

THINGS TO DO IN COLORADO

ALONG THE FRONT RANGE

- **LAKE MCINTOSH IN LONGMONT**, with stunning Mt. Meeker and Longs Peak in the background, is 50 miles north of Denver. It's too small for really fabulous paddling, but maybe the photo-op is worth the drive. [After mid-June these mountains may not be snow-covered.]



- **HORSETOOTH RESERVOIR** is 70 miles north of Denver. It has motor boat traffic during the weekends, but it's near Jud Hurd's house. Hopefully, we can talk him into making a feast of his famous wild pig BBQ. [Jud cooks; his wife shoots the pigs.]



- **LAKE PUEBLO**: About 120 miles south of Denver, this is bigger water, with a long inlet going back to an enormous beaver lodge, but it's still a man-made reservoir with boat traffic on the weekends.
 - <https://cpw.state.co.us/placestogo/parks/LakePueblo>
 - <https://www.colorado.com/state-parks/lake-pueblo-state-park>



IN THE MOUNTAINS WEST OF THE FRONT RANGE

Google "Summit County" for general information about the area, and lots of hiking suggestions.

- **SILVERTHORNE**

- Google **9849 Ryan Gulch Road, Silverthorne, CO** to see a map of Silverthorne, Lake Dillon, and Frisco; Vail is farther west on I-70. That address is for Sue Hughes' two-bedroom condo with kitchen supplies for cooking anything: <https://www.airbnb.com/rooms/15661134>
- Silverthorne's famous Outlet Shops: <https://www.outletsatsilverthorne.com/directory/>

- **DILLON**

- Lake Dillon, a reservoir, spans 3,300 acres with 27 miles of shoreline surrounded by majestic peaks.
- Check out their website: <https://www.townoffrisco.com/play/frisco-bay-marina/general-info/>
- We put in at the Frisco Bay Marina on the eastern end of Frisco's Main Street.



- **FRISCO**

- A cute downtown: <https://www.townoffrisco.com/play/discover-frisco/about-frisco/>

- **VAIL**

- Good golf and famous biking: <https://www.vailgov.com/departments/public-works/parks-recreation-and-open-space/recreation-path-system>

GENERAL INFORMATION ABOUT OUR MOUNTAINS

We are at 5,000 to 9,000 feet. That means:

- It's almost always sunny but we get wind and showers, often with lightning, most afternoons.
- Evenings are cool; bring long sleeves and light jackets. Cold water temperatures mean you'll probably want to paddle in long-sleeves even when the sun is shining.
- The sun's rays shine through our thinner atmosphere with a vengeance; heavy-duty sunscreen is necessary even if you don't use it at sea-level.
- Because of the altitude and our very dry air you should:
 - Go slow the first couple of days
 - Drink lots more water, starting for at least a week before you get here
 - Drink less alcohol; it will affect you much faster and much harder
 - Bring chapstick and rich hand lotions