

IN THE

Loop



Georgetown Loop Railroad Visitor Guide
Summer | Fall 2026

All Aboard

Step aboard the Georgetown Loop Railroad and travel back to a time when steam power, rugged determination, and mountain engineering shaped Colorado's future. This historic narrow-gauge railroad winds through Clear Creek Canyon, offering unforgettable views, dramatic bridges, and a firsthand connection to the state's rich mining past.

Along the way, guests experience towering canyon walls, rushing creek views, and one of the railroad's most iconic features - the Devil's Gate High Bridge - an engineering marvel suspended high above the canyon floor. Every curve of the track tells a story, making this journey as educational as it is breathtaking.

Whether you're visiting Colorado for the first time or returning to share the experience with family and friends, riding the Loop is a timeless adventure that blends history, scenery, and nostalgia into one unforgettable ride.

Why is it called the "Loop"?

While the ride is an out-and-back excursion, the name comes from a unique section of track where the railroad "loops" over itself on the famous Devil's Gate High Bridge. This ingenious design allowed trains to gain the elevation needed to climb from Georgetown to Silver Plume through rugged mountain terrain. The dramatic crossing remains a defining feature of the ride and a lasting example of 19th-century engineering innovation.





Plan A Visit

Get Your Tickets

- Round-trip train excursions are available from Georgetown or Silver Plume
- Tickets may be purchased online at GeorgetownLoopRR.com or by phone at 888.456.6777
- Some rides and special events sell out, especially on weekends and holidays

When to Arrive

- Parking is available at the depot
- Plan to arrive at least 30 minutes before departure to allow time for parking, check-in, photos, and boarding
- Late arrivals may miss the train and cannot be guaranteed rebooking

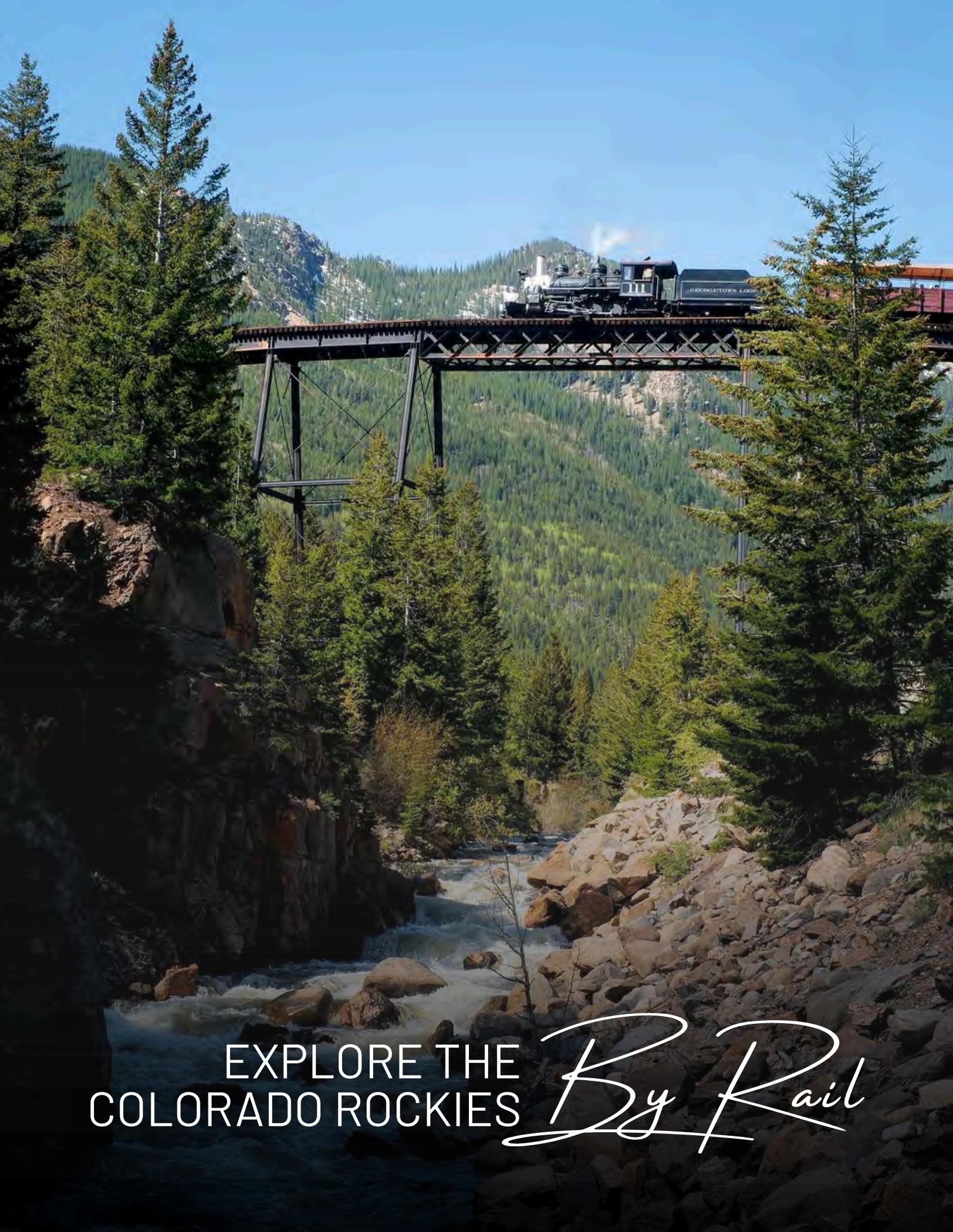
Dress for the Mountains

- Weather can change quickly in Clear Creek Canyon: Layers are recommended, even in summer
- Comfortable walking shoes are encouraged
- Seasonal Tips:
 - Summer: Light layers, sunscreen, hat
 - Fall: Warm jacket, closed-toe shoes
 - Winter: Insulated coat, gloves, hat, warm footwear
 - *Railcars may be open-air depending on the season - dress accordingly.*

The Journey

- Bring your camera or phone - there are scenic views throughout the trip
- Drink water to stay hydrated at elevation

Make It A Day: The Georgetown Loop Railroad pairs perfectly with exploring historic Georgetown, nearby hiking trails, shopping, and dining. Take time to enjoy the town before or after your ride.



EXPLORE THE
COLORADO ROCKIES *By Rail*



Ride & Mine

Experience the Old West as it was when Georgetown was known as "The Silver Queen of the Rockies" with Mine Tours and Gold Panning! Combine your train ride with a guided visit to a historic silver mine, located at the halfway point on the railroad. Descend underground to learn what life was like for miners who once worked these rugged mountains.

Lebanon Mine Tour With Gold Panning

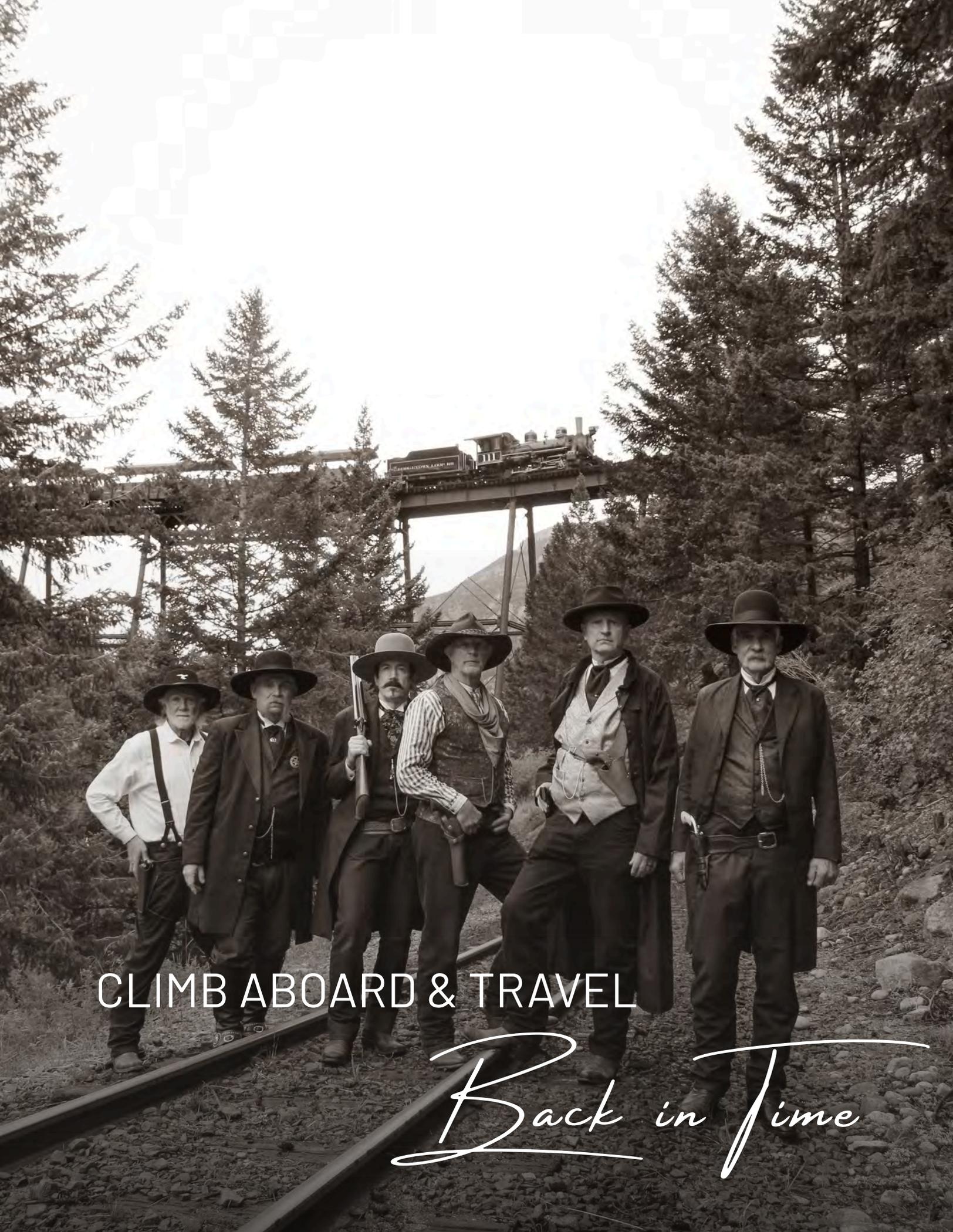
This tour takes you 500 feet into the once-operational Lebanon silver mine tunnel, bored in the 1870s. Your mine tour guide will point out rich veins of silver and tell you about the history of early-day mining in Georgetown. Then, learn how to pan for gold like a real prospector – You even get to take home the gold you find!

Extended Lebanon Mine Tour

This tour takes you over 1,000 feet into Leavenworth Mountain, exploring a once operational silver mine tunnel! The Lebanon access tunnel follows a section of the Hise Ore that extends from the silver mines of Silver Plume to the Silver Queen mine in Georgetown. Led by our knowledgeable mine tour guides, you will see naturally occurring "silver pearls", calcified hobnail boot prints, calcite dams, stalactites that are over 100 years old.



**Book A Ride & Mine Tour at
GeorgetownLoopRR.com**



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Back in Time



Events

**Special Rides. Seasonal Traditions.
Unforgettable Memories.**

Summer is the heart of the season at the Georgetown Loop Railroad, when warm mountain days, historic steam power, and breathtaking alpine scenery come together to create unforgettable experiences. Throughout the year, our special events invite guests to go beyond the traditional train ride and step into moments of celebration, history, and family fun.



From themed excursions and seasonal festivities to interactive experiences for all ages, each event offers a unique way to connect with Colorado's railroad heritage and the charm of Georgetown. Whether you're visiting for the first time or returning as a tradition, there's always something new to discover along the Loop.



Can't Miss Events:

- Bunny Train
- Mothers' & Fathers' Day Weekend
- Celticfest
- Wild West Days
- Wildlife Weekend
- Sasquatch Adventure Train
- Grandparents' Day Weekend
- Fall Colors Train
- Pumpkinfest
- Autumnfest



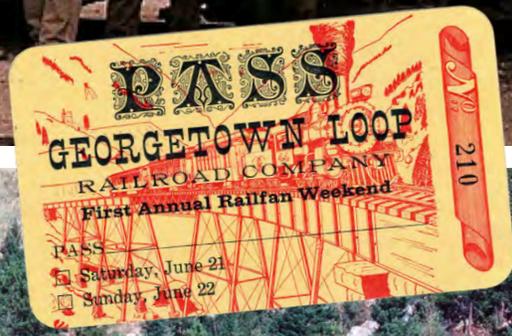
Sesquicentennial

This year marks a historic milestone as Colorado celebrates its 150th anniversary!

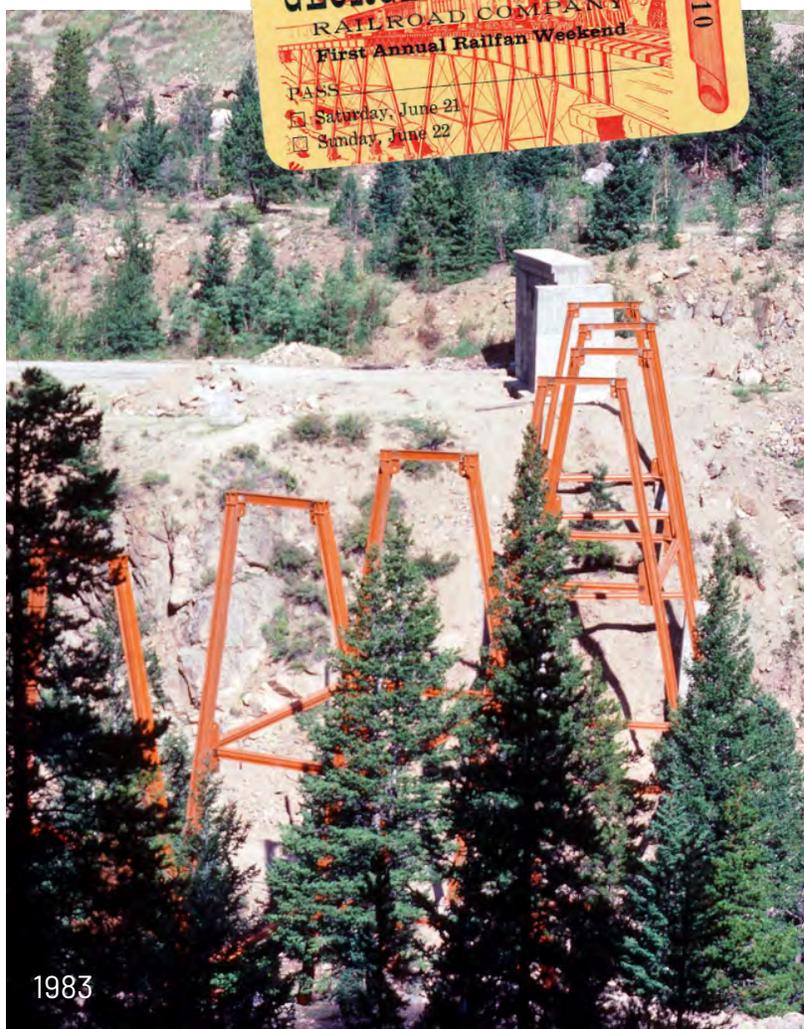
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Who We Are

The Georgetown Loop Railroad is one of Colorado's most iconic historic attractions, offering visitors an authentic journey into the state's rich mining and railroad past. Originally constructed in the 1880s to serve the booming silver mines of Clear Creek Canyon, the railroad stands as a remarkable feat of engineering and an enduring symbol of Colorado's frontier spirit.

Today, the Georgetown Loop Railroad is proudly operated as an official History Colorado site. Through this stewardship, the railroad is preserved not only as a scenic attraction, but as a living museum where history is experienced firsthand through historic locomotives, original routes, and immersive storytelling.

As a link between Georgetown and Silver Plume, the Loop plays a vital role in preserving and interpreting Colorado's mining and railroad heritage, connecting visitors to the people, industries, and

innovations that shaped the Centennial State.



The Georgetown Loop Railroad is proudly owned by History Colorado as one of the state's treasured historic sites. As part of History Colorado's network of eleven museums and historic sites, the Georgetown Loop preserves and shares the stories of Colorado's railroad, mining, and mountain heritage through immersive, hands-on experiences. History Colorado invites you to expand your horizons, inspire curiosity, and explore the diverse cultures and history of the Centennial State—connecting the past to the present at every stop along the way.



Scan to Explore History Colorado's Other Locations at [HistoryColorado.org](https://www.historycolorado.org)



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