

OLD WEST MINING TOWNS

Regardless of size of the mine, type of material being mined, there was rarely any law enforcement, poor working conditions and insufficient housing. If the mines were successful, there were the very rich class and the dregs of humanity. I chose Leadville and Twin Cities, Colorado, because they had mines with both precious metals and minerals, railroads, people from multiple foreign backgrounds and religions, and hard winter weather.

At 10,430 feet, Leadville is the highest incorporated city in the United States and has the Mining Hall of Fame and Museum. It had one of the largest silver mines in history, plus a molybdenum mine which is a fairly rare material and is required for a great many industrial uses. It has a past and a definite future and is a great place to put on your list for a vacation or weekend trip.

General Information

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Leadville,_Colorado

<http://www.fourteenetnet.com/leadvill/>

<http://www.leadville.com/leadville/>

<http://www.leadville.com/twinlakes/>

Check out the photo albums, ghost towns, local history and visitors.

<http://www.leadville.com/>

Satellite photos of Leadville and surrounding area.

<http://maps.google.com/maps?ll=39.2472,-106.292414&spn=0.11,0.18&t=h>

Mining Hall of Fame & Museum

<http://www.mininghalloffame.org/index.htm>

<http://www.mininghalloffame.org/museum.htm>

Photos of Mines & Surrounding Area

http://www.narrowgauge.org/ncmap/led/dspp2_leadville.html

<http://www.leadville.com/photos/index.htm>