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**Summer 2010 Press Kit****Steamboat Springs, Colorado - Facts & Figures****Overview**

Steamboat Springs was originally a summer resort before it became known as Ski Town, USA® and renowned for its world class skiing facilities. 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, 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'

Geographic Setting

Steamboat Springs lies against the western ridge of the Continental Divide and is nearly surrounded by national forest and wilderness areas. The Yampa River begins in the Flat Tops Wilderness, flows through downtown Steamboat Springs and eventually meets the Green River in Dinosaur National Monument. Steamboat Springs boasts two ski areas, three Colorado State Parks, more than 150 natural 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.

Access

With the Yampa Valley Regional Airport (Steamboat/Hayden HDN) located just 22 miles from town, Steamboat is the most conveniently accessed resort destination in Colorado. A newly transformed, ultra-spacious terminal facility will greet passengers upon their arrival. Steamboat offers year round all-jet air service with convenient connections nationwide. Another option, Denver International Airport (DIA) is approximately 160 miles east of Steamboat Springs with most major airlines servicing DIA from both domestic and international locations throughout the world.

Population (2000 Census)

City of Steamboat Springs: 10,115

Routt County: 19,690

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Area Attractions & Points of Interest

Strawberry Park Hot Springs: 7 miles from town

Fish Creek Falls: 3 miles from downtown

Continental Divide Trail: Summit Lake trailhead 18 miles from downtown

Steamboat Lake State Park: 27 miles north of downtown

Stagecoach State Park: 17 miles south of downtown

Yampa River Core Trail: 7 miles of paved trail winding along the Yampa River through downtown Steamboat Springs

Accommodations

17,325 pillows; 10,163 beds; 3,141 units

Steamboat Springs and the surrounding area provide accommodations from the luxury to the rustic. Condominiums and private homes for families and groups, bed and breakfasts and rustic cabins for something unique. Of course full service hotels and even guest ranches round out the mix. For more information please visit 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: Go Alpine, 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, visit the events calendar on 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 is home to more than 100 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.

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