

Cripple Creek & Victor

Cripple Creek started life as an old west gold town. Offering a hard life with a slim chance to make it rich, the town was built on the sweat and dreams of rugged individuals. Modern Cripple Creek still offers the dream to strike it rich. Casino gambling is the new “source” of gold. Happily, Cripple Creek approached gambling in a way that did not overwhelm the community. The casinos have been integrated into the old west gold town look of Cripple Creek. There are also many activities outside the casinos that a family can enjoy, including re-enactments of old west gunfights, museums and mine tours that bring the gold field days back to life, a number of theater groups and the ever-present artist colony. With the Rocky Mountains everywhere you turn, it’s hard to believe anyone would go indoors in the first place. Cripple Creek is a community that deserves to be discovered.

A D D E N D U M

Area: Cripple Creek – 1 square mile, Victor – 1 square mile.
Government: Cripple Creek – Mayor, Council; Victor – Mayor, Council.
Housing: \$184,968
Income: \$47,699
Economic Base: Cripple Creek – residential, tourism, casinos; Victor – residential, mining.
Library: Franklin-Ferguson Memorial Library, 410 B Street, Cripple Creek 80813, 689-2800; Victor Public Library, 124 S. 3rd Street, Victor 80860, 689-2011.
Local Newspaper: *The Gold Rush* (weekly) 687-3006, *Gold Camp Journal* 689-0901.
Location: Southwest of Colorado Springs on the southwest side of Pikes Peak, off Hwy. 67, nearly 10,000 feet above sea level.
Medical Services: Divide Health Clinic, 1115 W. Hwy. 24, 687-4460 (Peak Vista Community Health Centers); Langstaff-Brown Urgent Care Center (part of Penrose-St. Francis Health Services), 686-0551.
Parks & Recreation: Cripple Creek: Parks & Recreation (689-3514), fitness center, indoor roller rink, gazebo, pavilion, playground, Gold Camp Trail, Mountain Wave Skate Park and Mountain View BMX Track. Victor: community center, hockey rink, trail system, numerous driving and walking tours in area, close to excellent fishing spots (see website).
Population: Cripple Creek – 1,200; Victor – 455.
Protection: 911 Emergency, Cripple Creek Police 689-2655, Cripple Creek Fire 689-0240, Victor Police 689-9313, Victor volunteer fire 689-2686, Teller County Sheriff 687-9652.
Schools: Cripple Creek-Victor RE1, 689-2685, www.ccvschools.com.
Tax Rate: Cripple Creek combined tax rate 6.2%, Victor combined tax rate 7.0%.
Transportation: Teller Cab 687-8222, Ramblin Express (to casinos) 590-8687.
Utilities: Cripple Creek water and sewer 689-2502, Victor water 689-2886, Qwest phone service 800-244-1111, Aquila Electric 800-303-0752, propane gas (see Cripple Creek website for area propane gas providers). Cable TV: Cripple Creek – U.S. Cable, 800-480-7020, www.uscable.com; Victor – Bresnan Cable, 877-273-7662.
City of Cripple Creek
 337 E. Bennett Ave. • Cripple Creek 80813
 689-2169 • www.cripple-creek.co.us
City of Victor
 500 Victor Ave. • Victor 80860 • 689-0745 • www.victorcolorado.com
Cripple Creek Welcome Center
 337 E. Bennett Ave. • Cripple Creek 80813
 689-2169 • www.cripple-creek.co.us
Victor Chamber of Commerce
 Call 689-5958
Helpful Phone Numbers
 Teller Senior Coalition689-3584
 Teller County 4H Office & County Fair.....689-2552



Driving into Cripple Creek.

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Divide

Divide is about seven miles west of Woodland Park and sits atop Ute Pass at 9,280 feet. Named Divide because water run-off divided to the north, south east and west at this point, Divide has played important roles in the history of train travel and that of the Colorado gold fields. Located at the entrance of Mueller State Park visitors to and residents of Divide take full advantage of the park’s many trails and the abundant wildlife to discover and watch. Divide offers a wide variety of homes – log cabins built right into the mountains, farms with stalls and thousands of acres and newer homes in exclusive gated communities are just some of the choices available. A small but active chamber of commerce works tirelessly to promote commercial and residential development while maintaining the pristine quality of life enjoyed by all.

A D D E N D U M

Area: Approximately 100 square miles, no boundaries.
Government: Unincorporated, first permanent settlement in Teller County.
Housing: \$135,000
Income: \$45,000
Economic Base: Residential, light retail, agriculture.
Library: Florissant Public Library, 334 Circle Dr., 748-3939; Woodland Park Library, 821 Lafayette, 687-9281; both branches use same website – www.ram-partlibrarydistrict.org.
Local Newspaper: *Ute Pass Courier* (weekly) 687-3006.
Location: At the intersection of Hwy. 24 and Hwy. 67, northwest of Colorado Springs on north slope of Pikes Peak.
Medical Services: Divide Health Clinic, 1115 W. Hwy. 24, 687-4460 (Peak Vista Community Health Centers); Langstaff-Brown Urgent Care Center (part of Penrose-St. Francis Health Services), 686-0551.
Parks & Recreation: Pike National Forest, Mueller State Park, Hayden Divide Community Park (hiking, playgrounds, ball fields, picnic area), Tom Gannon Recreation Center (gym), Pikes Peak Community Club.
Population: Approximately 5,000, some seasonal.
Post Offices: 66 Hybrook Road S., Divide 80814, 800-ASK-USPS.
Protection: Teller County Sheriff 687-9652, volunteer fire 687-8773.
Schools: Woodland Park District RE2, 687-6048, www.wpsdk12.org.
Tax Rate: 2.9% State, 1.0% County, Total 3.9%. Call County Treasurer for property tax information, 689-2985.
Transportation: Teller Cab 687-8222.
Utilities: Intermountain Rural Electric 800-332-9540 or 687-9277; community wells, individual septic, propane gas tanks, some have natural gas. Satellite TV through Dish Network 800-793-8171 or Direct TV 800-217-9407.
Teller County Government
 For specific information/departments use website: www.co.teller.co.us.
Divide Chamber
 P.O. Box 101 • Divide 80814 • 686-7587 • www.dividechamber.org