

# TRINIDAD

## *Visitors Guide*

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Fishers Peak

# Welcome

Experience the wonders, history, and highlights of the Trinidad area. Stop by our Colorado Welcome Center at 309 Nevada Ave. or our Trinidad Visitors Center at 210 W. Main St. or call 719-220-4355 for information.

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Trinidad's long and winding red brick road has been wild since the start. While we boast a truly crazy past, today we continue making history with a quirky and colorful culture that embraces everyone and everything. We anticipate with excitement the many great changes in our community that will impact outdoor recreation, arts and culture, and health and wellness, increasing the economic growth and vitality of our classic Colorado town.





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greetings from

# Trinidad



We would like to welcome you to Trinidad, the little city with a big heart. Few towns in Colorado have undergone such a dramatic resurgence in recent years as Trinidad. The recent completion of Space to Create—the transformation of a historic building into a dynamic complex that now houses live/work spaces for creatives—is a proud addition to the Corazon de Trinidad’s (Heart of Trinidad) Certified Colorado Creative District. In the District, stroll our red brick streets and discover one of the best-preserved, most historic downtowns in Colorado. You’ll find Victorian-style buildings that have been restored and brought back to life with new shops and restaurants, and once-vacant properties that have been given new life with gardens and much-needed space for professional services.

But perhaps our biggest transformation is the opening of Colorado’s 42nd State Park—Fishers Peak, the iconic sentinel towering over the city—where a new trail will take adventurous hikers to the very top of the highest point in the United States east of I-25! More improvements in the works for outdoor recreation within the city include upgrades to the quintessential and historic Simpson’s Rest; the Municipal Golf Course, one of the oldest courses in the state; and Central Park, home to our professional minor league baseball team, the Trinidad Triggers.





# Colorado



Travel the byways our ancestors used to arrive in the valleys and plains to the east and west, along the Scenic Highway of Legends or the Santa Fe Trail. Fish in our lakes, rivers, and streams; hike our trails and mountains; enjoy a laid-back game of golf on our pristine golf course. Enjoy an evening stroll along our Riverwalk; shop in our colorful downtown; take in a show, comedy act, or theater performance at Main Street LIVE!; and visit our many museums for a peek at our history.

Plan your visit so you can enjoy one of the many festivals, parades, and events held throughout the year—and meet our people. We are fun and friendly, sometimes a little bit quirky, but we have open arms and big hearts!

Enjoy your visit,  
Mayor Karen Griego and the City Council

***Welcome to our city—enjoy!***



**Trinidad  
EST 1876**

Join us  
in 2026  
to celebrate  
150 years  
of history,  
awe-inspiring  
beauty, and  
abundant outdoor  
adventure.





# the gem of Southeastern Colorado

Situated in the Purgatoire River valley in far Southern Colorado at an elevation of 6,025 feet, Trinidad is the cultural, social, and economic capital of Southeastern Colorado.

With pristine outdoor views and experiences, cultural and culinary treasures, and a pace of life that is serene and slow, Trinidad offers something for everyone, including preserved architecture, local cuisine, eclectic art, music events, and outdoor activities.

**Centrally located 190 miles from both Santa Fe, New Mexico, and Denver, Colorado, Trinidad is ideally situated for your visit to Colorado or New Mexico.**

Trinidad boasts two state parks and two National Scenic and Historic Byways. The starting point for the famous Scenic Highway of Legends begins at the Colorado Welcome Center, and this historic drive will take you over passes, through valleys, atop scenic mountains, and through historic mountain villages, with views of some of the most awesome geologic wonders of the world, including the K-Pg Boundary that marks the extinction of the dinosaurs. The historic Santa Fe Trail travels right through the central business district, and the homes built during that era are open as museums for your enjoyment!



# “Traveling...

## Drive

**From Denver and the Front Range:** Take I-25 South for 190 miles. If your appetite needs satiating, come discover everything from wood-fired pizza, zesty pasta, and authentic Mexican to delicious deli-style sandwiches and gourmet coffees. Before you leave town, visit our museums, galleries, and boutiques.

**From Santa Fe and beyond:** Take I-25 North from Santa Fe for 190 miles. Ready to experience a slice of Southern Colorado? Enjoy the serenity of Monument Lake or discover our historic downtown.

## Fly

Connecting to more than 100 destinations, Denver International Airport (DIA) and Colorado Springs Airport (COS) are the two closest major airports to Trinidad. DIA is 190 miles and Colorado Springs is 128 miles from the city. Perry Stokes Airport, 11 miles northeast of Trinidad, is a public airport. For more info, visit [lacairport@gmail.com](mailto:lacairport@gmail.com) or call 719-859-4414.

## Ride the Train

With a convenient stop in Trinidad, Amtrak's Southwest Chief line travels between Chicago, Kansas City, Albuquerque, and Los Angeles. From Amtrak's famous Sightseer Lounge Car, you will be treated to spectacular landscapes and pristine vistas not visible from the highway.



*...it leaves you speechless, then turns  
you into a storyteller.” ~Ibn Battuta*



## Bus Lines

### **Bustang Colorado Regional Bus Services**

Bustang Outrider provides interregional express bus service for the state of Colorado. From Trinidad to Pueblo, stops include Aguilar, Walsenburg, and Colorado City. [ridebustang.com](http://ridebustang.com)

### **Greyhound Trailways**

The Greyhound will bring you to Trinidad from points north including Pueblo, Colorado Springs, and Denver, and from points south including Albuquerque, New Mexico, and Wichita Falls, Texas. Find all the locations available to board for destination Trinidad at

[greyhound.com/bus/trinidad-co](http://greyhound.com/bus/trinidad-co) or call 719-846-9822.



## Recharge EV Charging stations in Trinidad

**Blink**—201 Americana Rd. **888-998-2546** (Open 24 hours) Hilton Garden Inn

**Electrify America**—2921 Toupal Dr. (Walmart) **833-632-2778** (Open 24 hours)

**Tesla Supercharger**—9960 Santa Fe Trail (Open 24 hours)

**Charge Point**—1930 E. Main St. (Open 24 hours)





Access current events, local weather, and more at either of our two information kiosks— 208 W. Main Street and 306 N. Commercial Street.



welcome to   
**Trinidad**

**Tour** Trinidad's downtown and enjoy architectural details dating from the late 1800s.

**Sip** custom cocktails, craft beers, delicious gourmet coffees and soothing, home-grown teas.

**Dine** at a local eatery and enjoy diverse options ranging from spicy Mexican to zesty Italian and everything in between.

**Explore** our outdoors and enjoy our hiking, biking, and birding trails; lakes; wildlife areas; and more.





Annual Rodeo and Round-up





explore. experience.  
**Enjoy.**

*Let your funky side shine,  
and watch the world dance along!*

Trinidad is diverse, colorful, quirky, artsy, accepting, and generally wild at heart. Ours is a story of blended cultures, adventurers, frontiersmen, and revolutionaries. Our culture is one of legends—from the Native American Utes to Anglo-Hispanic settlers to the tradesmen of the Santa Fe Trail to the international settlers attracted to the rich mineral deposits of our region.



Trinidad is known as the place where workers fought for rights against the Rockefellers, where Al Capone allegedly used underground tunnels to transport illegal liquor, and where a counterculture was born with the rural commune of Drop City. For half a century,

Trinidad welcomed thousands of individuals seeking to become who they were born to be.

As a result, Trinidad, Colorado, has become one of the most welcoming places in the country. The Space to Create in the Corazón de Trinidad Historic District has contributed to that welcoming vibe since becoming Trinidad's premiere venue for community events, art space, and creative workspace. Stop by and see one of the many exhibits being featured, musical events, and other activities supporting the creative industry! This continues the tradition of Trinidad being a place like no other. So, quench your thirst for the quirky with a trip to Trinidad.





gateway to   
**Colorado**

Fishers Peak from Simpson's Rest



Trinidad's sentinel mountain is now Colorado's newest and second-largest state park. Fishers Peak State Park is located along the east side of the southernmost portion of I-25 near the New Mexico border. Managed by Colorado Parks and Wildlife, development of the 19,200 sprawling acres now includes 13 miles of trails, including the newest to the top of the peak's mesa, and cycling amenities such as a beginner's skills course. Future plans include equestrian facilities and trails, campgrounds, and dispersed camping.

**Check out the park's website for up-to-date information: [fisherspeakstatepark.com](http://fisherspeakstatepark.com)**

The park is currently open to the public from sunrise to sunset, and pets are not allowed. The public is asked to be patient as the park is developed.

# “In every walk with *one receives far more*



## Boating, Kayaking, and Paddle Boarding

Whether it's a serene afternoon or a full-throttle experience, Trinidad Lake State Park offers all kinds of recreational water opportunities. Experience the morning sunrise on still waters as you paddleboard or kayak around hidden shores and in the shadows of the distant Sangre de Cristo Mountain Range, or go extreme wakeboarding or kite surfing in the afternoon while enjoying family and friends and a cold beverage.

Farther west along the famous Scenic Highway of Legends, Monument Lake Resort and North Lake offer a more tranquil alpine still-water experience. Here, under the gaze of the Spanish Peaks and at the base of the Sangre de Cristo Mountains, trolling motors, kayaking, and paddleboarding are permitted.



Bike Trails:  
Gravel Adventure  
Field Guide



Trail Maps:  
Colorado Trail  
Explorer

# nature

*than he seeks” ~John Muir*



## Hiking, Cycling, and Backpacking

Trinidad and the Spanish Peaks area offer hundreds of miles of historic and scenic trails for all abilities, with panoramas and landscapes that do not disappoint. For hiking, running, or biking, give the Wormhole Loop Trail a go. This trail is just north of Simpson's Rest (where you will see the Trinidad sign on the hill). Cycling events, such as Lifetime Fitness' RAD Dirt Fest, the Pony Xpress, the Branson Hi-Lo Gravel Grinder and the Stonewall Century Ride, take place each year in the area, offering an opportunity for competition. If you prefer a solo ride, Las Animas County offers up 1,600 miles of gravel roads. These roads take in the expanse of the eastern plains and the western mountains for the enjoyment of area citizens and visiting cyclists. Pick up a gravel guide at the Trinidad Visitor Center and experience all the rides!

## Fishing

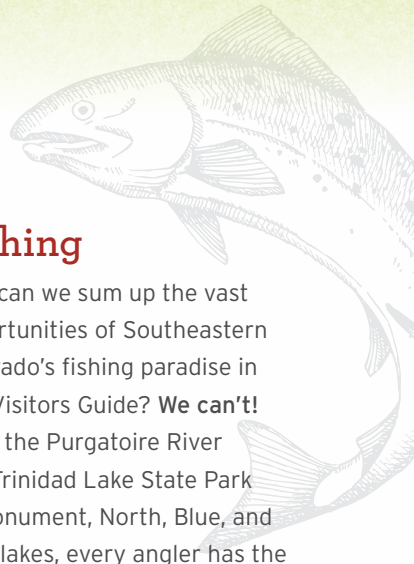
How can we sum up the vast opportunities of Southeastern Colorado's fishing paradise in this Visitors Guide? **We can't!** From the Purgatoire River and Trinidad Lake State Park to Monument, North, Blue, and Bear lakes, every angler has the opportunity to experience our vast, glistening beauty.

## Ice Fishing

With the beauty of Colorado's winter wonderland as a backdrop, North Lake provides ice fishing opportunities from December through March.

## Hunting

Twenty minutes south of Trinidad is the world-class Whittington Center. With more than 30,000 acres, this premier hunting, shooting, and outdoor recreation facility offers a shotgun center, a world-class firearms museum, and guided and unguided hunts. Just west of Trinidad, on the Scenic Highway of Legends, you'll find Bosque del Oso, with hunting opportunities for elk, deer, black bear, turkey, small game, and mountain lion.





go where you feel *—* *~*  
**most alive.**

North Lake





# Trinidad Lake State Park

32610 Colorado State Hwy 12  
Trinidad, CO 81082

**To reserve a group picnic or  
camping site or for information  
on kids summer camps:  
719-846-6951 | [cpw.state.co.us](http://cpw.state.co.us)**

Just west of Trinidad, bordering the Santa Fe Trail and the Scenic Highway of Legends, is Trinidad Lake, a quiet haven for anglers, hikers, bikers, campers, picnickers, horseback riders, boaters, and water sports enthusiasts (including jet and water skiing).

## Camping

This modern campground includes tent and basic campsites, and trailer and RV sites with access to potable water and flush restrooms, making it an ideal base camp for touring the area. Here, you will find not only great views of Fishers Peak and the Rockies, but also a playground for kids, a new archery range, volleyball courts, and plenty of opportunities for outdoor exploration on the miles of trails that take you on a tour through our ancient and local history. Camping reservations are mandatory, so please call ahead.





## Hiking

Scenic park trails run through meadows, grasslands, forests and riparian environments, near cliffs, and past ponds. Hikes range from less than one mile to four miles and are rated as easy to moderate. Along the way, you may see ducks, geese, herons, beavers, deer, elk, and other wild animals. Offering panoramic views, Sunset Trail provides access to all.

## Horseback Riding

Horses are allowed on the south shore of Trinidad Lake.

## Picnicking

Covered shelters with grills and lakeside tables with fishing access are available for picnicking.

## Fishing

From the shore or a boat, you can reel in rainbow trout, largemouth bass, channel catfish, walleye, crappie, wipers, smallmouth bass, and perch.

## Boating

A dedicated boat ramp and seasonal docks are available for boaters.

## Education Programs

Be sure to check out the park calendar for special summer programs that are offered at the amphitheater.





Monument 

# Lake Resort

*“My biggest worry is that when I am dead  
and gone, my wife will sell my fishing gear  
for what I said I paid for it!”*



## Monument Lake

4789 Colorado State Hwy 12  
Weston, CO 81091

[TheMonumentLakeResort.com](http://TheMonumentLakeResort.com)

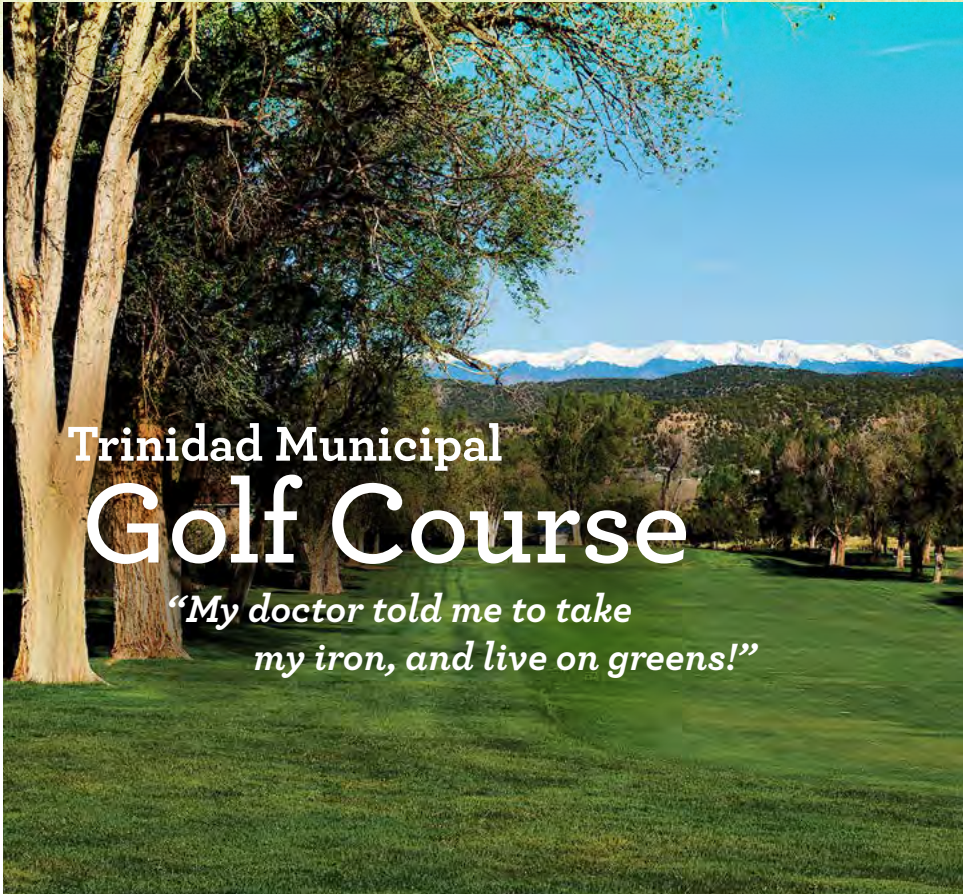




Located 36 miles west of Trinidad on Colorado State Highway 12, Monument Lake boasts a 350-acre park. Stay in one of the 20 rooms in the rustic lodge, rent a private cabin, or pitch your tent or park your RV in one of the many campsites. Launch your boat or rent a paddleboard, kayak, pontoon or canoe for a float on the 100-acre lake! Swim, hike, or relax at the bar and enjoy a meal at the restaurant. So much fun to be had while you enjoy the beautiful views and fresh mountain air surrounding you. Don't forget the Caveman Music Festival, held annually on Labor Day weekend!

Families looking for a chance to reconnect will discover an unforgettable experience at Monument Lake Resort.

Plan your next event or wedding at Monument Lake! It's a great location to celebrate your big day!



# Trinidad Municipal Golf Course

*“My doctor told me to take  
my iron, and live on greens!”*

## Trinidad Municipal Golf Course

1417 Nolan Dr.

**719-846-4015 |**

**[TrinidadGolfCourse.com](http://TrinidadGolfCourse.com)**



## It's Tee Time

Established in 1910, Trinidad Municipal Golf Course is one of the oldest courses in the state and has been recognized as one of “Colorado’s Best Nine Hole Golf Courses.”

The friendly professional staff, the picturesque views, and the immaculately manicured course make this the perfect place to experience Southern Colorado golf at its finest. You may even see some of our native wildlife during your round, so bring your camera.



AvidGolfer rated this course as one of the “10 Hidden Gems in the Country”.

Framed by the Sangre de Cristo Mountains and Fishers Peak State Park, this course will challenge every level of golfer, from the casual player to the skilled competitor. The course offers challenges from elevation changes to perfectly manicured yet tricky greens, bunkers, and woodlands. Come take a swing and experience Southern Colorado’s best golf course.

## Disc Golf

Trinidad offers two excellent disc golf courses—18 holes at Southside Park and a premiere 27-hole course at Twisted Cedars, five miles off Highway 12 at Cokedale.



## Pickleball

Enjoy our fastest-growing sport at our two outdoor pickleball courts at the Trinidad Municipal Golf Course or Los Ninos Park or indoors at Southside Community Center. There is nothing quite as fun as pickleball!!



# tour our area of Colorado

*“I haven’t been everywhere,  
but it’s on my list!”*



## Ludlow Historic Monument

**15 Miles from Trinidad**

Fifteen miles north of Trinidad is the Ludlow Historic Monument, the site of the Ludlow Massacre. The Ludlow Massacre Memorial is the most sacred place of the working class. The restoration undertaken by the United Mine Workers of America includes a miner’s tent camp, storyboards, and photos that recount the encounter between the Colorado National Guard and striking coal miners that left 20 people dead.

## Simpson’s Rest

Standing high above Trinidad on a historic sandstone bluff is Simpson’s Rest. With the Trinidad sign perched on top and lit at night, it is easy to spot. The bluff that overlooks the city from the north can be reached using the road at the western end of North Avenue. Once there, you will have spectacular views. Buried at the top of the Rest is George S. Simpson (1818-1885), a famous scout, trader, explorer, and trailblazer. This spot is also noted for its fossilized remains of prehistoric life forms that have been preserved within the strata.



## Ave Maria Shrine

The shrine is not open to the public. To visit the shrine, call **719-846-3369**

The Ave Maria Shrine is on the hillside of the Mt. San Rafael Hospital and is one of the most beautiful and mysterious landmarks in Trinidad. It is said that in 1908, a physician caught in a storm was led by a flickering light to a statue of the Virgin Mary that mysteriously appeared on this hillside. This shrine is now a sanctuary of peace.

**[TrinidadCatholic.org](http://TrinidadCatholic.org)**



## Cokedale

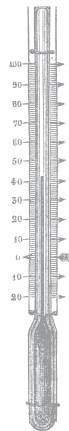
Cokedale is a quaint former mining camp nestled in the foothills of the Sangre De Cristo Mountains eight miles west of Trinidad on the Scenic Highway of Legends. The mines, the historic buildings, and coke ovens still remain. Coke ovens operated at very high temperatures turning coal into coke, which is a hard coal with the impurities removed. The mines closed in 1947.

Visit the Cokedale Mining Museum for an inside look at the life of a coal miner by emailing

**[cokedalemuseum@gmail.com](mailto:cokedalemuseum@gmail.com)**

## Average Temps

JAN	*****	47/17
FEB	*****	50/20
MAR	*****	58/27
APR	*****	65/34
MAY	*****	75/44
JUNE	*****	84/53
JULY	*****	89/58
AUG	*****	86/57
SEPT	*****	80/49
OCT	*****	68/37
NOV	*****	56/25
DEC	*****	46/17





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# Adventure

## Day Trips from Trinidad

- ① Visit the Comanche National Grasslands and view the dinosaur tracks at Picketwire Canyonlands.
- ② Drive the Scenic Highway of Legends to see geologic wonders.
- ③ Visit the National Historic Site of the Ludlow Massacre.
- ④ Follow the 200-year-old Santa Fe Trail.
- ⑤ Hop over the hill into New Mexico and visit Sugarite Canyon State Park and Capulin Volcano National Monument.



## Comanche National Grassland

Dinosaur Tracks & Rock Art, 81 Miles from Trinidad

**For more information or to schedule a guided tour, call 719-384-2181**

Just to the south of La Junta and home to the Picketwire Canyonlands, you will find the largest known dinosaur tracksite in North America. Go back in time and walk alongside more than 1,500 brontosaurus and allosaurus footprints that date back 150 million years. Tour guides will help you learn the whole story of the tracksite, sharing stories and information about what scientists have learned from these tracks. Rock art images and dwelling remains shed light on the lives of the prehistoric people who once inhabited these lands.

## Santa Fe National Historic Trail Mountain Branch

The Great Prairie Highway passes through Trinidad from the south at the New Mexico border to the eastern border of Kansas. Visit historic markers along US-50, US-150, and I-25, and enjoy other activities, such as bird watching, boating, fishing, biking, and wildlife viewing, along this section of the byway.



## Scenic Highway of Legends National Byway

Trinidad is the starting point for the Scenic Highway of Legends, an 82-mile, two-hour scenic drive. Download the Travel Stories App and hear the legends as you drive.

The Scenic Highway of Legends will take you over passes and through local towns and villages, each with its own history, tall tales, and scenery. Along the byway, you will experience the heights of the Sangre de Cristos, the Spanish Peaks, the red rock abutments of the Dakota Wall, and the Devil's Stairsteps. As you pass Cokedale, you will notice original coke ovens that look more like Roman ruins than something you'd see on the Western frontier. A 35-mile extension was recently added from the town of Aguilar on I-25 west over the 11,248-foot Cordova Pass, reconnecting to Colorado Highway 12 at Cuchara Pass.



# visit the Trinidad Downtown historic district

With 143 original buildings dating as far back as the late 1800s, you will find historic architecture being renewed and

restored to its natural beauty along the six miles of our celebrated red brick streets, many stamped with the original Trinidad icon. Our downtown showcases small eclectic and independent shops,

sumptuous food, the artistic vibrancy of our fun and funky residents, and grand vistas of alpine mountains and southwestern mesas.

**Come explore one of Southern Colorado's true gems.**

A Walk Through the History  
of Trinidad Audio Tour





## Ride the Free Trolley

The Trinidad Trolley is the summer tourism transit system. Our drivers are fun and engaging as they present an introduction to our history and community. The Trinidad Trolley connects our area's primes tourism locations with our downtown and hotels.



## Faces of Trinidad

On your ride or walk around town, find the faces of Trinidad's past carved in stone or sculpted in bronze. You will discover hidden faces throughout our eclectic architecture.





architecture is the

# Mirror of life!

## Step Back

Step back in time and imagine a Trinidad of the late 1800s. This was a major center of commerce, with a thriving economy driven by the coal industry. Today, Trinidad is home to 8,500 people and is in an exciting process of reinvention and revitalization. We pride ourselves on our rich history and are working to restore our historic buildings. Come visit our historic downtown.

## Look Up

The detail seen in our historic downtown is like no other in the state. Look up to find intricate engravings, colonnades, sculptures, and detailing, with Italianate stonework facades that give the city an almost European look and provide a rich backdrop for present-day Trinidad.

## Explore

Discover architectural gems as you stroll through downtown and peek in the windows!



First National Bank



City Hall



Holy Trinity Catholic Church



Simpson's Rest





## our historic Downtown

### Trinidad's Remarkable Architecture: A Historical Treasure

Visit the Corazón de Trinidad Historic District and you will find 55 of the best examples of late Victorian commercial architecture in Colorado. With the arrival of the railroad and the development of coalfields in the late 1800s, Trinidad became a financial, retail, and cultural hub. With this came the Rapp Brothers, Charles William Bulger and Isaac Hamilton, architects who designed many of the important buildings of this era. The historically significant architectural styles of Trinidad include everything

from late Victorian, Queen Anne, and Italianate styles to Gothic, Mediterranean, Romanesque, Pueblo, and Colonial Revival to the Arts and Crafts movement presented in the East Street School and the Beaux-Arts-inspired style of the Trinidad Post Office.

In 1905, Charles Emerick built a house for his family that still stands at 1211 Nevada Avenue. It is a stunning example of a mixed-style building that combines Gothic Revival, late Victorian, and late 19th- and early 20th-century American styles.



Temple Aaron Synagogue



The most prominent, prolific, and diverse architects, however, were the Rapp brothers who were well known for their talent and for designing unusual buildings that epitomized the eclecticism of the Victorian Age.

The first building of record for Bulger and Rapp was the 1889 City Building/ Fire House. This was followed by the Temple of Aaron (1889); Zion's German Lutheran Church (1890), with its Gothic and Queen Anne styling; the First Baptist Church (1891), described as "a medieval fantasy"; and the First National Bank of Trinidad (1892), in the Richardsonian Romanesque style.

Rapp and Rapp designed the West Theatre (1908), the East Street School (1919), the Pueblo-Revival-style Trinidad Country Club (1921) and several residences in Trinidad. Like other architects whose careers straddled the turn of the century, **Rapp and Rapp moved freely throughout the range of eclectic styles, from Italianate and Richardsonian Romanesque through Neo-classical and Prairie to the California Mission and Pueblo styles.**

*-The Office of Archaeology and Historic Preservation*



our historic   
Buildings





## County Courthouse

**200 E. 1st St.**

Built in 1912, this massive three-story stone courthouse is faced with sandstone and ornamented terracotta. Inside are beautiful murals, craftsman ceilings, ironwork, and marble flooring.

## Carnegie Library

**202 N. Animas St.**

Completed in 1904, the library is a part of the Classical Revival style seen throughout Trinidad.



## First National Bank

**100 E. Main St.**

The First National Bank was constructed between 1890 and 1892 in the Richardsonian Romanesque style.



**Preserved** in time are the original bricks of Trinidad, thousands of them put in place in the early 1900s. They still line the streets today and are stamped with the town's name. Having withstood more than 100 years of traffic, the clay brick pavers still retain their warmth and vibrant color.





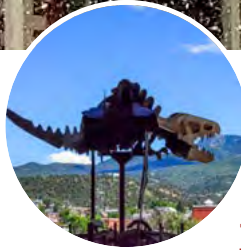
our incredible   
**History**

## Trinidad History Museum

312 E. Main St.  
Trinidad, CO 81082

**719-846-7217 |**  
**[HistoryColorado.org](http://HistoryColorado.org)**

The Trinidad History Museum covers an entire city block in the historic heart of Trinidad and recounts the history of the city from the mid-1850s to the early 1930s. The complex includes the 1870s-era adobe Baca House, the 1882 Victorian-style Bloom Mansion, the Santa Fe Trail Museum, and the Baca-Bloom Heritage Gardens.



## Louden- Henritze Archaeology Museum

600 Prospect St., Trinidad, CO 81082  
Trinidad State Junior College,  
ground floor of the college library

**719-846-5508 | [Trinidadstate.edu](http://Trinidadstate.edu)**

This museum tells the story of Southern Colorado and Northern New Mexico through geology, paleontology, and archaeology. Explore displays that feature locally found artifacts, and experience a unique look at millions of years of the area's history. Afterward, enjoy the beautiful campus of the first community college built in Colorado, Trinidad State.

## A.R. Mitchell Museum of Western Art

150 E. Main St., Trinidad, CO 81082

**719-846-4224 | [ARMitchellMuseum.com](http://ARMitchellMuseum.com)**

Located in the historic Jamieson's Department Store, built in 1906, with pressed tin ceilings and a horseshoe-shaped mezzanine, the museum features the work of Arthur Roy Mitchell, king of the pulp Western cover artists. His iconic Western scenes of cowboys, horses and cattle have captured the hearts and minds of pulp Western readers from the 1920s to today.



## Our Museums

Trinidad's Historic District is host to some of Southern Colorado's most iconic museums—the A.R. Mitchell Museum, the Trinidad Historic Complex, and the Coal Miners Memorial Museum. These sites offer a glimpse into the defining moments of early Trinidad.

Trinidad's history has been shaped by Spanish and French explorers, mountain men, trappers, and traders. It has been home to Native Americans, frontiersmen, tradesmen, and revolutionaries, as well as to historical Western figures such as Wyatt Earp, Jesse James, Doc Holiday, Cathay Williams, Black Jack Ketchum, Bat Masterson, "Joe Bananas," Sister Blandina, and Al Capone.

## Coal Miners Memorial and Museum

219 W. Main St.  
Trinidad, CO 81082

**719-680-5872 | [coalminersmemorial.com](http://coalminersmemorial.com)**



The Coal Miners Memorial Museum is a tribute to the dedicated miners who explored the vast caverns beneath the plains, mountains, and mesas of Southeastern Colorado. Here you can discover the industry that built Trinidad by riding a coal car and learning about the history and the workers who challenged the Rockefellers. Tour the lower level that takes you underground, offering a peek into the mining experience.



arts & —————  
**Culture**

*“A true artist is not one who is  
inspired but one who inspires others.”*

*~Salvador Dalí*

To experience the galleries, museums, and public art that Trinidad has to offer, be sure to pick up a Public Art Tour brochure at the Trinidad Visitors Center.



The Corazón de Trinidad Creative District has been certified by Colorado Creative Industries as an official Creative District. Trinidad's "Space to Create" now offers creatives live/work space in downtown Trinidad.

**Three historic structures were transformed into a dynamic complex that includes live/work apartments, a makerspace for tenants to utilize, meeting and work rooms, and the city's own 25,000-square-foot cultural facility.**

The Commons is continuously active with exhibits and art displays, public and private community events, and other activities. With a high concentration of arts, cultural, and creative enterprises, downtown Trinidad offers a rich creative, historical, and modern experience.

[trinidadcreativedistrict.org](http://trinidadcreativedistrict.org)



# Main Street LIVE!

*“All the world’s a stage.”*

*~William Shakespeare*





## Main Street LIVE!

131 W. Main St.  
Trinidad, CO 81082

**719-846-4765**

**[mainstreetlive.org](http://mainstreetlive.org)**

**[info.mainstreetlive@gmail.com](mailto:info.mainstreetlive@gmail.com)**

Main Street LIVE!, formerly the Southern Colorado Repertory Theatre, is taking a new approach to offering an invigorated community theater company. The Main Street LIVE! venue offers live entertainment including theatrical performances, comedy shows, musical acts, game nights, talent shows, and other events.



our friendly, artsy   
**Shindigs**







*“We do not remember days, we remember moments.”*

*~ Cesare Pavese*

In Trinidad, we pride ourselves on our eclectic events that are grandiose extensions of our town's quirky, friendly, artsy, and unique personality. Each event is different, with a touch of spice to keep it interesting, just like our history and our people.



*“Industrial and artsy, historic and hilly, Trinidad feels a bit like an Italian artisan village set in the old West. It's both edgy and homespun, which is why you will find a growing community of artists who call it home.”*



# Events

Events that bring people together are not lacking in Trinidad, from golf tournaments to art and historic exhibitions to craft fairs, First Friday art walks, theater and musical presentations, charity galas, festivals and fundraisers to parades and unique holiday celebrations! Enjoy a trivia night, karaoke or bingo or check out all of the things to do at [visittrinidadcolorado.com/events-calendar/](http://visittrinidadcolorado.com/events-calendar/)

## February

### **OSO Cold Winterfest**

Trinidad/Walsenburg–  
Scenic Highway of Legends

## March

### **St. Patrick's Day Parade**

Downtown Trinidad

## April

### **Pony Xpress Gravel Ride**

Colorado's premier gravel  
event with 160K and 85K

### **420 Festival at Central Park**

You guessed it—it's on 4/20!

## May–July

### **Trinidad Triggers**

Trinidad Central Park  
700 Smith Ave.

**719-859-1008**

**TrinidadTriggers.com**

The Trinidad Triggers is a professional baseball club and is a member of the independent Pecos League. Come out and watch the action!

## May

### **Cinco de Mayo**

Coal Miners Memorial and Museum

### **Armed Forces Day Parade**

Downtown Trinidad

## June

### **Purgatoire River Car & Bike Show**

Downtown Trinidad

### **Stonewall Fishing Tournament**

Weston, Colorado

**Stonewallfire.us**

### **Santa Fe Trail Days Festival**

Celebrating the trail that traveled  
through and helped found the City  
of Trinidad nearly 150 years ago!

### **Summer Art Exhibits**

A.R. Mitchell Museum  
150 E. Main St.

**ARMitchellMuseum.com**

## July

### **Farmers Market**

Cimino Park (July–October)

### **Trinidad Art Fest**

### **4th of July Festival**

Central Park

### **Independence Day Celebration & Parade**

Central Park and Downtown

### **Las Animas County Fair**

Las Animas County Fairgrounds  
& Arena

### **Mt. Carmel Festival**

911 Robinson Ave.

**719-845-4800**

**MtCarmelCenter.org**

### **Azar Invitational Golf Tournament**

**719-846-4015**

**TrinidadGolfCourse.com**



## August

### Relay for Life

Central Park

## September

### The Caveman Music Festival

Monument Lake Resort

Hwy 12 West of Trinidad

[cavemanmusicfestival.com](http://cavemanmusicfestival.com)

### Diez y Seis de Septiembre

Miners Memorial Park and

Downtown Trinidad

### Literary Festival-GET LIT!

The Commons at Space to Create

### Annual Labor Day Weekend Trinidad Round-Up & Rodeo

Las Animas County Fairgrounds

2200 N. Linden Ave.

A classic two-day Western rodeo featuring a Labor Day parade, music and Western dancing, beer garden, vendors, and booths along with a sanctioned rodeo.

### Lifetime Fitness RAD Race

The Rad Dirt Fest offers three different bike course options (110, 70, 40) for all types of rowdy gravel bike riders. Join us in Trinidad for an eclectic off-road adventure. [theraddirt.com](http://theraddirt.com)

## October

### Safe Trick or Treat for Kids

Downtown Trinidad

### Trinidad History Museum

#### Halloween Activities

312 W. Main St.

719-846-7217

## November

### A.R. Mitchell Museum Ball & Fundraiser

A.R. Mitchell Museum

150 E. Main St.

719-846-4224

[ARMitchellMuseum.com](http://ARMitchellMuseum.com)

### Christmas Tree Lighting

City Hall Park

135 N. Animas St.

### Hometown Holidays

#### Parade of Lights

Downtown Trinidad

[hometownholidaystrinidad.com](http://hometownholidaystrinidad.com)

## December

### The Annual Collector's Series Calendar

First National Bank

100 E. Main St.

719-846-9881

[FNBTrinidad.com](http://FNBTrinidad.com)

### Trinidad Home Lighting Contest and Trolley Tours

Throughout the month of

December until Christmas

719-846-9512

[Visittrinidadcolorado.com](http://Visittrinidadcolorado.com)

## Year-Round Family Activities

### SOCO Skateland

#### Roller Skating Rink

424 W. Main St.

719-846-2722

### Trinidad Lanes Bowling Alley

823 Van Buren St,

719-846-7201

### Furiosa Paintball & Sports

121 E. Main St.

260-633-1468

### Tri Peak Theaters

3600 E. Main St.

719-422-8270





organic  
**Eating**

*“A healthy outside starts from  
the inside” ~ Robert Urich*

## **Earth Mountain Education Farm**

Earth Mountain Education Farm is a 440-acre environmental education center. Its mission is to provide sustainable education through experiential programs, encouraging awareness, social responsibility, and environmental stewardship.

### **Cedar Street Urban Play Gardens**

134 W. Cedar St.

### **The Natural Food Store**

316 Prospect St.  
**719-846-7577**

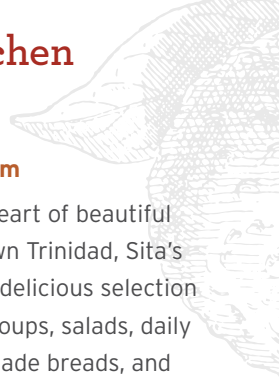
## **Sita's Kitchen**

1107 E. Main St.

**719-859-5574**

**[sitaskitchen.com](http://sitaskitchen.com)**

Located in the heart of beautiful historic downtown Trinidad, Sita's Kitchen offers a delicious selection of sandwiches, soups, salads, daily specials, homemade breads, and desserts—all vegan all the time! We are Trinidad's premier vegan family-owned bakery and restaurant, and our food is always freshly baked and made from scratch with locally sourced organic ingredients to feed your body and soul.





## Trinidad Community Farmers Market

**July–October**

Cimino Park

**719-680-0184**

**TrinidadFarmersMarket.com**

The Trinidad Community Farmers Market provides wholesome, locally grown products. Here you will find fresh flowers, fresh vegetables, goat cheese, Colorado peaches, cherries, and apricots. The market provides specialties like Italian pasta sauce with Pueblo green chili, baked goods, soaps, and lotions. Also on display and for sale is art created by local artists.

## Visit Our Local Family Farms For Fresh Produce

**Yoder Family Farms**

**719-680-3906**

**Nicol's Cottonwood Corner**

**719-680-1402**

**Zubals Goat Dairy**

**719-680-1967**

**Crystal Blue Organics**

**720-335-3616**





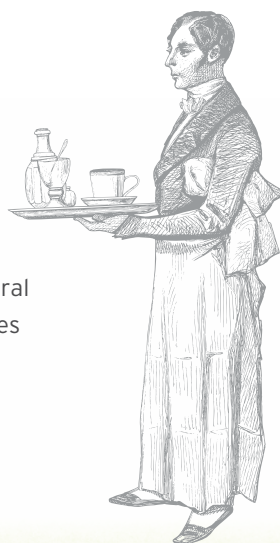
# culinary Creations

*“One cannot think well, love well,  
sleep well, if one has not dined well.”  
~ Virginia Woolf*

## **Salty, Saucy, Spicy, Succulent, Savory, Sweet**

Trinidad’s cultural vibrancy extends to our culinary creations and offerings. With a variety of restaurants and dining establishments, the ability to taste the rich cultural blend of our heritage is present in every savory bite. Whether it’s fresh baked goods for breakfast, lunch, or dessert; a yummy homemade wrap or sandwich; contemporary dinner delights; or cultural cuisine, our dining options include a variety of food choices in truly authentic and unique atmospheres!

***See the restaurant guide insert in the pocket on  
the back cover for all the delicious options!***





Taste our  
flavorful  
cocktails &  
small bites



# Accommodations

*Kick off your boots and stay awhile*



Looking for a bed and breakfast, full-service hotel, room in a rustic lodge, RV park, or campsite? Trinidad has accommodations that are perfect for you as you travel through Southern Colorado and Northern New Mexico.

## Bed & Breakfasts

### **Tarabino Inn**

310 E. 2nd St.

**719-680-1241**

[trulyuniquerentals@gmail.com](mailto:trulyuniquerentals@gmail.com)

[facebook.com/TarabinoInn/](https://www.facebook.com/TarabinoInn/)

## Motels & RV Parks

### **Budget Host & Summit RV Park**

Pet Friendly

9800 Santa Fe Trail

**719-846-2251**

**1-800-BUD-HOST**

### **Cawthon RV Park & Motel**

1701 Santa Fe Trail

**719-846-3303**

[CawthonPark.com](http://CawthonPark.com)

### **Trails End Motel**

4/20 and Pet Friendly

616 E. Main St.

**719-846-4425**

[Jimandmelissa.org](http://Jimandmelissa.org)

### **Summit RV Park**

9800 Santa Fe Trail Dr.

**719-846-2251**





## Hotels

### Days Inn & Suites by Wyndham

Pet Friendly  
Full Bar/Restaurant/Pool/Hot Tub  
900 W. Adams St.

**719-497-8080**

[wyndhamhotels.com/days-inn/trinidad-colorado/days-inn-trinidad](http://wyndhamhotels.com/days-inn/trinidad-colorado/days-inn-trinidad)

### Hilton Garden Inn

Restaurant/Pet Friendly/Pool  
201 Americana Rd.

**719-845-8000**

[hilton.com/en/hotels/alstgdi-hilton-garden-inn-trinidad-downtown/](http://hilton.com/en/hotels/alstgdi-hilton-garden-inn-trinidad-downtown/)

### Holiday Inn Express and Suites

Pool/Hot Tub, Breakfast  
3130 Santa Fe Trail Dr.

**719-845-8400**

[ihg.com/holidayinnexpress/hotels/us/en/trinidad/tdaco/hoteldetail](http://ihg.com/holidayinnexpress/hotels/us/en/trinidad/tdaco/hoteldetail)

### La Quinta Inn and Suites

Pool/Hot Tub/Pet Friendly  
2833 Toupal Dr.

**719-845-0102**

[LQ.com](http://LQ.com)

### Tower 64 Motel & RV Park

Adults Only  
4/20 and Pet Friendly  
10301 Santa Fe Trail Dr.

**719-846-3307**

[Expedia.com](http://Expedia.com)

### Travelodge by Wyndham

Fitness Center  
Walking Distance of Downtown  
702 W. Main St.

**719-846-2271**

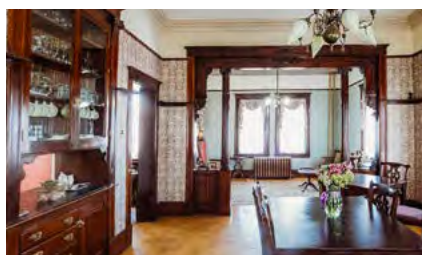
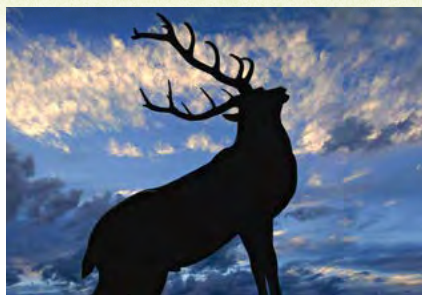
[wyndhamhotels.com](http://wyndhamhotels.com)

### Trinidad Super 8

1924 Freedom Rd.

**719-846-8280**

[wyndhamhotels.com/super-8](http://wyndhamhotels.com/super-8)



## Camping

### Trinidad Lake State Park

RV & Campsites  
32610 Colorado Hwy 12

**719-846-6951**

[cpw.state.co.us/placestogo/parks/Trinidadlake](http://cpw.state.co.us/placestogo/parks/Trinidadlake)

### Monument Lake Resort

Camping/RV Sites/Lodge/  
Cabins Restaurant/Bar  
4789 Colorado Hwy 12

**719-695-7048**

[Themonumentlakeresort.com](http://Themonumentlakeresort.com)

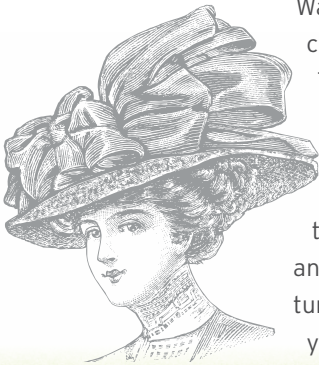
Enjoy your stay at one of our hotels, bed and breakfasts, rustic lodges, motels, RV parks, or campsites.

For more information on lodging options, please call **719-220-4355**.

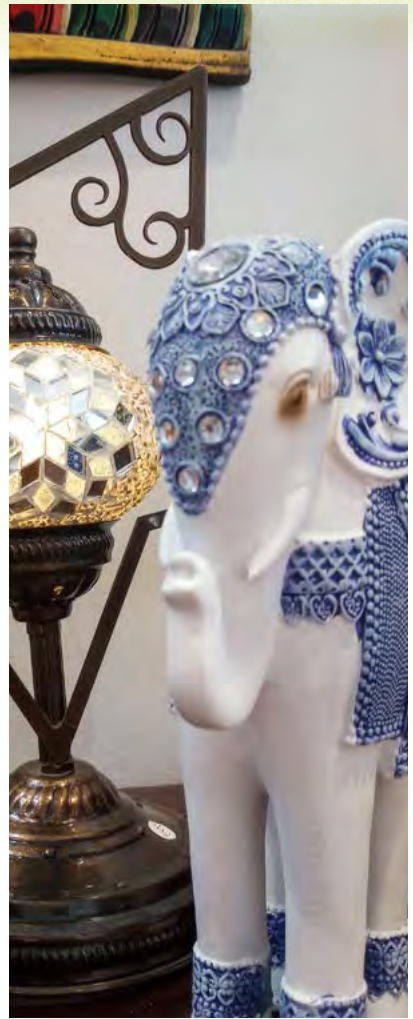




stroll. shop.  
**Explore.**



Wander through Trinidad's downtown and experience a city built yesterday and designed for tomorrow. Enjoy Trinidad's small-town historic charm, with shops, boutiques, cafés, and businesses, new and old, under yellow and red awnings and behind the renovated walls of historic buildings. Here you will find the trendy, eclectic, old, new, antique, flavorful, funny, and sporty. Stop in and view the art, purchase authentic turquoise, or find pottery from another time to decorate your home to remind you of your trip to Trinidad.



## Style For All Tastes

Our boutiques feature everything you will need on your travels, from clothing to hats to eyewear. Take a piece of Southern Colorado home.

# explore. shop. Trinidad



## Antiques & Thrift Stores

### Coin Dancer Antiques

232 E. Main St.

719-846-0165

[facebook.com/CoinDancerAntiques](https://www.facebook.com/CoinDancerAntiques)

### Francesca's

200 N. Commercial St.

719-845-8508

### Shirley's Thrift

136 E. Main St.

719-846-6136

### The Noah's Ark Thrift Store

147 E. Main St.

719-846-8578

### PALS

500 W. Main St.

719-680-0525

### Theresa's Antiques & Collectibles

162 E. Main St.

719-846-7224

## Art Galleries & Dealers

### A.R. Mitchell Museum

Gift Shop

150 E. Main St.

719-846-4224

### Corazón Gallery

149 E. Main St. Suite 1

719-846-0207

### Frank Images

234 N. Commercial St.

719-846-3685

[FrankImages.net](http://FrankImages.net)

### Golden Eagle Gallery

149 E. Main St. Suite 6

303-522-3245

[carolebourdofineart.com](http://carolebourdofineart.com)

### Marketplace Gallery

149 E. Main St. #8

719-846-8207

### Space To Create

218 W. Main St.

719-846-9843 X160

[facebook.com/thecommonstrinidad/](https://www.facebook.com/thecommonstrinidad/)

### The Art Cottage

210 N. Commercial St.

719-859-3123

## Boutiques, Clothing, Gifts, Home Decor

### Coal Train Records & Music Center

108 N. Commercial St.

719-680-0452

### Curly's Beads & Gifts Emporium

131 N. Commercial St.

719-680-1991

[Curlysbeads.com](http://Curlysbeads.com)

### Floracia

113 N. Commercial St.

719-422-3505

### Jupiter's Child

115 N. Commercial St.

719-859-3711

### Little Rox's Treasure Box

208 Prospect St.

719-859-0700

### Mutiny Trinidad

(bookstore/record store/  
coffee shop)

135 E. Main St.

[Mutinytrinidad.com](http://Mutinytrinidad.com)

### Nest Feathers

114. N. Commercial St.

719-680-0452

### Purgatoire River

Trading Company

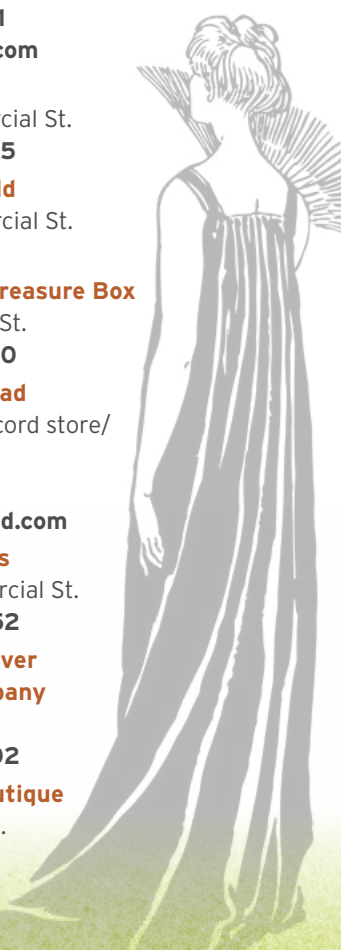
113 E. Main St.

719-845-0202

### Up Swing Boutique

419 W. Main St.

719-213-1891



### **Wisteria & Co.**

269 N. Commercial St.

**719-220-0657**

### **Ziccardi's Bazaar**

407 N. Commercial St.

**303-241-7758**

## **Wine & Spirits**

### **Hops & Vines Liquors**

1530 Santa Fe Trail

**719-846-7131**

### **Main St. Liquors**

803 E. Main St.

**719-401-0616**

### **Mountain Liquor**

1144 Robinson Ave.

**719-846-8223**

### **Romero's Liquor**

1804 N. Linden Ave.

**719-846-8234**

### **Tire Shop Wine & Spirits**

601 W. Main St.

**719-846-6200**

### **Trinidad Beer, Liquor and Wine**

111 E. Kansas Ave.

**719-422-8098**

## **Outdoor Recreation**

### **Fishers Peak Outfitters**

304 W. Main St.

**719-422-8223**

**fisherspeakoutfitters.com**

### **Big R**

2202 Freedom Rd.

**719-845-1864**

**BigRonline.com**

### **Mountain Liquor and General Store**

(fishing/hunting supplies)

1144 Robinson Ave.

**719-846-8223**

### **Pro Shop at Trinidad Golf Course**

1417 Nolan Dr.

**719-846-4015**

**TrinidadGolfCourse.com**



### **Tarantula Cycles**

516 E. Elm St.

**719-270-0878**

**Tarantulacycles.com**

### **Trinidad Kayak Co.**

32610 Hwy 12

**303-221-4422**

**trinidadkayakcompany@gmail.com**

### **Ultimate Sports**

13769 US Hwy 350

**719-846-8359**

## **Bakeries/Confections**

### **I Love Sugar**

259 N. Commercial St.

**719-846-2000**

### **Colie's Cakes and Pastries**

132 N. Commercial St. Suite A

**719-846-2255**

**Coliesbakery.com**

### **Lolly's Trinidad Creamery**

In the Marketplace

326 N. Commercial St.

**719-680-8215**

### **Little Rox's Ice Cream Shop**

208 Prospect St.

**719-846-8462**

### **Tutti Scoops**

202 N. Commercial St.

**719-845-8508**

## **Pet Care**

### **Trinidad Animal Clinic**

1701 E. Main St.

**719-846-3212**

### **Fisher's Peak Vet Clinic**

1617 Santa Fe Trail

**719-846-3211**

### **Trinidad Animal Shelter**

1921 E. Main St.

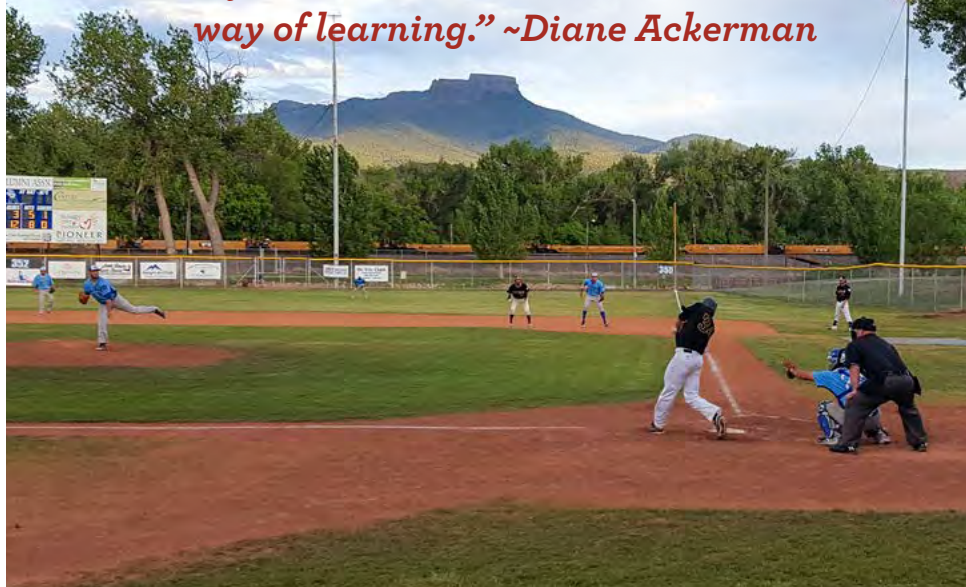
**719-680-2385**



outdoor

# Recreation

*“Play is our brain’s favorite way of learning.” ~Diane Ackerman*



Play outdoors! We have bocce ball courts, pickleball courts, soccer fields, baseball fields, disc golf, a nine-hole historic golf course, and a family aquatic center.

Looking for a place to relax and cool off? Take a dip in Trinidad’s recreational pool, let the kids dance around in the splash park, or take a stroll along the Purgatoire Riverwalk, a 3.5-mile paved trek through Trinidad. It’s wheelchair accessible and stroller friendly, and you’ll find benches, picnic tables, a playground, and a variety of birds that take advantage of the water, the shade, and nesting areas.

Trinidad’s park system is as old and beautiful as our city and includes Kit Carson Park, Central Park, Cimino Park, and a park dedicated to our furry friends, Waggin’ Tails Dog Park. Enjoy a picnic or stretch those legs in Trinidad’s beautiful and picturesque parks. Southside Park boasts the Tony Hawk signature skate park, so take a break for a little recreation while you’re in the area.



## Riverwalk

With historic markers along the trail, the walk offers an educational experience. Rocky bluffs, nearby mountains, native plants, and wildlife make it an ideal retreat for outdoor enthusiasts. As you hike, bike, or run amid the serene natural environment, the Purgatoire River will envelop you totally and completely.

## Skate Park

The Trinidad skate park was designed by professional skateboarder Tony Hawk. The park offers a great challenge for the professional skater with its 120-foot flat wall and accommodates amateurs and young ones as well. Bleachers and picnic tables surround the park for those who just want to watch.





# health, wellness & Community

## Mt. Carmel

Wellness & Community Center

911 Robinson Ave.

**719-845-4894**

**[MtCarmelCenter.org](http://MtCarmelCenter.org)**



The Mt. Carmel Wellness and Community Center is a unique facility that provides not only healthcare but also cultural enrichment. The Center provides music and art classes, fine arts and theater performances, movie nights and holiday celebrations, all to enrich the community in mind, body, and spirit. The Center includes an amphitheater to showcase local talent and foster continued growth in the arts. Emily's Garden is a beautiful and calm place for people to come and reflect. Check out all of our health and wellness programs.





## Mt. Carmel Chapel

A spiritual centerpiece for the community, the Chapel is available for all non-denominational spiritual celebrations and other special events. Beyond the modern updates, visitors will be awestruck by the beauty of the original stained glass windows.



## Yoga

Yoga unites the mind, body, and soul in a way that eases tension and promotes health and well-being. If you are away from home and missing this important element in your daily or weekly routine, drop in, and we will find a spot for you!

### Hot Yoga On Main

134 W. Main St. Suite 23

**719-422-3899**

[hotyogaonmain.yoga](http://hotyogaonmain.yoga)

### True Nature School of Yoga

152 E. Elm St.

**719-846-2325**

[truenatureyogacomunity.com](http://truenatureyogacomunity.com)

## Fitness Centers

### TannerFit Performance

132 N. Commercial St.

[tannerlsmith10@gmail.com](mailto:tannerlsmith10@gmail.com)

### Snap Fitness

2202 Freedom Road

**719-422-4733**

### Stay-Fit Gym

231 W. Main St.

**719-846-4534**



# DO COLORADO RIGHT WITH THE CARE FOR COLORADO LEAVE NO TRACE PRINCIPLES



## **KNOW BEFORE YOU GO**

Have a plan to minimize your impact.



## **STICK TO TRAILS**

Keep your boots on the path to keep flowers in bloom.



## **TRASH THE TRASH**

A little clean-up goes a long way.



## **LEAVE IT AS YOU FIND IT**

Allow others the experience of untouched beauty.



## **BE CAREFUL WITH FIRE**

You're Colorado's first defense against wildfires.



## **KEEP WILDLIFE WILD**

Keep your distance, and keep food locked up.



## **SHARE OUR TRAILS & PARKS**

Keep noises low and respect high.

\_\_\_\_\_ To learn more visit [docoloradoright.com](https://www.docoloradoright.com). \_\_\_\_\_



COLORADO  
TOURISM OFFICE





*See y'all real soon!*



visit  
**Trinidad**

Trinidad Visitors Center  
210 W. Main St.  
Trinidad, CO 81082

Colorado Welcome Center  
309 Nevada Ave.  
Trinidad, CO 81082



**VisitTrinidadColorado.com**

**719-846-9843 x160**

**719-846-9512**