

# *Small Historic Towns across America.*

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## *Brief History of Breckenridge, CO*

Gold was first discovered along the banks of the Blue River back in 1859. Breckenridge was founded soon after to serve the miners working the placer gold deposits around the area. On December 16, 1961, the "Peak 8 Ski Area" officially opened with one lift and one t-bar for beginners. An adult lift ticket was only \$4. Today, Breckenridge Ski Resort is one of the most popular ski resorts in North America.

## *Location and Driving Directions from Denver International Airport*

Take Interstate 70 west to exit 203. Continue south on HWY 9 to Breckenridge.

Where to stay in Breck.

There are plenty of places to stay in Breckenridge. All depends if you want to be closer to the slopes or more in the town.



*Who was President when this town was founded? And, what was the political environment in America at that time.*

When Breckenridge was founded in 1859, James Buchanan was the president of the United States at the time. The town was mostly isolated from major political events. Just after two years Breckenridge was founded, the U.S failed to live up to their name as they split apart and began fighting in the Civil War.

## *City Government*

The town of Breckenridge has a mayor, and a town council. Each term, the residents elect a new mayor and town council. Whenever there are new issues/problems or new bills to be passed, the people are issued ballots and they voice their opinions. In Breckenridge representation is something taken very seriously and strongly.

I would pick these five choices: The Wedgewood Lodge, Valero Mountain Lodge, Mountain Thunder Lodge, One Ski Hill Place, and Grand Lodge on Peak 7. To see more of these choices you can go to: [http://www.tripadvisor.com/Hotels-g33327-Breckenridge\\_Colorado-Hotels.html](http://www.tripadvisor.com/Hotels-g33327-Breckenridge_Colorado-Hotels.html)

### *Historic attractions/ Events*

In Breckenridge, you can either lay low or go find something fun to do. There are no restrictions to what you can and cant do in Breckenridge. Hear are just some of the things you can do: Cross country skiing, dog sledding, historic tours, hot air balloon rides, fly fishing, ice skating, mine tours and so much more. Interested in more? Go check out [www.breckenridge.com/town/breckenridge-facts/101-things-to-do.aspx#/150](http://www.breckenridge.com/town/breckenridge-facts/101-things-to-do.aspx#/150) to get your adventure going.

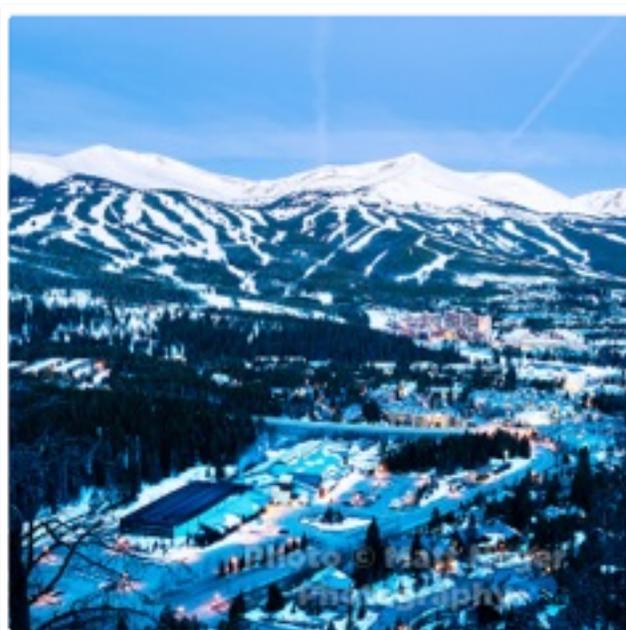
## *Oldest/largest businesses Today*

Breckenridge Brewery may not be the oldest business but it is the tastiest. In February of 1990, Richard opened the doors of Breckenridge Brewery, Colorado's third craft brewery, in historic Breckenridge. He wanted to serve fresh, quality beer and homemade food in a relaxed atmosphere that everyone could enjoy. It didn't take long for locals and visitors alike to appreciate these simple values, and within a few short years Breckenridge Brewery was the highlight of Main Street

## *Why would I want to visit this historic small town?*

Breckenridge is the place for winter fun and adventure. The ski resort has 2,358 acres of skiable terrain across four peaks for you to explore. It's known as a historic mining town with breathtaking mountain scenery. There is plenty of opportunity for après-ski rowdiness with 20+ bars on Main Street. The destination is bustling with people going in and out of the quaint shops and tasty restaurants on its Victorian style streets.

<http://www.mountainreservations.com/vacation-rentals/Breckenridge?EID=671.1.65730060.0&qclid=CJy955GYiMMCFetDMgodWwQAnQ>



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