



# GHOST TOWN CLUB

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**Field Trip Name:** A Snowshoe Trip to the Mystery Site at Mountain Pride

**Date of Trip:** 04/01/2023

**Time:** 10:00 a.m.- 4:00p.m.

**Leader:** Josh Robinson

**History:**

Much mystery remains around this remarkably well-preserved 1880s townsite, that never went beyond the log cabin stage...(likely). I suspect based on the dumps at the site it was not occupied very long. Today there are about ten buildings vertical in some way. The town has a beautiful, gridded street system with houses sitting in neat rows. The site essentially is an upper and lower street running parallel. Not only are the streets well preserved, but the buildings still march along them. The primary street dead ends directly into the side of the ruined Mountain Pride Mill. Scattered in the stream bed below are several ruined building foundations along with a very well-preserved story and a half livery stable. This building is truly remarkable and an excellent example of the building type. The dumps throughout the site are great, pointing to building uses which we will be able to identify. In the town site there are two buildings that have been rehabbed at some point in the recent past.... one behind the other.... I would guess by street people in the 1970's. These however are still original buildings and are counted in the four that still have roofs. Overall, this may be one of the best-preserved early log cabin type town sites I have experienced. A truly idyllic 1880's ghost resting quietly on a hillside high above Breckenridge.

**Description of the day:**

We will start off by meeting at the west end of the City Market parking lot in Breckenridge. We will go through the run of the day and from there reduce vehicles and caravan up the hill and park at the site of Larium. From there we will put on our snowshoes, explore Larium's ruins which include a ruined mill, a boarding house, a stabilized log house with roof, and several foundations. From there we will (likely) break snow roughly one mile to the mystery town site. We will arrive at the site and look at the ruins remaining, which are extensive. Josh will lead a talk focused on the Architecture and Archeology found at the site. Around noon we will break for lunch in one of the roofed buildings at the site. After lunch we will explore the mill site and the remaining ruins around it. Finally, we will finish the day at the incredibly well-preserved Livery Stable from where we will begin our decent back to civilization for dinner!

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### Itinerary:

10:00 a.m.: Meet at Breckenridge City Market, west end of the parking lot in the unpaved portion along the aspen trees.

Address: [400 North Parkway, Breckenridge, CO 80424](#)

Coordinates: [39.489687, -106.047776](#)

10:30 a.m.: Leave parking lot. Begin 2 mile drive up (hopefully) cleared roads to the ghost of Laurium.

10:45 a.m.: Arrive at Larium, put on snowshoes, and explore site. Talk led by Josh.

Coordinates: [39.461970, -106.003904](#)

11:15 a.m.: Begin 1 mile hike to the Mystery Site.

12:00 p.m.: Arrive at the Mystery site. Find roofed building and break for lunch.

Coordinates: [39.457609, -105.996755](#)

After lunch we will explore the Mystery site and the Mountain Pride Mill, talk led by Josh.

2:00 p.m.: Leave Mystery site and head back down into Breckenridge for dinner some place! Italian?

### Accessibility:

This will be a relatively steep trail for about half of it, the rest will be relatively easy. I would give this a snowshoe rating as a 3+. The ground is a natural setting with debris, and unmaintained roads and paths, hilly inclines. Not suitable for strollers or wheelchairs, or persons not in good physical health. Or difficulty walking.

### Items to Bring:

Packed lunch, snacks, water, snowshoes, hiking sticks, sunscreen, etc. Dress WARM!

### Cancellation:

Call Josh at 724-630-0631

**If you have any questions about the field trip, want to sign up or need to contact the leader day of the trip, don't hesitate to get in touch with Josh Robinson (information below).**

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