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Steamboat Springs' Cultural Landscape

Steamboat Springs Facts & Figures

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Overview

Also called Ski Town, USA® and known for its World Class skiing facilities, Steamboat Springs was originally a summer resort. Travelers in the early 1900s visited Steamboat Springs in the summer months for the natural hot springs and vast hunting and fishing opportunities. Today, summer activities span the spectrum, with three championship golf courses, an indoor-outdoor tennis center, biking, hiking, kayaking, fly fishing, and horseback riding right in town.

Location

Colorado's Yampa Valley is located just 160 miles northwest of Denver. From Denver (137 miles), take I-70 west through the Eisenhower Tunnel to the Silverthorne exit; go north on Colorado Highway 9 to Kremmling, then west on U.S. Highway 40 to Steamboat Springs. From Salt Lake City (390 miles), take I-80 east, merge into U.S. 40 east (exit 148) and take U.S. 40 into Steamboat Springs.

Elevations

Downtown: 6,695'

Steamboat Ski Area: Base: 6,900' Summit/Mt. Werner: 10,568'

Medicine Bow/Routt National Forest: 5,500' to 12,940'

Mt. Zirkel Wilderness: Fifteen peaks reach 12,000' with Mt. Zirkel the highest at 12,180'

Flat Tops Wilderness: Devil's Causeway 11,600'

Hahn's Peak Village: 8,128' Hahn's Peak Summit: 10,839'

Population (2000 Census)

City of Steamboat Springs: 10,115

Routt County: 19,690

Geographic Setting

Steamboat Springs lies against the western ridge of the Continental Divide and is nearly surrounded by National Forest, and Wilderness areas. Steamboat Springs is located in the heart of the Yampa Valley. The Yampa River begins in the Flat Tops Wilderness Area, and flows through downtown Steamboat Springs and eventually meets the Green River in Dinosaur National Monument. Two ski areas, four Colorado State Parks, hot springs, lakes, rivers, and trail systems cater to a plethora of outdoor activities.

Climate

Steamboat Springs' summers are mild, cool and dry. July is the hottest month with an average high of 82 degrees and low of 41 degrees. Low humidity and elevation combine to make the summer comfortable and pleasing.

Area Attractions & Points of Interest

Strawberry Park Hot Springs: 7 miles from town

Fish Creek Falls: 3 miles from town

Continental Divide Trail: Summit Lake trailhead 18 miles from town

Steamboat Lake State Park: 27 miles north of town

Stagecoach State Park: 17 miles south of town

Yampa River Core Trail: winds along the Yampa River through downtown Steamboat Springs

Access

Yampa Valley Regional Airport (HDN) located 22 miles west of Steamboat Springs is open year round and accommodates jet service. NEW for summer 2007, Delta Air Lines provides twice daily nonstop jet service from Salt Lake City, serving nearly 85 destinations nationwide. United Airlines provides four operations daily from Denver International Airport.

Accommodations

18,782 pillows; 10,748 beds; 3,502 units

Steamboat Springs and the surrounding area provide accommodations from the luxury to the rustic. Condominiums and private homes for families and groups, bed & breakfasts and cabins for something unique. Of course full service hotels and even guest ranches round out the mix. www.steamboatsummer.com

Area Transportation

Steamboat Springs Transit offers free bus transportation throughout Steamboat Springs. Call 970-879-3717 for bus information and schedules. Chartered taxi, shuttle and limousine service is available from Denver, the Steamboat Springs Airport and the Yampa Valley Regional Airport. Taxi information: Alpine Taxi, 970-879-TAXI (970-879-8294) or 1-800-343-7433; Storm Mountain Express, 970-879-1963.

Events & Activities

For the latest information about upcoming events and activities, log onto www.steamboatsummer.com which serves the visitor destined for Steamboat in the summertime.

Shopping & Retail

Steamboat Springs has nearly 250 shops and boutiques including art galleries, western outfitters, outdoor retailers and gift shops for every taste. Two primary pedestrian friendly shopping areas include Steamboat's Mountain Village located at the base of the Steamboat Ski Area, and downtown Steamboat Springs. The two areas are three miles apart and serviced by Steamboat Springs free city bus. Several other shopping options in between the "town and mountain" are also located on the bus route.

Restaurants & Bars

Steamboat Springs boasts more than 70 restaurants representing the full spectrum of cuisine to satisfy every appetite. From fresh game to fresh fish, flown in daily, every culinary delight set in a variety of atmospheres is waiting to serve up a delicious meal with a healthy helping of western hospitality.

Other Noteworthy Facts

- Named by French Fur trappers in the 1860s for a hot spring near the Yampa River that sounded like a steamboat
- There are more than 150 mineral springs in the area
- James Crawford staked the first homestead in 1875
- City of Steamboat Springs was incorporated in 1900
- Hometown of 69 Winter Olympic athletes since 1932, more than any other town in the US
- Home to Howelsen Hill, Colorado's oldest ski area in continuous use (opened 1915)
- In the early 1900s Steamboat Springs was the largest exporter of cattle in the western United States
- Lincoln Avenue (US Highway 40), Steamboat Springs' main street was built wide to accommodate cattle drives
- Rodeo History dates back over 100 years
- Steamboat Springs weekly summer rodeo was named the "Small Town Outdoor Rodeo of the Year" by the ProRodeo Cowboys Association in 2002
- Holds oldest annual winter carnival west of the Mississippi River (since 1914)
- Home to Perry Mansfield Performing Arts School & Camp (opened 1913) attended by such performing artists as Dustin Hoffman, Julie Harris and Agnes de Mille
- One of the first 8 US cities to receive the Preserve America Community designation from the White House



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