

THE FOLDED MAP

LEADVILLE, COLORADO

What makes Leadville great

Ready for your own personal Rocky Mountain high? Then look no further than Leadville, Colorado. Cradled in the heart of the American Rockies, at 10,300 feet Leadville is the highest incorporated city in the U.S. Located only 60 miles from the Continental Divide, in the 1870s this rustic outpost was noted as the one of the most lawless towns in the West and home to colorful characters such as Poker Alice and Doc Holliday. The Wild West history, sweeping vistas and scenic passes make Leadville a must-ride destination.

Top motorcycle events near Leadville

Colorado Motorcycle Expo, Western Colorado Vintage Motorcycle Show, Four Corners Motorcycle Rally, Colorado Wounded Vet Run, High Country Toy Run

Biker-friendly establishments

Bar: Silver Dollar Saloon

Restaurant: Golden Burro Cafe

Lodging: Buckeye's Cabins

Quintessential local cuisine

Chili and cinnamon rolls, grilled trout, Rocky Mountain oysters, fool's gold loaf, artisan honey-crust pizza, microbrews, Colorado Snowball

Dealerships close to Leadville

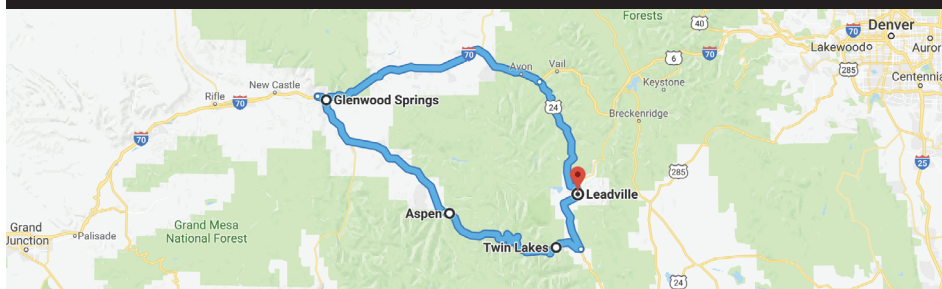
Pikes Peak Harley-Davidson, Indian Motorcycle of Denver, Avalanche Harley-Davidson, Indian Motorcycle of the Rockies, Sun Harley-Davidson, Rocky Mountain Harley-Davidson

Motorcycle-related attractions

Dragonman's Military Museum, Forney Museum of Transportation, Lamar Street Center, Roadside Gallery, Rocky Mountain Motorcycle Museum

Local rides

Ride south out of Leadville on US-24, exiting at CO-82 west and the signs to Twin Lakes. The elevation climbs quickly as you approach Independence Pass. At 12,095 feet, Independence Pass offers excellent photo ops of the Continental Divide, some safe areas to pull over for those pics along with a multitude of steep switchbacks. Some sections narrow to one lane so heed the caution signs. Continue on CO-82 to Aspen and then to I-70 at Glenwood Springs (take time to hike the hill to the final resting place of Doc Holliday). Although interstates are generally to be avoided whenever possible, I-70 east ranks as one of the best in the nation. Exit at US-24 south just before Vail for a final end to your day's ride through Battle Mountain Pass, which features hairpin curves and blind corners.



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