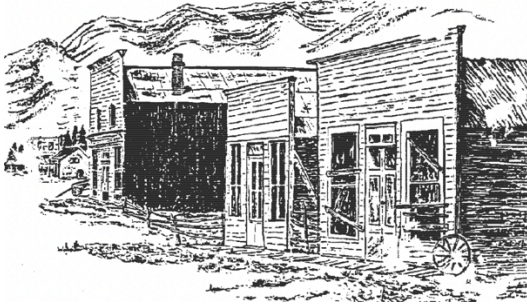




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Field Trip Name: 2026 Cripple Creek and Victor Field Trip

Date of Trip: September 12

Time (start & end time): 10AM start at Cripple Creek Heritage Center, and ends at 5:00 at the SSR Open Pit Mine Viewing location.

Location: Cripple Creek and Victor, Colorado

Leader: Ray Polster and Jan Myers

History:

Cripple Creek is about an hour SW of Colorado Springs, and Victor is 4 miles from CC and sits in a bowl at about 10,000 feet in elevation.. In the 1890's it was the greatest Gold camp in the World and in fact produced \$340,000,000 by 1916, with a price of \$20.67 an ounce. As production started to wind down, production from the area totaled over \$430,000,000 by 1952. Mining still happens there, but it is very different. Chemical leaching and open pit mining are the key words now. Newmont Mining of Denver owned the mine until 2025 and sold the property to SSR Mining.

At one time, there were 3 railroads servicing the CC area, including the Colorado Midland that came from Colorado Springs to Divide and followed the current day State Highway 67 to Cripple Creek. There was even a local interurban connecting many of the 12 area towns. In 1900, over 50,000 people lived and worked in the area! In 1901, 475 mines were shipping ore. Bennet and Myers street are still the most active areas, and Casino Gambling continues to grow.

Much of Colorado Springs was build and paid for by Cripple Creek Gold. Think of the William Stratton Home for Boys, the Broadmoor Hotel, and Penrose Hospital among others.

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Unfortunately there is a dark side to the area, including planned explosions based on labor issues that killed many people.

Description of the day:

We will start at the Cripple Creek Heritage Center on Colorado Highway 67 South of the town of Divide, West on US 24 from Colorado Springs.

This weekend is Victor Heritage Days, and we hope to participate in some building tours and enjoy the numerous street vendors.

Itinerary: (see other document)

Accessibility:

We will be driving to all places, and walking at each location. All paths are well defined and gravel or blacktop. The ground is not level, but also not much of incline where we are going. Sidewalks are old and not level in many spots. Restrooms are available in all locations other than the Vindicator and Mine Overlook.

Items to Bring:

Bring your own lunch and plenty of water, and sunscreen. We will be walking on blacktop or gravel all day, so have sturdy and comfortable shoes.

Cancellation:

Please contact Ray Poster at 303/5880 or Jan Myers at 719/651-9890 you have to cancel.

If you have any questions about the field trip or need to contact the leader day of the trip, don't hesitate to get in touch with Leader's Name (information below).

Leader's Name: Ray Polster 303/588-6380, Jan Myers 719/651-9890.