partnerships.

Day
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Activity

Monarch Dog Sled Rides

We offer thrilling dog sled rides through the beautiful San Isabel National Forest. Tours can last from 1.25 hours to 3 hours. Come learn about...

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Lunch

Sweetie's Sandwich Shop

Hot and cold sandwiches, salads, seasonal soups, sweets, soft serve and more.

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Activity

Riveting Experience Jewelry

Design and wine, make your own jewelry studio. Come join us as we share our passion for making beautiful things by hand. Explore the many...

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Dinner

High Side Bar & Grill

Atmosphere and good eats. Nothing more to say, except the view of the river will keep you coming back!

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Activity

Salida Creative District

Arkansas-Riverside Salida was named one of Outside Magazine's Top 10 Best Small Towns in 2009, and since then it's become even better! Its...

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Lodging

Amigo Motor Lodge

A newly renovated boutique motel with 60-year-old bones. Modern furnishings meet minimalist design to create a space that is friendly, casual and...

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Day

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Breakfast

The Patio Pancake Place

The Patio Pancake Place strives to deliver the best in wholesome breakfast and lunch fare.

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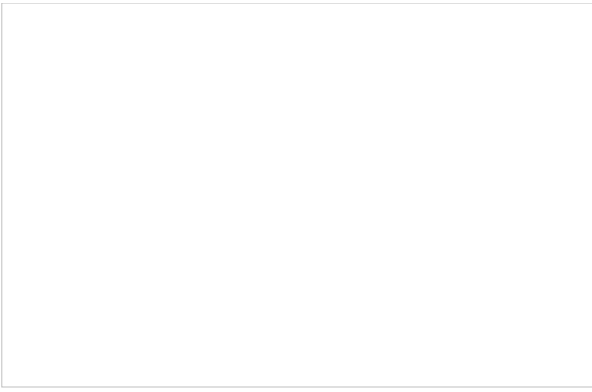
Activity

Monarch Mountain

Abundant natural snow, great terrain and an easy-going, friendly vibe. Monarch is perfect for families; all runs flow back to a single base lodge...

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Lunch

Sidewinder Saloon

The Sidewinder Saloon at Monarch Mountain features full-service sitdown dining, locally crafted beer and spirits, and a full menu. We are famous for...

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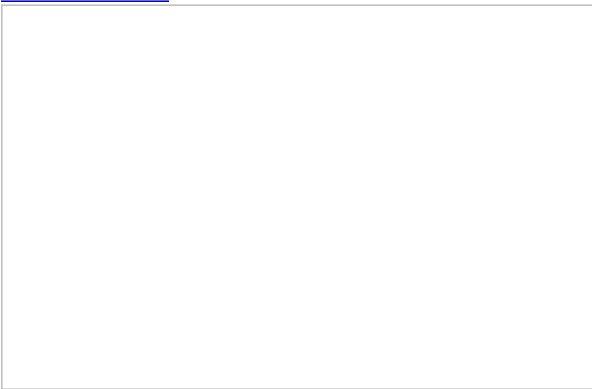
Activity

St. Elmo Ghost Town

It is said that St. Elmo's population rode the last train out of town and never came back.

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Dinner

Mary Murphy Steak House

The chalk cliffs overlooking hot springs and a creek will provide you with an ambience for fine dining. The Mary Murphy Steakhouse will wow you, for...

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Activity

Mount Princeton Hot Springs Resort

Enjoy a touch of luxury in these modern cozy log cabins. Rustic at heart, each cabin houses either a 1 or 2 bedroom layout, a loft with 2 queen...

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Day

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Breakfast

Robin's

Robin's is one of the county's newer restaurants. Within the first month they had a following, with good reason!

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Itinerary Tip

Hit the Road

Drive a half-hour south to Buena Vista for the next leg of your adventure. Fun Fact: Locals call Buena Vista "BV."

Activity

Rocky Mountain Adventure Rentals: Cottonwood Pass Snowmobile Tours

ATV/UTV/RZR, side-by-side, snowmobile, Polaris Slingshot and motorcycle rentals in Buena Vista, Colorado. Take a guided tour or a self-guided tour...

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Lunch

K's Dairy Delite

Burgers, soft-serve ice cream and just plain fun! Try the Troublemaker Combo with bacon.

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Activity

Buena Vista Hike

Buena Vista is Spanish for "good view," and it offers year-round hiking access. Check out one of the many epic trails around town.

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Dinner

Sorelle Delicatessen

We are an Italian inspired delicatessen featuring all-natural meats and cheeses along with many house made specialties!

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Activity

Peak Fitness

Peak Fitness does day passes! Try out their rock climbing wall or use their gym. City amenities without the crowds.

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Lodging

Surf Hotel & Chateau

Welcome to the Surf Hotel, a boutique hotel in the adventure town of Buena Vista. Inspired by the understated elegance of European hospitality and...

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