Colorado Gilpin County
a rural mountain community

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Cover Photographs:
Gilpin County view of James Peak
Winter scene
Autumn aspen
Local Indian paintbrush

Golden Gate Canyon State Park:
parks.state.co.us/Parks/goldengatecanyon
303-582-3707

USDA Forest Service
Arapaho & Roosevelt National Forest:
www.fs.fed.us/r2/arnf/
970-295-6600

Forest Service, (local) Clear Creek District:
303-567-2901

Gilpin Historical Society Museum:
www.gilpinhistory.org
303-582-5283

Central City Opera:
www.centralcityopera.org
303-292-6500

Gilpin County Community Recreation Center and pools:
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Residents
Gilpin residents enjoy a quality of life enhanced by rural neighborhoods nestled amongst scenic natural beauty, low taxes, and a financially secure local government. The county’s close proximity to the Denver metro area adds relative convenience to a rural mountain life, and the variety of community events and programs, the new recreation center, the local school systems, public library and free local public transportation system add to the strong sense of community.

History
Gilpin County is one of the original 17 counties in Colorado, formed with the institution of Colorado Territory in 1861, and named for its first territorial governor, Colonel William Gilpin. Central City, near where John Gregory struck gold on May 6, 1859, became the county seat, and remains so to this day. Gilpin County, and its two cities, Black Hawk and Central, are steeped in rich mining history. Walking tours, historical home tours, an opera house, museums, a visitors’ center and even an annual “cemetery crawl” offer a genuine local history experience.

Events
Our recreation center and fairgrounds are host to many fun and educational programs for children, adults and families. Annual events, such as the county fair, flea market, fall and winter festivals not only add to the excitement, but are free to the public.

GILPIN FAST FACTS
Founded: 1861
Location: North Central Colorado
Distance to Denver: 37 miles
Elevation: 6,960 to 13,294 feet above sea level
Square Miles: 150
Population: 5,042
Cities: Black Hawk, Central City
County Seat: Central City
Historic District: Central City/ Black Hawk National Historic District
Adjacent Counties: Boulder County, north
Jefferson County, east
Clear Creek County, south
Grand County, west

Visitors
Hiking, camping, fishing, biking, snowshoeing, cross country and backcountry skiing are among the many activities enjoyed by Gilpin County visitors. Our spectacular outdoor playground includes Golden Gate Canyon State Park, the Arapaho & Roosevelt National Forests, the James Peak Wilderness area, the Continental Divide National Scenic Trail and the Peak to Peak Scenic and Historic Byway.

Limited-stakes gaming, historical tours, museums, an art gallery, the Central City opera, shops, and community events such as a spring flea market, the summer county fair, and fall and winter festivals also offer visitors a taste of excitement, history, culture and community.