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This resource is a joint project of La Veta Trails, La Veta Library and Town of La Veta.

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VISITOR INFORMATION LOCATIONS

La Veta

La Veta Library
10 S. Main St., La Veta, CO 81055
(719) 742-3572
www.lvpl.org
Monday-Wednesday 10:00am-8:30pm
Tuesday, Thursday-Saturday 10:00am-5:30pm

Paradise Coffee
305 S. Main St. La Veta
Open Daily 7:00am-4:00pm

The Signature Newspaper
124 No. Main St., La Veta

Cuchara

The Cuchara Center for Nature, History and Information. Use the side entrance to the Cuchara Inn, 73 Cuchara Ave. East and down the steps from The Barnyard Ice Cream Shoppe.

Walsenburg

Huerfano County Welcome Center
400 Main St., Walsenburg, CO 81089

Located at The Depot, a historic train depot.

Web-sites

La Veta/Cuchara Chamber of Commerce
www.lavetacucharachamber.com

Spanish Peaks Country Tourism
www.spanishpeakscountry.com

ACTIVITIES FOR CHILDREN AND TEENS

4-H Club

4-H began a century ago as an educational program for the nation's rural youth. Today, 4-H meets the needs of and engages young people in positive youth development experiences. These experiences are based on the idea that young people should be regarded as resources to be developed. 2010 marks the state centennial of 4-H in Colorado and a renewed commitment to helping shape youth and communities. In looking to the next century, 4-H develops its programs and continues its motto of "Making the Best Better." The club in La Veta is Snowy Range 4-H.

Aug 5-9 - Huerfano County 4-H Fair and Rodeos

Art Classes

SPACe Gallery

32 W Ryus Ave, La Veta, CO 81055
(719) 742-3074 www.spcearts.org

June 22, 24, 26 Teen Art Workshop - 9:00am-Noon. The Spanish Peaks Arts Council is introducing a new opportunity for young adults to explore three different art media—Watercolor, Sculpture, and Artful Masks. La Veta artists Kathy Hill, Robert Buckner and Kristina Adams will be the instructors. All materials will be provided, for a \$45 fee per student. This is for all three days. Students must be either Middle School or High School students. For more information contact SPACe, 719 742-3074 or Paula Berg at 719 742-3565/303 475-1109.

July 6-10 The 2015 Children's Art Workshop - 9:00am-Noon. Children between Kindergarten and 7th Grade. We are excited to have top quality artists to teach and help students complete a project in pottery, tile art, folk art, painting, pencil drawing, fabric art, acrylic, jewelry, music and art in nature. By the end of the week, the children will have finished ten different art projects. The youngest children must have completed Kindergarten and the oldest, 7th grade. There will be a show of the children's artwork at 2 pm Friday, July 10. All snacks and materials are included. Limited scholarships are available. The fees are \$55 for the first child, \$45 for additional siblings.

La Veta School for the Arts

105 West Ryus Avenue, La Veta, CO 81055

To pre-register, call (719) 742-3083. All course are \$15. Anyone who pre-registers will receive a \$5 discount.

Fridays for Fun: Art for the Young Human Being

June 12 Found Object Art, ages 8+
June 19 Clay for All, two age groups
June 26 Collage, all ages
July 3 Painting with Tools, all ages
July 17 Batik Basics, ages 8+
July 24 Steampunk Art, ages 8+
July 31 Paint Yourself, all ages
Aug 7 Color with Taste, all ages
Aug 14 Sculpture, all ages

Horseback Riding

Yellow Pine Ranch

15880 US Highway 12, Cuchara, CO 81055

(719) 742-3528 www.yellowpine.us

Reservations required. Horseback trail rides provide a relaxing tour of the ranch pastures, streams, and forest during the summer months to adults and children ages 7 years and up.

Summer Reading

La Veta Library Summer Reading Program
310 Main St., La Veta, CO 81055
(719) 742-3572 www.lvpl.org

Every Hero has a Story is the theme for the Summer Reading Program for all children ages 6 to 10 years.

June 9, 1:00-2:30	July 7, 1:00-2:30
June 16, 1:00-2:30	July 14, 1:00-2:30
June 23, 1:00-2:30	July 21, 1:00-2:30
June 30, 1:00-2:30	July 28, 1:00-2:30

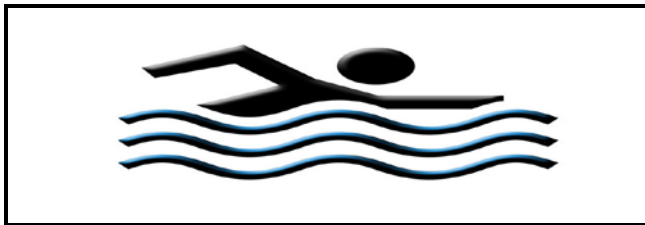
Miniature Golf

Bear's Den Miniature Golf
75 Cuchara Ave. E., Cuchara, CO 81055
(719)742-3107
Open May 10-Oct 12 Hours: 11:00-6:00

Swimming

Lathrop State Park
70 County Road 502, Walsenburg, CO 81089
(719) 738-2376
<http://cpw.state.co.us/placestogo/parks/Lathrop>
Park Hours: 5:00-10:00pm
Office Hours: 8:00am-4:00pm
Directions: Highway 160 across from Spanish Peaks Regional Hospital.

Martin Lake swim beach is open from mid-May to Labor Day weekend. New to the swim beach area is a large paved parking lot, concrete walks, picnic tables close to the water, a drinking fountain, beach shower, and a lap lane.



Water Park

Wild Waters Park
700 West 7th St., Walsenburg, CO 81089
719-738-2628
www.cityofwalsenburg.com/waterpark

Season: Memorial Day to Labor Day
Hours: Monday, Friday and Saturday 10:00am-7:00pm
Sunday 10:00am-4:30pm
Admission: age 5 and up \$6 No Discounts. No refunds or rain-checks will be issued. Park staff may choose to close the park early, or not open at all depending on weather conditions. Call ahead.

ART CLASSES

La Veta School for the Arts
105 West Ryus Avenue, La Veta, CO 81055
(719) 742-3421 www.thelvsa.org

May 11-15 Experimental Drawing/Painting Workshop
May 18-22 Experimental Drawing/Painting Workshop
June 26-28 Traditional Drawing
Jul 10-12 Experimental Drawing/Painting Weekend
Jul 18-19 Landscapes In Metal Clay
Aug 1-2 Life Drawing
Aug 3-7 Sculpting The Portrait
Aug 14-16 Traditional Painting With Acrylics Or Oil
Sep 8-12 Experimental Drawing/Painting Workshop
Sep 14-18 Experimental Drawing/Painting Workshop
Oct 10-11 Art Welding

Shalawalla Gallery
115 W. Ryus Ave., La Veta, CO 81055
(719) 742-3453
www.jonathanevans-batikart.com
www.batikartbybeth.com

Beth and Jonathan offer batik classes. Call for a schedule.

BICYCLING IN THE SPANISH PEAKS

Colorado Bike Law

www.colobikelaw.com

Maps and Information

San Isabel National Forest
Local Work Center Office
103 E. Field St., La Veta,, CO 81055
Jeffer Wingate, Forest Ranger (719) 742-3681

Lathrop State Park Visitor's Center
70 County Road 502
Walsenburg, Co 81089
(719) 738-2376
<http://cpw.state.co.us/placestogo/Parks/lathrop>

<https://www.codot.gov/programs/bikeped/information-for-bicyclists/colorado-bicycling-maps>

Bike Lending

La Veta Library
310 S. Main St., La Veta, CO 81055
(719) 742-3572 www.lvpl.org
Hours: Monday-Wednesday 10:00am-8:30pm
Tuesday, Thursday-Saturday 10:00am-5:30pm

BICYCLING IN THE SPANISH PEAKS CONT'D



CO Highway 12, the Highway of Legends, is a designated bicycle route. Please Share the Road.

Paved Routes on Public Roads

Source: Spanish Peaks Cycling.

La Veta to Cuchara Pass (South on CO Hwy 12)

Distance: 35 miles round-trip
Elevation at Trailhead: 7,013
Elevation at Summit: 9,945 Elevation Gain: 2,932
Route Description: From La Veta ride south on CO Hwy 12 to Cuchara Pass.

La Veta to La Veta Pass (West on US Hwy 160)

Distance: 27 miles round-trip
Elevation at Trailhead: 7,013
Elevation at Summit: 9,413 Elevation Gain: 2,400
Route Description: From La Veta; ride west on Ryus Ave. to County Road 450 to US Hwy 160. Ride west on US Hwy 160 to La Veta Pass.

Pass-to-Pass (both Cuchara Pass and La Veta Pass)

Distance: 62 miles round-trip
See above for elevations, elevation gains for both passes and route descriptions.

La Veta to Lathrop State Park Entrance

Distance: 24 miles round-trip
Elevation at Trailhead: 7,013
Elevation at the Park: 6,428 Elevation Gain: n/a
Route Description: From La Veta; ride north on CO Hwy 12 to US Hwy 160. Ride east on US Highway 160.

La Veta to Walsenburg

Distance: 31 miles round-trip
Elevation at Trailhead: 7,013
Walsenburg Elevation: 6,170 Elevation Gain: n/a
Route Description: From La Veta; ride north on CO Hwy 12 to US Hwy 160. Ride east on US Highway 160.

Dirt/Gravel Routes on Public Roads

La Veta to the Mesa

Distance: 24 miles round-trip
Elevation at Trailhead: 7,013
Elevation at Summit: Elevation Gain:
Route Description:

Middle Creek Rd. (CR 440 west of La Veta)

Distance: 8 miles round-trip
Elevation at Trailhead: 7,013
Elevation at Summit: Elevation Gain:
Route Description:

Spanish Peaks Wilderness Area Mountain Trails

Source: San Isabel National Forest, Local Work Center Office, 103 E. Field St., La Veta,, CO 81055. (719) 742-3681.

Dike Trail #1389

Distance: 3.5 miles
Trail Rating: Moderate
Elevation at Trailhead: 8,500
Elevation at Summit: 8,800 Elevation Gain: 300
Trail Uses: Foot, biking, horseback riding
Trailhead Directions: From La Veta, take CO Hwy #12 to Cuchara, turn left at the community center, follow road (3/4 mile) past Misty Haven cabins to trailhead and parking lot. This is the access to the "north" end of the trail (there is another access on the south end)

Dodgeton Trail #1302

Distance: 4.25 miles
Trail Rating: Moderate
Elevation at Trailhead: 9,000
Elevation at Summit: 10,200 Elevation Gain: 1,200
Trail Uses: Foot, biking, ATV, motorcycle, horseback riding
Note: This trail ties into Indian Trail.
Trailhead Directions: Take CO hwy #12 to Cuchara Water and Sanitation office, turn right in to the Spring Ck. trailhead parking lot. Take Dodgeton trail (approx. 1.25 miles) to jct. of Baker/Dodgeton trails. There is a \$5.00 parking fee.

Indian Trail #1300

Distance: 14.0 miles
Trail Rating: Moderate
Elevation at Trailhead: 8,600
Elevation at Summit: 10,400 Elevation Gain: 1,800
Trail Uses: Foot, biking, ATV/motorcycle, horseback riding
Trailhead Directions: From La Veta: take CO hwy 12 (16 miles) to FDR 422, turn west and travel 5 miles to the Bear Lake Campground. The trailhead is in back of the campground. There is a \$4.00 parking fee.

North Fork Trail #1309

Distance: 4.5 miles
Trail Rating: Easy
Elevation at Trailhead: 10,800
Elevation at Summit: 9,800 Elevation Gain: 1,000
Trail Uses: Foot, biking, horseback riding
Trailhead Directions: The North Fork Trail is located 27 miles south of La Veta by way of State Hwy. 12 to CR #34; then four miles to Purgatoire campground.

SPWA Mountain Trails Cont'd

Shortcut Trail #1300A

Distance: 1.5 miles

Trail Rating: Moderate

Elevation at Trailhead: 9,600

Elevation at Summit: 10,400 Elevation Gain: 800

Trail Uses: Foot, biking, ATV, hiking, motorcycle

Note: This is a shortcut for Dodgeton Trail to Indian Trail.

Trailhead Directions: From La Veta: Take state highway #12 to Cuchara Water and Sanitation office, turn right into Spring Creek Trailhead parking lot. Take Dodgeton trail (approximately 2.75 miles) to junction of the Shortcut trail.

Lathrop State Park

Source: Lathrop State Park brochure.

Cuerno Verde Trail

Distance: 3.0 miles

Trail Rating: Easy

Elevation at Trailhead: 6,440

Elevation at Summit: Elevation Gain:

Trail Uses: Foot, biking, fishing

Amenities: Drinking water, restrooms, paved trail, ADA accessible.

Walsenburg

Source: Huerfano County Trails Master Plan.

2nd Street Trail

Distance: ?? miles

Trail Rating:

Elevation at Trailhead:

Elevation at Summit: Elevation Gain:

Trail Uses: Foot, bike, horseback riding

Note: This trail connects the City of Walsenburg to the Walsenburg Golf Course and Lathrop State Park.

BIRDING TRAIL



The Colorado Birding Trail links outdoor recreation sites, both public and private, into a network through a designated driving route. Each of these driving routes have a unique trail name and are composed of several watchable wildlife sites. Some trails include hiking or walking paths or platforms where you can observe different wildlife and scenery.

<http://coloradobirdingtrail.com>

Printed Trail Guides: The Colorado Birding Trail Guides are available at many locations in Colorado, including all birding trail sites with a visitor center, as well as Colorado Welcome Centers, Colorado State Parks, Colorado Parks and Wildlife Offices, USFS and BLM offices and National Park sites.

Lathrop State Park

70 County Road 502, Walsenburg, CO 81089

(719) 738-2376 <http://cpw.state.co.us>

Park Hours: 5:00am-10:00pm

Office Hours: Monday-Friday 8:00am-4:00pm

Directions: Highway 160 across from Spanish Peaks Regional Hospital.

BOATING

Aquatic Nuisance Species (ANS)

The program to prevent the spread of Aquatic Nuisance Species (ANS) in Colorado's waterways will continue this year. ANS inspections are available by appointment or during regular inspection hours. All boats must be inspected before launch and when coming off the lake.

Places to Boat

Lathrop State Park

70 County Road 502, Walsenburg, CO 81089

(719) 738-2376 <http://cpw.state.co.us>

Park Hours: 5:00am-10:00pm

Office Hours: Monday-Friday 8:00am-4:00pm

Directions: Highway 160 across from Spanish Peaks Regional Hospital.

Lathrop's two lakes offer something for every water recreationist, from the power boater and canoeist to the sailor, swimmer and angler. Because of Lathrop's location in southern Colorado between the foothills and plains, the lakes' water is often warmer than most mountain lakes and reservoirs at higher elevations, averaging 75 °F in the summer. Boating is limited to hand launched boats from October 15 to April 15 each year.

Martin Lake offers water skiing, power and sail boating. Horseshoe Lake is a peaceful haven for canoeists, kayakers, sailors and other boaters at wakeless speeds.

Trinidad Lake State Park

2610 Highway 12, Trinidad, CO 81082

(719) 846-6951 <http://cpw.state.co.us>

Park Hours: 24 hours a day, Self-Service

Office Hours: Monday-Friday 8:00am-4:00pm

Boating is allowed at Trinidad Lake State Park which has a dedicated boat ramp and seasonal docks. Fishing, water skiing and jet skiing are some of the recreational opportunities available on the lake.

FESTIVALS

June 13 Cuchara Country Music Festival
www.cucharacountrymusicfest.com

June 18-21 Sonic Bloom Festival
www.sonicbloomfestival.com

July 4-5 Art in the Park
www.spanishpeaksarts.org

July 16-18 Cuchara Hermosa Art Show
www.cucharahermosa.org

July 30-August 1 La Veta Art and Garden Tour
www.lvpl.org www.spanishpeaksarts.org

September 5 Mountain Mining Days
www.spanishpeakscountry.com

September 24-27 Spanish Peaks International Celtic Festival
www.celticmusicfest.com

October 3 La Veta Oktoberfest
www.spanishpeakscountry.com

FISHING

Fishing and Hunting License

Cuchara Country Store
34 Cuchara Ave., Cuchara, CO 81055
(719) 742-3450

Big R
1010 Cherry St., La Veta, CO 81055
(719) 742-3626
www.bigr.com

La Veta Oil
114 N. Main St., La Veta, CO 81055
(719) 742-3664

First Choice Market
801 Walsen. Ave., Walsenburg, CO 81089
(719) 738-3200
www.FirstChoiceMarket.com
Hours: 7 days 7am-5pm

Hollowpoint Gun Shop
342 W. 7th St., Walsenburg, CO 81089
(719) 738-3426

Lathrop State Park
Highway 160 across from Spanish Peaks Regional Hospital
(719) 738-2376
<http://cpw.state.co.us/placestogo/parks/Lathrop>

Hooker's Bait and Tackle
340 W. 7th St., Walsenburg, CO 81089
(719) 738-2107

Fishing Locations

San Isabel National Forest
Local Work Center Office
103 E. Field St., La Veta, CO 81055
(719) 742-3681 www.fs.usda.gov/psicc

Bear Lake
Directions: From La Veta, drive south on SH 12 for 15 miles to FSR 422. Turn right onto FSR 422 and follow it for 5 miles until you reach the Bear Lake parking area, one mile past Blue Lake.
Open Season: May Fee: Day use fee is \$6.00.

Blue Lake
Directions: From La Veta, drive south on SH 12 for 15 miles to FSR 422. Turn right onto FSR 422 and follow it for 4 miles until you reach the Blue Lake parking area.
Open Season: April Fee: Day use fee is \$6.00.

Lathrop State Park
70 County Road 502, Walsenburg, CO 81089
(719) 738-2376 <http://cpw.state.co.us>
Park Hours: 5:00-10:00pm, Fishing from Shoreline 24hrs
Directions: Highway 160 across from Spanish Peaks Regional Hospital.

Catfish, bass, walleye, trout and blue gill thrive in both lakes. Horseshoe Lake is known for its large tiger muskies.

Trinidad Lake State Park
2610 Highway 12, Trinidad, CO 81082
(719) 846-6951 <http://cpw.state.co.us>
Park Hours: 24 hours a day, Self-Service
Office Hours: Monday-Friday 8:00am-4:00pm

Anglers catch rainbow and brown trout, largemouth bass, channel catfish, walleye, crappie and bluegill.

Wahatoya State Wildlife Area
<http://cpw.state.co.us>
Season: Year-round.

Daigre Reservoir
Directions: From Main St. in La Veta, drive east on Moore Ave. (CR 358). Parking area is on the left.

Wahatoya Lake
Directions: From Main St. in La Veta, drive east on E. Franciso St. Parking area is on the left.
From Main St. in La Veta, drive east on Moore Ave. (CR 358). Small parking area is on the right.

GALLERIES

Darkwood Gallery

518 Main St.

Walsenburg, CO 81089

719-738-3413 www.darkwoodstudiogallery.com

Hours: Monday-Saturday 10:00-5:00

Paintings, jewelry, matting and framing, Tibetan Singing Bowls, jewelry and eye glass repair, stone skulls

Kathy Hill's Studio Gallery

512 S. Spruce St., La Veta, CO 81055

(719) 742-5756 www.kathyhill.com

Hours: Call for an appointment

Original framed oils, watercolors and acrylic paintings of the Spanish Peaks region.

La Veta Gallery on Main Street

210 S. Main St., La Veta, CO 81055

(719) 742-3666 lavetagalleryonmain.com

Hours: Open every day except Wed 11:00-5:00

Local and region studio artists painting, jewelry, clay and ceramic art, photography and stained glass.

Shalawalla Gallery

115 W. Ryus Ave., La Veta, CO 81055

(719) 742-3453

www.jonathanevans-batikart.com

www.batikartbybeth.com

Hours: Wed-Sat 11:00-5:00

Fair Trade gifts, Colorado Artisans, Scarves, shawls, accessories and jewelry. Batik paintings by Beth McCoy Evans and Jonathan Evans. Call for class schedule.

SPACe - Spanish Peaks Arts Council

132 W. Ryus Ave., La Veta, CO 81055

(719) 742-3074 www.spanishpeaksarts.com

Hours: Mon-Sat 11:00-4:00, Sun noon-4:00

Original paintings, pottery, jewelry, photography, fiber art, prints, note cards, calendars, & more, created by So. Colorado artists.

GEOCACHING

Gary Grady in Cuchara writes: Geocaching is an outdoor treasure hunting game using GPS-enabled devices. You use a GPS device to navigate to a specific set of GPS coordinates and then attempt to find the geocache (container) hidden at that location. Some of the locations are called "biocaches" because they are natural formations instead of a container hidden by someone. The Cuchara Valley has a number of biocaches as well as geocaches.

Get started by going to the website, www.geocaching.com. Once you register there for the free basic membership you can go to the "Hide & Seek a Cache" page and enter any zip code. Pick any geocache from the list on the web site

and click on its name. Enter the coordinates of the geocache into your GPS Device and start heading to them. You will not need to enter the coordinates in the phone app, and it will actually help you navigate to the geocache with a compass and indicate how far you are from it

When you find the geocache, sign the logbook that is hidden with it and return the geocache to its original location. Some of the geocaches have small trinkets you can swap for. Take one from the container and leave another in its place. You can then share your geocaching stories and photos online.

Geocache Locations

Lathrop State Park

70 County Road 502, Walsenburg, CO 81089

(719) 738-2376 <http://cpw.state.co.us>

Lathrop has 13 geocaches located within the park at different points of interest. All caches are easily accessible and a great way to experience what Lathrop has to offer.

Trinidad Lake State Park

2610 Highway 12, Trinidad, CO 81082

(719) 846-6951 <http://cpw.state.co.us>

Park Hours: 24 hours a day, Self-Service

Office Hours: Monday-Friday 8:00am-4:00pm

Seven geocache sites are located within the park. Pick up a geocache brochure at the park Visitor Center. GPS units may be rented at the Visitor Center.

GPS Lending

La Veta Library

310 S. Main St., La Veta, CO 81055

(719) 742-3572 www.lvpl.org

GOLF

Walsenburg Golf Course - 9 Holes

Lathrop State Park

1399 CR 502, Walsenburg, CO 81089

(719) 738-2730

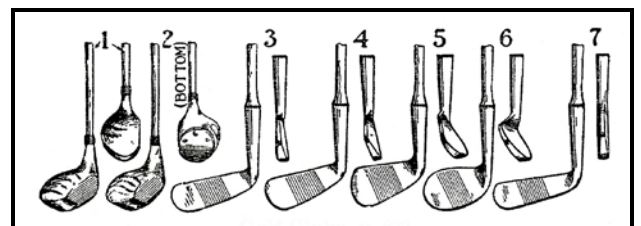
<http://cpw.state.co.us/placestogo/parks/Lathrop>

Trinidad Municipal Golf Course - 9 Holes

1417 Nolan Dr, Trinidad, CO 81082

(719) 846-4015

www.trinidadgolfcourse.com



LODGING

Cuchara

Cuchara Cabin and Condo Rentals
PO Box 823, Cuchara, CO 81055
(719) 742-3340 1-877-722-2467 Toll Free
www.cucharacabinsandcondos.com

Cuchara Inn and Conference Center
73 Cuchara Ave. East, Cuchara, CO 81055
(719) 742-3685 www.cucharainn.com

Cuchara Mountain Escape Cabins/Condo Rentals
33 Park Road, Cuchara, CO 81055
(719) 742-3121 www.cucharamountainescares.com

Cuchara Vacation Rentals
35 Spruce Trail, Cuchara, CO 81055
(719) 742-3960 Cell (719) 989-8121
www.cucharavacationrentals.com

River's Edge B & B at Dodgeton Creek Inn
137 Cuchara Ave. East, Cuchara, CO 81055
(719) 742-5169 www.thearmchairexplorer.com/rivers-edge

Yellow Pine Guest Ranch
15880 Highway 12, Cuchara, CO 81055
(719) 742-3528 www.yellowpine.us

VanLue's Property Management & Cabins
15880 Highway 12, Cuchara, CO 81055
(719) 742-5490

La Veta

1899 Inn Bed & Breakfast
314 So. Main St., La Veta, CO 81055
(719) 742-5599 www.1899inn.com

Adagio House
818 Oak St., La Veta, CO 81055
(505) 466-8385

Circle The Wagons RV Park
126 W. 2nd St., La Veta, CO 81055
(719) 742-3233 www.circlethewagonsrvpark.com

Harding's Corner Bed & Breakfast
140 W. Grand St., La Veta, CO 81055
(719) 742-5423

I Love Lucy's Place RV Park
226 W. Grand Ave., La Veta, CO 81055
(719) 742-3252 www.ilovelucysplace.com

Inn at the Spanish Peaks
310 E. Francisco St., La Veta, CO 81055
(719) 742-5313 www.innatthespanishpeaks.com

La Veta Lakeview Vacation Rental
255 Willis Drive, La Veta, CO 81055
lavetalakeview@gmail.com

Sammie's Motel & RV Park
124 N. Main St., La Veta, CO 81055
(719) 742-5435

Sulphur Springs Ranch
White Stallion Guest & Equestrian Center
5218 CR 421, La Veta, CO 81055
(719) 742-5111 Fax (719) 742-5468
www.sulphurspringsranch.com

The Olive Tree Bed & Breakfast
902 S. Oak St., La Veta, CO 81055
(719) 214-1128 (719) 251-5788
www.theolivetreestandb.com

The Ranch House Inn
1012 S. Cherry St., La Veta, CO 81055
(719) 742-5234 www.theranchhouseinn.com

Two Fox Cabins & RV Park
404 S. Oak St., La Veta, CO 81055
(719) 742-0260 Fax (719) 742-0260
www.twofoxcabins.com

The Warehouse Suite
202 W. Ryus Ave, La Veta, CO 81055
(719) 742-5278 www.thewarehousesuite.com

Walsenburg

Anchor Motel
1001 Main St., Walsenburg, CO 81089
(719) 738-2800

Best Western Rambler
457 US Hwy 85-87, Walsenburg, CO 81089
(719) 738-1121
<http://bestwesterncolorado.com>

Budget Host Motel & RV Park
553 US Hwy 85-87, Walsenburg, CO 81089
(719) 738-3800

Dakota Campgrounds & BIRCO RV Service Center
1079 US Hwy 85-87, Walsenburg, CO 81089
(719) 738-9912

La Plaza B&B and Inn
118 W. 6th St., Walsenburg, CO 81089
(719) 738-5700 www.LaPlazaInnWalsenburg.com

Rio Cucharas Inn
77 CR 504 (Hwy 160), Walsenburg, CO 81089
(719) 738-1282 www.riocucharasinn.com

Sands Motel
533 W. 7th St., Walsenburg, CO 81089
(719) 738-3827

Vacation Rental Home
Walsenburg, CO 81089
(719) 251-2752 vacationinwalsenburg@gmail.com

MUSEUMS



Francisco Fort Museum

306 S. Main St., La Veta, CO 81055

(719) 742-5501 www.fransiscofort.org

Season: Memorial to Labor Day weekend

Hours: Mon-Sat 10:00am-3:00pm, or by appointment.

Admission: \$5.00; Under 12 free; Seniors/Military \$4.00

Francisco Fort Museum is an original 1862 adobe plaza! Exhibits featuring artifacts from the entire Huerfano County region, including: Native American cultures, Hispanic legacy, Anglo settlement, ranching, blacksmithing, saloon, log school house, the coal mining era and MORE! The adobe buildings are indeed artifacts themselves, so take a step back in time. Self guided tours let you experience the historic site your own way, or take a guided tour with an experienced docent to give you 'the rest of the story'. Take time to visit the bookshop which contains a fine collection of books pertaining to Southern Colorado history and culture. Gifts, jewelry, keepsakes with a local and regional flare, post cards and fine conversation, always found in the bookshop!

2015 Events at the Fort

May 23 Francisco Fort Opening Day

May 30 Francisco Fort Frontier School Day

June 6 Francisco Fort Historic Fashions

June 13 Francisco Fort Getting to the Point – a day with projectile points

June 20 Francisco Fort Quilt Celebration (in conjunction with the musical production of 'Quilters')

June 27 Francisco Fort Hispano Heritage Celebration

July 4 Francisco Fort Open House (in conjunction with Art in the Park)

July 11 Francisco Fort Native American Celebration

Jul 18 Francisco Fort Old West Movie night

Jul 25 Francisco Fort Day – Celebrating the Cowboy

Aug 1 Francisco Fort Fiber Fiesta (in conjunction with the La Veta Art and Garden Tour)

Aug 8 Francisco Fort Sesquicentennial of the end of the Civil War

Museum of Friends

600 Main St., Walsenburg, CO 81089

719-738-2858 www.museumoffriends.org

Season: Year-round

Hours: Tues-Sat Noon-5:00pm

Admission: \$3.00 Adults; \$1.00 Children

The Museum Of Friends (MOF) is a contemporary art museum which opened in October of 2006 in the Southern Colorado community of Walsenburg by artists Brendt and Maria Cocchiarelli Berger. MOF occupies 6,000 square feet of museum display space with room for expansion. The museum's name stems from the fact that the initial 600 piece collection on exhibit is almost entirely comprised of paintings, photographs, sculpture and other pieces of art which had been given separately to Brendt and Maria by their respective artist friends. These friends continue to provide the museum with additional art to expand the collection.

The Alton M. Tiry Local History Center

201 E. 5th St., Walsenburg, CO 81089

719-738-2840 <http://huerfanohistory.org>

The center is your source for Archival Photo's, Newspapers, and Huerfano County records from the 1890s to the present. The Center is available for research by appointment only.

Walsenburg Mining Museum

112 W. 5th St., Walsenburg, CO 81089

719-738-1992 or (719) 738-2840

<http://huerfanohistory.org>

Season: May-September

Hours: Mon-Fri 10:00am-4:00pm; Sat 10:00am-1:00pm

Called the "city built on coal", the town of Walsenburg is home to some of southern Colorado's richest history. The Walsenburg Mining Museum, housed in an 1896 jail, exhibits not only the stories of Huerfano County's mining camps, but memorabilia from such notable characters as Bob Ford (famous for killing Jesse James) and labor leader Mary "Mother" Jones.



PARKS AND WILDLIFE AREAS

Huerfano State Wildlife Area

Activities: Camping, fishing, hiking, horseback riding
Directions: From Gardner, to 13 miles west on CR-580.
www.cpw.state.co.us

Lathrop State Park

Activities: Boating, camping, fishing, hiking, swimming
Directions: State Highway 160 across from the Spanish Peaks Regional Hospital, Walsenburg, CO 81089
(719) 738-2376 <http://cpw.state.co.us>

La Veta Town Park

Playground, picnic tables, picnic shelter, bandstand.
Location: Between Ryus Ave. and La Veta Town Hall (Moore Ave.)

San Isabel National Forest

Activities: Camping, fishing, hiking
For information and maps on trails: Local Work Center Office, 103 E. Field St., La Veta, CO 81055
(719) 742-3681 www.fs.usda.gov/psicc

Wahatoya State Wildlife Area

Activities: Fishing, hiking, picnicking restrooms.
Directions: Bear Creek Rd. (CR 358), La Veta, CO 81055
www.cpw.state.co.us

Mission: Wolf (Wolf Sanctuary)

Hours: 7 days 9am-6pm

Location: Gardner, CO 81252

(719) 859-2157

Information and Directions: www.missionwolf.org



Uptop Ghost Town

Old La Veta Pass, La Veta, CO 81055

Directions: West on HWY 160 to Mile Marker 281 or 276. Turn onto Old La Veta Pass (County Road 443) and go three miles to the historic property of Uptop to top of the divide.

UNIQUE PLACES TO VISIT



Bishop's Castle

12705 Highway 165, Rye, CO 81069

www.bishopcastle.org

Directions: The drive to Bishop Castle will take you over 9,200 feet above sea level along the Frontier Pathways Scenic and Historic Byway. The easiest way to get to Bishop Castle is from I-25. Take exit #74 at Colorado City and head towards the mountains. (right off the exit ramp from the north and left off the exit ramp from the south) This puts you on Colorado state highway 165 and it's 24 miles without a turn to the Castle. You will see signs for the castle as you come upon it, and there's usually many cars out front.

Season: Year-round

Admission: Free - Donations appreciated.