



Silver Thread Byway: South Fork, Creede & Lake City

5 days

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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](#).

Insider's Tip

The Reel Deal:

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The [Colorado Parks & Wildlife fishing app](#) can help you discover 1,300 fishing locations, check conditions and regulations and more. Search CPW Fishing in the Apple App Store and on Google Play.

Day 1

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 Man is still the ONLY guided rafting company on...

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, burgers and more specialties!

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 Side-by-sides in stock. We also have our rental...

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 awe-inspiring surroundings.

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 surrounding waters. Our local guides are experts on these...

LODGING

Arbor House Inn Bed & Breakfast on the River

Award-winning inn, riverside setting. 5 luxurious guest rooms: pvt. bath, sat. TV/DVD, microwave, fridge, WIFI, coffee, robes. Honeymoon suite: candelabra fireplace, spa tub. Outdoor hot tub,...

Day 2

BREAKFAST

Cafe Ole

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

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 area is filled with ghostly spires and flowing...

COTREX

[Map the Trail](#)

LUNCH

Arp's

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

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.

Recommended Duration: 4 hours

COTREX

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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.

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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Day 3

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 everyday.

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-day trips. We cover lots of water?from the...

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

Comfort food and creative cocktails served with attentive, friendly service.

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.

COTREX

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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!

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. All tours are individually unique and of...

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 mountain. Quiet, squeaky clean, renovated historic...

Day 4

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 Lake City, Colorado. Stop by for some live...

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.

COTREX

[Map the Trail](#)

LUNCH

Bruno's Restaurant and Grill

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

ACTIVITY

Lake City Auto and Sports Center

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

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

Alpine Moose Lodge

The Alpine Moose Lodge is located above the town of Lake City, Colorado, boasting the best views and has easy access to all its amenities including shopping, recreation activities and more! This...

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 memories and entertainment for locals and visitors who...

LODGING

Pleasant View Resort

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

Day 5

BREAKFAST

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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.

COTREX

[Map the Trail](#)

LUNCH

Lake City Cafe

Our menu is a mix of Southern Style. We have a little something for everyone.

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 seen here was leased at that time, but...

DINNER

Poker Alice Pizza

We are a restaurant in the summer resort town of Lake City. We are only open from June through September.

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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