



GHOST TOWN CLUB

OF COLORADO

Exploration, enjoyment, and preservation of historical sites

Event: Ghost Town Club of Colorado Annual Picnic

Dates: Sunday August 7th and Monday August 8th

Where: [Ghost Town of Rockdale](#)

Plan to arrive early!

We can arrive and begin setting up camp around 12:00 PM on Sunday, August 7th

August 7th - We will plan to eat around 3:00. This is the picnic dinner

Please bring a potluck dish to share with everyone. Also, bring your own table service, camp chairs, umbrellas, etc.

The GTC refreshment committee will provide bottled water, cold drinks, and coffee.

If you plan to stay overnight, we will have two unfurnished original Rockdale cabins, they have been restored and are weather tight. One of the cabins can sleep two, and the other four. Also, there is room to camp outdoors around the cabins, including places to pitch a tent, or park your vehicle or small camper. Remember to bring your sleeping things and sleeping bag! It will get chilly at night!

There is a contemporary outhouse at the site

There is no running water in the cabins or at the site

The next day, we will be required to have camp cleared at out by 12:00 noon.

Again, there is plenty to do, and plenty to see and we welcome you to check out as much of it as possible! Come to have FUN!

See page 2 for a list of activities to do in and around Rockdale, along with a writeup on the history of Rockdale.

See page 3 for step-by-step directions on how to get to Rockdale from Denver.

Activities in and around Rockdale include:

Ghost towns along County Road 390 (the road Rockdale is on)

Vicksburg – Ghost Town with seasonally occupied cabins. Complete main street, with original buildings and outdoor museum at the site. This museum is free, with interactive prerecorded histories at the site. Cemetery is across the stream

Beaver City – Ghost Town with 2 stabilized buildings at it

Winfield – Ghost Town, with seasonally occupied cabins. 2 restored buildings, dressed as an outdoor museum – including a school house. Cemetery has been restored and is less than one mile drive above the town site

Tazmania – Ghost Camp above Winfield, one mile hike above Winfield

Banker – Ghost Camp at the banker mine. 4x4 road 1 mile beyond Winfield. Banker includes several roofless buildings making a primary street, a mine office with a roof as last seen, and a semi collapsed boarding house with a surprise!

Hamilton – Ghost Town just beyond Banker. This has a few log foundations

Rockdale – Ghost Town, our camp site!

Clohesy - Ghost Town one-mile rough 4x4 to Clohey lake, limited foundations (just above Rockdale)

Fishing at the stream running through our site! Bring your rod and tackle!

Hiking around our site! Bring your walking stick!

We will have a few maps available at the picnic to use for referencing locations

History of Rockdale:

Rockdale was a silver camp first known as Silverdale in the early 1880's . It lies midway between Vicksburg and Winfield. In the 1890s the town name was changed to Rockdale and that was the name it maintained until it died. For a brief time, the mine was reopened by a group in the 1930s under the name of the Crescent mining operation. Today the remaining buildings have been stabilized and restored now being operated as a high-country overnight rental under the name *The Crescent Mining Camp* after its last breath efforts of the 1930s.

The GTC will call it Rockdale!

Directions from Denver via I-70 (2hr 12min, 124 miles):

I-70W toward Grand Junction – stay on for 65 miles

Take Exit 195 towards Leadville

Take highway C91 towards Leadville – (follow signs for Leadville) - stay on for 24 miles. Highway C91 ends just before reaching Leadville city limits, continue straight and follow signs for highway 24E. This will snake through Leadville, down the main drag.

Continue to follow signs for US-24E. (At the end of town this will bear to the right.)

Stay on US-24E. (for about 15 miles)

Turn right on to 390, (this is a dirt road; watch for a sign at end of road “*Clear creek reservoir, Vicksburg, Winfield*”). Travel about Nine miles on 390 until on the left side of the road will be a short turn off to the Ghost of Rockdale – look for GTC flag at the turn off. You can park along this turn off, or at the town site.

