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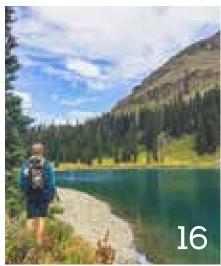




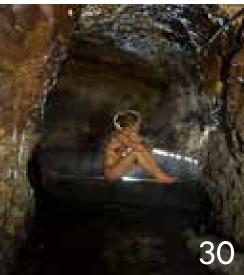
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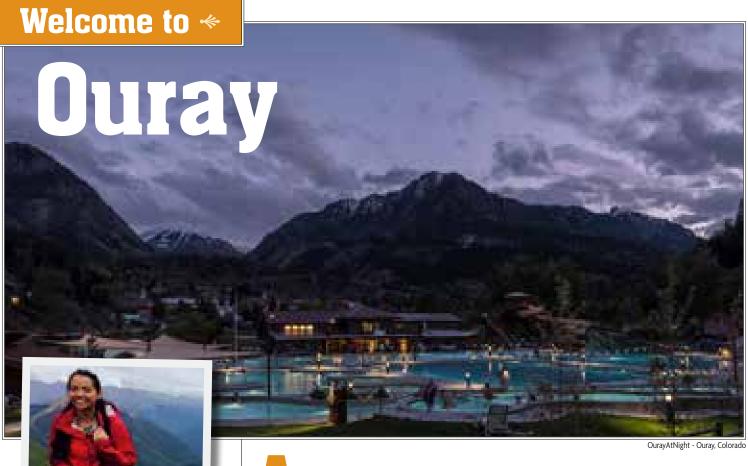
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Malori Truiillo - San Juan Mountains of Colorado

About Malori: Malori is a native of Ouray, Colorado and just graduated from Fort Lewis College in Durango, Colorado. Hospitality and love of place run deep in her family history and her personal values, which she plans to translate into her future career. Over her two summers interning with the Ouray Tourism Office she welcomed countless visitors at the Ouray Visitor's Center, managed our social media accounts (you'll recognize her happy voice and excellent recommendations on many of the summer "Ouray Lunch Breaks" on Facebook), oversaw our annual visitor demographics research, helped with the first steps of creating Ouray's Sustainable Tourism Plan and reminded us all to get outside and experience everything in and around our beautiful town. We wish her well as she pursues a master's degree in International Sustainable Tourism at the College of Merchandising, Hospitality & Tourism at North Texas University.

re you visiting Ouray for the first time? Coming back because you just couldn't stay away? Now that Ouray's crisp mountain air and small town magic has lured you deep into southwest Colorado, it's time to enjoy.

Ouray is home to both rigorous and relaxing adventures, allowing you to tailor your trip to your needs and make it uniquely yours! You can enjoy a lively experience in town when you visit the many shops, restaurants, and breweries.

You can dive into Ouray's rich history with a visit to the museum, a tour of once flourishing mines, or a trip down Main Street for a look at the many historic buildings. You can take your pick between ice climbing, rock climbing, canyoning, hiking, biking, cross country skiing, jeeping, or any other recreational

activity that pleases you. You can enjoy long soaks in the Hot Springs Pool that can be coupled with noteworthy star gazing in this dark sky area, or an incredible view of the towering peaks that surround the city. You also have the option to wander deep into wilderness for a profound visit among unmatched

> and stunning scenery that will leave you breathless.

Whatever direction you choose, please remember to play gently in this aweinspiring area of the San Juan

#### Mountains!

We hope this guide is helpful in planning your trip, and if you have any questions, please reach out so we can assist you in making your trip to Ouray unforgettable. The Ouray Tourism Office, the Ouray City Council, and our whole community welcome you!

#### Malori Trujillo

2018 Ouray Tourism Office Marketing Intern

Lisa Kral - Uncompangre River Valley

small but wonderful town tucked into a valley at 6,985 feet. A town that has snow way too early but no one complains because it means the start of ski season is coming soon. A town that only has about 1,000 people but every one of them contributes to the community.

Ridgway is a special town with an amazing community. We love the outdoors, the wilderness, and the uniqueness of Ridgway. Our community is very involved, not solely in changing Ridgway but

in changing the world. The Carry On! Ridgway Resuses campaign is an effort by a group of middle and high school girls trying to free the world of single-use plastics, starting in Ridgway. The Mount Sneffels Education Foundation advocates for student trips and higher education through scholarships.

I am Emma Wallin, a junior at Ridgway High School who has had the privilege of growing up in Ridgway for 17 years. I am one of many active community members

making our town a special place, as well as taking advantage of what Ridgway offers.

Beyond the spectacular mountains that tower above us and the colorful aspen leaves, Ridgway is special because our community works hard at creating great learning environments through our schools, outdoor experiences, leadership

> opportunities, team sports and plenty more. Being a part of a community, where everyone agrees that we can all do something to make the world a better place, is awesome.

Our population is small but inclusive, filled with open, generous people. Our community is just the right size, where you can find "your group" but also broaden your horizons with new experiences and new friends.

There just isn't enough space on this page to tell you how amazing the Ridgway community is and how lucky I feel to be a part of it. This town is really one of kind. Welcome to Ridgway! We're excited to have you here!

#### Emma Wallin

THINK OUTSIDE

2019 Ridgway Chamber Youth Ambassador



TALENTS: Dance (jazz, ballet, hip hop), aerial silks, soccer, teaching, traveling, organizational leadership

COMMUNITY & SCHOOL INVOLVEMENT: Weehawken Creative Arts (dancer, teacher and annual Ridgway Rendezvous staff person), Sources of Strength volunteer, Student Council member, Knowledge Bowl Team member, club and school soccer teams member, Ouray Hot Springs Pool lifeguard and swimming teacher, Montrose Memorial Hospital volunteer, Fortuna Tierra's Fun Run volunteer, and Pinhead Institute volunteer teacher

FUTURE PLANS: Earn a bachelor's degree from University of Nebraska-Lincoln and a medical degree from a graduate school, become a neonatologist, volunteer for Doctors Without Borders, and continue to travel on personal and

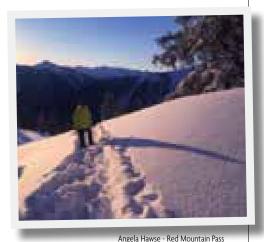
FAVORITE VIEW IN RIDGWAY: Up Country Road 5 (by my grandma's house) where you can see the mountain panorama with tons of aspen trees and daisies

# Ouray ◆

# **The Outdoor Recreation Capital of Colorado**



Colorado



uray is located near the Four Corners – where Utah, Arizona, New Mexico and Colorado converge. Found in the Mountains & Mesas travel region in southwestern Colorado. Ouray is situated on U.S. Highway 550 along the San Juan Skyway Scenic and Historic Byway, one of America's most beautiful drives. The incredibly scenic Million Dollar Highway connects Ouray to Silverton and Durango to the south, while the drive

through Ridgway to the north and west laces past the Mount Sneffels Wilderness Area and into the lovely towns of Telluride, Rico, Dolores and Mancos.

Ouray has perfect weather, charm and beauty. With nearly 242 days of sunshine a year and moderate year-round temperatures, this authentic Victorian town epitomizes the genuine Mountain West and inspires everyone to truly

touch the mountains.

Sitting in a beautiful box canyon, Ouray is home to countless natural wonders including the spectacular Box Cañon Falls, Cascade Falls, Bear Creek Falls, the imposing Amphitheater, Red Mountains 1, 2 and 3, Mount Sneffels (our resident 14,000-foot peak) and more. Waiting outside your door you're just a short walk or drive away from dozens of hiking trails and Jeep roads that lead to wide-open basins carpeted with wildflowers of every color in the summer, colorful leaves in the fall and snowy meadows in the winter and early spring.

Ouray earns its new moniker of the "Outdoor Recreation Capital of Colorado" by offering easy access and excellent introductions to some of the





most unique and adventurous outdoor activities in Colorado, winter or summer, like ice-climbing in the world-famous Ouray Ice Park, backcountry skiing and hut stays, canyoning and excellent rock climbing and bouldering.

With all that recreation, we always invite you to start or end your day with a soak in our relaxing, sulfur-free hot springs. The Ouray Hot Springs Pool recently celebrated its 90th Anniversary with a full renovation that improved access for all visitors, made the mountain views even more stunning and added fun new amenities for the kids in the summer months.

We warmly welcome you and hope that this guide will help you map out the active side of your Ouray, Colorado vacation.



Markus Van Meter Photography - Ouray From Above

# The Switzerland of America

**OURAY'S INTIMATE DOWNTOWN** a designated National Historic District - is nestled in a canyon at the base of Colorado's San Juan Mountains and offers some of the most panoramic views in the United States, which is why it has held the nickname "Switzerland of America" since the late 1800s. Natural wonders like waterfalls, sulfur-free hot springs, mountain peaks and wildlife abound in the area, as do historic ghost towns, museums, beautifully preserved Victorian-era architecture and year-round cultural events.

What makes Ouray truly one of a kind is its personality. Coupled with the majestic mountains and charming Victorian streets, the spirit of the Old West abounds in town and Ouray's residents keep it alive through their friendliness, hospitality and

genuine nature. All of our businesses are locally-owned and our owners take pride in crafting things the Ouray way. This historic energy reverberates along the valley's walls and makes simple things like hiking the Perimeter Trail, listening to live music in the park, strolling through the eclectic shops and galleries along Main Street or grabbing a beautifully prepared bite, locally-crafted brew or spirit especially memorable.

Ouray is a wonderful, safe community that welcome kids and their need for exploration. Winter or summer, this is a great place to have a family vacation, unplug and create memories that will last a lifetime.

Come visit today! We're sure you will agree that Ouray is a one-of-a-kind town.

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# Ridgway \*

# Think Outside



quiet, western town with charismatic energy – Ridgway is a welcoming, rural community situated in a beautiful mountain valley in the

> Mountains & Mesas travel region of Colorado. Our population of nearly 1,000 residents shares a deep connection to the outdoors. We support learning, creativity and culture. We are committed to being economically sustainable and ecologically responsible. Our town government supports water conservation, recycling and non-motorized transit. We even have free hookups

for electric cars at our public parking lot.

Ridgway was founded in 1890, as the headquarters of the world famous Rio

Grande Southern narrow gauge railroad serving the area's rich silver and gold mines, ranches and farms. Today the railroad is gone, but its memories remain

at the acclaimed Ridgway Railroad Museum. The ranches still dot the valley, preserving open space so special to the area. There is also an amazing wildlife presence throughout the region. Most famous are the bald eagles, which nest in the cottonwoods along the Uncompangre River.

A town's main street says a lot about the community — bringing to life the heritage and authenticity of the area and inspiring creative energy and pride. Filled with unique businesses, excellent restaurants and fantastic views, Ridgway's downtown is one of the few in Colorado to be both a state-certified Creative District and a Designated Main Street Community.

Our Creative District status, re-

certified in 2018, recognizes our vigorous artistic and maker community. The town is currently working with nationallyacclaimed architects to design our Space to Create, a planned live/work building for creative entrepreneurs.

Our award as a 2015 Colorado Main Street of the Year recognized the town's efforts on downtown revitalization and beautification, combined with historic preservation. The result is a comfortable, picturesque streetscape featuring a wide range of amenities, art and inviting places to shop, eat and be entertained. Never satisfied to rest on our laurels, the town government began a master plan update process in 2018, which is expected to result in a renewed vision for future growth and development.

Ridgway is the ideal base camp for so many adventures. Our slogan is "Think

THINK OUTSIDE

Outside!" And you'll see why as you experience the multifaceted nature, culture, food, activities and heritage that surround you here.

Whether you are an outdoor enthusiast, a "foodie," history buff or art lover, Ridgway, Colorado has it all. Come and explore the diversity of what we offer!

When you're looking for the exhilaration of outdoor recreation, the serenity of pristine alpine beauty or the inspiration of cultural exploration, Ridgway, Colorado is your destination. Our small-town hospitality is a blend of the spirit of the Old West, healthy lifestyles and laid-back, friendly folks.

We welcome you to explore and discover Ridgway in every season! Be sure to stop in to the Ouray and Ridgway Visitors Centers for great seasonal activity suggestions for your whole family.



John Wood - Double RL Ranch and Sneffels Range





# **Colorado Creative Corridor**

#### THE COLORADO CREATIVE CORRIDOR

travels some 331 miles through a handful of state-certified Creative District destinations, with Ridgway in the southwest connected to Paonia. Carbondale, Crested Butte, and Salida. These five towns combine to offer a collective experience of unique event programming and activities, alongside mountain town eclecticism, majestic vistas, outdoor recreation, and authentic Colorado mountain culture.

Ridgway is the only town on the Creative Corridor that is also a designated Main Street community and on the Hot Springs Loop. Here, you can find diverse opportunities to enjoy our community through our shops, museums, galleries and restaurants, plus a variety of landscapes, entertainment and accommodations. Every season of the year, we welcome travelers of all ages to explore our unique creativity.

Local flavor is expressed in many ways around our beautiful, little town from restaurants with locally-sourced foods and gourmet chefs to the sculptures, benches and Alley Poems found around our downtown area and parks. Whether seeking a rejuvenating vacation, a relaxing getaway or a way to spark your imagination, you'll find a creative oasis of recreational options, inspiring performances, refreshing encounters, and unparalleled scenery.

The Ridgway Area Chamber of Commerce is developing a helpful set of itineraries that will make your trip planning easier. Itinerary topics align with our major activity themes, including History & Heritage (railroads, ranching and Western movies), Outdoor Adventure (biking, hiking, etc.), Culinary Experiences (locally made and sourced foods and drink), Arts & Entertainment (festivals, galleries, performances, workshops and more), and Health & Wellness (hot springs, massages, yoga, etc.).



For suggested itineraries and information about other corridor towns. go online to ridgwaycolorado.com/ things-to-do/coloradocreative-corridor

# Calendar of Events ◆

## YEAR-ROUND **EVENTS:**

- Monthly art openings, 610 Arts Collective on Sundays
- ARTbar evening art workshops
- Culinary workshops
- Dance and fitness classes
- Gallery openings and exhibitions
- Historic tours
- Ignite! community presentations (quarterly)
- Live music (weekly)
- Live theater and dance performances
- Movie nights
- Meet and Greet Events for Creatives
- Open Bard Poetry Readings (Oct.-April)
- Ouray County Arts Association Exhibitions, Wright Opera House (bi-monthly)
- Outdoor education/ training programs
- Photography Exhibitions at Photos of Ouray (quarterly)
- Photography workshops
- SherbNerds Trivia Nights
- Sherb Talks Lecture Series
- True Grit Walking Tour
- Visual and performing arts workshops for adults and children
- Wednesday Night Movies, Wright Opera House
- Monthly Veterans Coffee, Sherbino Theater (2nd Tuesdays)
- Monthly Veterans Coffee, Ouray Masonic Lodge #37 (3rd Wednesdays)



**LEGEND:** 

Ouray Events

Ridgway Events

Events in both

locations

Tanya Ishikawa - Ridgway Summer Concert Series

#### **SPRING: MARCH – MAY**

- Bow Wow Film Festival hosted by Second Chance Humane Society – March
- San Juan Half Loop Backcountry Nordic Race – March
- Kids' Climbing College - March
- Ouray Elks' St. Patrick's Day Celebration – March
- Elks Easter Egg Hunt - April
- Earth Day Celebration at Ridgway State Park - April
- Weehawken Dance spring performances - April
- Friday Ridgway Farmers Market May
- Sherbino Theatre Company spring production - May
- Compassion 5K Run/Walk
- Historic mine tours May
- UpstART Theater that moves spring production - May
- Ouray Elks' Mother's Day Brunch May

- ROCC Parking Lot Sale May
- Love Your Valley Festival May/June

## **SUMMER: JUNE – AUGUST**

- Adventure Wednesdays, Voyager Youth Program
  - First Fridays in Ridgway
  - Ridgway Farmers Market (Fridays)
  - Ridgway State Park Nature Detectives (for children)
  - Ridgway State Park programs for all ages
  - Sherb Travel Talks
  - Townie Tuesdavs outdoor movies
- Gymkhana Series at the Ouray County Fairgrounds
- Ouray Elks' Wednesday Night Bingo
- Ouray County Historical Society guided historical walking & hiking tours
- Ouray County Historical Society **Evenings of History**
- Kids' Climbing Programs



Markus Van Meter Photography - Fellin Park, Ouray

- Free Saturday Yoga in the Park
- Michael McCullough's Annual Amateur Sculpting Contest - June
- Ridgway Area Trails RAT Fest - June
- Annual Jimbo Dance & Fundraiser – June
- Ridgway RiverFest June
- Sherbino Theatre Company's "Little to Big" Production – June
- Trail Town 10-Miler June
- Weehawken National-Level Workshop with Artist Elizabeth St. Hilare – June
- Young People's Theatre Camps - June
- Ouray Mountain Air Music Series - June
- Ouray County Historical Society Free Day for Dads - June
- Ouray Women's Club Rummage Sale – June
- Ouray County Geology Tour - June
- Western Mining Artifact Show – June
- Ridgway Chautaugua Society & Weehawken present Second City Touring Company - July
- Ridgway Concert Series July
- Annual Ranch History Tour – July

- Monday Night Melodramas – July
- Ouray Fire Department Fireman's Ball – July
- Ourayce 10K Run July
- Old-Fashioned Fourth of July Celebration – July
- Jeep Glow Parade & Fourth of July Fireworks - July
- Hardrock 100 Trail Run - July
- UpstART Theater that moves Shakespeare performance - July
- FJ Summit July
- Ouray 50 & 100 Endurance Run – July
- San Juan Chamber Music Fest – Aug.
- Mt. Sneffels Education Foundation Marathon & Half-Marathon Run/Walk - Aug.
- Mountainfilm on Tour - Aug.
- Sherbino Theatre Company's "Sherbino Night Live" - Aug.
- Log Hill Hustle Fun Run/Walk – Aug.
- Ridgway Rendezvous Arts & Crafts Festival - Aug.
- Annual Quilt Show Aug.
- Artists' Alpine Holidays – Aug.
- Ouray Canyoning Festival - Aug.
- Ouray Library Book Sale - Aug.
- San Juan Memories **Photography** Exhibition – Aug.
- Vignettes of History Theatrical Performances - Aug.
- Nighttime Photography Workshop - Aug.
- Highgraders' Holidays Mining Competitions - Aug.

For specific event dates and times, please visit ouraycolorado.com/events ridgwaycolorado.com/things-to-do/events alpenglowarts.com





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# Calendar of Events ◆

OurayAtNight - Main Street, Ouray, New Year's Fireworks

#### **FALL: SEPTEMBER – NOVEMBER**

- Fall photography workshops Sept.-Oct.
- Ridgway Farmers Market (Fridays) – Sept.-Oct.
- Ouray County 4-H Fair & Rodeo – Labor Day Weekend
- Ouray County Railroad Days Sept.
- Ridgway Chamber Golf Open - Sept.
- Sarah McQuaid Live, Sherbino Theater - Sept.
- San Juan LEADs cycling tour/ community event - Sept.
- UpsART Theater that moves fall production, Sherbino Theater - Sept.
- Weehawken's Sneffels Fiber Arts Festival - Sept.
- Weehawken National Level Workshop with Photographer Michael Gordon - Sept.

Ouray Events

**LEGEND:** 

- Ridgway Events
- Events in both locations

- Ridgway Spirit Fest Sept.
- Star Party at Ridgway State Park Sept.
- Ouray County Historical Society guided historical walking & hiking tours - Sept.
- Annual Patriots' Day Tribute Sept.
- Love Your Gorge annual service project - Sept.
  - Ourock! Festival (Ouray Climbers Alliance) - Sept.
  - Imogene Pass Run Sept.
  - Jeep Jamboree Sept.
  - Ouray Mountain Trail Run - Sept.
  - Quilter's Tea & Annual Quilt Raffle - Sept.
  - Annual Brunch for Books - Sept.
- Paint-in-the-Park Plein Air Event Oct.
- Weehawken's Day of the Dead Mini Painting Workshop - Oct.



- Sherbino's Annual Firkin Fest West Oct.
- Sherbino's Annual SherBOOno Halloween Party - Oct.
- Sherbino Theatre Company Fall Production – Oct.
- Sherbino Theatre Company's Fall Halloween Show – Oct.
- Ouray Oktoberfest & Annual Jeep Raffle Drawing – Oct.
- Rocky Horror Picture Show Oct.
- Historic Beaumont Halloween Ball Oct.
- Ouray Elks Haunted House Oct.
- Main Street Trick or Treat Oct.
- Ouray PARC One-Wheel Races Oct.
- Ridgway Independent Film Fest Nov.
- Nonprofit holiday bazaar Nov.

For summer or winter, each offers the comforts of home with fully-equipped kitchens, barbecue grills and fresh linens.

Wake up among the surrounding San Juan Mountains in a traditional Victorian. Reserve the whole home or stay in one of two private units, just one block from Ouray's Main St.

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- Santa Paws Fundraiser for Second Chance Humane Society - Nov.
- Friends of the Library Luncheon and Fashion Show - Nov.
- Ouray County Nordic Council Banquet - Nov.
- Ouray Elks' Veteran's Dinner & Turkey Bingo - Nov.
- UpstART Theater that moves fall production - Nov.

## WINTER: **DECEMBER - FEBRUARY**

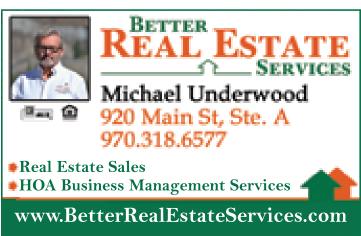
- Ice Skating, Hockey and Broomball at Rotary Park - Dec., Jan., Feb.
- Avalanche & **Backcountry Skiing** Trainings - Dec., Jan., Feb.
- Kids' Climbing College – Jan. & Feb.
- Ridgway Noel Night Dec.
- Ouray County Chorus Holiday Concert - Dec.
- Weehawken's Annual Family Gingerbread House Decorating Workshop - Dec.
- Weehawken Dance Holiday Performance of the Nutcracker - Dec.
- New Year's Eve Celebrations - Dec.
- Holiday Movies Dec.
- Yule Night, Community Tree Lighting & Christmas Parade – Dec.
- Santa & Mrs. Claus at the Elks - Dec.
- Wine, Chocolate & Cheese Festival – Dec.
- PATT Holiday Pasta Bar - Dec.
- Ouray County Players Holiday Live Radio Performance - Dec.

- Santa Delivers Christmas Eve
- Elks' New Year's Eve Celebration – Dec.
- New Year's Eve Fireworks – Dec.
- San Juan LEADs Ski Mountaineering Clinic - Jan.
- San Juan Skijoring Jan.
- Snow Sculpting Competition – Jan.
- The YAWPERS at the Sherbino – Jan.
- Guided Snowshoe Tour of the Red Mountain Mining District - Jan./Feb.
- PARC Flat Ice Festival and Winter Games - Jan.
- Ouray Ice Festival Jan.
- Chicks Climbing & Skiing Women's Ice Clinics & Auction - Jan.
- MountainFilm on Tour - Feb.
- Sherbino Theatre Company's "Sherbino Night Live: Valentine's Edition" - Feb.
- Weehawken Dance's "Illuminate" Dance Showcase - Feb.
- Winter Sports Camp for Athletes with Adaptive Needs - Feb.
- Cattleman's Association Dinner & Dance - Feb.
- Annual Burn's Night Dinner & Celebration - Feb.
- Cabin Fever Days at Lee's Ski Hill - Feb.
- Full Moon Cross-Country Ski – Feb.
- Ouray County Arts Association Winter Arts & Crafts Show - Feb.
- Paradox Sports Adaptive Ice Climbing Clinics - Feb.

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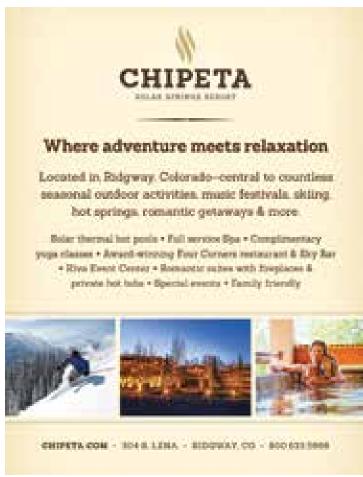


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# **Outdoor Adventure**



rand landscapes rise up to clear, sunny skies by day and star-filled wonder by night. Mountain springs, waterfalls, streams and lakes connect an outdoor playground with almost limitless possibility. Ouray County has all the elements to create great adventures and amazing memories. Outdoor activities include hiking, biking, rock and ice climbing, all types of boating, stand up paddle boarding, fishing, camping, wildlife viewing, horseback riding, jeeping, hunting, hot air ballooning, backcountry Nordic and alpine skiing, and snowshoeing.

Whether you're day-tripping on our area's trails, back roads, rivers and reservoirs, or finding refreshment at our natural hot springs, restaurant patios and outdoor festivals, you'll have fantastic scenery and the ultimate experiences in Ridgway and Ouray. Adventures begin

on the valley floor, box canyon and high mesas with epic views of the Cimarron and San Juan mountain ranges. Then, plan to embark on short or long journeys up into the alpine wonderland of treecovered ridges, cliffs and stony peaks.

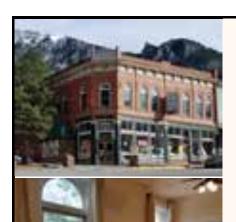
All year long, Ouray County is full of out-of-the-ordinary adventures for the whole family. From rocks that sparkle and aspen trees with eyes to wildlife and water in many forms, our landscapes have endless opportunities for exploration. The San Juan Mountains are the perfect destination where young people can engage in meaningful outdoor activities, increasing their athletic and leadership abilities. Local school districts and nonprofit organizations also provide several options for children to learn and develop their skills in our amazing outdoor classrooms without walls.



Crystal Lake, Million Dollar Highway

KNOW BEFORE YOU GO: Before heading into the high country, be prepared with information about your destination including directions, difficulty level, length, elevation gain, and weather. Stop by our local Visitors Centers to find maps, brochures and helpful hints from center staff. Local bookstores and outdoor gear shops are great places to pick up guidebooks, maps and advice from people in the know.

LOCALS' TIP: The Colorado Outdoor Recreation Search and Rescue (CORSAR) card supports the state's search and rescue fund and reimburses teams for the costs they incur to provide help. While it is not an insurance card, and rescue teams will always come to your aid, purchasing it helps fund these critical activities. For information: our aymountain rescue.com/ support/corsar-card.



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# Outdoor Adventure \*

# Explore on Foot Hike, Walk and Run our Abundant Trails



LOCALS' TIP: Be sure to familiarize yourself with trail etiquette and safety guidelines, and definitely pick up the excellent local map provided by the Ouray Trail Group for descriptions, distances, difficulty and topographic information. The Ouray Trail Group has information on the status of many trails, with some maps and pictures at ouraytrails.org.

hether you call it hiking, trekking, walkabout or rambling, putting your feet into motion and heading into the hills is a wonderful way to experience the Ouray and Ridgway area. The San Juan and Cimarron Wilderness Areas, Uncompangre National Forest and abundant public lands offer not only hundreds of miles of trails, thanks to the Utes, explorers, surveyors and miners, but also the highest concentration of 14,000foot peaks in Colorado.

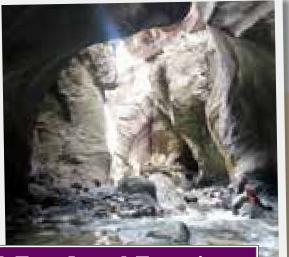
Dirt trails, gravel roads and paved paths provide walking, hiking and running opportunities for all ages and experience levels, ranging from easy and short to

> longer and more challenging terrain. Plus, many of our trailheads are within easy

walking distance of our downtowns. Whichever route you decide to follow, each is sure to provide postcard-perfect backdrops and awe-inspiring views.

From day trips to overnight backpacking there are many choices. Many of the lower elevation trails are accessible on foot year-round. Warmer, sturdy footwear and layering of clothes is the key to enjoying uncrowded trails from October to April.

Don't feel like walking, but still want the views? Don't want to carry all of your gear on a long backpacking trip? Want to sleep in a cozy hut rather than a tent? We can make that happen! Let us help you create the perfect self-guided or expert guided adventure into the backcountry: our local outfitters have just what you need (local information starts on page 54.)



# **A Few Local Favorites**

## EASY: BOX CAÑON FALLS PARK

HIKING TIME: 15 to 30 minutes ROUNDTRIP: 500 feet to a half mile нідніцнтs: Box Cañon Falls, a geologic wonder in the narrow quartzite canyon at the end of Canyon Creek with a thunderous 85-foot waterfall; a National Audubon Society protected habitat for the endangered Black Swift Bird; the start of a segment of the Ouray Perimeter Trail with views from a metal bridge high above the city and a pedestrian tunnel through the mountain.



## EASY: DENNIS WEAVER MEMORIAL PARK

HIKING TIME: 15 minutes to 1 hour ROUNDTRIP: 1.000 feet to 1.5 miles Outdoor Old нідниднтs: 60-acre wildlife preserve along the Uncompangre River, home to eagles, a blue heron, deer, foxes and more; Eagle Monument, a 2,800-pound bronze sculpture with a 20-foot wingspan; an astronomically aligned medicine wheel made from a ring of stones; several trail options from paved and shaded to dirt with wide-open views.



## MODERATE: COURTHOUSE **MOUNTAIN TRAIL**

HIKING TIME: 4 hours ROUNDTRIP: 3.6 miles



нідния: Superb views over the whole valley from the top of 12,152-foot Courthouse Mountain; a high-altitude view of the panorama of the San Juan Mountains; verdant grassy meadows, rambling creeks, impressive boulders and rock formations bathed in wildflowers in spring and colorful leaves in autumn; a top hiking experience for a relatively short hike and less than 2,000 elevation gain.

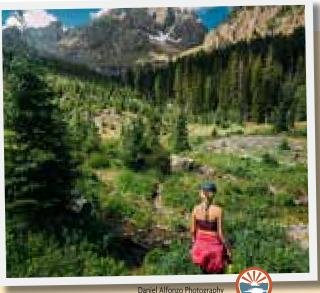


Brent Bayless, Pinpoint Imagery

#### MODERATE: OURAY PERIMETER TRAIL

HIKING TIME: 2.5 to 4 hours ROUNDTRIP: 1 to 6.5 miles

нідниднтs: Cascade Falls, the Baby Bathtubs, the Potato Patch (yes, the old miners actually grew potatoes here), the Ouray Ice Park, Box Cañon Falls, Ouray's old water tunnel, a "troll" bridge over Oak Creek canyon and Henn's Overlook; several trail sections make nice, short family-friendly hikes from trailheads around town.



CHALLENGING: BLAINE BASIN TRAIL

HIKING TIME: 4 to 5 hours ROUNDTRIP: 6.4 miles



нідниднтя: A spectacular high-alpine adventure with grand panoramic views of the north face of Mount Sneffels, Kismet and Cirque Mountain; an easy grade through forest, partly along Wilson Creek with an altitude gain of only 1,400 feet to the base of Blaine Peak; a special waterfall view and lots of time along a cool mountain stream.



Markus Van Meter Photography

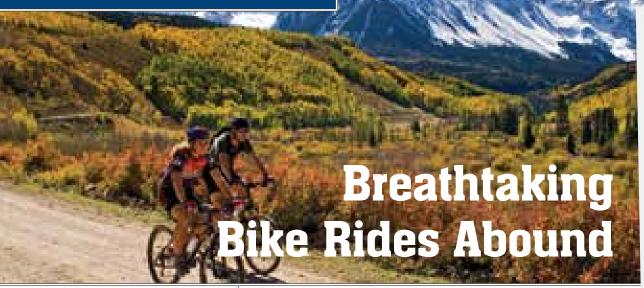
## CHALLENGING: OLD HORSETHIEF TRAIL

HIKING TIME: 4 to 5 hours ROUNDTRIP: 5.6 miles

нідниднтя: Wildlife viewing including lots of birds, deer, mountain goats, bighorn sheep, the occasional mountain lion or bear; wildflowers blanket the high-alpine meadows above treeline and the Aspen leaves change with the seasons; a great trail for viewing and photographing historic mines and the scenic panoramas down into Ouray and down the valley toward Ridgway.

**LOCALS' TIP:** Everyone knows that training at altitude in the Colorado mountains is the best way to get in shape and be inspired. Plus, you can schedule your trip during one of our many running and walking races to get in some competition while here, too. Find races on the Calendar on pages 10-13.

# **Outdoor Adventure \***





Classic Visions Photography - County Road 5, Ridgway

LOCALS' TIP: Go online to ridgwayareatrails. com for a trail map and information about local biking. For a totally unique experience, the San Juan Hut Systems has fully stocked huts, strategically located on dirt roads and single-track trails from high alpine areas to canyon country. Find hut contact information as well as bike and gear rental and purchase information in our local business listings starting on page 58.

hether you are looking for an easy bike path, a long-distance ride on pavement or an off-road, mountain experience, you can access a wide variety of back roads and trails for spectacular rides around Ridgway and Ouray. The area has more than 40 miles of single track in some of the most beautiful scenery in the country, below and through

the San Juan Mountains. Cyclists and mountain bikers of all ages and levels will find fun and challenges around the area.

The amazing road-biking route on Highway 62 from Ridgway to Placerville was once part of the Ride the Rockies. The highway provides a small but adequate shoulder, peaks on Dallas Divide at 8,970 feet, and rewards the strenuous climbs

# A Few Local Favorites



## EASY: UNCOMPAHGRE RIVER TRAIL

ROUNDTRIP: 9 miles

нісниснтs: The Uncompangre River Trail (4.5 miles one way) begins in downtown Ridgway and travels gently towards Ridgway State Park Dallas Creek area. The family-friendly, ADA-accessible concrete trail runs primarily on the former Denver & Rio Grande Western Railroad corridor and features a restored railroad trestle, incredible views and wildlife sightings.



## MODERATE: COUNTY ROADS 23 AND 17

ROUNDTRIP: 24 miles

нісниснтs: Ouray County Roads 23 and 17 between Ridgway and Ouray provide a scenic ride (12 miles one way) through rolling ranchland. When starting in Ridgway, the dirt and gravel route is more challenging, with a gradual steady climb, and from Ouray, includes more coasting on gentle downhills.



Orion Willits - Ridgway Area Trai

with tremendous views of the Sneffels range.

The Ridgway Area Trails Group (RAT), which is the Sneffels Chapter of the Colorado Plateau Mountain Bike Association (COPMOBA), created a wonderful multi-use trail system with fantastic mountain bike terrain. The trails are on the edge of Ridgway and open June through October. For biking in other seasons, try the trails at Dennis Weaver Park; they are short and for beginners but accessible all but a few weeks of the year.



CHALLENGING: DALLAS TRAIL

back, on the west end of the trail.

ROUNDTRIP: 30 miles

нідніцінть: The Dallas Trail is one of our most difficult single tracks with breathtaking views and climbs including a very technical descent into Ouray. This 30-mile classic can be done as a shuttle or loop from the center of Ridgway, or a shorter version of the ride starts from the Blue Lakes trailhead to Box Factory and





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# Outdoor Adventure \*

# Mecca for Off-Road Adventures



Markus Van Meter Photography - Yankee Boy Basin

LOCALS' TIP: While the area has many dirt roads accessible to a variety of vehicles, many popular scenic routes require high-clearance, four-wheel-drive vehicles. Be sure to ask Visitor's Center staff and local outfitters about specific road conditions.

ff-highway adventures bring you to some of the most stunning landscapes in the Rocky Mountains. Ouray County has an enormous variety of four-wheeling routes at every level. Go it alone or with guides who love to share their knowledge of the San Juans' geology, flora, fauna and history through colorful stories. Guided trips are especially fun for children and families.

Jeep tours have traversed the high mountain passes commercially since 1946, and Jeep and four-wheel drive clubs meet in Ouray throughout the season. Off-highway enthusiasts travel here all summer long for the breathtaking scenery and then again during the fall months for

the spectacular aspen colors. The main off-road season generally lasts from June until early October, but visitors who come in any season can find local vehicle rentals and shuttles to get into the backcountry more easily.

In the past decade, exploring on allterrain and off-highway vehicles (ATV and OHV) has increased in popularity. Our area has many companies that offer Jeep and OHV rentals and guided 4x4 tours (local listings start on page 58). To stay safe, we ask that all ATV riders learn where and how it is safe and legal to ride, as well as proper etiquette for responsible, respectful enjoyment alongside other vehicles, people and wildlife. Find information: staythetrail.org.





## **CORKSCREW GULCH**

This popular, moderate drive branches east off Highway 550 in Ironton Park, eight miles south of Ouray. Corkscrew is especially beautiful in the fall when you can overlook the spectacular stands of aspen in the Ironton valley, plus it's a local's favorite for mushroom hunting in the early fall. The road climbs via numerous switchbacks (the last few steep and narrow) to the red soil summit at 12,000 feet. If you continue north to Hurricane Pass, you are rewarded with a spectacular view of bright-blue Lake Como and a few photogenic ghost towns.

#### **IMOGENE PASS**

One of the more difficult drives in the area, the route goes along steep, loose slopes but is well worth it for the sweeping views at the 13,000-foot pass. Starting on Camp Bird Road, you pass the historic Camp Bird Mine, follow and then cross over Canyon Creek, and climb along cliffs. The ascent to Imogene Basin is rough and steep but boasts spectacular wildflower displays in mid-summer. The descent into the Tomboy Mine area and Telluride is more gradual. For a full-day adventure through equally beautiful scenery, consider coming back via Ophir Pass.

#### THE ALPINE LOOP

This Scenic & Historic Backcountry Byway is comprised of 75 miles of road carved through the breathtaking San Juan Mountains, following historic routes worn by Native Americans traveling to and from their traditional summer camps. These routes became roads connecting the booming mining towns of Silverton, Lake City and Ouray, which now feature the skeletons of historic mine community buildings. With the trip out of and back to Ouray exceeding 100 miles, it will easily take an entire day. For more relaxed exploring, consider breaking it into a multi-day adventure!



Ouray Tourism Office



Bonnie Tasch - Enchanted Mesa Trail

## **AMENITIES**

- The 1,000-surface-acre reservoir allows for boating, fishing, swimming, and a variety of water sports.
- The park offers campgrounds, event facilities, a marina, picnic and playground areas, as well as nearly 14 miles of developed trails.
- Ridgway State Park offers year-round camping. During the high season (mid-May to mid-September), 258 campsites for RVs, trailers, campers and motorhomes are available, as well as 25 walk-in tent sites for a more remote experience. Three yurts at the Dutch Charlie area provide a fun alternative for overnight stays.
- Daily Park Pass: \$8; Camping fees: \$29-\$37; Yurt fees: \$87
- For information, maps and reservations, go to parks.state.co.us/ridgway.

idgway Reservoir is a major recreational resource at the heart of the state park, surrounded by an outdoor playground with five square miles to explore and enjoy. With unparalleled scenery, the park is an inviting destination for couples and families, with diverse amenities to keep all ages occupied for an afternoon or several days. The most popular water sports are standup paddle boarding and motor boating, but the options range from kayaking, canoeing and sailing to wakeboarding, water-skiing and jet skiing. Visitors can also enjoy many

hiking and biking trails along with birding and wildlife viewing opportunities.

Education programs for the public begin on Memorial Day weekend and continue throughout each summer. The Park Visitor Center has many items that it lends for free to make trips more fun: fishing poles and tackle; life jackets; and "Family Activity Backpacks" fully equipped with journals, binoculars, magnifiers, guidebooks and magnifying bug boxes, along with suggested activities and fun facts sheets.

PARK RANGER'S TIP: Dogs are welcome in the park, as long as they stay with their owners at all times. Two of the yurts are even pet-friendly.



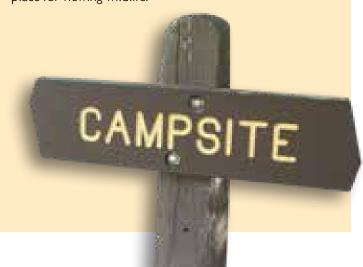


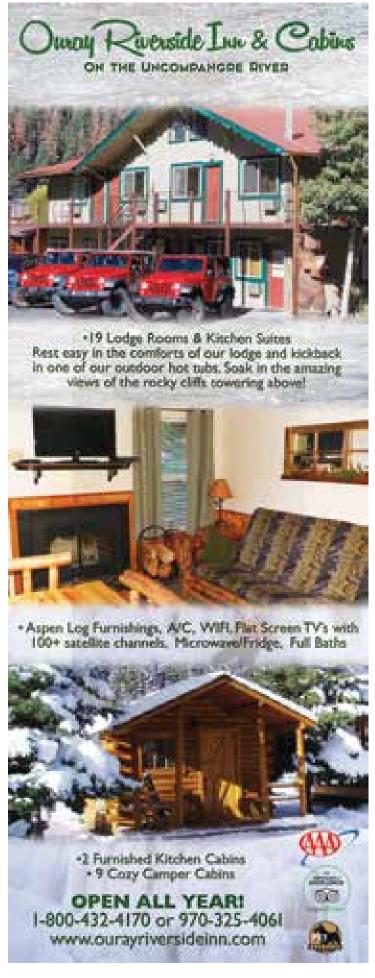
# **Park Entrances**

PA-CO-CHU-PUK, which means "Cow Creek" in the Ute language, is located below the Ridgway Dam. This area offers campsites, an event pavilion, pond and river trout fishing, and access to hiking and biking trails.

**DUTCH CHARLIE** site, named after a pioneer who ran a boarding house near the present-day swim beach, provides access to most of the park's major facilities and the Visitors Center.

**DALLAS CREEK** site, furthest south, provides daytime activities and picnic sites. Located at the confluence of the Uncompangre River and Dallas Creek, it is a perfect place for viewing wildlife.













LOCALS' TIP: Rivers are rated at various difficulty levels based on the water flows and geography such as the elevation change and in-stream boulders. Be sure to pick the right river for your activity as well as experience and ability level. Contact your local outfitters to receive the most up-to-date information on conditions, access, gear and guided trips; see local business listings starting on page 58.

ranquil alpine lakes and meandering streams provide wonderful settings for exploration, relaxation and abundant fishing opportunities. Spring snowmelt from high in the San Juan Mountains brings increased water flows and the thrill of rushing rivers enjoyed by rafters, kayakers and other water recreation buffs. Plan a trip to enjoy rafting among stunning geology and archaeology plus world-class fishing in pristine wilderness.

While our rivers are best known for rafting and kayaking adventures, you can also spend a lazy day tubing down the mellow waters of the Uncompahgre River from Rollans Park to Dennis Weaver Memorial Park near Ridgway State Park in the shadow of Mount Sneffels. It is a perfect way to cool off on a hot summer day! Or, get a peaceful workout by enjoying the quiet waters of a mountain lake on a stand up paddle board.

Experience why this sport is quickly becoming the most popular watersport in Colorado!

June through August hold the most opportunities for water fun, especially rafting. Plus, kayaking or stand up paddle boarding on low-elevation lakes are a great way to enjoy reflections of colorful leaves in early fall and snow peaks in late spring.

# **Nearby Rivers**

- Uncompander River, accessible in many parts of Ouray County
- San Miguel River, about an hour drive from Ouray County
- Gunnison River, about an hour and a half drive from Ouray County
- Animas River, about two hours from Ouray County

# Discover World-Class Fishing

olorado has hundreds of miles of trout streams, so it should not be a surprise that many excellent fishing opportunities are located within a short distance of Ouray and Ridgway. Whether you are a veteran or novice, you



can experience great year-round fishing, as well as float fishing trips, walk-and-wade guided fly fishing trips and instructional clinics in the area.

Stocked and native brook and rainbow trout can be found in the Uncompange River and some of its tributaries. Access to Dallas Creek, Canyon Creek or Upper Cow Creek is more limited, but the reward might very well be a bigger catch.

The tailwater fishery below Ridgway Reservoir, at the Pa-Co-Chu-Puk entrance of the Ridgway State Park, offers anglers an unparalleled fishing experience

habitat for rainbow, brown and cutthroat trout and catch-and-release Blue Ribbon Waters revealing deep runs and large pools. This beautiful setting with a marina and

year-round. Extensive rehabilitation has resulted in prime

numerous points of access make for a great fishing destination for the whole family.

Fishing in surrounding alpine lakes may be the preferred choice for those seeking solitude and grand vistas.

**KNOW BEFORE** 

YOU GO: A fishing license is required to fish from Colorado waterways. Information on licenses and regulations may be found at cpw.state.co.us For guiding, gear and tips, visit our local experts who can be found in our local business listings starting on page 58.

Whether you prefer a few-mile hike to lead you to serene lakes and great fishing stories or the more accessible waters of Silver Jack Reservoir in the Cimarrons, quality fishing can be found in many magnificent settings.

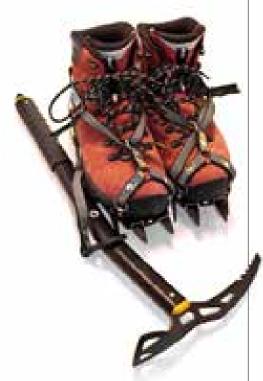
# **Fall & Winter Fishing**

Visiting during the fall and winter gives you access to great fishing with less pressure; leading to a more productive day. If you have never tried fishing during your winter vacation, we encourage you to give it a try. There's nothing quite like having the whole river to yourself on a crisp, cloudless winter day.





Peak Mountain Guides- Ouray Ice Park



KNOW BEFORE YOU GO: Canvoning and all forms of climbing are very technical sports that require knowledge and experience to ensure safety. Be sure to check in with one of our local guide services and let them teach you the ropes safely. You can also learn a lot by participating in the Ouray Canyoning Festival in August, the OuRock! Festival in September, and the Ouray Ice Festival in January.

he mountains are just a few steps from your front door wherever you are in Ridgway or Ouray. So, if you crave adventures that take you away from the pavement, you'll find year-round opportunities to get off the ground. For more information on guides and outfitters to help book adventures, refer to the local listings starting on page 58.

#### **ROCK CLIMBING**

Try bouldering in our forests, sport climbing at Rotary Park in Ouray, or multi-pitch climbs in the Uncompangre Gorge. There are great areas for beginners and families, and an evergrowing number of high-quality routes for more advanced climbers.

#### **PEAK-BAGGING**

The mountains around Ouray and Ridgway are home to some classic mountaineering routes in the U.S. A summit photo from the top of our classic 14-er, Mount Sneffels, or lessexplored peaks like Hayden, Chimney and Courthouse Mountain, will be a treasured souvenir of your trip to the San Juan's (and the envy of all of your friends).



Canyoning Colorado - Deep inside Ouray's Canyon

## **CANYONING**

Surrounded by high mountains carved by wind and water, the quality and variety of canyons found in our mountains - from the family-friendly trip down Portland Creek to the 280-foot rappel down Cascade Falls – are staggering. All feature one crucial element – water: plummeting over cliffs, cascading down tight rapids and swirling around deep, cold turquoise pools. While the season for canyoning varies from year to year, the canyons are most accessible in August and September when the weather is warm and the water is low. See guide service listings on page 58.

# **Ice Climbing**

rom mid-December to mid-March, head to Ouray County to experience our official winter sport, ice climbing, and you'll be greeted with "Have an Ice Day" from almost every open merchant and lodger's window. Whether you bring your own crampons, ice tools and harness or rent them from our local guides, we invite you to add an experience on our world-class ice to your bucket list. From low-angle climbs on the Kids' Wall at the Ouray Ice Park to challenging backcountry ice climbs, the mountains and canyons have something for everyone.

The Ouray Ice Park offers beginning to advanced routes, so climbers of all skill levels can spend a full day learning and perfecting their individual techniques. The park is inside Ouray city limits and is only a short walk from the downtown district, which means that you can enjoy a lesson in the morning, pop into town for a hot lunch, head back in the early afternoon for fun climbing, then end your day in one our hot springs to soak away the day's adventures.

Most of the photos of ice climbing can be a little intimidating. World-class athletes are portrayed hanging at crazy angles from their ice axes, traversing impossibly thin rock faces and ice pillars, and showing off supernatural skills in Ouray. But, in fact, Ouray is actually the perfect place to try out ice climbing for the first time, or improve your skills aided by our certified guides. It's even better when you invite a whole group of friends to join you!

Climbing clinics, lessons and one-onone guiding are offered for every age and climber level throughout the season by local companies like Peak Mountain Guides and San Juan Mountain Guides. Plus, the Kid's Climbing College has free climbing opportunities for youth ages 8 to 17, Chicks Climbing & Skiing organizes a number of women's clinics, Paradox Sports specializes in adaptive programs, and the Ouray Ice Festival in January includes clinics.

## 24<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL **OURAY ICE FESTIVAL**

The Ouray Ice Festival, held every January since 1996, is an eclectic gathering of ice climbers, gear manufacturers and ice climbing enthusiasts. The international festival is now the largest ice event in North America, featuring more than 100 events over four days and widely recognized as the premier event of its kind. Each year, familiar faces return to climb, socialize, test the latest equipment, and watch the professionals power up the latest competition route. The festival is 100 percent locally owned and operated by the Ouray Ice Park, Inc., and all festival proceeds go directly to the operation and maintenance of the park.



Rhys Roberts, Ouray Ice Park - Ouray Ice Festival Speed Competition

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Bonnie Tasch - Divide Ranch & Club Golf Course

LOCALS' TIP: Watch out when driving any mountain roads. Deer in particular can suddenly appear in the road. Observe speed limits and keep your eyes out ahead to prevent accidents with animals, especially at dusk, dawn and midnight.



Frank Bellrose - Jackass Flats, Dexter Creek Road

he outdoors in southwest Colorado is synonymous with natural beauty. Exploring the backcountry or hanging out around Ridgway and Ouray neighborhoods just after dawn or at dusk, the scenery and wildlife astound and inspire you to discover more. Even better, young and old alike have abundant recreational opportunities to enjoy in this grand landscape in all four seasons.

GOLF: Ouray County's 300-plus days of sunshine make it an ideal golfing destination. The awardwinning golf course at the Divide Ranch & Club, located amid the rugged Ponderosa pine beauty of Loghill Mesa, features an 18-hole course with 7,039 yards of challenging play plus incredible views of the Cimmaron and San Juan peaks.

**PHOTOGRAPHY:** Opportunities for amazing photos abound throughout the four seasons, with vivid colors, snowcapped mountains, incredible sunrises and sunsets, and dazzling waterfalls. The San Juans are the most photographed mountains in Colorado, and Owl Creek Pass is one of our favorites for remote access to amazing landscapes and wildlife.

**HUNTING**: As summer comes to an end and the temperatures cool down. thousands of elk and deer come down to lower elevations. Ridgway and Ouray are surrounded by the Uncompangre National Forest, which boasts many excellent hunting grounds for small and big game and prime elk parcel units.

**WILDLIFE VIEWING:** Southwest Colorado is teeming with wildlife to view year-round. Most notable of the indigenous species in the region are mountain lions, badgers, deer, elk, moose, bears, coyotes, lynx, wild turkeys, porcupines and bald eagles. Birding opportunities also abound, with more than 140 species of migratory and resident birds having been identified in the area.

# **More Adventures**

- Skateboarding
- Scootering
- Dirt biking ■ Horseback
- riding
- Hot air ballooning
- Hang gliding
- Paragliding
- Tandem sky diving
- Slacklining
- And the list goes on ...

# Outdoor Adventure

# Snow Sports Beyond the Lift Line

isitors can enjoy the small-town hospitality of Ouray and Ridgway, while accessing world-class skiing and snowboarding at the nearby resorts in Telluride, Silverton and Durango (see information about driving distances on page 51). For a milder ride, especially popular with the under 16 set, Ouray's own Lee's Ski Hill offers a free tow rope and some fun, free turns in Ouray, as well as Vinegar Hill, a designated family sledding hill, just a few blocks from Main Street. Ouray's Rotary Park also offers free ice skating as well as broomball and ice hockey leagues in the cold months.

For solitude and pristine powder, nothing beats the backcountry slopes of the San Juan Mountains for not only alpine skiing and snowboarding but also Nordic (cross-country) skiing, snowshoeing and lots of other snow sports. Plus, many of our local snow activities are available for a few weeks before and after the resort lifts close.

Winter is also a great time for adaptive sports, and our area is a popular home and destination for athletes with limited sight, hearing and mobility seeking outdoor recreation. As a hub of established adaptive sports programs, such as Ridgway's nonprofit San Juan LEADs, several sports are available to

youth, veterans and family members with various athletic abilities. We're proud to offer southwest Colorado as a playground for ALL who choose to adventure here!

Before venturing into the backcountry on your own, familiarize yourself with survival skills such as avalanche safety. Better

yet, go out with one of our professional guides. Looking for a multi-day excursion? Warm up in the evenings in a cozy hut or a luxurious mountain lodge. For information on guides, huts and lodging, see the business listings starting on page 54.



Red Mountain Alpine Lodge - Red Mountain Pass





# **Local Favorites**

## **SNOWSHOEING & CROSS-COUNTRY SKIING:**

Nothing can compare to the solitude of a cross-country ski or snowshoe excursion under blue skies, falling snow or a full moon. From short trips on trails at Ouray's Uncompangre River Trail and Amphitheater to miles of trails in Ironton Park south of Ouray, a variety of outdoor winter experiences await. Top of the Pines spread across a high meadow above Ridgway

offers groomed trails within a 175-acre preserve, while other groomed and natural trails await up Red Mountain Pass and on the mesas and slopes around the valley. Snowshoeing and Nordic skiing provide a great time to see and photograph not only wildlife and snowy landscapes, but also historic mining sites. Snowshoes, skis and poles are available for rent in Ridgway and Ouray.

LOCALS' TIP: Visit in mid-

winter sporting event. A mix of horseback riding and skiing

or snowboarding, Skijoring is a

thrilling winter spectacle that

sports. On a specially designed

track at the Ouray County

Fairgrounds, competitors and spectators from near and far come

to entertain and be entertained.

combines our local ranching heritage with our love for winter

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**ADDITIONAL HOT SPRINGS** 

- Wiesbaden Hot Springs Spa & Lodgings
- Twin Peaks Lodge & Hot Springs
- Box Canyon Lodge & Hot Springs

Throughout the year, you can soak in the area's hot springs – a centuries-old tradition. Nothing tops off a winter day like a soak in our sulfur-free hot springs, some shopping downtown, a warm meal and drink at one of our cozy restaurants, and a soft bed to fall into.

#### **OURAY HOT SPRINGS POOL**

In operation since 1927, the Ouray Hot Springs Pool has served the local and regional communities as the premier destination for relaxation, family fun and amazing views. After nine decades of operation and countless visitors,

# **Colorado Historic Hot Springs Loop**

If you have more than a few days to travel, be sure to stop and soak in our partner destinations along the Colorado Historic Hot Springs Loop, colorado.com/ hotspringsloop. The Loop includes the communities of Pagosa Springs, Ouray County (Ridgway and Ouray), Glenwood Springs, Steamboat Springs, and Chaffee County (Buena Vista, Nathrop and Salida). Each destination is about a three-hour drive from the next and makes for a perfect multi-day getaway in Colorado.

the long-awaited, multimillion-dollar renovation project was completed last year and the Ouray Hot Springs Pool re-opened with expanded soaking pools, play areas and accessibility for all users. Individual soaking pools range from 96 to 106 degrees Fahrenheit, including the new terraced Overlook Pools. All pools offer sulfur-free mineral water and spectacular

#### **ORVIS HOT SPRINGS & SPA**

views of the surrounding peaks.

With seven soaking areas (four outside and three inside), a sauna and natural landscaping, Orvis Hot Health & Wellness Springs offers a variety of experiences for the avid soaker. The waters in the clothing-optional hot springs have seven main naturally-occurring minerals with various health benefits. The waters here, ranging from 90 degrees to 112 degrees Fahrenheit, are most famous for their lithium content, highly sought after due to its soothing effects that naturally melt away stress and anxiety.

# Health & Wellness

# Mind, Body & Spirit a Destination for Whole Health





Charlene Steck - Ridgway State Park

outhwest Colorado is a hub for wellness professionals and services. Whether you seek relaxation and rejuvenation from massages, hot springs and other health resort amenities, or you are looking for an expert chiropractor, nutritionist or other holistic medicine practitioner, Ouray County delivers. Plus, you have your pick of yoga, dance and fitness classes from pilates to spin, as well as personal trainers – many who are

world-class athletes in a variety of sports disciplines. You can find group activities indoors and outdoors, scheduled weekly or organized as retreats, special trainings and workshops throughout the year. Whether you are a local or a visitor, the Ridgway-Ouray area has a lot to offer for those seeking a little guidance plus a bit of positive comradery while maintaining or increasing your fitness level, or preparing for an upcoming athletic competition.

Lizzie Tilles - Ridgway Pilates



See additional wellness service providers in the directory on pages 59.

# A Sampling of Wellness Options

■ BALANCE NATURAL MEDICINE — helping you achieve optimal health balance with personalized therapies such as: chiropractic, nutritional medicine, soft tissue techniques, hyperbaric oxygen therapy, laser therapy and high altitude relief.



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- OURAY'S HOTEL SPAS Three iconic properties offer spa services and products to make you feel wonderful. The historic Beaumont is the perfect venue for a private sauna and hot tub soak, massages, body treatments, reflexology and other services. The Wiesbaden offers Swedish massage, sports massage and various techniques plus access to their historic hot springs and vapor cave. The Sage Spa at the Twin Peaks provides scrubs, masks, massages, and many other treatments, plus access to various hot springs pools.
- CHIPETA SOLAR SPRINGS RESORT & SPA a serene space with experienced therapists and treatments inspired by the southwest. With four treatment rooms, our 3,000-square-foot spa also contains a circular

- cedar sauna, steam room, mirrored yoga room and two solar heated thermal pools.
- ELEVATE WELLNESS SPA The perfect place for holistic solutions for the entire body—inside and out, Elevate specializes in facials, skincare, therapeutic body work, waxing, makeup and more. Plus, the spa has ongoing yoga classes.
- OURAY HOT SPRINGS POOL & FITNESS CENTER In addition to lap swimming lanes, the Pool offers three different soaking sections with temperatures ranging from 98 to 105 degrees. The Fitness Center offers a variety of weightlifting and aerobic exercise equipment for visitors and guests. The Colorado Kur offers massage and bodywork so you can soak right after your massage.
- WHOLENESS massage and bodywork by Melissa Countryman, specializing in Hakomiinspired bodywork, ISUN Gemstone Journey, and Swedish, deep tissue, hot stone, aromatherapy and pediatric massage.



# The Arts Come Alive





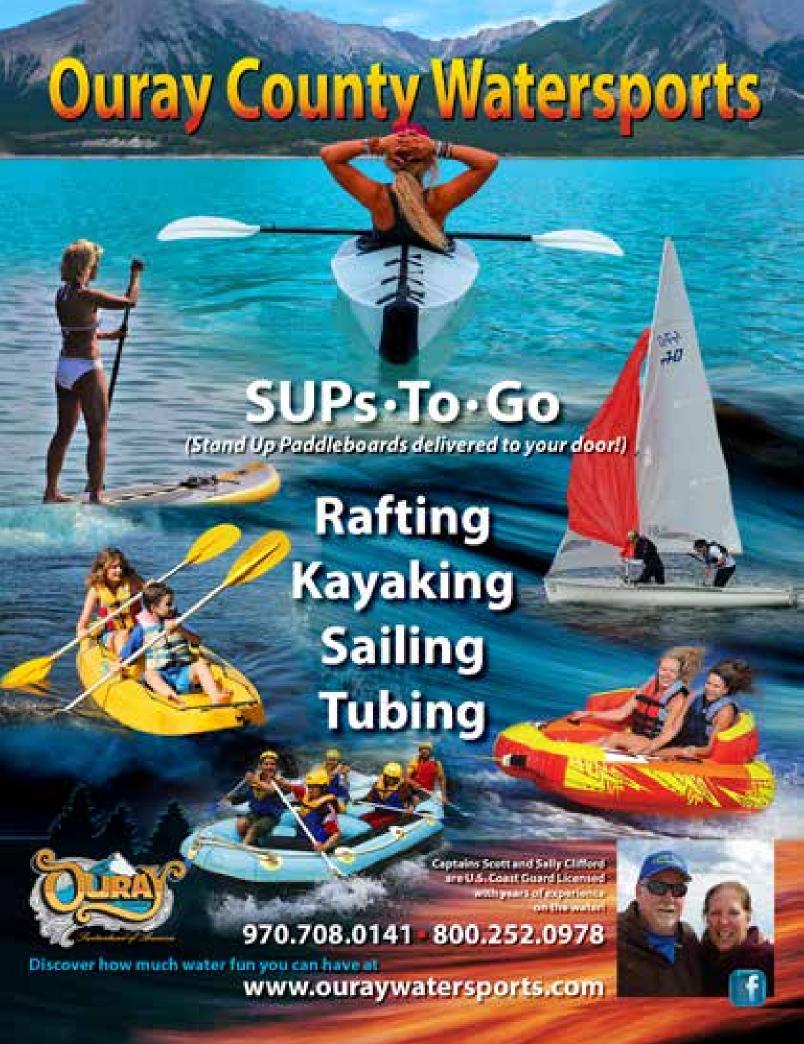
uray and Ridgway have vibrant, creative communities that thrive on our inspiring setting, with many venues and events where artists and performers display their talents. With rich, year-round cultural scenes, programming planned by our many arts organizations is sure to stimulate your mind, touch your heart and excite your senses.

Ridgway has flourished as a statedesignated Creative District since 2013, recognized for the high percentage of talented artisans and creators who make their homes, studios, and businesses here. Galleries feature an eye-popping array of ceramics, metalwork, photography, mixedmedia works, pottery, paintings, sculptures, art glass and authentic Native American crafts, with works by national and regional artists as well. Even the Ridgway Library and Town Hall display fantastic art exhibitions.

Galleries, studios, and shops throughout Ouray County specialize in truly unique gifts. Everyone in the family can score just the right souvenir or present to bring to friends and relatives

— from African artwork to collectible rocks, children's toys, chic clothing, jewelry, home décor with a mountaintown twist, and more. Plus, a diverse set of craftspeople are known for metal sculptures and utensils, beeswax candles, custom guitars and jewelry, handmade furniture, blown glass, and eco-friendly instrument cases.

Both Ridgway and Ouray are home to numerous arts and crafts shows, live theater, movies, concerts, radio shows, historic programs, inspirational lectures by experts from various fields, and visual and performing arts classes. Our outdoor concerts and festivals in our beautiful parks have gained widespread popularity, while intimate performances at our cafes and restaurants turn into special memories. Events include outdoor concerts and movies, art shows and festivals, documentaries, live bands, a sculpture contest, plays and musicals, poetry readings, and classes for every imaginable art form from dance and theater to glass blowing and painting.







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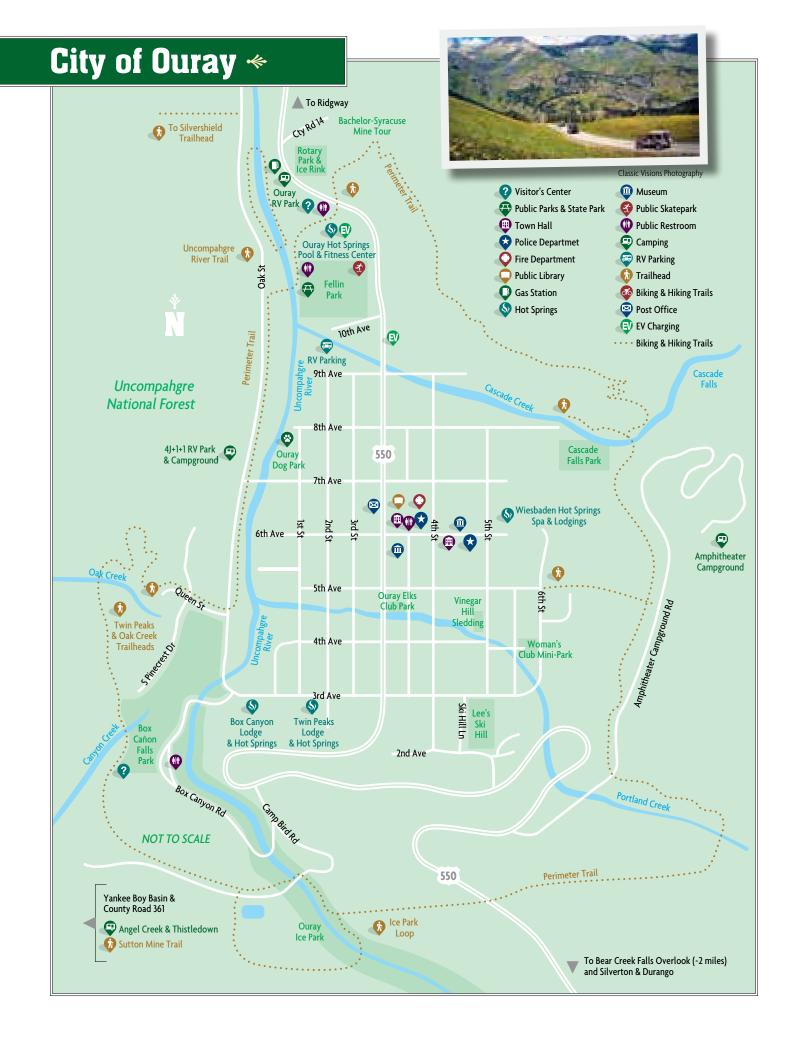
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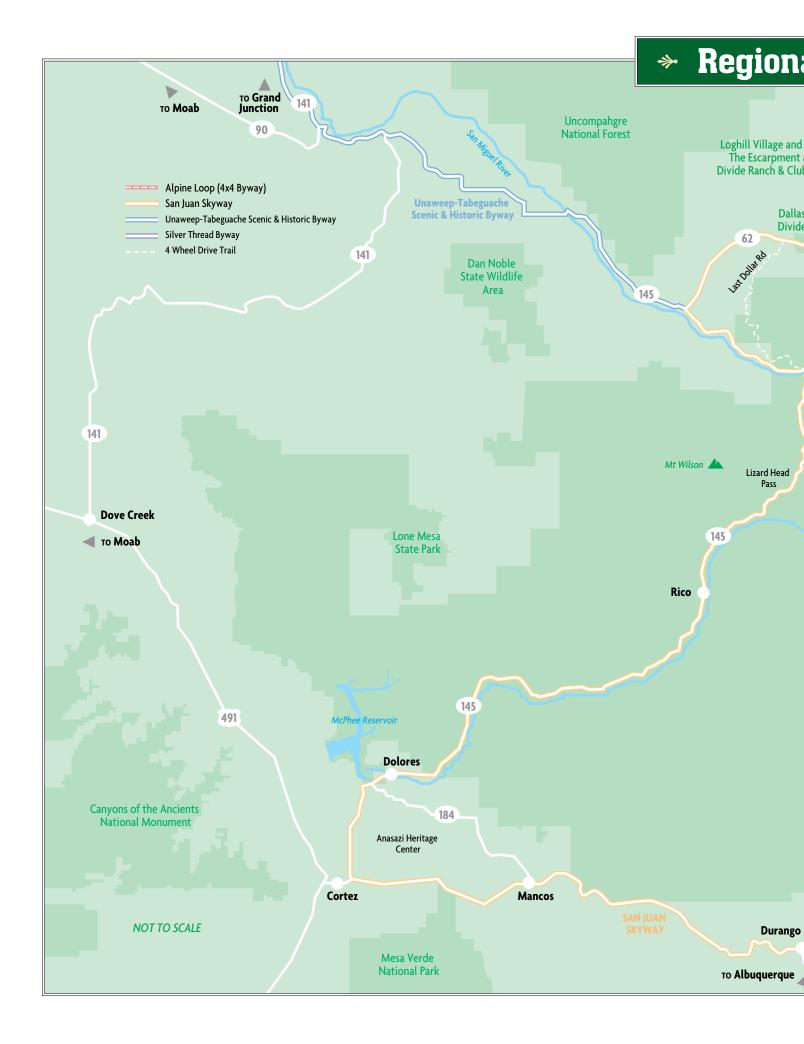


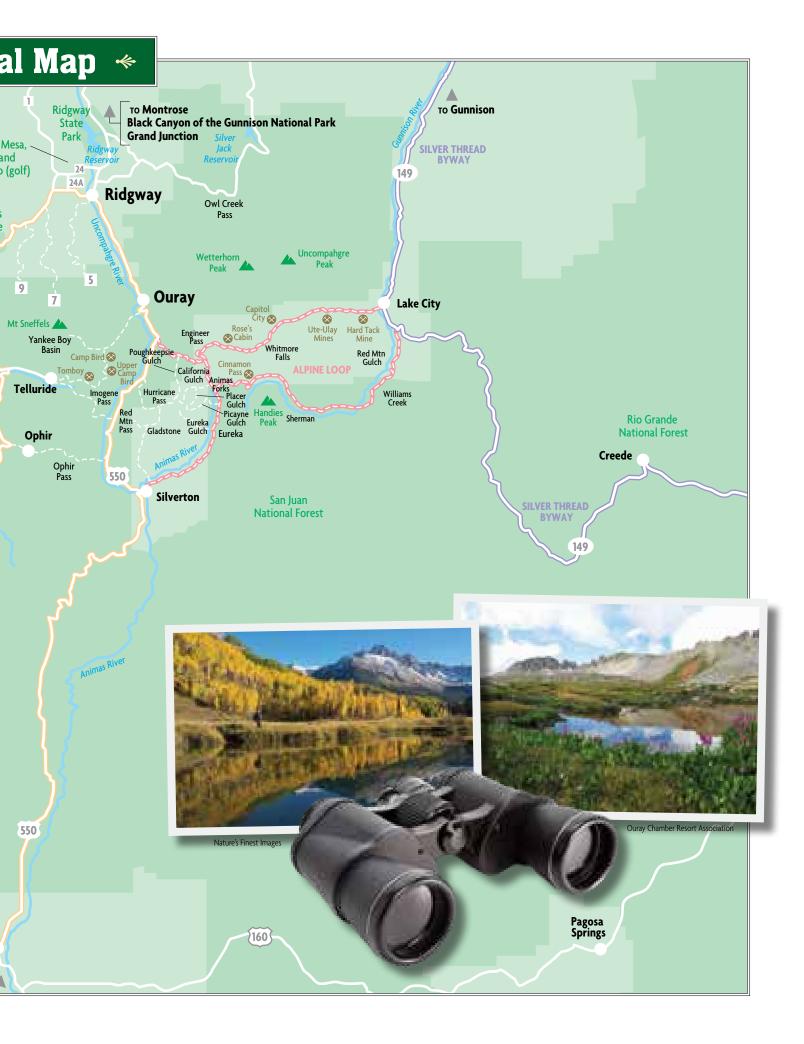




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# **Events** For Every Season

rts organizations and entertainment venues in Ouray County fill every month of the year with a variety of performances and presentations. From coffee houses to turn-of-the century theaters and outdoor stages, musicians, singers, actors, comedians, magicians and dancers display their talents and experts share their knowledge about local history and international issues at events big and small – many free and most for \$20 or less.

#### WRIGHT OPERA HOUSE

In Ouray, the Wright Opera House hosts an entertaining line-up of musical, performing arts and theatrical events throughout the year, as well as historical lectures, weekly independent films and box-office hits. This historic opera house was built in 1888 to counteract the early mining settlement's vices with culture, and today it's the center of Ouray's cultural landscape thanks to an ongoing renovation program. For information: thewrightoperahouse.org.

#### **SHERBINO THEATER**

The Sherbino Theater. operated and restored by the nonprofit Ridgway Chautaugua Society, has become a lively space where art, creativity and community thrive. Built and opened in 1915 and designated a Colorado State Landmark in 1991, each year the popular venue hosts about 30 live music events with local, regional and national acts, 15 art classes, 12 lectures, three community theater productions, 12 film presentations,

eight poetry readings and several fundraising events. The nonprofit and the Town of Ridgway also organize an outdoor film series each summer. For information: sherbino.org.

#### SAN JUAN CHAMBER **MUSIC FESTIVAL**

Every year, the nonprofit Ouray County Performing Arts Guild organizes a chamber music festival under the artistic direction of world-renowned concert pianist Max Levinson. The festival features evening concerts in Ouray and Ridgway and master classes for students. The nonprofit also sponsors a series of musical salons and classical and world music concerts throughout the year.

#### **SUMMER MUSIC SERIES**

The Ouray Mountain Air Music Series is a free concert series that brings national acts to Ouray's spectacular Fellin Park on Thursday nights in June. Next, Ridgway takes its turn with free concerts in Hartwell Park every Thursday night in July. There is nothing quite like dancing or hanging out with friends and family in the park

accompanied by live music under the warm light of the alpenglow.

#### **OPEN BARD POETRY** Open Bard is a remarkable

poetry series on the first Thursday evening of each month, October through May, at the Sherbino Theater and Wright Opera House. Each evening features nationally or regionally known Colorado poets as featured performers, and includes an open reading by audience members. Find out more at facebook.com/ RidgwayPoetrySeries.



Barry Doyle - Sherbino Theate







# Arts & Entertainment \*

# Part of Our Art Scene



Weehawken Creative Arts - Sneffels Fiber Arts Festiva

Annual Events: Weehawken and other local organizations also host and organize a multitude of special annual events, with multi-faceted offerings from dance performances with more than 250 youth to festivals that include exhibits, music, food, drink and demonstrations. To find an event to fit your travel schedule and interests. go to the calendar on pages 10-13.

hen planning a visit to Ouray and Ridgway, plan to expand your horizons and treat yourself with hands-on art experiences – and we don't mean just shopping. Yes, our galleries, studios and gift shops have amazing collections of artwork for purchase, and friendly shopkeepers and artists ready to share their knowledge and creative process with you.

But, for a truly memorable experience that satisfies your creative curiosity, be sure to enroll in one of the amazing workshops or classes organized by Weehawken Creative Arts. This local nonprofit has been transforming the lives of adults and children through arts education, dance programs and beloved

> community events for decades. Whether looking for personal or professional development or just a fun afternoon or evening, Weehawken

has a year-round schedule filled with opportunities to learn and create.

Known for its dance classes that produce talented young performers, Weehawken also has drop-in dance, yoga and Zumba classes for various ages and open to visitors every week. Theater workshops often run for just a few weeks providing the opportunity for families on longer vacations to get involved. And as far as visual art and writing classes, many are geared for adults. Most are offered in one or two sessions so easy to fit into a vacation plan. The genres are limitless with professional artists guiding the classes as students create everything from mosaic art and painted landscapes to prose and journals. Classes are held around the community, and starting in 2018, 610 Art Gallery next to the Sherbino Theater became Ridgway's newest location for art viewing and learning. For information: weehawkenarts.org.



**Local Favorites** 

#### **ARTISTS' ALPINE HOLIDAY**

This August will mark the 58th year of the oldest juried show in Colorado, sponsored by the Ouray County Arts Association. At the weeklong show, local, national and international artists are exhibited at the Ouray Community Center. Artists take to the streets during the Paint-Out on Main Street and put their new works up for bid at an auction.



#### RIDGWAY RENDEZVOUS ARTS AND CRAFTS FESTIVAL

The two-day 54th Annual Rendezvous comes to Ridgway's beautiful Hartwell Park again in the second weekend of August. This festival showcases fine arts and original crafts from up to 140 talented vendors from across the country, combined with music, food and drink, making it one of the most highly anticipated art shows of the season on Colorado's Western Slope.



Elizabeth Riley - Kiitellä Studio

idgway and Ouray are known for a blend of Victorian and western architecture as well as adobe and southwestern styles. Our built and curated landscapes reflect the respect we have for our history and beautiful natural scenery. To further enhance our business districts and parks, a variety of artistic installations are strategically placed, creating fun routes of discovery.

#### **SCULPTURES & PUBLIC ART**

Ridgway's trails, parks and alleys feature a menagerie of public art, aus & & including more than 20 enchanting sculptures. Demonstrating our love for local wildlife, many bronze creatures inhabit the town such as three eagles of varying sizes. Durango artist Bryan Saren created five thought-provoking sculptures with different themes that can be seen along Sherman Street (Highway 62) at the bridge and at North Lena Street. Public Art in Ridgway (PARC) is responsible for the largest number of sculptures, with most installations in Hartwell Park and a few in the yard at the historic firehouse. For a map of public art locations: publicartridgwayco. org/Walking-Tour.php.

#### ALLEY POETRY. **ALLEY ART & BENCHES**

Late Ridgway sculptor Michael McCullough started making and installing signs with poetry and art in alleys around town several years ago, and the community has continued the creative effort. Alley Poetry and Alley Art are meant to stop you in mid-stride: read them aloud, to yourself... slowly, fast, photograph and Instragram them, and just enjoy them. Discover more about them at facebook.com/editorinsheaf.

In 2017, Ridgway installed artist-designed benches around our downtown as part of a larger streetscape improvement project. The benches include rustic steel and wood seats as well as humorous creations with thick, spring-like legs and unique shapes. Bench makers include Tom Bennett of Ridgway, Jeff Skoloda of Ouray, and 3 Cycle Studio in Hotchkiss. California artist Colin Selig created many of the colorful, curvy, modern benches as part sculpture and part sustainable design from salvaged, repurposed propane tanks.

#### **LOCAL BEAUTY**

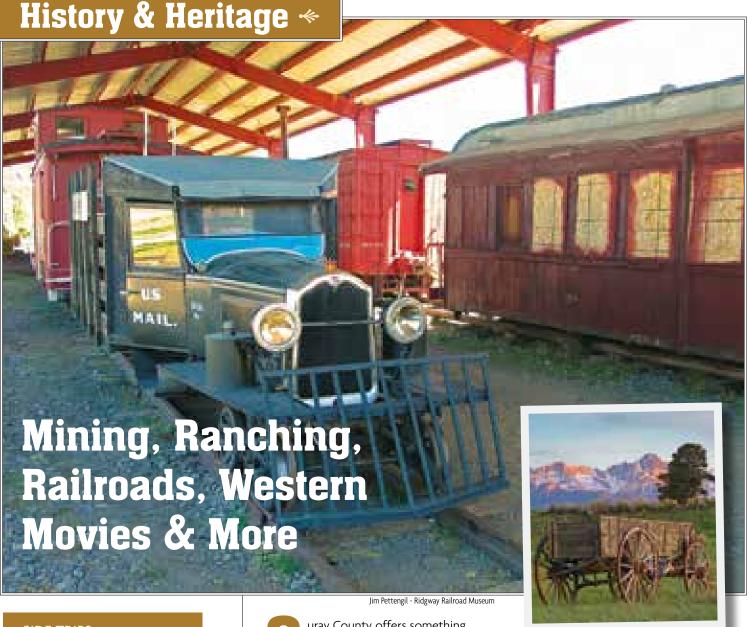
Colorful blooming flowers in containers made from historic artifacts can be found around the city of Ouray, thanks to the Ouray Beautification Committee. An all-volunteer group, their sole purpose is to keep our streets and sidewalks clean, welcoming and filled with visual delights. Ridgway also has a group of volunteers who oversee plantings around the downtown area – we hope you enjoy these pretty splashes of color.

Ouray Tourism Office -Jeff Skoloda's Troll, Ouray Perimeter Trail

#### LITTLE FREE LIBRARIES

Ouray's and Ridgway's sidewalks are home to a few wooden cases full of books, where anyone may stop and pick up a book (or two) and bring back another to share. These outdoor library boxes are unique resources for anyone seeking new reading ideas. You can find them at the following sites:

- Sixth Ave., Ouray (private residence across from the Ouray Public Library)
- 735 Main St., Ouray (Wildflower Boutique)
- 1230 Main St., Ouray (Ouray Visitor's Center)
- Near the southwest corner of Clinton & N. Cora streets. Ridgway (on the east wall of Colorado Boy Brewery)
- **3229 County Road 17,** Ridgway (in front of private residence in a rural neighborhood)



#### SIDE TRIPS

The Silverton station of the **Durango & Silverton Narrow** Gauge Railroad is just an hour south of Ouray. A day trip on the 130-year-old coal-fired, steam-powered locomotive, winding through spectacular canyons in the remote wilderness of the San Juan National Forest, is an unforgettable year-round adventure. For a deeper dive into local history, the Ute Indian Museum is a short drive north on Highway 550 to the edge of renovated cultural center to see artifacts and learn about the Ute people and nearby archaeological sites.

uray County offers something for every history buff, from picturesque, wooden, mining-era buildings to scenic ranches and worldclass museums. Prior to the mining and ranching era of the 1860s-1950s, the valley and mountains were the homeland of the native Utes. As mining grew, so did the ranching and railroad industries that supported it. Today, Ridgway and Ouray celebrate our unique Western heritage with museums dedicated to mining, railroading, ranching and the Utes, as well as private collections and a beautiful historic fairgrounds that hosts the annual Ouray County Labor Day Fair & Rodeo.

#### **OURAY COUNTY MUSEUM**

Nature's Finest Images - Sneffels Rang

This small but mighty museum was named by the Smithsonian Institution as the "Best little museum in the west." The museum has three stories and 27 rooms, each dedicated to a specific aspect of the area's history and one room dedicated to rotating exhibits. Curated and operated by the nonprofit Ouray Historical Society, it is located at 425 Sixth Ave., Ouray, in the former St. Joseph's Miners' Hospital, which was built in 1887. For information on seasonal hours: ouraycountyhistoricalsociety.org or 970-325-4576.

#### **OURAY ALCHEMIST** PHARMACEUTICAL MUSEUM

This private collection on Ouray's Main Street represents more than 40 years of passionate collecting by the owners, Curtis and Nancy Haggar. Their collection spans 2,000-plus years of pharmaceutical history in the guise of a frontier pharmacy, complete with period fixtures, overthe-counter remedies, art objects and the oldest prescription in Colorado.



#### RIDGWAY RAILROAD MUSEUM

Dedicated to preserving the history of railroading in Ouray County, the Ridgway Railroad Museum was founded in 1999, and is run solely by volunteers. The

indoor displays, located at the Ridgway Visitors Center, include two large dioramas, a historic railyard and a railroad trestle with a functioning mini train engine, plus many historic photos, books and artifacts. The outdoor exhibits were moved to Railroad Street in the pasture north of the Ouray County Ranch History Museum in 2018, and include six narrow gauge cars: a caboose, stock car, box car, drop-bottom gondola, business car, and a water service car, plus an exact replica of the 1931 Rio Grande Southern (RGS) Motor Car No. 1 as well as the restored RGS Goose No. 4. For information: ridgwayrailroadmuseum.org or ridgwayrailroadmuseum@ouraynet.com.









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# Ghost Towns of the Red Mountain Mining District

#### **HISTORIC MINE SITES TOUR**

Roundtrip distance from Ouray: 24 miles

Approximate roundtrip time with walking stops: 3.5 hours

- Bear Creek Falls Overlook: Otto Mears Toll Road history
- Crystal Lake: Otto Mears Trail, St. Germain Foundation
- Corkscrew Gulch Turnoff: walk to Larson Brothers Mine & Ironton Townsite (3 buildings remaining), distant views of Red Mountain Mining District & Joker Tunnel
- Red Mountain Mining District Overlook: Idarado Mine Buildings & Trestle, Guston-Robinson, Yankee Girl. Genesee-Vanderbilt Mines

ne of the best ways to experience the history and Wild West lore of Ouray County is by exploring one of the many ghost towns that stand witness to history with their weathered headframes and leaning bunkhouses, deep in the backcountry of the San Juan Mountains.

Some of these ghost towns were small, inhabited by only a few people, while others had thousands of residents. Most are now bare sites with only a few buildings still standing due to the long, difficult winter months. These historical ruins are true "ghosts" and you will surely feel the shadows of days past among them.



Hank Christensen - Red Mountain Mining District

Make sure to take your camera to photograph not only the history but also the amazing natural surroundings, from the bright fall colors to the snowy winter landscapes. (If you are visiting after snow falls in the high country, you will need snowshoes or cross-country skis for access.) Also, brush up on your history before you go. A number of interesting books cover the history of many local mine sites and mining camps, and are available for purchase at local bookstores, gift shops and museums.

Dozens of other historic mine sites can be found in remote areas only accessible by four-wheel drive or a hike. To visit these treasures, consider taking a guided jeep tour or getting hiking information from local outfitters.

**CAUTION:** In your exploration of these abandoned mine sites, be extremely cautious of any unprotected portals and shafts, which can be very dangerous. Please leave the sites as you found them.



Ouray County Ranch History Museum

# Explore Our **Rich Frontier Past**

eathered by snowy winters and sunny summers, but preserved by local storytellers and curators, our collection of frontier artifacts and historic homesteads awaits your discovery. Historical points of interest and museums can be accessed by strolls around our business districts and scenic drives around the area.

#### **OURAY COUNTY RANCH HISTORY MUSEUM**

This museum features the ranching history that was the lifeblood of northern Ouray County. The Ranching History of Ouray County at the Ridgway Library, funded in 2002 by Ralph and Ricky Lauren, was the catalyst for the nonprofit Ranch History Museum to be created in 2006. First housed in Colona, the museum is now located on Ridgway's Railroad Street in the 1892-93 Ridgway Depot building, where young and old alike can enjoy a growing collection and rotating exhibits devoted to

commemorating the Uncompangre River Valley's rich ranching lifestyle and the legacy of early ranching families. Learn more at ocrhm.org or 970-316-1085.

#### **OURAY COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS**

Historic news reports tell of a race track built in Ouray County in 1892, and the purchase of a fair and rodeo grounds by the Town of Ridgway in 1898. For nearly 120 years, the fairgrounds just south of the intersection of highways 550 and 62 has hosted a variety of community events from barbecues to large rodeos. The Ouray County Labor Day Fair & Rodeo continues to be the biggest, attracting competitors and spectators from far and wide, for amateur and professional horse and bull-riding competitions and livestock shows. The 4H Events Center, located at the fairgrounds, also hosts many public events from a holiday bazaar to conferences and workshops.

#### **ADDITIONAL OPPORTUNITIES** TO GO BACK IN TIME THROUGHOUT THE YEAR:

- Investigate the historical grave markers of Ouray County's most famous residents at Cedar Hill, Dallas Park and Colona Cemeteries
- Arrange for a tour of the Historic Beaumont and Western Hotels in Ouray
- Search out haunted history
- Take self-guided historic walking tours of Ouray and Ridgway
- Try your hand at axe throwing
- Tour a historic mine and pan for gold at the Bachelor Syracuse Mine Tour in Ouray and the Old Hundred Mine Tour in Silverton



Lone Cone Photography - Ouray County Labor Day Rodeo

TRAVEL TIPS: Visiting historic sites and our family-friendly museums is a wonderful way to inspire your kids' imaginations. Give each child a disposable camera and let them be your family photojournalist during your trip; you may be surprised what their eyes pick up.

### History & Heritage ◆



Pamela Cannalte - Ridgway's Lena Street businesses

Tribute to a Bad Man

- (1956, Ridgway) James Cagney How the West Was Won
- (1962, Ridgway, Montrose, Silverton, Durango) - Henry Fonda
- True Grit (1969, Ridgway, Ouray, Montrose, Gunnison) -John Wayne
- Over the Top (1987, Ouray) -Sylvester Stallone
- Dennis Weaver's Earthship (1990, Ridgway) - Dennis Weaver
- Ice Climb (1993, Telluride)
- The Sunchaser (1996, Ouray) -Woody Harrelson
- Alferd Packer: The Musical aka Cannibal! The Musical (1993, Ouray, Lake City, Black Canyon of the Gunnison National Park) -Stan Brakhage
- Permian Flow (2004, San Juan Mountains)
- Aspen Gold: The Locations of True Grit (2007, Ouray, Ridgway)
- The Drama Kids (2008, Ouray)
- Darling Companion (2012, Telluride) - Kevin Klein and Diane Keaton
- Flow State (2012, San Juan Mountains) - Warren Miller
- The Hateful Eight (2015, Telluride)- Quentin Tarentino, Kurt Russell, Bruce Dern, Samuel L. Jackson, and Jennifer Jason Leigh

uray County is a favorite among film buffs, especially those who love Westerns. The rugged peaks, steep canyons, rustic mine buildings and historic landmarks of the San Juan Mountains make you feel as though you are still in the Old West of the American frontier. Many film sites, buildings, props and embellishments may still be seen around the area today.

More than 100 films have been made in southwestern Colorado. Our iconic mountains and charming historic small towns have been the backdrop for numerous classic films over the years. Many Westerns were filmed here including the original production of "True Grit" starring John Wayne. The Town of Ridgway was turned into an 1880s railroad town, Ouray's historic courthouse was featured in the film's courtroom scene, and the meadows on nearby Owl Creek Pass were also the set of a pivotal scene.

#### THE TRUE GRIT **WALKING TOUR**

Join the "True Grit" walking tour and get the scoop on those two months in 1968 when Ridgway was transformed into Fort Smith, Arkansas for the filming of True Grit. Visit the downtown filming sites while a local guide shares interesting facts and anecdotes. The tour departs from the Ridgway Visitors Center every Friday from

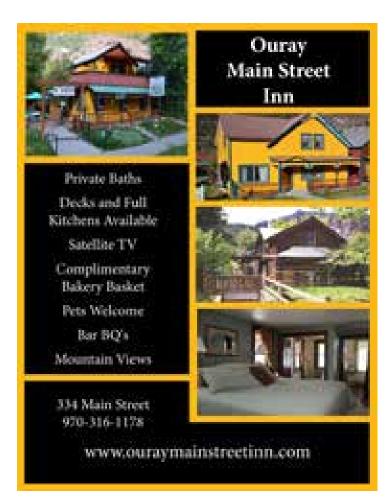
May to October. Reservations are required in May and October and recommended for the summer months. Groups of six or more may schedule a tour anytime throughout the year. The cost is \$10 per person; children 11 and under are free. Call 970-626-5181.

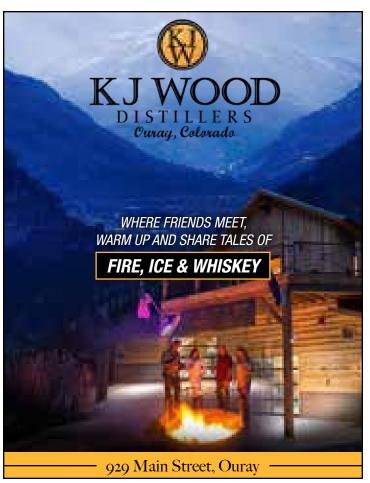
#### RIDGWAY'S HOLLYWOOD **BENEFACTOR**

Billy Dennis Weaver, the late, Emmy Award-winning American actor, called Ridgway home for decades. He was best known for his work in television, including roles on "Gunsmoke", "McCloud" and in Steven Spielberg's cult TV movie "Duel". Weaver and his family contributed greatly to our community. The Weavers built the big barn, that is now the Ridgway Christian Center on the east side of Highway 550, as a live entertainment venue, and their energy-efficient Earthship home in Pleasant Valley in the 1990s. But, the most lasting legacy of the Weavers is 60-acre Dennis Weaver Memorial Park, north of Ridgway.

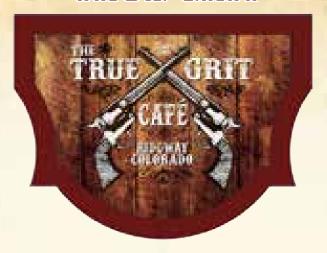


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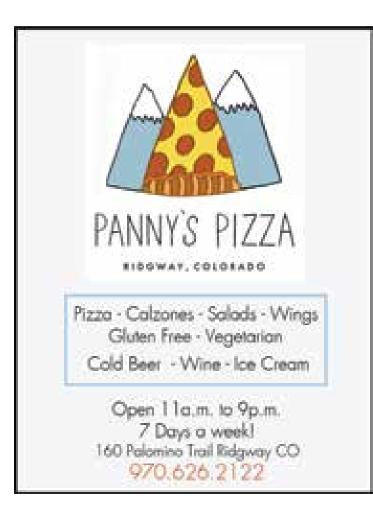
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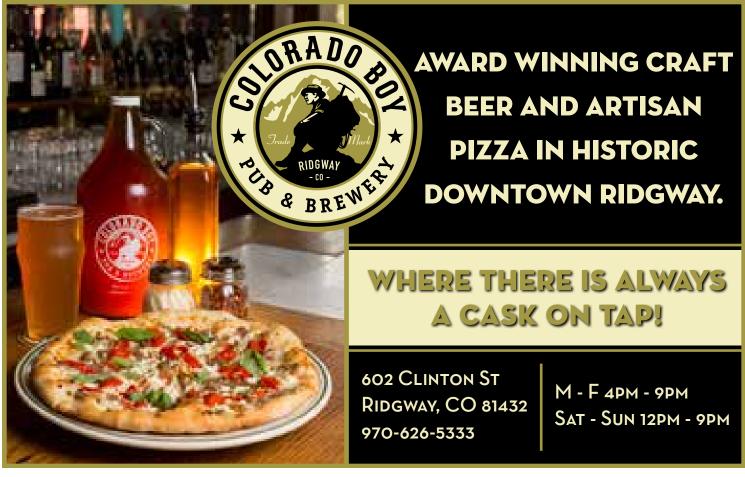
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### → Culinary Experiences



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hen it comes to offering amazing food discoveries, Ridgway and Ouray deliver with markets and restaurants that specialize in local and organic foods as well as microbrews. From European and American to South American and Asian, we offer a surprisingly large

selection of diverse menus. The summer farmers market and special events also provide a cornucopia for the taste buds.

Our residents thrive on fabulous food, which makes our town a great place for visitors to experience local food culture. Keeping up with the farm-to-table

trend, many of our markets, restaurants and festivals source locally produced meats (including yak), dairy products, vegetables, fruits and herbs. Our area is also home to a variety of culinary artists from coffee roasters to ice cream and chocolate makers.

**Local Favorites** 



#### WINE, CHOCOLATE & CHEESE FESTIVAL

This popular annual Ouray tradition is in its 11th year, and happens on the second Saturday in December to kick off the holiday season. The festival features small, local makers and producers of fine wine, distilled liquor, chocolates, cheese and arts and crafts. Proceeds benefit a select local nonprofit each year. Instead of buying something from a chain store, join us to try something more unique and support local businesses and entrepreneurs. For information: coloradowinefest.org or 970-325-4438.

#### **HERBAL CLASSES** FOR BEGINNERS

Throughout 2019, Weehawken Creative Arts is offering classes with local herbalist Sheila Manzagol, who will lead students in an exploration of herbs related to the five elements in Traditional Chinese Medicine. These two-day classes will take place at 610 Arts Collective in February, May, July and September. Students will learn about the element. its associated season, sounds, emotions, colors, personalities, tastes, herbs and organs, and create two personalized herbal formulas in each class. Anyone interested in personal wellness and herbs will enjoy this fun, hands-on course. For information: weehawkenarts.org or 970-318-0150.



Mexican Hat Prairie Coneflower



#### **RIDGWAY** FARMERS MARKET

Every Friday, from late May through mid-October, grocery shopping is more fun, whether you drop in to pick up a favorite item or spend a full morning or afternoon at this friendly outdoor event. The market is conveniently located in the heart of Ridgway at Hartwell Park, under the tall cottonwood trees that create a cool, inviting place for the whole family. Come and shop for locally, sustainably farmed fruits, vegetables, meats and eggs, as well as flowers, soaps, lotions, arts and crafts, while enjoying live music, prepared foods, baked goods, cooking demos and wine tasting. For information: ridgwayfarmersmarket.com or 970-316-1389.

#### **RIDGWAY SEED LIBRARY**

Gardeners and anyone with an interest in growing their own food should stop by the Ridgway Seed Library, a free seed project with a mission to support all who wish to plant seeds, grow food and preserve seeds grown within our bio region. Find this unique resource in the Ridgway Public Library, 300 Charles St., Ridgway.



## **Culinary Experiences** ≪

# Pestination for Foodies & Beverage Connoisseurs



Colorado Boy Brewery, Ridgway

he Ridgway-Ouray area has developed one of the region's hottest food scenes. We have a wide range of excellent dining options that include gourmet European cuisine, authentic ceviche, farm fresh creations, expertly made sushi, chocolates and coffee, artisan pizza, traditional Asian cuisines, 'gnarly' tacos, unique bar and grill restaurants, specialty breakfast and sandwich spots, and more. Multiple award-winning chefs and food innovators make Ouray County one of the Western Slope's up-and-coming foodie destinations.

#### **MENUS FULL OF UNIQUE** & TASTY OPTIONS

With about 4.000 residents in the county and nearly 50 restaurants, dessert shops and cafes, we have an eating establishment for every 80 people who live here! This staggering number means each business must compete for

customers and does so by developing unique menus specially designed by our talented chefs. From fancy French cuisine to freshly made Mexican dishes, our restaurants offer diverse options for discerning palates.

#### A NOT-TO-BE-MISSED STOP ON THE COLORADO SPIRITS TRAIL

Make Ouray County one of your stops as you explore the Colorado Spirits Trail, where entrepreneurial businesses embody the spirit of the West and the renaissance of craft spirits. Surrounding us is a whole network of crafted beverage makers in southwest Colorado, too, where you can find locally made wines, beers. pages 55. ciders and sodas. KJ Wood Distillers in Ouray is dedicated to using local Colorado grains and spring water to create fine whiskey, gin and vodka. Enjoy handmade cocktails at the beautifully built distillery or buy a bottle to carry out. Make an appointment for a tour and learn about

the ins and outs of craft spirit artisan distillation at 8,000 feet! And during your visit, be sure to get your Colorado Spirits Trail stamp, to become eligible for free goodies such as a T-shirt, a ticket to the Hearts & Trails Spirits Festival and bottles from participating distilleries.

#### A FANTASTIC BEER SELECTION

Whether you call yourself a beer snob or prefer the term beer lover, the length of the beer lists found at local restaurants is sure to please. From good old American standards to Asian and South American brands, local beer variety also includes some unique European offerings as well as regional and local brews. Colorado Boy Pub & Brewery and the Ouray Brewery are two of our four homegrown craft brewers that create a variety of ales, served in many sizes.

FIRKIN FEST WEST

See the complete listina of local eateries in the directory on

At this cask ale festival held in October, breweries from western Colorado and beyond tap a special cask (Firkin) of real ale with no artificial carbonation. If you have never tried real ale, you are in for a

treat. Whether you try a pint with inventive ingredients or one with a more traditional English Style, each ale is sure to be imbued with classic richness

and complexity. Firkin Fest is an annual fundraiser for the Sherbino Theater in Ridgway. For information: sherbino.org or 970-318-0892.

A cornerstone in the Ouray community which has been recognized for its outstanding Thai cuisine. excellent service and friendly staff.



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# A Great Destination for Special Occasions



ith its endless mountain vistas, unique downtowns and western Victorian charm, Ouray County is the ideal location for your wedding any time of year. Summers are pleasant and warm, crisp air and sunshine is typical for autumn and spring, and winters are spectacular with clear blue skies and glistening snow. Historic local



Real Life Photographs - Top of the Pines

churches and grand buildings are also available for special events. You can arrange all the details right in town and your guests will be thrilled to experience a real mountain vacation.

If you are planning a gathering of friends and family or want to head to the high country for team building, then Ouray County is the place to be. For professional retreats, our offerings certainly beat your standard conference room. After all, nothing inspires clear-mindedness and collaboration like our scenery, clean air and unique adventures.

Ridgway and Ouray love hosting events, and we'll make sure yours feels special. With more than 800 beds between our hotels, bed and breakfasts, rental homes and condominiums, and a variety of event professionals, accommodations and arrangements are a breeze. We have venues for groups as small as 10 and larger than 500. For special event service providers, please refer to our local business listings starting on page 54.

### **Spectacular Scenery & Services to Suit Your Group**

#### **OURAY COUNTY 4H EVENT CENTER**

With panoramic views of the San Juan and Cimarron Mountain ranges, the 4H Event Center offers Featured Member 5,200 square feet of indoor event space and adjoining patios for groups of up to 320 persons. The center can provide tables, chairs, a full-service bar, dishware, glassware, flatware, linens and staff for your wedding, meeting, conference, banquet, dinner or other special event. For information and scheduling: ouraycountyco.gov or 970-626-3304.

#### **OURAY COMMUNITY CENTER**

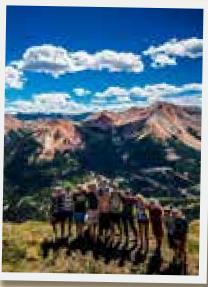
Ouray's community and conference center adjacent to the historic City Hall is available for public use. Able to host groups from five to 500, the Community Center is open year round and offers two meeting rooms: the San Juan Room and Massard Auditorium. It is a great venue for weddings, meetings, reunions, conferences and special events. A full commercial kitchen, elevator, A/V equipment and event rentals are also available. For information: 970-325-7065.

#### **INSPIRING HIGH-COUNTRY VENUES**

Ouray County is full of beautiful highcountry event venues on public lands and private property. Top of the Pines, at the foot of the Sneffels Range, is a 175-acre wilderness jewel offering a remarkable place to learn, recreate and celebrate among its inspiring vistas and in its upgraded gathering hall. Other inspirational locations with spectacular scenic backdrops can be found at Ridgway State Park, Fellin Park in Ouray, Hartwell Park in Ridgway, and our expansive Grand Mesa Uncompangre National Forest and BLM lands. For park venues, please contact the local government offices for information.

#### **OTHER UNIQUE EVENT FACILITIES**

In Ridgway, the historic Sherbino Theater and the inspiring circular "Kiva" Conference Center at the Chipeta Solar Springs Resort offer authentic and elegant event spaces. Additionally, the Chipeta offers a summer event tent from May to September. In Ouray, choose from iconic



Ouray School District - Team-building hik

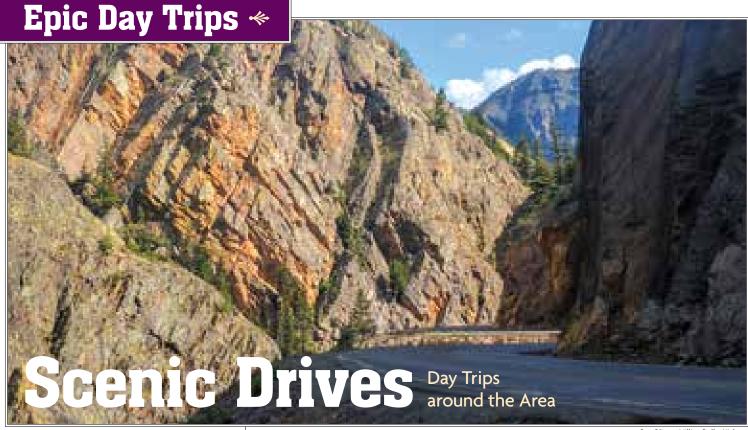
historic properties like the Beaumont Hotel (which has hosted kings, presidents and movie stars), Wright Opera House, Elks Lodge and Western Hotel, or the more contemporary but beautifully landscaped spaces at the Secret Garden Bed & Breakfast, Twin Peaks Lodge & Hot Springs, and Victorian Inn.











Roy Oliver - Million Dollar Highway

#### OTHER LOCAL **FAVORITES**

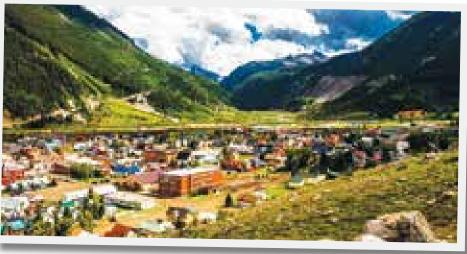
- Black Canyon of the Gunnison National Park – south and north rim drives. Montrose, Ute Indian Museum, Montrose County Historical Museum, antique shops
- Telluride National Historic District, a world-class ski and golf resort, free summer gondola, San Juan Mountain high country
- Silver Thread Scenic Byway historic districts of Creede and Lake City, Lake San Cristobal, Rio Grande River
- Unaweep Tabeguache Scenic Byway picturesque canyons, historic Hanging Flume, Gateway, Whitewater, Grand Junction, Colorado National Monument
- Trail of the Ancients Four Corners, Crow Canyon Archaeological Center, Lowry Pueblo, Ute Mountain Ute Tribal Park, Galloping Goose Railcar & Museum



he winding mountain roads and charming western towns surrounding Ouray County make for epic car and motorcycle tours. Ouray and Ridgway are the perfect places to stage a series of classic day trips, with the local hot springs and friendly pubs to soothe away your road weariness at the end of the day.

We are part of many historic and scenic routes that connect our rural burgs to nearby towns and points of

interest with shared history and purpose. The Alpine Loop is one of our most wellknown but only accessible by four-wheel drive. We are also part of the Hot Springs Loop, Colorado Spirits Trail and the Colorado Creative Corridor, accessible by state and interstate highways. Look for information about those in other sections of this guide, or ask our Visitors Center staff for maps and brochures. On the next page are a few of our favorite regional drives and destinations.



Classic Visions Photography - Silverton, CO

### **Epic Drives**

#### THE MILLION DOLLAR HIGHWAY & SAN JUAN SKYWAY SCENIC AND

HISTORIC BYWAY - A trip to Ouray County isn't complete without a ride along the Million Dollar Highway, the section of Highway 550 between Ouray and Silverton, listed on many top scenic drives lists. Extend this to cover the entire San Juan Skyway Scenic and Historic Byway, a 233-mile loop to meander through Ouray, Ridgway, Telluride, Rico, Dolores, Cortez, Durango and Silverton. It's a drive through some of the most spectacular aspen stands, views and historic sites in the

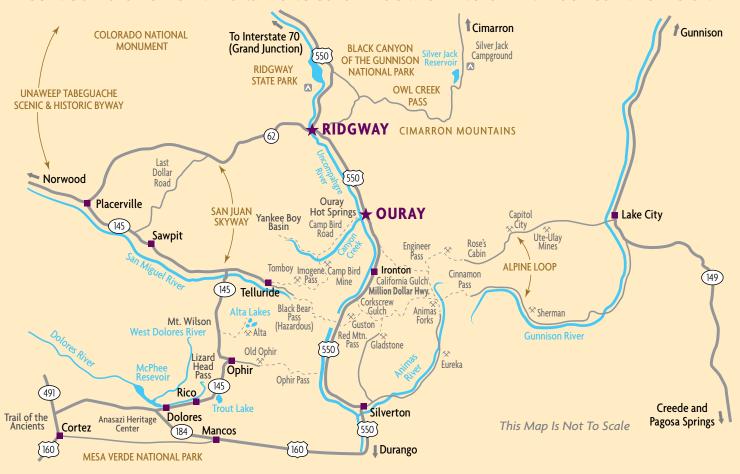


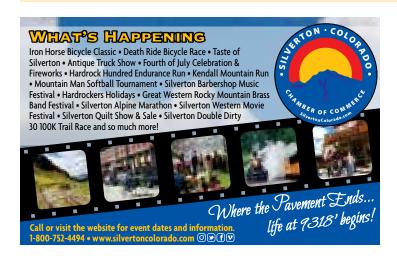
Nature's Finest Images - Cimarron Range, Owl Creek Pa

country. The drive is stunning in any season: spring offers hundreds of waterfalls along the route, summer brings fields of wildflowers, fall provides iconic golden-colored vistas, and winter gives you a high-contrast trip with robin's egg blue skies and endless white powder fields.

**CIMARRON MOUNTAINS & OWL** CREEK PASS - Considered one of the most scenic drives in the U.S.A., this pass travels through jagged cliffs, babbling brooks, sites of Western movie sets and great opportunities for wildlife viewing and fishing. This route, laced with strands of aspen, is especially beautiful in the fall. This adventurous day trip will take you into the heart of the magnificent Cimarron Mountains. The peaks of Chimney Rock and Courthouse Mountain will watch over you as you drive along this route which once was a cattle drive trail.

#### SCENIC & HISTORIC DESTINATIONS ALONG COLORADO'S WESTERN SLOPE AND FOUR CORNERS REGION









# How to Handle Our Altitude & Climate

#### **GEOGRAPHY & OTHER FACTS**

#### **OURAY COUNTY**

Time Zone: Mountain Standard Climate: 243 Sunny Days/Year

Summer Temperatures: DAYS: 70s/80s, NIGHTS: 50s Winter Temperatures: DAYS: Teens to 40s NIGHTS: 0 to 20s

#### **OURAY**

Elevation: 7,792 feet

Coordinates: LONGITUDE 38.0228° N; LATITUDE 107.6714° W

**Annual Precipitation:** 

SNOWFALL: 133 inches; RAINFALL: 26 inches

#### **RIDGWAY**

Elevation: 6.985 feet

Coordinates: LONGITUDE 38.1526° N; LATITUDE 107.7556° W Annual Precipitation: SNOWFALL: 85 inches; RAINFALL: 16 inches

ore than our area's spectacular scenic beauty will take your breath away. Elevations just within Ouray County vary from 6,340 feet at our northern county line to 14,150 feet at our highest peak, Mount Sneffels. Altitude sickness is a real condition, and can especially affect visitors who have not been acclimated to our area. Combine that with our dry climate, strong sunshine and wide temperature fluctuations, and you have a recipe for discomfort or even disaster, unless you prepare and take precautions.



If you plan to venture into remote areas (most of our public lands), your trip plans should include being solidly informed about your route and always traveling with a companion or two or three. Remember: emergency and medical assistance will take longer to reach you, so understanding the risks, basic first aid and staying level-headed is always helpful.

### Tips to Make Your Stay More Comfortable

- Give your body time to adjust to the altitude. Take it easy and avoid strenuous activities such as high-elevation hikes on the first day or two of your visit.
- Stay down in the valley, around town, at the start of your vacation. Pursue your sightseeing and adventure plans by gradually going up to a little higher altitude each day.
- Stay hydrated. Drink plenty of fluids especially water.
- Limit alcohol, caffeine and tobacco use.
- Be prepared for wide temperature swings and unpredictable, rapidly changing weather, which are common at all elevations.
- Bring the right gear for afternoon showers in the summer and sudden snowstorms in winter in the high country. Wear layers and bring a hat; adequate clothing is a must.
- Learn to recognize the symptoms of hypothermia and heat stroke. Take plenty of breaks along the way to enjoy the view (and avoid over-exhaustion)!
- Wear sunscreen, even if it's not a regular habit (you're closer to the sun in thinner air that's easier for UV rays to penetrate.)
- Be sure to keep your canine travel buddy fed, watered and acclimated adequately, too.

# Well Worth the Trip from Any Direction

lanning your Ouray County vacation is easy whether you're driving or flying. Montrose Regional Airport, the closest local airport, also happens to be the largest in southwestern Colorado. The airports in Grand Junction, Telluride, Durango and Gunnison are also easily accessible. Out-of-state guests often fly into Denver International Airport and then drive or take a shuttle to Ouray County, taking advantage of other Colorado attractions on the way here; the everchanging scenery alone makes the drive well worth it.

In the wintertime, be sure to check local road reports and be prepared for inclement weather. Visit the Colorado Department of Transportation travel website for the most up-to-date travel reports at cotrip.org or call 511 or 1-877-315-7623.

KNOW BEFORE YOU GO: Western Slope Rides goes beyond providing transportation to offering concierge services, connecting travelers with local guides and other services such as ski rentals and grocery shopping to enhance their stay. Get in touch at gowsr.com/concierge-services or 970-626-5121.

#### REGIONAL AIRPORTS

Montrose Regional Airport (MTJ) 970-249-3203

Telluride Regional Airport (TEX)

970-278-8600

Durango La Plata County Airport (DRO)

970-247-8143

Grand Junction Regional Airport (GJT)

970-244-9100

Gunnison-Crested Butte Regional Airport (GUC) 970-641-2304

#### **GROUND TRANSPORTATION**

Automobile rental agencies and local shuttle services have offices at all of the regional airports. Contact the airport for their listings. Western Slope Rides and Telluride Express shuttle services offer local and regional transportation, while bus services like Greyhound and Road Runner Stage Lines provide rides to more distant destinations.

#### **OFF-ROAD RENTALS & TOURS**

Ouray and Ridgway are home to many companies that rent vehicles for one day to a week or more. If you prefer to let someone else do the driving, guided tours are available as well. For a list of off-road rentals and tour operators, please refer to the Outdoor Adventure listings on page 58.

#### APPROXIMATE DRIVING TIMES & DISTANCES TO OURAY COUNTY

Albuquerque, New Mexico

285 miles, 6 hours

Denver. Colorado

350 miles, 6 hours

Salt Lake City, Utah

380 miles, 6 hours

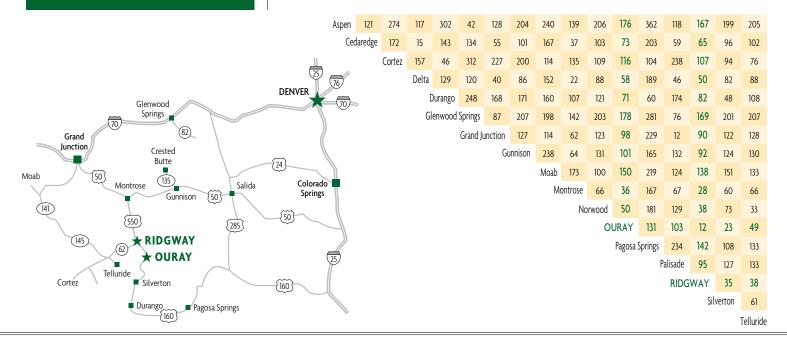
Phoenix, Arizona

525 miles, 9.5 hours

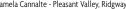
#### Regional Destinations:

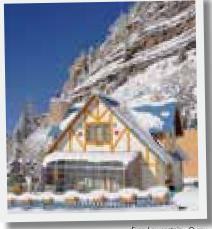
35-45 minutes Montrose:

Telluride: 1 hour Silverton: 1 hour Grand Junction: 2 hours Durango: 2 hours Pagosa Springs: 3 hours Salida: 3.5 hours Cortez: 2.5 hours Moab, Utah: 3 hours









Evan Lowenstein - Ouray

#### KNOW BEFORE YOU GO: The Voyager Youth Program (for elementary-age children) and Voyager Base Camp (pre-teens and young teens) provide many ways to spend an afternoon or a whole day. The nonprofit organizes field trips and workshops about local nature, science. art, recreation and more, plus it's open for older children to just hang out with friends. Visiting children and teens are welcome. For information: voyageryouthprogram.org and info@voyageryouthprogram.org.

ou've been coming here for years and you know how special Ridgway and Ouray are, or you just discovered our piece of paradise here and you're smitten. Either way, we welcome you to Ouray County and hope to help you settle in. We are a full-service community with several banks, medical professionals, lawyers, salons, hardware stores, office supply shops, super markets, and all the necessities to support your comfortable lifestyle here.

For comprehensive information about our area including doctors, dentists and other services, visit the websites of the Ouray Tourism Office and Ridgway Area Chamber of Commerce: ouraycolorado.com and ridgwaycolorado.com. Plus, here are several online resources to get you started with relocation.

#### **LOCAL GOVERNMENTS:**

City of Ouray - ci.ouray.co.us Ouray County - ouraycountyco.gov Town of Ridgway - colorado.gov/ridgway

#### **EDUCATION:**

Ouray School District – ouray.k12.co.us Ridgway School District - ridgway.k12.co.us Colorado Mesa University (Montrose) coloradomesa.edu/montrose Technical College of the Rockies (Delta-Montrose) – tcr.edu/index.php

#### LOCAL NEWSPAPERS:

Ouray County Plaindealer – ouraynews.com The Watch – telluridenews.com/the watch Montrose Mirror – montrose.mobi

#### **REAL ESTATE AGENTS** & PROPERTY MANAGERS:

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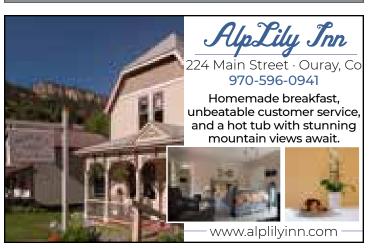
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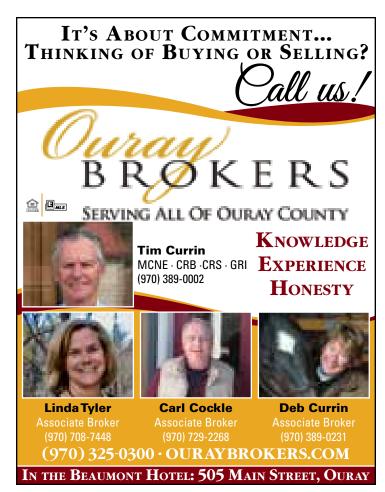


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A New View Vacation Rentals 645 Main St, Ouray anewviewvacation@gmail	970-325-4888 970-708-2263 .com	4	\$95 200				٠	•		•
■ Beaumont Hotel and Spa 505 Main St, Ouray	a 970-325-7000 beaumonthotel.com	13	\$129 499			٠	٠		•	
Box Canyon Lodge and Hot Springs 45 Third Ave, Ouray	970-325-4981 boxcanyonouray.com	39	\$99 349		•	•	•	•		•
Chipeta Solar Springs Resort and Spa 304 S Lena St, Ridgway	970-626-3737 800-633-5868 chipeta.com	27	\$145 329	٠		•	•	•	•	•
■ Historic Western Hotel 206 & 210 Seventh Ave Ouray historicwesternhotel.com	888-624-8403	14	\$35 105				٠			
Hotel Ouray 303 Sixth Ave, Ouray	970-325-0500 hotelouray.com	14	\$69 259				•	•	•	
Hot Springs Inn 1400 Main St, Ouray	970-325-7277 800-706-7790 hotspringsinn.com	42	\$73 230			•	•	•	•	•
Leland House & Rochester Hotel 726 E 2nd Ave, Durango	970-385-1920 800-664-1920 rochesterhotel.com	28	\$139 449	•			•		•	
Matterhorn Inn Ouray 201 Sixth Ave, Ouray	970-325-4938 888-447-3255 matterhorninnouray.com	25	\$60 150			•	•	•	•	
Orvis Hot Springs 1585 County Rd 3, Ridgway	970-626-5324 orvishotsprings.com	6	\$177	•	•	•	•	•		
Ouray Chalet Inn Main St, Ouray	970-325-4331 800-924-2538 ouraychaletinn.com	32	\$60 150			•	٠	•		•
Ouray Hostel 308 Sixth Ave, Ouray	970-325-3155 ourayhostel.com	4	\$36 56	•			•	•		٠
Ouray Inn 120 Sixth Ave, Ouray	970-325-4445 ourayinn.com	19	\$79 169	•			•	•	•	•
Ouray Main Street Inn 334 Main St, Ouray	970-316-1178 ouraymainstreetinn.com	8	\$69 169	•			•	•		
Ouray Quality Inn 191 Fifth Ave, Ouray choicehotels.com/colorad	970-325-7203 do/ouray/comfort-inn-hot	33 els	\$69 194	•		•	٠	•	•	•
Ouray Riverside Inn and Cabins 1804 Main St, Ouray	970-325-4061 800-432-4170 ourayriversideinn.com	30	\$64 269	•		•	•	•		٠
Ridgway Lodge and Suites 373 Palomino Trail, Ridgway	970-626-5444 800-368-5444 ridgwaylodgeandsuites.coi	52 m	\$93 137	•		•	•	•	•	•
Rivers Edge Motel and Resort 110 Seventh Ave, Ouray	970-239-0425 888-547-5692 riversedgeouray.com	20	\$59 250	•		•	•	•	•	•
■ Timber Ridge Lodge 1550 Main St, Ouray timberridgelodgeouray.co	970-325-4856 m	19	\$69 249				•	•		
■ Twin Peaks Lodge and Hot Springs 125 Third Ave, Ouray	970-239-4715 888-799-5295 twinpeakslodging.com	56	\$98 350	٠	•	•	•	٠	•	•
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Black Bear Manor B&B 118 Sixth Ave, Ouray	970-325-4219 blackbearmanor.com	9	\$165 280		•	•
Bridal Veil B&B 1715 Main St, Ouray	970-325-4117 bridalveilbandb.com	2	\$145 245			•
China Clipper Inn 525 Second St, Ouray	970-325-0565 chinaclipperinn.com	13	\$119 259		•	•

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■ <b>The Adobe Inn</b> 251 Liddell Dr, Ridgway	970-626-9715 adobeinnridgway.com	4	\$55-70 225	•	WIERNE Or	•	
Alpenglow Resort Rentals 125 Third Ave, Ouray alpenglowouray.com	970-325-4664, 877-720-1078	11	\$114 320			•	•
■ A Bella Vista, Ridgway jtp@mesa.net	970-209-0195 Private home, sleeps 14	1	\$3,000 /week	•	•	•	•
■ Brown Cabin 282 Red Stone Rd, Ouray ouraycolorado.com/lodg	970-729-2268 ing/cabins/60-brown-cabin	1	\$175			•	•
■ Lane's Cabin 927 County Rd 17, Ouray ouraycolorado.com/lodg	970-596-0877 ing/cabins/166-lane-s-cabin	1	Call				•
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Ouray Real Estate Corp 635 Main St, Ouray rentalsinouray.com	970-325-4663	6	\$150 300	•		•	•
Ouray Hot Springs Condos 960 Main St, Ouray ourayhotspringscondos.co	913-707-6488 n	3	\$145 235	•		•	•
Ouray KOA Cabins 225 County Rd 23, Ouray koa.com/campgrounds/ou	970-325-4736 Iray	24	\$80 170	•	•	•	•
Ouray Premier Vacation Rentals bookings.ouraypremierva	970-708-2203 Ouray cationrentals.com	54	\$63 709	•	•	•	•
Ouray Riverside Inn & Cabins 1804 Main St, Ouray	970-325-4061 800-432-4170 ourayriversideinn.com	11	\$54 179	•	•	•	•
Ouray RV Park & Cabins 1700 Main St, Ouray	970-325-4523 ourayrvpark.com	7	\$60- 250	•		•	•
■ Ridgway Lofts 630 Sherman Hwy 62, Ridgway	970-729-2366 ridgwaylofts.com	3	\$165- 195	•		•	•
■ Ridgway State Park Yurts 28555 Hwy 550, Ridgway cpw.state.co.us/placesto	800-678-2267 go/parks/ridgway	3	\$87	٠			•
Simba Suites 732 Main St, Ouray vrbo.com/71626 vrbo.cc	970-318-6546 om/91395	2	\$175- 255			•	•

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<b>4J+1+1 RV Park</b> 790 Oak St, Ouray	970-325-4418 4jrvpark.com	68	\$28 40	•	•	•	•	•	•	٠
■ Basecamp 550 RV Park and Campground 20725 Hwy 550, Ridgway		40	\$20- & up	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Ouray KOA and Cabins 225 County Rd 23, Ouray	970-325-4736 koa.com/campgrounds/oura		\$35- 60	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Ouray RV Park and Cabins 1700 Main St, Ouray	970-325-4523 ourayrvpark.com	70	\$40- 60	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
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■ San Juan Hut Systems 618 N Cora St, Ridgway		12	\$30- 895				•			

#### Dining, Cafes & Bars

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■ Colorado Boy Brewing Co. 970-626-5333 602 Clinton St, Ridgway, C		Lunch on Weekends, D	•	•	•	•	•
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■ Eatery 66 970-626-5901 520 Sherman St, Ridgway eatery66.com	Salads, Soups, Sandwiches, Burgers, Smoothies Full Bar and Beers on tap	L, D	•	•	٠	•	•
■ Four Corners Cafe 800-633-5868 304 S Lena St, Ridgway chipeta.com/four-corner	Contemporary American, Sushi, Southwest Happy Hour daily s-cafe-restaurant	D	•	•	•	•	•
■ Full Tilt Saloon 970-626-9758 153 Hwy 550 N, Ridgway, f	Soups, Salads, Wings, Burgers, Steaks, Pasta, Full Bar ulltiltsaloon.com	B,L,D	•	•	•	•	•
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#### Dining, **Cafes & Bars**

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TYPE OF FOOD K. J. Wood Distillers Appetizers & Cocktails 970-325-7295, 303-517-7697 929 Main St, Ouray, kjwooddistillers.com ■ Land & Ocean Costa Rican, B, L Costa Rican Restaurant Fresh Juices, Ceviche, 970-626-3663 Homemade Guacamole 185 Sherman St #101, Ridgway, facebook.com/costaricanrestaurant ■ Miner's Cafe Homestyle, B, D 970-325-0220 Farm-fresh, Local 95 Gold Mt Trail, Ouray, bachelorsyracusemine.com Mine Shaft Pizza, Hamburgers, D Broasted Chicken, Wings Restaurant & Tiki Bar 970-325-47427 123 3rd Ave, Ouray, twinpeakslodging.com ■ Mouse's Chocolates Handmade Chocolates, В and Coffee Coffee, Espresso 970-325-7285 Breakfast Burritos 524 Main St, Ouray, mouseschocolates.com ■ Oriental Chinese Chinese, Thai L, D Restaurant 970-626-4486 565 Sherman St, Ridgway, ridgwaycolorado.com/dining O'Brien's Pub & Grill Irish-American L, D 970-325-4386, 726 Main St, Ouray, obrienspubouray.com Ouray Brewery American L, D 970-325-7388, 607 Main St, Ouray, ouraybrewery.com Ouray Café at Ouray American B, D **RV Park & Cabins** 970-325-4523, 1700 Main St, Ouray, ourayrvpark.com ■ Panny's Pizza Pizza, Salads, L, D Wings, Ice Cream 970-626-2122 250 Palomino Trail, Ridgway, facebook.com/pages/pannys-pizza ■ Provisions Cafe European Cuisine B, L, D & Catering 970-626-9861 616 Clinton St, Ridgway, provisionschef.com Craft Beer, Specialty Wines, ■ Steps Tavern 970-626-5894 Craft Cocktails & Martinis 630 Sherman St # 802 (Lower Level), Ridgway facebook.com/stepstavern ■ Taco Del Gnar Progressive Tacos, L, D 970-626-9715 Margaritas 630 Sherman St, Ridgway, gnarlytacos.com Thai Chili L, D 970-325-7264 740 Main St, Ouray, thaichiliouray.com ■ Thai Paradise Fresh Thai L, D 970-626-2742 146 N Cora St, Ridgway, facebook.com/thai-paradise ■ True Grit Cafe American, Burgers, Salads, B, L, D 970-626-5739 Homemade Comfort Food



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#### Shopping

Community art event space & store with exhibitions, classes. ■ The 610 Arts Collective receptions and gallery hours, operated by the nonprofit 610 Clinton St, Ridgway 970-318-0892 Ridgway Chautauqua Society and Weehawken Creative Arts. 610arts.com 😝 👬 Western Slope owned and grown since 2009, Acme Healing Acme Healing Center of Ridgway Centers carry medical and retail marijuana, alternative medication, smokable, edibles, lotions. Acme Ridgway is the 157 Hwy 550, Ridgway best stop for the traveler headed to the San Juan Mountains 970-626-4099 for skiing, summer festivals, hiking, or just passing through. acmehealingcenter.com # \mathbb{T} Find unique greeting cards & gifts for all occasions! We have home Aspens/ & Christmas decor, antiques, art, and jewelry for the ladies, as well Colorado Eclectic 260 Seventh Ave, Ouray as, fun man-cave additions for the guys. 970-729-2388 ● 前 ※ A MUST visit shop. Mountain, bohemian, & rustic style. Clothing, ■ Bloom market bags, barware, furniture, decor, gifts, cards & wrap, 645 Main St. Ourav & many more treasures found nowhere else in Ouray! Our 970-325-0645 creative, friendly staff can wrap & ship for convenience. Like us on Facebook & keep up with photos, new arrivals & events. facebook.com/bloomouray 👕 😁 🎬 🛠 New location! A delightful assortment for the home, body, & Blue Pear 645 Main St, Ouray soul. Body care, candles, essential oils, linens, custom jewelry, 970-325-0645 & unique gifts from around the world to excite your senses. Located next to Bloom. We'll wrap & ship. Join us on Facebook for updated gallery photos & info. thebluepear.net 👕 🐵 🎬 🛠 Vaporizers, concentrate tools & equipment, water pipes, and Crazy B's Smokeshop 140 Palomino Trail, many glass pipes to choose from. Crazy B's has awesome pieces at very reasonable prices! Ridgway 970-626-9888 facebook.com/pg/crazybssmokeshop # \mathbb{\pi} Western home and gift products, fresh floral arrangements. ■ Cowgirl Creations Whether it be the simplest of daisies or the most elegant of Flowers & Gifts LLC orchids; watch your dreams blossom! 145 N Cora St #B, Ridgway 970-626-4313 facebook.com/willow.creek.71619 🐵 🎬 🛠 A true family-owned and-operated grocery store. We still do Duckett's Market things the old way. Come try the best meat, cut fresh right 621 Main St, Ouray 970-325-4397 on the premises. You'll be surprised at what we have to offer! ouraycolorado.com/directory/shopping-retail 🐞 🛠 A micro-specialty coffee roaster serving wholesale and retail ■ Exotic Earth **Coffee Roasters** customers. Using organic, shade grown, fair trade coffee beans from co-op farmers around the world, we roast "just in time" to 602 N Cora St, Ridgway ensure the freshest high quality coffees with bold flavors. Open 970-626-2000 Mon.-Fri., 8 a.m.-1 p.m. exoticearthcoffee.com iii 🖮 Ridgway's premier cannabis shop, our small, family-owned Fiddlers Green dispensary provides the highest quality cannabis at an 402 Palomino Trail, unbeatable price. Our friendly, knowledgeable staff is on hand Ridgway 970-626-4029 to assist and answer any questions. Medical card, veteran & senior discounts. leafly.com/dispensary-info/fiddlers-green # Ouray's Haberdasher of fine quality attire, distinctive High Country Leathers and Lifestyles vestments, and toggery crafted in the style of the latest infatuation. Covering the community head to toe since 1987. 518 Main St, Ouray 970-325-4239 highcountryleathers.com 👕 背 ■ High Spirit Liquors Beer, wine & spirits, next to the Conoco gas station. # 144 Highway 550, Ridgway 970-626-5746 Khristopher's Culinaire The KC is an independent family-owned and operated kitchen store. In addition to our kitchenware we have a wonderful 545 Main St, Ouray 970-325-7311 selection of Colorado-made products, Fiery Foods and Home Brewing Supplies. Gift Certificates. Gift Registries. WE SHIP.



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Most days, you'll find us making chocolate, eating chocolate, making coffee drinks, or simply drinking coffee when you stop by. Coffee beans, chocolates, espresso drinks, and all sorts of goodies await you. mouseschocolates.com iii iii

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Our gift store features art, antiques, local jewelry and glass figurines, cards, unique collectibles, minerals and mining artifacts, coins and currency, oxygen and high altitude supplies, nonprescription and homeopathic items plus advice from a friendly pharmacist. ourayalchemist.com 🚱 🎬 🍅

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From the San Juan Range of the Rocky Mountains of Colorado and into your home, Ouray artists Annie Quathammer and Andres Marin create beautiful handblown glass with brilliant colors and quality as well as custom pottery and other unique crafted items. ourayglassworks.com 🐵 👬

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Ouray's local outfitter for all your outdoor summer & winter adventures. Camping, climbing, hiking and canyoneering gear. Clothing, footwear, guidebooks and maps. Experienced and knowledgeable staff. ouraysports.com 🍟 🎬

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Photos of Ouray is a Contemporary Fine Art Photography Gallery featuring photos of Ouray and the surrounding area by local photography artists OurayatNight, OuraybyDaylight, and OuraybyFlight. photosofouray.com 🐵 👬

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Fresh produce, baked goods, local eggs, meat, jewelry, art & more at Hartwell Park. ridgwayfarmersmarket.com

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Hardware, lumber, concrete, drywall, paint, gardening, pest traps & sprays, and more. truevalue.com/ridgwaytruevaluehardware

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Route 550 Gifts at Outdoor World 1234 Greene St, Silverton 970-799-3406

Commemorate your "drive of a lifetime," on Highway 550 or the Alpine Loop with our unique souvenirs. Available memorabilia includes apparel, drinkware, ornaments, patches, pins, stickers and more, all originally designed in-house.

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■ Timber Creek Gallery 117 N Lena St, Ridgway 970-708-2474

Western art, furniture, decor, gifts, clothing & jewelry plus full-service interior design. Antiques & art/clothing/books & gifts /household & Hardware. timbercreekgallery.com

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#### **Entertainment & Nightlife**

Ouray County Arts Association PO Box 167, Ouray 970-325-4234

The Ouray County Arts Association consists of a group of volunteers dedicated to providing art shows for the appreciation of the local populace and visitors to the county. The organization was initiated in 1960 as the brainchild of Joyce Jorgenson, former owner and Editor of the Ouray County Plaindealer. Joyce, being an artist herself, thought there should be a local show for local artists. Others agreed. The Artists' Alpine Holiday began that year, and the rest is history. ourayarts.org

Ouray County Performing Arts Guild 472 Main St, Ouray 970-626-2970

Established in 1983, the nonprofit's mission is to bring the best possible entertainment to the county's citizens, visitors and youth. Events include many genres of music: classical, jazz, folk, instrumental and vocal. We also present dance and poetry.

Ouray County Rodeo Association PO Box 711, Ridgway The nonprofit Ouray County Rodeo Association provides scholarships through fundraising activities including the Labor Day Rodeo and Fair. Other signature events are San Juan Skijoring each January and the Jimbo Fund Dinner & Dance each June. ouraycountyrodeo@gmail.com facebook.com/OurayCountyRodeo

Ouray Elks Lodge 421 Main St, Ouray 970-325-4510

The Elks Lodge #492, founded in 1899, is located in a 1904 nationally registered historic building. Social hours on Tuesday and Wednesday nights, Friday Night Dinners and Summer Saturday Game Nights for members and their guests. Special events year round including a haunted house and bingo nights open to the public. ourayelks.org

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■ The Sherbino Theater 604 Clinton St. Ridgway 970-318-0892

Operated by the nonprofit Ridgway Chautauqua Society, the Sherbino offers nearly 200 programs per year, including lectures, poetry, film, live music, comedy, trivia and game nights, Ignite presentations, travel talks, live theater, and more. sherbino.org

Steps Tavern 630 Sherman St, Lower Level, Ridgway 970-626-5894

Open seven nights a week. An ever-changing list of drink specials available Monday to Thursday. A full-service bar offering many types of whiskey, gin, vodka, rum, tequila, and many wine varieties. Plus, a large selection of craft beers, imports and domestics. Providing entertainment throughout the year. stepstavern.com

UpstART PO Box 1285, Ouray 970-325-3501

Come play with us! UpstART seeks to Awaken, Enliven & Entertain audiences in Ouray County and beyond, by presenting professional quality theater and education through a Rural/Urban collaboration of artists. 2018's schedule includes a production of Hedwig and the Angry Inch as well as the annual No Holds Bard interactive Shakespeare theater performances. upstartmoves.org

■ Weehawken Creative Arts 610 Clinton St. Ridgway 970-318-0150

Weehawken organizes several annual community events including: two full-scale ballets featuring over 200 area youth per show, children's theatre performances, the Amateur Sculpting Contest, Ridgway Rendezvous Art and Crafts Festival, Sneffels Fiber Arts Festival, Gingerbread House Decorating Workshops, and more! weehawkenarts.org

Wright Opera House 472 Main St, Ouray 970-325-4399

Recognizing the potential to preserve and restore arts and culture in Ouray County by purchasing the historic Wright Opera House, a group of volunteers came together in 2007 and formed the non-profit organization 'Friends of the Wright Opera House'. The vision that followed was nothing short of promoting artistic, cultural and educational opportunities for all by providing a centralized venue for performing arts organizations and by restoring the facility for another century of use. thewrightoperahouse.org

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### **Outdoor Adventure**

■ Bachelor-Syracuse Mine Tours 95 Gold Mt Trail, Ouray 970-325-0220	After gearing up, your guide will reveal the mine's history and explain how the miners worked as you venture into the mine. Become enriched with the terms, techniques, and tales of the mine as its rich heritage is unearthed. bachelorsyracusemine.com ??	Ouray Ice Park County Road 361, Ouray 970-325-4288	The Ouray Ice Park is a human made ice climbing venue operated in a spectacular natural gorge within walking distance of the City of Ouray, Colorado. It is home to more than 200 named ice and mixed climbs, most within a 15-minute walk of the Park entrance. The Park
Canyon Creek Jeep Rentals 827 Main St, Ouray 970-325-4833	Rent our new Wrangler Rubicons, Sports, or Unlimiteds specially modified for mountain driving but with all the comforts of your own car. Put the top down if you wish and immerse yourself in the sights and sounds of God's		and its infrastructure are jointly owned and managed by the City of Ouray, the nonprofit Ouray Ice Park, Inc. (OIPI), and a mix of other private and public landowners. ourayicepark.com
Canyoning Colorado 920 Main St, Ouray 970-318-642	Canyoning Colorado offers canyoning/canyoneering tours in Ouray, a gear store with hard to get canyoning equipment, and comprehensive instructional courses. No experience is necessary; we have trips suitable for beginners and for those wishing to progress to advanced	Ouray Mountain Adventures 125 Third Ave, Ouray 800-207-2700	Explore the Rocky Mountains and step back into history. See wild flowers, waterfalls, ghost towns, historic mining areas and wildlife (at their discretion) in our Jeeps and Polaris RZR's (or a golf cart for town). Discover the beauty of nature in the Uncompahgre National Forest. ouraymountainadventures.com
	levels. We are a professional canyoning operator meeting international safety standards. Canyoning Colorado is the perfect full-day or half-day getaway with trips departing daily! canyoningcolorado.com ? ?	Ouray Riverside Jeeps 1804 Main St, Ouray 970-325-0345	Well-equipped current and late model Jeep Wrangler Rubicons with upgraded suspension, oversized off-road tires and calculate group clearance to provide the perfect equipment for exploring the amazing trails of
Chicks Climbing & Skiing Ouray	Since 1999, Chicks Climbing & Skiing has been welcoming and empowering women through life-changing experiences in the outdoors: rock climbing, ice climbing and backcountry skiing. Backcountry to advanced		the San Juan Mountains. Add to that extensive trail talks and friendly customer service and you'll be set for the experience of a lifetime. Check out our Jeep-N-Sleep discounts! jeepouray.com
City of Ouray - Box Cañon Waterfall & Park County Rd 361, Ouray 970-325-7080	instruction is offered at every clinic.    ?	Ouray Trail Group/ Ouray Nordic Council Ouray 970-325-0808	The Ouray Trail Group promotes safe and enjoyable hiking in the San Juan Mountains while preserving their beauty, natural resources and historic mining trails and assets. The Ouray Nordic Council maintains the winter cross-country and snowshoe trails at Ironton Park and along the Uncompahgre River in Ouray. ouraytrails.org ouraynordic.org
Colorado West Jeep Tours & Rentals 701 Main St, Ouray 970-325-4014	Ride with the Best"Colorado West" celebrating 34 years in business. Let our experienced and knowledgeable guides show you the beauty of the San Juan Mountains. Private tours also available. You may also enjoy the beauty of the San Juans on your own. Rent one of our 2019 Jeeps or Polaris RZR side-by-side two and four seaters. We are the oldest family-owned tour company in Ouray and the only tour company on Main Street. The famous "Cowboy Cookout" is available for groups of 20 or more. coloradwestjeeps.com	Peak Mountain Guides, LLC 280 7th Ave, Ouray 970-325-7342	Based in Ouray, Peak offers guiding rock and ice climbing and skiing throughout the world. As certified AMGA and IFMGA licensed guides we are part an international collaboration of professionals working to keep pace with the evolving nature of mountain craft. Our mission is inspiring people and building lasting relationships through exceptional experiences in amazing places.
Dave's Mountain Tours 970-728-9749	Join us for jeep tours in the mountains outside of Ridgway and Telluride. Offering 4 x 4 tours using a unique one-ton military troupe transport vehicle called a Pinzgauer. Also	■ Ridgway Adventure Sports 109 N Lena St, Ridgway 970-626-8500	Retailer of hiking, biking, camping, backpacking, backcountry skiing, snowshoeing, gear, maps & guide books. ridgwayadventuresports.com
■ <b>Deb's Livery</b> 31268 Highway 550, Ridgway 970-626-5587	featuring Chuck Wagon Mountain Cookouts in the summer! telluridetours.com ??	■ Ridgway State Park 28555 Hwy 550, Ridgway 800-678-2267	One of the most popular parks in Colorado. Full-service facilities including walk-in tent sites, yurts and RV/tent sites. A great place to play with a swim beach, fishing, boating, windsurfing, waterskiing, biking & hiking all available at the park. Don't miss our year-round educational programs. Park entry fee is \$7. cpw.state.co.us/placestogo/parks/ridgway
■ Divide Ranch & Club 151 Divide Ranch Circle, Ridgway	horsebackriding/102-deb-s-livery 🔓 🖓 ? 🕹 🚻  The mature, award-winning golf course that's the centerpiece for Divide Ranch & Club offers 7,039 yards	<b>Ridgway Wrench</b> 380 Sherman St, #3 970-318-0799	Year-round bicycle service, sales & rentals. Gifts, necessities, outdoor gear, dog collars, etc. odbs.ridgway@gmail.com ridgwaywrench.com `\ '\'
970-626-5284 970-513-8420 <b>Ouray Canyoning Coalition</b> PO Box 1057, Ouray 970-325-4117	of challenging play. It also offers some of the most extraordinary views imaginable. divideranchandclub.com  Organizer of the Ouray Canyon Club and Ouray Canyon Festival. We promote canyoneering safety, self-reliance and ethics through education, facilitate the exchange of ideas and information among an international canyoneering community, provide networking venues	RIGS Adventure CO Fly Shop, Fly Fishing Guide Service, Whitewater Rafting 1075 Sherman St Unit #101, Ridgway 970-626-4460	RIGS Adventure CO (10 minutes from Ouray!) features the finest Fly Shop, Fly Fishing Guide Service, Family Whitewater Rafting / Kayak, Stand Up Paddle Boarding, River Tubing, Photo Tours, Boating and Fishing Rentals. Experience the adventure and history of the region with your professional LOCAL outfitter! Book online 24/7. fishrigs.com raftrigs.com
	for canyoneers and develop techniques and practices to assist individuals with limitations or disabilities, especially troubled and at-risk youth, so that they can enjoy the adventure sport of canyoning/canyoneering. ouraycanyoncoalition.org ?	■ Rockin' K Jeep Rentals LLC 150 Palomino Trail, Unit K, Ridgway 970-318-6133	Open every day year round; new Rubicon Jeep Wrangers; Outpost Store: food, drinks, books, maps, clothing, coole rentals with ice, & Go-Pro rentals rockinkjeeprentals@gmail.com RockinKJeepRentals.com
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970-325-0089	twice, CBS, C.W. McCall's "Blackbear Road," Washington Post, Dallas Morning News, et al. Jeep tours, jeep rentals, large groups, weddings, photography, all Ouray, Telluride,	309 E Main St, Montrose 970-249-0408	Our professional guides bring you the very best outdoor experience imaginable! Book your trip today. montroseanglers.com
	Silverton, Lake City routes + snowmobile, snowcat and snow adventures with the guides of the world's oldest jeep company. sanjuanjeeptours.com \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \	Old Hundred Gold Mine Tour 721 CR 4A, Silverton	Experience mining in action! Ride the mine train underground for live mining demonstrations. Ticket price
Switzerland of America Scenic Tours & Jeep Rentals 226 7th Ave, Ouray 970-325-4484	Since 1962, Ouray's hometown tradition for exciting Jeep adventures! Experience snow capped mountain summits, colorful wildflowers, sparkling waterfalls, ghost towns and wildlife from your seat in a guided 4x4 tour, or rent a new Jeep Wrangler and explore the mountains to find your own hidden treasure. Family reunions, group retreats, mountaintop weddings, custom tours and unmatched customer service are our specialties! soajeep.com	970-387-5444	includes your own mining at the sluce boxes outside. \$18.95 adults, \$9.95 children 5-12, FREE under 5, \$16.95 seniors (60+). Call for times. <b>minetour.com</b> • ****

### **Health & Wellness**

■ Balance Natural Medicine 177 Sherman St, Suite #101, Ridgway 970-626-7137	Integrative medicine clinic offering chiropractics, nutrition, hyperbaric oxygen therapy and more with offices conveniently located in Ridgway and Telluride. Balancenaturalmedicine.com	■ Ridgway Family Dentistry 156 Liddell Dr, Ridgway 970-626-3774	The 'local's' dentist providing high quality dentistry in a rural setting. We are friends and neighbors caring for friends and neighbors! Travelers are welcome also! office@ridgwayfamilydentistry.com ridgwayfamilydentistry.com
Beaumont Hotel & Spa 505 Main St, Ouray 970-325-7000	In the beautiful spa, you can see the mountaintops from the treatment tables Escape the real world & indulge in ours. Here you will find impeccable service, unrivaled expertise & an atmosphere of incredible elegance & tranquility. Luxuriate in our	■ Ridgway Pilates 640 Sherman St, Suite A, Ridgway 970-628-5744	Pilates for the people! Welcome to our beautiful studio offering small group, private and semi-private classes for people of all ages and abilities. Whether you're here for a week, a season, or a local resident committed to health and fitness, we've got you covered. hello@ridgwaypilates.com ridgwaypilates.com
■ Chipeta Solar Springs Resort & Spa	organic, natural spa products. You will love them so much; you will want to take them home. beaumonthotel.com  Enjoy the solitude and relaxation of Chipeta Solar Springs Resort & Spa where relaxation and adventure meet. Full-service spa with	Ridgway Yoga Shala 540 Sherman St, Ridgway 970-218-4799	Offering daily yoga along with a wellness boutique including teas, tisanes, fresh juices and more! The Shala is a home for locals and visitors to learn, grow, heal and connect through various styles and levels of yoga and healing arts. ridgwayyogashala.com
304 S Lena St, Ridgway 970-626-3737	a dry sauna, full treatment menu, scheduled yoga classes and two outdoor solar heated thermal pools. <b>chipeta.com</b>	■ River Peak Dental 257 Sherman St, Suite C, Ridgway	A full-service dental office with all the modern technology for the absolute best dental care. We are all about patient comfort and treating you the same as our friends and family, because
■ Elevate Wellness Spa 222 5th Ave, Ouray	Elevate Wellness Spa is the perfect place if you are looking for holistic solutions for the entire body—inside and out. We	970-512-8700	you are. Come by – we would love to meet you and your family. riverpeakdental.com
970-325-7233	provide a safe, professional and welcoming experience to each guest and offer a variety of unique services year-round. We specialize in Facials, Skincare, Therapeutic Body Work, Waxing, Makeup and more. Book online or give us a call to schedule your wellness session. elevatewellnessspa.com	Stacie's Apothecary Shoppe 112 Village Square West, Ridgway 970-626-7100	Independent pharmacy with an onsite pharmacist that can fill all of your medication prescriptions. Stocked with over the counter items as well as essential oils and alternative chemical free options. Stop in and see us. stacie@ridgwayrx.com theapothecaryshoppenucla.com
■ Mountain Medical Center 295 Sherman St, Ridgway 970-626-5123	A family practice medical center with services that include health care maintenance, routine health exams, preventative care, vaccines, acute illness and chronic issue management, Injury evaluation, travel medicine consults, etc. ridgwaymountainmedical.com	Tri County Health Network 238 E Colorado Ave, Suite 8, PO Box 4178, Telluride	A nonprofit committed to improving the health of our community. Services include no-cost heart healthy screenings, health insurance and public benefit enrollment assistance, connection to mental health resources, and information for adults aged 60+ or those of any age with a disability.
Ouray Hot Springs Pool & Fitness Center 1220 Main St, Ouray 970-325-7073	The Ouray Hot Springs Pool was extensively renovated in the winter of 2016-17. The new facility has multiple pools for soaking, lap swimming, and aquatic recreation with temperatures ranging from 80 degrees to 104 degrees. As always, the water in the pools is crystal clear and free of the sulfur smell common in other hot springs. ourayhotsprings.com	970-708-7096  Wholeness: Massage & Bodywork 640 Sherman St, Suite J, Ridgway 303-776-7807	tchnetwork.org  With nearly 20 years of experience, Melissa Countryman offers massage and Hakomi bodywork in beautiful downtown Ridgway. 50% off for all 1st time clients! Book online today. melissa@ridgwaywholenessmassage.com ridgwaywholenessmassage.com
Orvis Hot Springs 1585 County Rd 3, Ridgway 970-626-5324	A clothing optional natural hot springs resort with nine soaking areas ranging in temperature from 63-112 degrees. Six outside soaking areas plus an indoor pool and two private tubs feature natural lithium water for ultimate relaxation.  mindy@orvishotsprings.com orvishotsprings.com	■ Wiesbaden Hot Springs Spa & Lodgings 625 5th St, Ouray 970-325-4347	Natural, mineral hot springs vapor cave, 108-degree soaking pool, outdoor swimming pool of 102-104 degrees, and a secluded, private outdoor soaking pool and waterfall. Spa services including hot stone therapy, dry brushing, foot treatments, and
Ridgway Center for Whole Health Shirley Olson	Patient-focused, personalized medicine. Specializing in primary care medicine, clinical testing and procedures, wellness and fitness programs, plus functional and integrative medicine.		various therapeutic massage techniques. wiesbadenouray@msn.com wiesbadenhotsprings.com

195 S. Lena St, Suite A, Ridgway 970-626-6026 santina@ouraymed.com ridgwaycwh.com

#### **History & Heritage**

Cedar Hill Cemetery 18510 Highway 550, Ourav 970-318-2114

Cedar Hill Cemetery is located approximately 4 miles north of Ouray, Colorado. Established over a century ago; Cedar Hill is not only historically significant, it is currently being used by families to lay their loved ones to rest. cedarhillouray.org

Historic Western Hotel and Saloon + World's Oldest Jeep Company 206/210 7th Ave, Ouray 970-325-0089

Operated as a museum for several years in the 1950's, today the Western is one of the best-preserved, truly authentic. historic western hotels and saloons in the US. Its wild west history includes fires, gambling losses, Ouray's red light district and gunfights involving women. The building also retains its original and iconic architectural, art and design features. "The history of the Western reflects the history of the area." Guided tours by the guides of the world's oldest jeep company 8:15 am and 1:15 pm May-Oct or by appt. ourayjeeptors@yahoo.com historicwesternhotel.com

Ouray Alchemist Pharmacy Museum 533 Main St, Ouray 970-325-4003

The museum entrance is from Aspen Drug c. 1888 Aspen, CO. As you step through the door, experience what a pharmacy was like in Western Colorado in the 1800's. Learn about the overall history and evolution of pharmacy, medicine and dentistry as professions as well as how they are intertwined with the concepts of alchemy. All tours are guided. Your tour can be comprehensive or suited for your time frame. Usually given at 10am and 1pm on most days, it is best to call ahead for price, times and availability. A must-see when in Ouray! This is one of Trip Advisor's outstanding and top-rated unique local attractions. ourayalchemist.com



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Ouray County Ranch History Museum 321 Sherman St, Ridgway 970-316-1085

Museum exhibits tell the story of ranch and farm life in Ouray County from the 1880s through the present. The museum is open from late May through mid-October, for special events during late fall and winter, and by appointment throughout the year. ocrhm.org

Ouray County Museum 420 6th Ave, Ouray 970-325-4576

Operated by the nonprofit Ouray County Historical Society, the museum is open April 19 to Nov. 10. Visit the website to get information on which weekdays and hours are open. The museum will also open during the January 2019 Ouray Ice Climbing Festival. ouraycountyhistoricalsociety.org

■ Ridgway Railroad Museum 150 Racecourse Rd, Ridgway 970-626-4373

The nonprofit, all-volunteer museum now has two locations: indoor displays, books and photographs at 150 Racecourse Rd., plus outdoor displays with train cars including a half-mile loop track on a 16-acre site located at 200 N. Railroad St. ridgwayrailroadmuseum@ouraynet.com ridgwayrailroadmuseum.org

#### BANKS AND FINANCIAL SERVICES

Alpine Bank 917 Main St, Ouray 970-325-4200 119 Liddell Dr, Ridgway 970-626-4100

Committed to building strong, enduring relationships with customers, we provide local, friendly, professional service on a one-on-one basis for all of your banking needs. Serving our communities for over 42 years with 38 locations, Alpine Bank has a long tradition and takes pride in our excellent customer service. alpinebank.com

Citizens State Bank 600 Main St, Ouray 970-325-4478 145 Sherman St, Ridgway 970-626-5462

Your hometown community bank, serving western Colorado since 1913, we are proud to know our customers by name. We believe in investing in the communities that we serve, and employ local area residents knowledgeable in the banking industry, enabling us to continue to serve our customers with an accurate understanding of their ever-changing needs and the highest quality banking products and services to meet them. csbcolorado.com

Major Mortgage 701 S Townsend Ave, Montrose 970-252-1700

Just because our Montrose office is a little smaller, doesn't mean we don't offer the same great rates, top service and quick closings like our Grand Junction branch. Our mortgage loan originators will educate you and help find the best loan to fit your needs. majormortgage.com

■ Middleton Accounting & Consulting, Inc. PO Box 248, Ridgway 970-626-3849

A full service CPA firm serving the tax, accounting and consulting  $% \left( 1\right) =\left( 1\right) \left( 1\right)$ needs of individuals and small businesses in Ridgway and throughout the Western Slope. We strive to strike the perfect balance between small, local, attentive service and professional experience and expertise. middletonaccounting.com

#### CHARITIES AND ADVOCACY GROUPS

**EcoAction Partners** PO Box 1625, Telluride 970-728-1340

EcoAction Partners is a sustainability organization focused on reducing greenhouse gas emissions by promoting energy efficiency and renewable energy projects and tracking our regional progress toward these goals. EcoAction Partners works with the community to reduce waste, increase the local food supply and encourage sustainable practices. ecoactionpartners.org

Fortuna Tierra Club PO Box 1373, Ridgway 970-626-4365

Fortuna Tierra Club, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit, was established on Log Hill Mesa, Colorado in 1970. FTC's major fundraiser is the Log Hill Hustle, a 5k and 10k Fun Run, which will be on Sunday, August 25, 2019, to fund scholarships for students from Ridgway. fortunatierra.com

**Four Corners** Film Office

295 A Girard St, Durango 720-295-6570

Our mission is to increase jobs and income from film, television and digital media production in the Four Corners region, by serving as a liaison, facilitator and information hub. We are a filmmaker resource with free services and local expertise for locations and production professionals in Southwest Colorado. 4cornersfilmoffice.org

Haven House PO Box 3122, Montrose 970-626-5677

We provide transitional housing for the homeless, focused on families, and a child development program for those we serve. Participants in our program live with us 24/7 for up to two years while we provide wrap-around services designed to help them progress to self-sufficiency. havenhousehomeless.org

Ouray County Rodeo Association PO Box 711, Ridgway

The nonprofit Ouray County Rodeo Association provides scholarships through fundraising activities including the Labor Day Rodeo and Fair. Other signature events are San Juan Skijoring each January and the Jimbo Fund Dinner & Dance each June. ouraycountyrodeo@gmail.com facebook.com/OurayCountyRodeo

Ouray Elks Lodge BPOE #492 421 Main St, Ouray 970-325-4510

The Lodge was founded in 1899. Primary programs are youth activities, including scholarships, in-home visits from Santa, sports and educational programs; veteran support, including an annual fundraiser for the Grand Junction VA hospital; and other community activities, such as fundraisers to help people with medical expenses. ourayelks.org

Region 10 League for **Economic Assistance** & Planning 300 N Cascade Ave, Suite 1, Montrose 970-249-2436

Established in 1972, Region 10 is a 501C3 nonprofit organization offering public programs in support of eighteen local communities and six counties in western Colorado. Region 10 League for Economic Assistance and Planning provides programs and services that meet the needs of the people in the region, are cost-effective, reduce the burden of local governments, leverage available resources, and support our charitable status. region10.net

Ridgway Area Chamber of Commerce PO Box 544, Ridgway 970-626-5181

The Ridgway Chamber promotes business and community development in the Town of Ridgway and the surrounding area. We manage the top-ranked ridgwaycolorado.com website, produce the annual Visitors Guide, and develop various marketing and career development opportunities for business owners, employees and students. ridgwaycolorado.com

Ridgway Chautauqua Society 604 Clinton St, Ridgway 970-318-0892

Our mission is to embody the Chautauqua tradition by producing programs celebrating lifelong learning, the arts, culture and community. RCS/Sherbino's vision is to exemplify both innovation and history in vibrant community gathering places, advancing the creative and economic vitality of our region with over 150 programs each year. sherbino.org

Ridgway-Ouray Community Council 372 Pleasant Valley Dr. Ridgway 970-626-2599

A 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization dedicated to the life issues that help shape the future of and protect the healthy spirit of our community. roccnet.org

■ Second Chance **Humane Society** 177 County Rd 10, Ridgway 970-626-2273

Second Chance Humane Society has been working with the Ouray, San Miguel and Montrose County communities and beyond since 1994 to address the needs of homeless pets of this region. We save lives through our shelter programs while developing effective education and prevention programs. adoptmountainpets.org

Six Basins Project, Inc. Ouray 970-325-4021 Several local Jeep Companies and other business professionals have banded together to assemble the Six Basins Project, a 501c3 organization created to protect and preserve the landscape and heritage of the six basins located within the Yankee Boy and Imogene areas. Through funds voluntarily collected with the rental of a Jeep or other OHV, additional grants and donations, projects will be completed that provide education through signage, improved sanitation in current restroom sites as well as the establishment of new restroom sites, and the potential funding of law enforcement on County Road 361. sixbasinsprojectinc.com

Uncompangre Watershed Partnership 133 N Lena St #3, Ridgway 970-325-3010

UWP welcomes visitors and residents to get involved. Join us for the Ridgway RiverFest every June, the Red Mountain Mining District Snowshoe Tour each February, and for various educational events and volunteer activities, aimed at restoring and protecting the Uncompangre River. uncompangrewatershed.org

#### **CHURCHES**

Calvary Community Church 680 Second St. Ourav 970-325-4049

We exist to create opportunities to build accepting relationships and to be encouraged and challenged in our spiritual and personal journey. We offer a variety of ministries to women, men and children. Sunday evening services at 6 p.m. facebook.com/ouraycalvery

Ouray Baptist Church 100 Fourth Ave, Ouray 970-325-4448

Since 1964, Ouray Baptist Church, Colorado has had the opportunity to spread the Gospel in a variety of ways. Whether you are a local or a visitor we hope you'll join Pastor Dan Preston this Sunday. Sunday School At 10:00 a.m., with Church Service at 11:00 a.m. All are welcome. facebook.com/ouraybaptistchurch

Ridgway Community Church 685 Sherman St, Ridgway 970-626-5692

The little white-steeple church has been a landmark for all who pass by on Highway 62, dating back to 1888, when it was known as the Ridgway Methodist Episcopal Church, the first recorded church in town. In 1974, the church became Ridgway Community Church, and in 1998, it was renovated including a new fellowship hall and classrooms. ridgwaychurch.com

St John's **Episcopal Church** 329 Fifth Ave, Ouray 970-325-4655

Sunday Morning Worship Service at 10:30 a.m. Discussion of Lessons at 9:45 a.m. Coffee and Fellowship following worship. Morning Prayer Service, Monday through Thursday at 8:30 a.m. All are welcome; please join us! stjohnsouray.org

United Church of the San Juans 295 N Lena St, Ridgway 970-626-5803

We are a unique church, affiliated with the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, United Methodist Church, Presbyterian Church (USA) and the United Church of Christ. We welcome everyone, whether you are searching for a church home or just "passing through" and looking for a place to worship. ucsjridgway.org

#### EDUCATION, CHILD CARE & LIBRARIES

Mt. Sneffels **Education Foundation** PO Box 1883, Ouray 970-325-0967

The Mt. Sneffels Education Foundation was established in 1992 to help enrich and broaden the educational and cultural experiences of the youth in Ouray County. The Sneffels Foundation does this through contributing money to projects initiated by school and community leaders for which there is no regular funding available. mtsneffels.org

Ouray Library District 320 Sixth Ave, Ouray 970-325-4616

The Ouray Public Library houses a special collection of Ouray and Ouray County books, including nonfiction, fiction, and biographies. Books on activities in Ouray County and the San Juan Mountains, including ice climbing, hiking, avalanche safety, and travel guides also available. Four public access computers are available to library patrons and visitors, as well as wireless access. This public access is open (unsecured) and free to all visitors and patrons. ouray.colibraries.org

Ouray School District R-1 320 Sixth Ave, Ouray 970-325-4616

Developing minds to match our Mountains! The mission of the Ouray School District R-1, an educational community built on high expectations, is for all students to contribute responsibly in a global society by ensuring them an exceptional education in a safe and supportive environment. ouray.kl2.co.us

Pinhead Institute PO Box 2905, Telluride 970-369-5190

A Smithsonian Affiliate based in Telluride, we strive to promote science education locally and globally. An international network of the world's leading scientists educates and inspires children and adults about the wonders of science and technology. pinheadinstitute.org

Ridgway Public Library 300 W Charles St, Ridgway 970-626-5252

The Ridgway Public Library is a free and vital community resource providing opportunities to explore, discover, learn, grow, and dream. Come use our computers, meeting room, children's area and more. Also, check out our Seed Library. youseemore.com/ridgwayPL

Ridgway School District R-2 1115 W Clinton St, Ridgway 970-626-4320

Surrounded by some of the most spectacular peaks in Colorado, Ridgway Schools aims to inspire students to climb to their potential. Our K-12 programs consistently produce students who exceed in both the classroom and in life. ridgway.k12.co.us

■ Voyager Youth Program 280 N Cora St, Ridgway 970-626-4279

We seek to inspire youth to achieve healthy lives through our prevention education programs and enrichment activities with a purpose. We work in partnership with local schools and the larger community to create an environment in which youth will thrive. voyageryouthprogram.org

■ Weehawken Creative Arts 610 Clinton St, Ridgway 970-318-0150

Weehawken Creative Arts offers arts classes and workshops for children and adults year-round. More than 350 learning opportunities in the visual and performing arts, plus many opportunities for learning on a variety of creative topics. weehawkenarts.org

#### **GOVERNMENT, POLICE & FIRE**

City of Ouray City Administration 320 Sixth Ave, Ouray 970-325-7211

Welcome to Ouray City Government! The City of Ouray was officially incorporated on October 2, 1876; only two months after Colorado became a state. According to papers filed with the United States Land Office there were over 400 inhabitants of Ouray in 1877. The first meeting of the Ouray Board of Trustees was held on October 4th, 1876. Today, the Ouray City Council meets on the first and third Monday of each month in the Ouray Community Center. cityofouray.com

Loghill Volunteer Fire Department PO Box 747, Montrose 970-626-4095

The department was established in 1976, when a concerned group of citizens identified a need for fire protection on Log Hill Mesa, and has grown to be a proud and capable organization dedicated to protecting our citizens, our homes and our mesa. loghillfire.org

Ouray County Courthouse 541 Fourth Ave, Ouray 970-325-7320

Ouray County covers 542 square miles that include the stunning landscapes of the headwaters of the Uncompange River, the San Juan Mountains and the Uncompangre Plateau. Its population is around 4,530 and includes the municipalities of Ouray and Ridgway. In 2019 the historic Courthouse will be closed for renovations. Check the website for the temporary location of County services. ouraycountyco.gov

Ouray County EMS 541 Fourth St. Ourav 970-325-7275

We Are Ready! Whether you are enjoying the world-famous hot springs or climbing the vertical ice in the Ouray ice park, Ouray County Emergency Medical Services (OCEMS) is ready to assist in an emergency. ouraycountyco.gov

Ouray County Sheriff 541 Fourth St, Ouray 970-325-7272

The Ouray County Sheriff's Office is committed to providing the citizens of Ouray County with effective and efficient law enforcement. We will apply the laws of the State of Colorado, and the constitution, justly and consistently while treating every individual with dignity, courtesy, and respect. ouraycountyco.gov

Ouray Mountain Rescue Team 47 County Rd 361, Ouray

The Ouray Mountain Rescue Team is a team of volunteers that serves the technical rescue and emergency medical service needs of Ouray County and the surrounding mountain communities of southwestern Colorado. If you have a mountain emergency dial 911 and please invest in a Colorado Search and Rescue Card to support search and rescue teams all across the state. our aymountain rescue.com

Ouray Police Department 320 Sixth Ave, Ouray 970-325-7068

The Police Department is charged with enforcing federal, state and local laws. Information regarding City Municipal Court can also be obtained from the police. Call for more information. cityofouray.com

#### **GOVERNMENT, POLICE & FIRE CONTINUED**

Ouray Volunteer Fire Department 320 Sixth Ave, Ouray 970-325-7069

The Ouray Volunteer Fire Department (OVFD) provides fire protection and suppression throughout the community, as well as mutual aid for surrounding districts. The OFD is equipped to provide fire protection and suppression in numerous different situations including residential and commercial structures, forest fires, and vehicle fires. cityofouray.com

■ Ridgway Marshal's Office 201 N Railroad St, Ridgway 970-626-5196

The Ridgway Marshal's Office is a full-service, communityminded law enforcement agency. Our department will tackle anything that comes our way. We maintain a high standard of service and visibility in our community. colorado.gov/ridgway

Ridgway Town Hall 201 N Railroad St, Ridgway 970-626-5308

The Town of Ridgway is dedicated to the well-being and sustainability of our community and the enhancement of our small-town character by continuously providing efficient, quality services and exercising sound stewardship of our resources. town.ridgway.co.us

Ridgway Volunteer Fire Department 421 N Railroad St, Ridgway 970-626-5311

We have been protecting the people and property of Ridgway and the surrounding area for over 100 years. Our team of up to 30 volunteers are all trained in structural and wildland firefighting, and committed to being ready to help others. Some members are also trained in arson investigation, Hazmat Awareness, and other specialties. facebook.com/RidgwayFire

#### **GROUP AND EVENT VENUES**

Hotel & Spa 505 Main St, Ouray 970-325-7000

Event planning at Elegant-Lovely-Timeless-Classic Indoor & Outdoor Events Venue starting at \$1250! Courtyard & Historic Grand Ballroom & Lounge. Seasonal flexibility - Your event will be perfect – no matter what the weather conditions. '#1 Hotel in the West' & 'Top 500 Places in the World' Gold List. Guestrooms sleep up to 30. Conference Room & Spa. beaumonthotel.com

■ Chipeta Solar Springs Resort 304 S Lena St, Ridgway 970-626-3737

Chipeta Solar Springs Resort is a perfect venue for your special events. The Kiva event center, with its floor-to ceiling windows and stunning views is the perfect spot for intimate gatherings, rehearsal dinners and parties. Four Corners Cafe with Sky Bar patio is the ideal spot to enjoy cocktails and hors d'oeuvres. The Event Tent can be used for larger gatherings of up to 130 guests including a dance floor. chipeta.com

■ Divide Ranch & Club 151 Divide Ranch Circle, Ridgway 970-626-5284. 970-513-8420

Divide Ranch & Club is the perfect venue for your special event. If you're looking to hold a wedding, party, corporate retreat, or just about any special event, please contact us for more information. Choose from our standard catering menus or design your own. You'll enjoy our luxurious clubhouse with indoor and outdoor facilities, plus a bar and grill, with some of the best views in all of Colorado. divideranchandclub.com

Elevation Weddings and Events Ouray County 970-233-2202

Elevation Weddings and Events specializes in high altitude weddings and events along Colorado's Western Slope. Elevation Weddings and Events provides clients with personal attention, expert guidance and local knowledge. Clients will find there is exceptional attention to detail and commitment to excellence. elevationweddingsandevents.com

Historic Western Hotel and Saloon + World's Oldest Jeep Company 206/210 7th Ave Ouray 970-325-4645 970-325-0089

Our specialty is unique private exclusive wedding and party venues. Reserve an entire truly authentic old wild west hotel and saloon or private 13,000 foot mountain top with unbelievable panoramic views of the red mountains and San Juan Mountain range. Let us amaze your group with true western hospitality and let us "take you higher" with exclusive mountain top venues. With 40 years of experience we cater and organize any party, by the caterer that put on the "Party of the Century" for a Telluride couple's Ouray wedding at the Old Western. Begin the journey with the jeep tour company that took 200 + guest journalists from Jeep International around the world to the top of the world and exclaimed "It's once in a lifetime experience that they will never forget." historicwesternhotel.com sanjuanjeeptours.com

■ Mayfly Events PO Box 1045, Ridgway 303-717-2197

Event Management Services, Incentive Travel and Executive Retreats, Over 20 years of experience planning your special events. peri@mayflyevents.com

Ouray Community Center & Conference Center 320 Sixth Ave, Ouray 970-325-7065

The Ouray Conference & Community Center is a perfect place for meetings, reunions, receptions, retreats, and conferences. Ouray has hosted conferences and/or events for groups from five to  $500\,$ people. There are two meeting rooms available. The San Juan Room, with its warm wood floors and many windows, is located above historic City Hall which was built in the late 1800's. The San Juan Room is a favorite choice for intimate meetings and receptions for 20 to 150 people. The Massard Auditorium, which is the larger room in the Ourav Community Center, can accommodate over 300 people. This room is a good choice for larger receptions, presentations, and dinners. Guests will appreciate the views of Hayden Mountain, Mount Abrams, and the other surrounding peaks. There is an elevator available for easy access to the upstairs. Call now to reserve your space for the perfect wedding or event. cityofouray.com

■ Ouray County Fairgrounds & 4H Event Center 22739 Highway 550, Ridgway 970-626-3304

The Crown Jewel of Ouray County! Situated against a spectacular mountain backdrop, the Ouray County Fairgrounds and 4H Event Center offer multiple venues for your special event, whether indoor or out, formal or casual, large or small, recreation or business. ouraycountyeventvenues.com

■ Top of the Pines County Road 5, Ridgway 970-626-5273

A rustic setting, but TOP boasts some of the most beautiful views around! Most couples choose the meadow for their wedding site and often include a night of camping at the nearby campsites. We also offer a rustic pavilion structure (heated, with electricity, but no indoor plumbing yet) for indoor celebrations. topofthepines.org

Twin Peaks Lodge & Hot Springs 125 3rd Ave, Ouray 970-325-4427

We are the largest accommodating hotel property in Ouray. We have catered to events of more than 700 people. We always look forward to working with large groups and taking on new challenges. Several groups choose our grounds to host their functions. Also, every year we host weddings, family reunions, and tours of all kinds. twinpeakslodging.com

Wright Opera House 472 Main St, Ouray 970-325-4399

The Wright Opera House provides a perfect historic space for your wedding, meeting or special event. thewrightoperahouse.org

#### HAIR STYLISTS AND BEAUTY SALONS

Glow Day Spa & Salon 545 Sherman St, Ridgway 970-318-0383

Most extensive selection of spa and salon treatments in Ouray County! We do everything from hair services to eyelash extensions and mani/pedis! glow-dayspa.com

Salon Monti 824 Main St #732, Ouray 970-325-4705

A full-service salon where our stylists are dedicated to consistently providing customer satisfaction by rendering excellent service, quality products and furnishing an enjoyable atmosphere. facebook.com/Salon-Monti-571651909690373

#### **MEDIA**

Brown Mountain Broadcasting 331 Sixth Ave #3. Ouray 970-325-2158

Mountain Chill, current, curated, and consistently great chilled music from the world's top cutting edge labels, accessible to all and supported almost entirely by small-business and regional sponsors - tune in to find out who. Isn't it time to raise your frequency to 95.5 MHz? Join our worldwide listening community online. We stream almost 1 million listener hours annually. mountainchill.com

KURA Radio 98.9 FM Ouray School, Ouray 970-325-7289

KURA-LP began in January 2001 when a high school student, a teacher and a consultant combined to apply for an LPFM license. Exactly one year later KURA (Ouray School District R1) was issued a construction permit. After over twelve years of continuous service to the communities of Ouray and Ridgway, Colorado- we are "radio just around the corner." Housed in Ouray School and manned by a staff of high school students, we are small, but mighty. Covering almost the entire county, KURA strives to please the locals and tourists too! ourayradio.com

KVNF 233 Grand Ave, Paonia 970-527-4866

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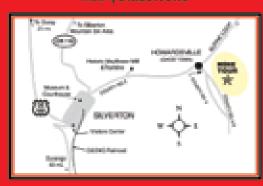
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