

BOUNDLESS LANDSCAPES & SPIRITED PEOPLE

OAK CREEK

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Did you know coal miners first settled the town?

Oak Creek was settled when coal was discovered and mined in the surrounding area. Mining success brought the railroad to nearby Phippsburg, and the rail line continued through Oak Creek. Today the Oak Creek and Phippsburg Historical Society keeps the region's heritage alive with the Tracks & Trails Museum. Coal mining memorabilia is featured at Bucket Park on Main Street in Oak Creek and the indoor museum exhibits tell the stories of miners, railroaders, and founding families. A restored caboose is on display in Phippsburg.

Hardworking coal miners celebrated labor day starting in 1913. Today, this Labor Day Weekend signature event is one of the largest in Colorado. Join us!



Did you know that you can find “Four Seasons of Fun” in Oak Creek?

Year-round the Yampa River valley provides a climate that natives live for and visitors flock to. Just outside of town is Stagecoach State Park, the crowning “Jewel of the Yampa.” Here you’ll find not only great fishing, but lakeside campsites with a full-service marina, swim beach, a trail looping the lake, and an interpretive wetland trail with bird-watching blinds. Summer weather entices hikers, backpackers, horseback riders, campers, and day-trippers. Autumn brings deer and elk hunting opportunities and winter offers cross country skiing, snowmobiling, and ice fishing—and a covered ice rink in downtown Oak Creek. While you’re in town, relax and experience one of our many restaurants.

Join us for our signature events:

- Last weekend in June: **Taste of South Routt**
- **Labor Day Weekend:** Parade, exhibits, vendors and games for all ages in the park.
- **Annual Holiday Festivities**

Trip Planning:

- Tracks & Trails Museum – 970.736.8245
- South Routt EDC – www.southrouttedc.com
- Town of Oak Creek Town Hall – 970.736.8231
- Stagecoach State Park – <http://parks.state.co.us/Parks/Stagecoach/Pages/StagecoachStatePark.aspx>
- U.S. Forest Service – Yampa Ranger District – 970.638.4516
- www.yampavalley.info/tracksandtrails.asp
- Northwest Colorado Cultural Heritage Tourism – www.nwcoloradoheritagetravel.org

Directions:

From Mile Marker 157 on I-70 west of Denver, take Route 131 north, or from Steamboat Springs take Route 40 and 131 south to Main Street, Oak Creek.