



Visitor Guide

Welcome to Altus Lodge! We're thrilled to have you here. Our newly renovated lodge aims to give you the peak of comfort as you explore this beautiful little town. Below, you'll find important details about our hotel, along with information on local attractions and services, so that you can make the most out of your Silverton adventure. Enjoy your trip, and thanks for staying with us!

General Information

Contact Information

- **Hotel Phone:** (970) 919-0515
- **Email:** info@altuslodge.com
- **Hotel Manager:** Tracy Fuller 970-759-3754
- **Emergency Services:** Dial 911
- **San Juan County Sheriff:** Bruce Conrad 970-387-5531

Checking In

- **Check-in Time:** 3pm
- **Check-out Time:** 11am
- You will receive a text and email the day of check in with room assignment and door access code.

Complimentary Fiber Internet

- **Network:** AltusGuest
- **Password:** Silverton123

Miscellaneous

- **Housekeeping:** Housekeeping is done between visits. To request housekeeping during your visit, please contact the Hotel Manager.

- **Pet Policy:** Pets are welcome for an additional fee of \$50 a pet. No more than 2 pets per room. When outside the room, please keep pets on a leash at all times, and pick up their waste.
 - **Parking Information:** There is free parking in front of the Lodge. Larger vehicles can park in the corner of the parking lot towards the fence.
 - **Smoking Policy:** Only in designated areas. Please do not smoke on the patio in front of rooms.
 - **Lost and Found:** Contact the Hotel Manager.
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Hotel Amenities

Outdoor Common Area

Feel free to relax and enjoy our outdoor common area, located on the southeastern side of the Lodge.

Features:

Hot Tub Rules

- Hours 10am-10pm
- Please keep noise to a minimum and be respectful of other guests
- On/Off - black button on the south side
- Jet Speed - center button by the stairs
- Please replace the cover after use
- Please return pool towels to your room
- No food or glass containers allowed

Hot Tub Operation

Topside Controls

1. Managing the temperature of your tub is done on the topside controller attached to the side of the stair unit. When the tub is powered on, you will see information on the screen and the buttons will light up blue, white, and red.
2. Blue Button - Decreases the Set Temp
3. Red Button - Increases the Set Temp

4. White Button - This switches the Jet Speed from OFF-LOW-HIGH (when the topside displays HEAT: ON the jet speed can only be changed between LOW and HIGH. The jet pump will turn off automatically once the tub reaches the set temperature.

Jet and Light Controls

1. At the rear of the tub there is an ON/OFF air switch that controls the AIR for the jets. The jet speed cannot be controlled with this switch.

When the Jets are LOW or HIGH the switch will cycle air injection into the jets. When the switch is OFF only water will come out of the jets.

When the switch is ON air will be introduced into the jet and create bubbles and turbulence as well as increase the felt power of the jet.

It is recommended to leave the switch in the OFF position when the tub is not in use to save energy. Outside air is being introduced into the water and cools the water temperature slightly.

2. Each jet can be turned ON and OFF individually by turning the jet insert. To turn a jet ON turn the jet counterclockwise 1/4 turn. To turn a jet OFF turn the jet clockwise 1/4 turn. In the OFF position, a small amount of water will still flow through the jet. Make sure at least two jets are ON before turning the Jets to HIGH.

3. If your tub is equipped with lights, there will be two buttons next to the air switch. One button turns the lights ON and OFF and the other will cycle the light color/mode. The ON/OFF button will always be illuminated. Color cycle button only illuminates if lights are ON.

FIRE PIT RULES

- Hours 10am-10pm
- Please keep noise to a minimum and be respectful of other guests
- The ignition button is located on the side.
- Please power it off after use
- No glass containers

GRILL AREA RULES

- Hours 10am-10pm
- Power off the grill after use
- Clean the grill and the grill area after use
- Dispose of all trash in the bin

Indoor Common Area (Den/Game Room/Business Center):

Our Lodge also features an indoor gathering space on the ground floor near Room 1. Inside The Den you will find chairs, a table, a “library” of board games, and a Pac-Man/Galaga Machine. Use this room as much as you would like but please clean up after yourself and put all games away.

Exploring Silverton

Our town provides a wealth of attractions for all kinds of travelers. Here you'll find contact info and brief descriptions to help you plan your trip. Need more details? The Silverton Visitor's Center can help you out. They are a brief walk, located south of the Lodge.

Silverton Visitor's Center

(970) 387-5654 | 414 Greene Street, Silverton, CO 81433 | [Silverton, Colorado](#)

Hours: 10am-3pm daily

Essentials:

Silverton Grocery

(970) 387-5652 | 717 Greene St, Silverton, CO 81433

Hours: 7am-8pm daily

Silverton Hardware

(970) 387-5774 | 740 Greene St, Silverton, CO 81433

Hours: 9am-5pm

Bearded Wonder Auto Repair Shop

(970) 946-7648 | 1158 Reese St, Silverton, CO 81433

Hours: 9am-4pm Mon-Thurs

Let the Locals Treat You

Traveling to a quaint mountain town doesn't mean you have to sacrifice material comforts. Fuel yourself for your outdoor adventures at our delicious restaurants. Don't forget to bring home a little piece of Silverton courtesy of our gift shops on Greene Street and Blair Street.

Coffee & Desserts

Coffee Bear

(970) 710-8182 | 1309 Greene St, Silverton, CO 81433 | [Coffee Bear Silverton](#)

Sit outside on Silverton's only rooftop patio, or inside this multi-level building, and enjoy quality coffee, homemade baked goods, and delicious breakfast burritos.

Hours: 6:30am-3:00pm daily

Kendall Mountain Cafe

(970) 387-5177 | 1421 Greene St, Silverton, CO 81433

Cute and dog-friendly establishment that serves American breakfast staples before 10:40am and sandwich classics after. Has a kid's menu.

Hours: 7:00am-2:30pm all days except Thursday

Smedley's Ice Cream Parlor

(970) 387-5713 | 1314 Greene St, Silverton, CO 81433

Lunch & Dinner

El Bandito

(970) 764-5428 | 1114 Blair St, Silverton, CO 81433 | [The Bent Elbow Hotel](#)

The Lodge highly recommends this authentic and delicious Mexican restaurant.

Hours: 11am-9:00pm Mon-Thurs, 11am-9:30pm Fri-Sun

Handlebars Food & Saloon

(970) 387-5395 | 1323 Greene Street, Silverton, CO 81433 | [Handlebars Food & Saloon](#)

This popular hangout serves a Wild West atmosphere along with soups, salads, sandwiches, and burgers. Has a kid's menu.

Hours: 10:30am-8:00pm, every day except Wednesday

Lacey Rose Saloon

(970) 930-3435 | 1219 Greene St, Silverton, CO 81433

Lacey Rose Saloon offers a diverse menu featuring charcuterie selections, like rabbit rattlesnake sausage and duck cilantro sausage links, as well as hearty sandwiches such as the Grand Imperial Burger and French Dip.

The Eureka Station

(970) 387-8002 | 1225 Blair St, Silverton, CO 81433

Eureka Station is a welcoming restaurant in the San Juan Mountains, serving delicious, locally inspired dishes. It's the perfect spot to relax and refuel after exploring the area's stunning outdoor adventures.

Avalanche Brewing Company

(970) 387-5282 | 1151 Greene St #377, Silverton, CO 81433 | [Avalanche Brewing Company](#)

Avalanche Brewing Company is a cozy brewpub known for its handcrafted beers and fresh, flavorful bites. With a menu featuring wood-fired pizzas, sandwiches, and house-made soups, it's the perfect spot to pair a local brew with a satisfying meal.

Golden Block Brewery & Restaurant

(970) 387-5962 | 1227 Greene St, Silverton, CO 81433 | [Golden Block Brewery](#)

Golden Block Brewery combines small-town charm with big flavor, offering a variety of craft beers brewed on-site. Its menu features wood-fired pizzas, hearty sandwiches, and fresh salads, perfect for enjoying with a pint after a day of mountain adventure

The Pickle Barrel

(970) 387-5713 | 1304 Greene St, Silverton, CO 81433 | [Pickle Barrel - Silverton](#)

A Mining Town

Long before Silverton became known for outdoor adventures, it hosted a different kind of risk-taker. Silverton began in the early 1870s as a quintessential Old West mining town, attracting those trading comfort for a chance at fortune. Gain a glimpse into this exciting period of American history through Silverton's various historical landmarks and museums.

Christ of the Mines Shrine

Visible from behind the Lodge, this shrine provides a quiet moment and a gorgeous view of the town.

Durango & Silverton Narrow Gauge Railroad

(970) 247-2733 | 479 Main Avenue, Durango, CO | [Durango & Silverton Narrow Gauge Railroad](#)

Take in the wonder of the mountains from the comfort of this National Historic Landmark.

Hillside Cemetery

Located just north of Silverton | <https://www.silvertonhillside.com/>

Enrich yourself in the history of Silverton as told by its cemetery.

Mayflower Gold Mill Tour

(970) 387-5609 | 135 CR 2, Silverton, CO, 81433 | [San Juan County Historical Society](#)

A self-guided or guided tour will show you the ore processing operations that once upheld the town's economy.

Old Hundred Gold Mine Tour

(970) 387-5444 | 721 Country 4A, Silverton, CO, 81433 | <https://www.minetour.com/>

Travel deep underground into a real gold mine and pan for your own treasures as you discover the life of a gold miner.

San Juan County Mining Heritage Center

(970) 387-5838 | PO Box 154 Courthouse Square, Silverton, Colorado 81433 | [San Juan County Historical Society](#)

Experience an authentically restored 1902 county jail, the Historical Society Archives building, and the fascinating exhibits of the Mining Heritage Center Museum all together in this beautiful complex.

Living with Wildlife:

The San Juan Mountains are home to a wide variety of wildlife. As our guest, please be safe, when recreating outdoors. Always give wildlife their space and follow the specific tips below, from Colorado Parks and Wildlife.

Moose: [Living with Moose | Colorado Parks and Wildlife](#).

Bears: [Living with Bears | Colorado Parks and Wildlife](#)

Mountain Lions: [Living with Mountain Lions | Colorado Parks and Wildlife](#).

Wolves: [Living with Wolves | Colorado Parks and Wildlife](#)

The Natural Wonders of the San Juan Mountains

Nestled in the heart of the San Juan Mountains, Silverton offers unparalleled access to beautiful alpine landscapes, pristine wilderness, and a rich mining history. With towering peaks, crystal clear lakes, and a quaint mountain town atmosphere, Silverton is the perfect basecamp for adventure. Whether you're exploring rugged trails, or enjoying winter sports, the beauty of Silverton is yours to discover year round.

When recreating please follow all local laws, including campfire bans, and Leave No Trace Principles.

[7 Principles - Leave No Trace](#)

[Fire Information | San Juan County Colorado](#)

[Fire Restriction Information](#)

Lightning is one of the greatest hazards to outdoor recreation in the summer months, especially in the Rockies where thunderstorms are frequent and the terrain is often exposed. Here are some lightning safety tips.

[Lightning Safety - Rocky Mountain National Park \(U.S. National Park Service\)](#).

Summer Activities

Hiking and Backpacking

Silverton's trails offer everything from leisurely strolls to challenging alpine treks.

- **Engineer Mountain Trail**
A 14 mile round trip hike to one of the most prominent peaks in the area. The trail offers panoramic views of wildflower meadows and distant peaks. Rated: hard. *Trailhead: Near Coal Bank Pass*
- **Colorado Trail**
Explore a section of this iconic 567 mile trail. Popular nearby segments include Molas Pass, offering stunning views of the Animas River Valley.
- **Highland Mary Lakes Trail**
This 6 mile trail provides serene alpine lakes, wildflowers, and breathtaking mountain vistas. High clearance and 4x4 recommended.
Trailhead: Just east of Silverton
- **Lime Creek Trail**
A lesser-known 5 mile trail featuring waterfalls, lush meadows, and historic remnants of old mining camps. High clearance and 4x4 recommended.
Ouray Perimeter Trail
This 6-mile loop encircles the charming town of Ouray, providing views of Box Canyon Falls, Cascade Falls, and the surrounding peaks. Good for beginners. There are some drop offs and narrow ledges. Keep this in mind if you're bringing children.
- **Castle Rock**
A shorter hike near Silverton offers panoramic views of the surrounding mountains and town.
- **Columbine Lake Trail**
This 8 mile round trip leads to an alpine lake. Rated: very challenging with steep elevation gain. Not recommended for beginners or children.
- **Ice Lake and Island Lake Trails**
A very challenging 8.5 mile round trip hike that rewards adventurers with the vibrant turquoise waters of Ice Lake and the stunning alpine beauty of Island Lake. Not recommended for beginners or children.
- **Blue Lakes Trail**
A 8.6-mile out-and-back trail leading to a trio of mesmerizing blue alpine lakes surrounded by rugged peaks. Ideal for experienced hikers.
Trailhead: near Ridgway
- **Potato Lake (Spud Lake)**
A 3.8 mile round trip hike to a serene lake surrounded by aspens. High clearance recommended.

- **Purgatory Trail**

A 10 mile out and back trail descending into the Animas River Valley with lush forests and rushing waters.

Mountain Biking

Silverton offers exhilarating mountain biking opportunities on rugged terrain.

- **Local Trails**

Trails near Silverton include varied singletracks, fire roads, and access to high-altitude rides with spectacular views.

- **Alpine Loop Access**

Mountain bikers can explore sections of this scenic byway, combining challenging climbs and thrilling descents.

Off-Roading and Jeep Tours

The Silverton area is a paradise for off-road enthusiasts, offering access to some of Colorado's most iconic routes. Please follow all local 4x4 rules and regulations. [OHV RULES OHV Off RULES](#)

[OHV & ATV Info | Town of Silverton](#)

- **Alpine Loop Scenic Byway**

Starting right in Silverton, this 63-mile loop connects you to the high-altitude beauty of Engineer and Cinnamon Passes.

- **Imogene Pass**

A thrilling and technical route linking Silverton to Telluride with stunning alpine scenery.

- **Black Bear Pass**

Known for its steep switchbacks and breathtaking views, this challenging trail starts near Silverton. Only for very experienced drivers. Mistakes can be fatal.

- **Engineer Pass**

Accessible from Silverton, this route offers a mix of challenging terrain and stunning vistas.

Off-roading rentals:

Rock Pirates:

[Rock Pirates Backcountry Adventures](#)

San Juan Backcountry:

[San Juan Backcountry](#)

Rock Climbing and Mountaineering

- **Silverton's Local Crags**
Explore rugged climbing routes in and around Silverton, perfect for mountaineers and climbers seeking a challenge.
 - **Ouray Ice Park (summer climbing)**
Climb on solid rock faces in the summer months in one of the most scenic climbing destinations in Colorado.
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Fishing:

There are many picturesque fishing spots around the San Juan Mountains. Make sure to get a Colorado fishing license and follow all rules and regulations. [Fishing | Colorado Parks and Wildlife](#)

Fishing guides:

Rigs: [Silverton Colorado - RIGS Fly Shop & Guide Service – FishRIGS](#)

Heads Up Fly Fishing: [High Mountain Creeks, San Juan Mountains Fly Fishing Trips](#)

- **Animas River**
Renowned for its trout fishing, the Animas is perfect for both fly and spin fishing enthusiasts.
 - **San Juan River**
Just an hour south, this world-famous tailwater is known for large trout and exceptional fishing conditions.
 - **Vallecito Lake**
A beautiful reservoir offering fishing for rainbow trout, northern pike, and kokanee salmon.
 - **Haviland Lake**
A peaceful spot perfect for fishing and picnicking.
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Rafting and Kayaking

- **Animas River**
Experience thrilling rapids or leisurely paddles through the scenic Animas Valley.
 - **San Juan River**
Offers options for beginners and experienced paddlers alike, with calm sections and exciting rapids.
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Camping

- **Molas Lake Campground**
Just minutes from Silverton, this picturesque campground offers lakeside sites and access to nearby trails.
 - **South Mineral Campground**
A favorite spot for campers, with access to hiking, waterfalls, and stunning mountain scenery.
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Wildlife Viewing and Photography

- **Mesa Verde National Park**
Explore ancient cliff dwellings and enjoy stunning views of the surrounding landscapes.
 - **Durango & Silverton Narrow Gauge Railroad**
Take a scenic train ride through the San Juans and capture stunning views of the rugged wilderness.
 - **Million Dollar Highway** The Million Dollar Highway, also known as U.S. Route 550, is a scenic and treacherous mountain road that runs through the heart of the San Juan Mountains in southwestern Colorado. With stunning views of towering peaks, deep gorges, and alpine meadows, the highway is a popular destination for adventure seekers, road trippers, and outdoor enthusiasts alike. However, the road's narrow lanes, hairpin turns, and steep cliffs have also earned it a reputation as one of the most dangerous roads in America.
 - **Scenic Viewpoints and Trails**
Numerous overlooks and trails offer opportunities to spot elk, deer, marmots, bighorn sheep, and soaring eagles.
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Winter Activities

Skiing and Snowboarding

Whether you're a beginner or an expert, the slopes of the San Juans provide some of the best skiing and snowboarding in Colorado.

- **Kendall Mountain Ski Area** Located in Silverton, Kendall Mountain is the ideal destination for your family ski vacation. Your entire family can ski for less than the price of a single lift ticket at Colorado's larger resorts. Come experience our laid back, family friendly atmosphere and make memories with an inexpensive mountain getaway that's perfect for beginner skiers and snowboarders of all ages, as well as families with small children.
 - **Purgatory Resort**
Located just 25 miles north of Durango, this family-friendly resort features over 1,600 acres of terrain, including groomed runs, tree skiing, and challenging moguls.
 - **Telluride Ski Resort**
A world-class destination offering over 2,000 acres of skiable terrain, breathtaking scenery, and a vibrant mountain village. Known for its challenging runs and upscale amenities.
 - **Silverton Mountain**
For expert skiers and snowboarders, Silverton Mountain delivers steep, ungroomed terrain and a true backcountry experience with guided and heli-skiing options. Mention you're staying at Altus Lodge for 10% off.
 - **Wolf Creek Ski Area**
Famous for its deep powder and laid-back vibe, this resort near Pagosa Springs boasts the most annual snowfall in Colorado.
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Snowshoeing

- **Local Trails Around Silverton**
Explore the snow-covered beauty of Silverton on trails like Molas Pass or Highland Mary Lakes. Check avalanche danger before venturing out into the backcountry. Rentals are available in town. [CAIC](#)
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Cross-Country Skiing

- **Molas Pass**
A scenic and tranquil location for cross-country skiing, just a short drive from Silverton.

Always check avalanche danger before venturing out into the backcountry. [CAIC](#)

Snowmobiling Check avalanche danger before venturing out into the backcountry. [CAIC](#)

- **Molas Pass**
A top destination for snowmobiling, offering groomed trails and open meadows with spectacular mountain views.
- **Trails Around Silverton**
Enjoy backcountry snowmobiling with access to high-altitude passes and historic mining roads.

Snowmobiling rentals available from Ice Pirates. [Colorado Snowmobile Tours](#)

Ice Climbing

- **Ice Climbing**

The San Juans are a premier destination for ice climbing, with opportunities for beginners and seasoned climbers alike.

- **Ouray Ice Park**
The world's first ice climbing park, featuring over 200 routes of varying difficulty. Clinics and gear rentals are available.
- **Frozen Waterfalls in the Region**
Popular spots include Bridal Veil Falls in Telluride and Horsetail Falls near Ouray, providing natural ice climbing challenges.

Ice Climbing Guides:

Basecamp Ouray: [Backcountry Ice Climbing in Ouray, Telluride and Silverton](#)

San Juan Mountain Guides: [San Juan Mountain Guides](#)

Via Ferrata The San Juans are a well known destination for via ferratas, with opportunities for beginners and seasoned climbers alike.

- **Ouray Via Ferrata** This Via Ferrata route complements the wild river and mountain scenery of the Ouray Ice Park. Built with steel cables and metal steps attached to the rock, this course allows you to scale the rock faces above the Uncompahgre River—one of the most stunning locations in Colorado’s San Juans. Rushing water below your feet adds to the thrill of the experience as you traverse the canyon walls, making your way along the river from the course’s start to finish.
- **Basecamp Ouray Private Gold Mountain Via Ferrata**

The Gold Mountain Via Ferrata stands out with breathtaking views of the San Juan Mountains. This route offers an unparalleled experience. It's not just another Via Ferrata. It's a journey like no other through an old gold mine, offering a unique perspective of nature's grandeur. What makes it even more special is its exclusivity. Guided exclusively by Basecamp Ouray, this experience ensures a more private and intimate adventure, away from the crowds. You'll have the serene and majestic beauty of the mountains almost to yourself, making it an unforgettable experience only available through Basecamp Ouray.

[Via Ferrata Colorado](#)

- **Telluride Via Ferrata** Telluride's Via Ferrata is not for the faint-hearted. At its most intense, you're suspended on a small iron foothold by a harness at 500 feet. The newly legal climbing route is technical, breathtaking and exposed on the east end and south facing wall of Telluride's boxed canyon. If you do decide to partake in this incredible experience, please be safe. We highly recommend utilizing a guide to tackle the trip.

Sledding and Tubing

- **Local Hills in Silverton**
Look for community sledding spots just outside of town, perfect for family fun.

Hot Springs

After a day in the snow, unwind in one of the region’s natural hot springs.

- **Durango Hot Springs** Surrounded by mountain views, these natural mineral hot springs have a perfect blend of minerals and an absence of sulfuric odor. There are over 40 unique water features, including 32 different hot springs mineral pools (19 family-friendly, 13 adult-only), 2 cold plunges, a 25-meter resort-style swimming pool, 5 optional private

Japanese-inspired cedar “Ofuro” soaking tubs, a reflexology walking path, and our popular mineral water rain tower. Reservations required.

- **Ouray Hot Springs**

A family-friendly facility with several pools of varying temperatures and stunning mountain views.

- **Orvis Hot Springs** Orvis Hot Springs is a clothing-optional natural hot springs resort. Ten indoor and outdoor soaking areas feature water temperatures ranging from 65 to 112 degrees.

Winter Wildlife Viewing

Silverton’s winter landscape is home to moose, elk, deer, bighorn sheep, foxes, and more. Quiet mornings and late afternoons are the best times for spotting wildlife against the snowy backdrop.

For other events in Silverton, please check out the calendar at [Silverton Creative District](#)

We hope you have a fantastic stay with us at Altus Lodge! If you need any assistance or have any questions, please don’t hesitate to reach out to our staff.