

EXIT 205

# HIGH-COUNTRY HIDDEN GEM

If you think you know Dillon and Silverthorne, think again.

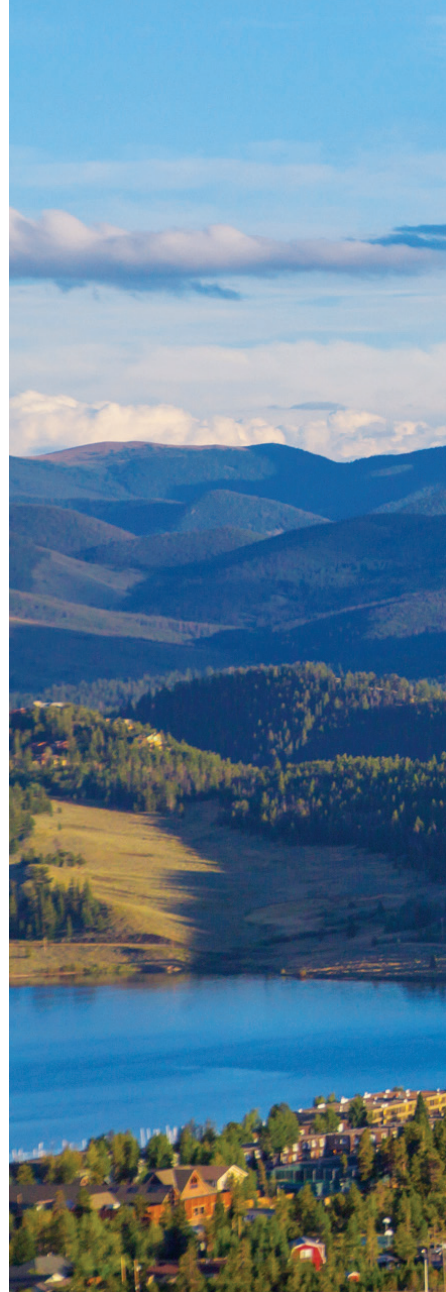
You've probably driven by, stopped to top off your tank or maybe even grabbed a quick bite in **Dillon** and **Silverthorne** — but the towns off Exit 205 on Colorado's Interstate 70 are worthy of so much more than a quick rest stop.

Exit 205's crown jewels — **Lake Dillon** and the **Blue River** — are just waiting to be explored on your next vacation. Stroll down to the **Dillon Marina** to embrace the beauty of the reservoir and the tranquility of the sailboats. Get out on the water with a sailboat tour; rent a boat, kayak or SUP or sample an obligatory rum runner at the **Lakeside Tiki Bar**.

Experience world-class fishing on the Blue River in Silverthorne. Not an expert angler? No problem — just visit one of the area's friendly fishing outfitters for guided trips, lessons and rentals. There are also hiking trails in Dillon and Silverthorne for all skill levels, any time of the year. Bond with your crew on local favorites, including Angler Mountain, Lily Pad Lake, Tenderfoot Trail or Willow Falls.

**Dillon Amphitheater** also celebrates a grand reopening after undergoing \$9 million in renovations. Situated on the banks of sapphire-blue Lake Dillon with epic views of the Ten Mile and Gore ranges, Dillon Amphitheater is one of Colorado's most beloved outdoor music venues. Improvements to the facility include a larger stage — allowing for a greater range of performances and improved sightlines — new permanent box office, concession stand, restrooms and better backstage facilities to support a musical line-up and season of free summer concerts as hot as our sunsets.

Under the timeless shadow of the Gore Range and alongside the Blue River, visitors can enjoy new experiences this summer at the **Silverthorne Performing Arts Center**. Offering a decidedly modern take on mountain-town culture, the center is home to the **Lake Dillon Theatre Company** and serves as the cultural center of Silverthorne. Don't miss their 2018 season, featuring classics like "Rock of Ages" and "The Underpants" and their ever-popular Cabaret Series.





CLOCKWISE FROM TOP LEFT: DILLON FARMERS MARKET; LAKE DILLON; ICE SKATING; KAVAKING; LAKE DILLON THEATRE COMPANY; FISHING. ALL PHOTOS COURTESY OF TOWN OF DILLON/SILVERTHORNE.

Inspired by the nationwide movement, Silverthorne has made the first Friday of every month a reason to get together, with events showcasing local artisans and interactive experiences at various locations throughout town. Art, food, music and other entertainment make it the perfect opportunity to hang with the locals.

From early June through mid-September, the famed **Dillon Farmers Market** is held every Friday from 9am to 2pm. Check out the freshest Colorado produce around, artisanal foods, handmade crafts, jewelry and hundreds of other vendors who come out to show off their goods. An expanded area with free kids' activities, weekly Yoga in the Park and live music adds to the fun.

Learn more at [TownofDillon.com](http://TownofDillon.com) and [Silverthorne.org](http://Silverthorne.org).

There's so much to do just minutes from the highway: Find yourself hiking on a quiet trail amid brilliant wildflowers, paddling a boat from the world's highest deep-water marina, shopping at incredibly scenic outlet villages, sampling brews from award-winning local craft breweries, fishing Gold Medal waters or simply relaxing in the fresh mountain air. There's plenty of winter joys, too, like skiing at five world-class resorts and snowshoeing in the moonlight.

Dillon and Silverthorne offer unique access to some of Colorado's most coveted assets: snow sunshine, mountains, waterways and activities off the beaten path. Come experience it all for yourself — we promise you won't regret it.

