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Lake City - a Place to Work & Play



As the rising sun warms the peaks and hills surrounding Lake City, another crisp day begins. Silver Street comes alive as bicyclists, walkers, teachers, students, builders, artists, retailers, and entrepreneurs of all kinds stop to say hi or wave to each other. One by one, each makes his or her way to work. In this mountain town, work is never too far away. A Lake City commute may last as long as five minutes, but some residents never have to leave home to get to work. One of those residents could be you.



Lake City is actively seeking residents who are already telecommuting or who are looking to make a significant lifestyle change into telework. We want to diversify our economic base by attracting people from various geographic areas and backgrounds to further energize our community. You might be looking for an escape—to a quieter, more peaceful lifestyle, a great place to raise a family or, for a home base where you can hike, bike, or ski from your door.



In the following pages, you'll find a summary of the features in Lake City that can support your off-site employment, including communications infrastructure, travel options, and support services, plus other resources to facilitate your decision making.

Public Lands Surrounding Lake City

- Hinsdale County is 96% public land
- Gunnison-Uncompahgre National Forest
- Silver Thread Scenic & Historic Byway and Alpine Loop Backcountry Byway
- Wilderness Areas—La Garita, Powderhorn, Weminuche, & Uncompahgre
- Wilderness Study Areas—Redcloud Peak and Handies Peak
- Five peaks in Hinsdale County are over 14,000 feet
- Lake San Cristobal—second largest natural lake in Colorado
- Town of Lake City's Ski Hill
- Opportunities to hike, mountain bike, fly-fish, 4x4 or ATV use, ice climb, ski or snowshoe—endless places to explore for all ability levels



Fortunately, I am able to combine working remotely and travel for my work. The Lake City area has what my husband and I love—plenty of trails and fish in the river.

— Michelle Truly

Remote Communications & Travel Options

Communications Infrastructure

Lake City is the heart of the most remote county in the contiguous United States, but we are well-connected to the rest of the world.

Our local communications services include:

- In-town high speed DSL internet
- In-town cell phone service
- Free telecommuting center with Wi-Fi, meeting space, and conference phone
- The Town of Lake City commissioned a study called “Building Enhanced Wireless Communications in Lake City and Hinsdale County,” available December 2008.

Travel

Lake City is located about 55 miles from the Gunnison-Crested Butte Airport (GUC), which offers daily commuter service to Denver International Airport (DIA). The Montrose Regional Airport (MTJ) is served year-round by United Express operated by Skywest to Denver, and is located just over 100 miles from Lake City. Our main thoroughfare is Colorado State Highway 149, which is well maintained in all seasons. The distance from these communities to Lake City is approximately:

- Denver, Colorado—250 miles
- Grand Junction, Colorado—160 miles
- Alamosa, Colorado—123 miles
- Durango, Colorado—192 miles

Support Services

- Family friendly community
- Full-time, licensed daycare center
- Town Recreation Department offers year-round opportunities
- Excellent, award-winning K-12 public school, including a four-day school week (no school on Mondays), an optional full-day kindergarten program, physical education and arts program for all students, and preschool programs for 3- and 4-year olds
- Quality medical and community dental services, including full time MD



I operate a creative design business from my home in Lake City. The school is great—with small class sizes and good teachers. My daughter is challenged and engaged.

— Angela P. Hollingsworth

Resources



- Economic Development Feasibility Study for Lake City/Hinsdale County—March 2008, http://lakecitydirt.com/files/LakeCity-Report_Final.pdf
- Lake City & Hinsdale County Community Plan—http://www.hinsdalecountycolorado.us/files/LakeCity-Hinsdale-Community_Plan-120906-ADOPTED.pdf
- A Task Force of local residents who use telecommuting services has been created to help answer your specific questions. To find out who to contact, please call Lake City DIRT at 970-944-DIRT or email ed@lakecitydirt.com
- More Residential Relocation information can be found at <http://lakecity.com/relocation.html>, including What it Means to Live in Frontier Country, Safety Basics, Education—Schools—Library, Your Home & Daily Living, and Making it Official
- Economic Development Study Group includes the Main Street program (Lake City Downtown Improvement & Revitalization Team—DIRT, the Chamber of Commerce, Hinsdale County, and Town of Lake City) - closely partners with Small Business Development Center, Region 10, and Downtown Colorado, Inc.
- Revolving Loan offers a maximum of \$5,000 at 2% interest to Lake City business owners (www.lakecitydirt.com for an application)



Area Websites

Area information—www.lakecity.com

Town of Lake City—www.townoflakecity.us

Hinsdale County, Colorado—www.hinsdalecountycolorado.us

Lake City Community School—www.lakecityschool.org

Community Arts Center—www.lakecityarts.org

Hinsdale County Museum—www.lakecitymuseum.com

Lake City DIRT and the Main Street Program—www.lakecitydirt.com

Region 10—www.region10.net



Many services assist businesses in Hinsdale County—revolving loans, a telecommuting center, business library, and an active group of retired business owners and leaders.

— Steve Robinson



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