

WESTGOLD MEADOWS NEIGHBORS

Clement Park 2026 Concerts

*All concerts start at 7 p.m.
and are held on select Thursdays.*

- July 9: Trash Pandas.
Pop, country, rock covers
- July 16 : Little Moses Jones.
R&B, hip hop
- July 23: Hand Turkey. Soul, pop
- July 30: Ninety2k. '90s and '00s rock
- August 6: Cass Clayton Band.
Rock, soul, funk
- August 13 : Dr. Lunch. Funk jazz

Venue Information and Concert Reminders:

- Concerts run rain or shine with the exception of the threat of severe weather.
- Seating is on a natural, sloped lawn.
- Weather cancellations & rescheduled dates will be updated as soon as possible.
- Parking is free. Parking available for people with disabilities.
- Please do NOT park at the Columbine Library.
- Bring blankets or lawn chairs
- Glass containers prohibited
- Dogs on leash only

Amenities Near The Grant Amphitheater:

Restrooms, playgrounds, walking paths and picnic shelters. Picnic Shelter rentals are available online in advance. If shelters are not rented, they are available on a first come, first served basis.

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Train Rides In Colorado

Trains may seem old fashioned, but there's a reason they've held travelers' fascination since the 1800s. Take a step into the past and board one of Colorado's scenic train rides to see sights only reachable by rail. Carve through mountain gorges and find yourself hugging jagged cliffs on narrow gauge rails or traversing the banks of crystal-blue rivers and passing rushing waterfalls. These rails make exploring some of the state's most remote and untouched terrain accessible to all.

ROYAL GORGE ROUTE RAILROAD

Start & End Point: Cañon City

The Royal Gorge Route Railroad whisks you along the curves of the Arkansas

River and past the 1,000-foot-high granite walls of the canyon the railway is named for. Book a Vista Dome seat for spectacular views out of the curved glass roof and enjoy a gourmet meal in first class accompanied by a well-curated wine, brew and cocktail list. The train's regular schedule runs year-round.



GEORGETOWN LOOP RAILROAD

Start & End Points:

Silver Plume and Georgetown

Connecting the mining towns of Georgetown and Silver Plume, the Georgetown Loop Railroad was an engineering marvel of the 1800s. This short and sweet 2-mile stretch of track just three feet in width traverses through the steep and narrow canyon, corkscrewing through craggy rock walls and gaining more than 600 feet in elevation on four bridges. The railroad was one of Colorado's first tourist attractions, and remains a must-see destination for those seeking a taste of history, beautiful sights and breathtaking thrills. The Georgetown Loop's regular season runs April through October, but check their site for special winter holiday trains.

LEADVILLE, COLORADO & SOUTHERN RAILROAD

Start & End Points: Leadville and Climax

The Leadville, Colorado & Southern Railroad boasts the ideal route for seeing Colorado's vibrant wildflowers as it navigates hairpin turns along the upper Arkansas River Valley. Keep an eye out for Mount Elbert and Mount Massive, the state's two tallest peaks, as you listen to stories about Leadville's colorful mining past on this 2.5-hour round-trip journey. The train's summer schedule runs from late May to early October.

DURANGO & SILVERTON NARROW GAUGE RAILROAD

Voted the No. 1 train in the country by USA Today readers in 2021 and 2022, this 1880s coal-fired, steam-powered locomotive runs 200 feet above the blue-green waters of the Animas River. As the Durango Train snakes along the river's banks and high canyon walls, expect views of majestic peaks, rushing waterfalls and remote natural areas like the Animas Gorge and San Juan National Forest.

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The 9.25-hour train ride includes a two-hour stop in the town of Silverton, or opt for the express ride at 5.25 hours if you're short on time. The train's regular season runs year-round.

THE BROADMOOR MANITOU AND PIKES PEAK COG RAILWAY

The Broadmoor Manitou and Pikes Peak Cog Railway — the world's highest cog railway — is easily one of the most famous Colorado train rides, with its apex at the 14,107-foot summit of Pikes Peak. Your conductor narrates the 9-mile journey with fun tidbits on area history and local lore, while you soak up views of sweeping plains and the Continental Divide. After snapping pics at the top of this Colorado fourteener, make sure you try a high-altitude doughnut at the Summit House, located in the Summit Visitor Center. The cherry-red railcars keep a year-round schedule but check for weather closures.

CRIPPLE CREEK & VICTOR NARROW GAUGE RAILROAD

Start & End Points: Cripple Creek and Victor

Clamber onto the open-air cars of the Cripple Creek & Victor Narrow Gauge Railroad, pulled by a 15-ton "iron horse" of a locomotive. Several stops along the route of this family-owned railroad provide views and photo ops of Pikes Peak and old mining camps, as well as the opportunity to hear the train whistle ricochet off the walls of Echo Valley. The 45-minute ride is fully narrated, with the conductor sharing wonderful facts about the history and scenery around Cripple Creek. The train's regular schedule runs rain or shine, from late May to early October.

—<https://www.colorado.com>

Kiwanis Club of Columbine

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Ongoing projects that you can join. You can consider them one and done, help once and see if they fit your needs.

- Sheridan Food Bank – Every Thursday preparing and distributing food. Serving about 150 families each week.
- Project Cure – once a month (kid friendly) Sorting Medical Supplies
- Meals on Wheels – Every Weekday (Each member drives about once a month)
- Working with Schools – every week (Library & tutoring)
- The Action Center – Sorting Clothing – date pending
- Meetings with breakfast, project updates, and a timely speaker.
- And more...

The Kiwanis Club of Columbine is a volunteer-led organization of 63 members dedicated to improving the lives of children and families through more than fifty active projects and support for over twenty community organizations each year. All are welcome—no membership required to participate. Join us for service, friendship, and fun as we make a positive impact together. Regular meetings every Wed 6:45AM at 4Gs restaurant, Platte Canyon and Bowles. Other meetings for late risers.

For information check our web site columbinekiwanis.org or email ken@KenSweet@Gmail.com Or send me an email and just say hi.

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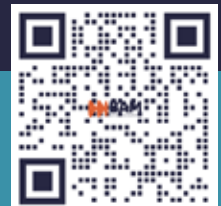
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Littleton Museum Summer Concert Series

Wednesdays in July, 6:30 - 8:00 p.m., Littleton Museum Front Lawn, Open lawn seating (first come, first served)

The Littleton Museum and the Friends of the Library and Museum are delighted to welcome you to the museum front lawn for our free Summer Concert Series!

CONCERT LINEUP

- Wednesday, July 1, 2026 – No Concert (We skip the week of Independence Day)
- Wednesday, July 8, 2026: Slopeside: Alternative Rock, Pop, with a mix of Blues and Country flavor.
- Wednesday, July 15, 2026: The ThreadBarons: Combination of Americana, folk, classic rock, folk rock, and garage rock.
- Wednesday, July 22, 2026: Dakota Blonde: Acoustic folk, bluegrass, acoustic rock music, part singer/songwriter, and sometimes even Celtic.

FOOD & DRINK

- Bring your own picnic and enjoy the lawn!
- Delivery allowed – use 6028 S Gallup St as the address.
- Note: Alcohol is not permitted on city property.

SHADE & SEATING

- No large pop-up tents, please.
- If using an umbrella, sit toward the back to avoid blocking views.

PETS

- Well-controlled pets on short leashes are welcome.

KIDS' DANCE ZONE

- Located to the left of the stage (as you face it).
- A fun, safe space for little ones to dance & move freely.

WEATHER POLICY

- Concerts continue in light rain.
- Severe weather warnings, hail forecasts, lightning, or heavy storms may delay or cancel the show.

PARKING

- Parking is available in the Littleton Museum lot, at the Bemis Library across the street, and along nearby residential streets.
- Please avoid parking in areas marked "No Parking."

ACCESSIBILITY

- Please note that the music is loud near the stage, to be clearly audible for audience members sitting further back.
- Ask the staff member at the bathroom door entrance if you would like to check out a Sensory Needs Backpack. These are free and on a first-come, first-served basis. An ID is required as a deposit. Backpacks are available for both children and adults, and include sunglasses, fidget toys, communication cards, weighted lap pads, and noise-reducing headphones.

–<https://www.museum.littletonco.gov/Events-Programs/Summer-Concert-Series>

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–Peter Marshall

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Illuminate Littleton

Friday, July 24, 2026, Downtown Littleton

Littleton has been selected by the Colorado Tourism Office as a host city for a statewide drone show celebrating America's 250th and Colorado's 150th anniversaries. This is a significant honor and a rare opportunity to showcase Littleton on a regional and statewide stage.

To celebrate this milestone event, Main Street will transform into an open-air experience with illuminated and interactive art installations, roaming musical performances, and extended outdoor dining from local restaurants and bars. Inviting residents and visitors to explore, linger, and connect before the evening culminates in a spectacular drone show lighting up the Littleton sky.

Family-friendly and no cost to attend. Bring your friends and family, and bring the joy as we celebrate together!

—<https://visitttleton.org>

Tiny Town

Morrison, CO

A truly unique attraction, Tiny Town is a collection of over one hundred homemade miniature buildings forming a small mountain town. The buildings are built at a 1/6 scale, so children and adults feel like giants while wandering through the town. Besides the buildings, there is also a 15 in. gauge miniature railroad that visitors can ride throughout the park. The track is just over half a mile in length, and a trip on one of the steam-powered trains grants visitors exclusive access to parts of Tiny Town that can't be seen from the sidewalk.

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Evergreen Summerfest

July 18-19

The Evergreen Summerfest will be back once again for a two-day outdoor arts and crafts event. The festival, which draws approximately 6,000 visitors, will be celebrating its 46th year in the coming summer. Proceeds from the event support year-round programming at the Center for the Arts Evergreen.

The festival will be held at Buchanan Park in Evergreen from Saturday to Sunday, July 18th to 19th, 2026. If you love arts and crafts, then this will be a perfect activity for you. Note that there's no smoking or pets allowed at the festival site.

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Red Rocks Park & Amphitheater

Red Rocks Amphitheater, one of Colorado's most popular attractions, is located right in Morrison's backyard. Famous for its beautiful amphitheater surrounded by jaw-dropping giant red sandstones, as well as a number of great trails, this park is a must-see on any visit.

Red Rocks is home to concerts from top artists throughout the year, mostly from April through November when the weather is warmer and days are longer. The park even offers drive-in-style movies during the summer months known as Film On the Rocks.

Another important stop for music and history fans is Spirit, an impressive statue depicting John Denver and an eagle. After seeing all there is to see near the visitor center, head out on a hike on one of the many trails in the park. One option is the Trading Post Trail, a 1.4-mile trail that winds through some of the park's most impressive rock formations.

Dinosaur Ridge: Morrison, CO

A perfect place for kids and history enthusiasts alike, Dinosaur Ridge is one of the premier places to see and learn about dinosaur fossils and footprints. Home to the original sites of some of the most famous dinosaurs like Stegosaurus, Dinosaur Ridge is full of interactive exhibits and activities that make it a great stop for families.

All visitors should be sure to take a tour of the park. Guided bus tours, as well as guided walking tours, are available. As a bonus, all tour tickets include access to Trek Through Time, an indoor, hands-on museum at the visitor center.

The visitor center also hosts a digging area for children to dig up model dinosaur bones and fossils. Guests can also find the gift shop in the same area. Be sure to check out the trails at Dino Ridge as well.

Dinosaur Ridge Trail is two miles round-trip and includes countless opportunities to spot dinosaur tracks. There are a number of interpretive signs along the way to point out tracks and describe the history of the area.

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