

Welcome to Saguache

ABOUT SAGUACHE

The Town of Saguache was established in 1874 and is located where the historic "North Branch of the Old Spanish Trail" turns west to cross the Continental Divide at Cochetopa Pass. This historic crossroad has been a point of interest for humans for thousands of years. At this location Ute villagers dwelled; Spanish explorers and settlers arrived; and fur trappers and American pioneers all passed through and stayed.

Many famous individuals have lived and traveled through Saguache. Many believe Juan Bautista de Anza, Spanish explorer, traveled here; the famous trapper Antoine Robidoux, packed furs over Cochetopa Pass; the famous Ute Chief Ouray spent time here; and American explorers, Fremont and Gunnison, explored routes for roads and rails over Cochetopa Pass. One infamous visitor to our town jail was the notorious criminal Alferd Packer.

For the visitor, Saguache is the perfect place to stay. Centrally located in the northern end of the San Luis Valley. There are recreational opportunities in all four directions.

Make Saguache your base camp and explore the Valley!

PLACES OF INTEREST

- Colorado Gators Reptile Park
- **Joyful Journey Hot Springs Spa ***
- **Mill Creek Ranch at Old Cow Town ***
- Monte Vista National Wildlife Refuge
- Orient Land Trust Valley View Hot Springs
- Penitente Canyon, La Garita
- Rio Grande National Forest/Saguache Ranger District
- San Juan Catholic Spiritual Center, La Garita
- Sand Dunes National Park & Preserve
- Sand Dunes Swimming Pool & RV Park

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