

A stylized landscape illustration. At the top, a large rainbow with red, orange, and yellow bands arches over the scene. Below the rainbow, the text "Fremont County" is written in a dark, bold, serif font, following the curve of the rainbow. The background consists of layered, jagged mountain ranges in shades of blue and teal. A suspension bridge with two tall white towers and yellow cables spans a deep canyon. The canyon walls are depicted in light tan and yellow tones. In the foreground, there are green hills with several dark green evergreen trees. A small figure of a person on a bicycle is visible on a ridge in the middle ground. The overall style is flat and graphic, with a warm, inviting color palette.

Fremont County

**Live,
Work,
Play.**

Fremont County is located along a 60 miles stretch of the Arkansas River in southern Colorado, just an hour from the Colorado Springs airport.

It's the gateway to outdoor adventure recreation opportunities that are unparalleled anywhere else in the state. Fremont County is also home for the world famous Royal Gorge, and the Royal Gorge Bridge and Park. Canon City is the county seat for Fremont County with that small town, rural feel, that makes it a great place to live and raise a family. It also has robust technology, agriculture, tourism, and wellness sectors, that makes it a wonderful place to start your business.

A low cost of living and modest real estate prices gives people a chance to truly transform their lifestyle, and now they can work where they want to live. The migration of people from the urban areas who can work virtually is well underway, and now more people than ever are transforming their lifestyle into a more fulfilling existence in rural Colorado.

The most significant resource we have in Fremont County is our people. We have the ability to rally people around a cause

and put their shoulder to the wheel, produce real results, and have that positive impact on our community. We have a ready and willing workforce that is diving into the restoration of our beautiful historic buildings, and growing our ecosystem of innovation sector businesses. We are getting real work done on behalf of our local economy.

Fremont County, Canon City, and Florence have merchants, small business owners, and public partners, who are putting in the effort and resources to revitalize these areas and bring them back to their point of greatness. We have a new generation of location neutral professionals and retirees who are adding their creativity and expertise to transform our part of rural America to its next chapter of prosperity and move our community objectives forward.



Rural Colorado is blessed to have a heritage of people with a “can do” spirit, people who believe that anything is possible with old fashioned hard work. Fremont County embodies everything that’s great about rural Colorado. It is an absolutely wonderful place to live, work, play, and raise a family. We’re committed to the task of improving the future for our children, our businesses, and for everyone who’s associated with our vibrant community. Most importantly we’re excited for our vision of a healthy and prosperous rural Colorado and building our shared future together.

Downtown

The importance of a vibrant downtown is paramount, and the downtown areas are a huge focus for all of the towns in Fremont County, whether you’re enjoying the food and antique stores of Florence, the Main Street Farmer’s Market in Cañon City or the amazing cideries in Penrose, you’ll find no end to the fun that can be had.

Small businesses and local amenities offer a wonderful taste of the art and culture of this unique area. With a local history of filmmaking, dinosaurs, and the wild west, the depth of exploration is waiting for you. It’s time to jump in!



Biking

Nestled at the base of the Wet and Sangre De Cristo Mountains, Fremont County covers a wide range of environments. From the Mars-like topography of Red Canyon, where the red sand and earth offer beautiful views and biking, to the breathtaking vistas around the rim of the Royal Gorge; there's something for all types of exploration. With over 60 miles of trails, Fremont County features a robust offering of unique biking and hiking through beautiful landscapes. Whether you're just getting started or ready to take on the black diamond trails sprinkled through our trail system, there's plenty to



explore and enjoy.

One of our greatest resources to hiking and biking in Fremont county is the wonderful organization of Fremont Adventure Recreation (FAR). FAR's mission is to promote a culture of community and healthy living through human-powered outdoor recreation in the Royal Gorge Region. Fremont County and the towns within are huge supporters of community initiatives and pushing forward what it means to have a "Live, Work, Play" home.



TechSTART
AgSTART
WellSTART

Sector Partnerships

Fremont County is part of a growing list of sector partnerships at the state level. These programs support various industries, and are led by businesses and supported by a host of public partners including education, workforce, economic development, regional/local government, and community non-profits.

So far, Fremont County has added sector partnerships in 3 key areas known locally as TechStart, AgStart, and HealthStart.

TechSTART

Past the gorgeous mountains, the whitewater rafting, and the adorable downtown, there's a strong tech community in Fremont County and the surrounding area.

Weekly tech meetups with our "Tech Night Out" highlight the vibrant community rallied around tech in rural areas. From businesses based in Denver expanding rural offices, to the tech worker enjoying the life of working remote from a location they enjoy, the possibilities are endless. You could be sipping a coffee while in a meeting next to the river or hitting the bike trails before your next call, either way you'll find solace in connecting with this beautiful community.

AgSTART

Modeled after our award winning TechStart program, AgStart creates profitable ventures at the intersection of agriculture and technology. Whether it's connecting farms to restaurants in our farm to table portal, coordinating conservation efforts, or supporting Ag-Tech startups as they search for the funding they need, AgStart is building a strong community of partners here in Fremont County.

Come enjoy our bustling farmers markets in Canon City, Florence, and Penrose. Taste our locally grown produce, and marvel at the drones and robotics Barn Owl Precision Agriculture is using to make farming more efficient. AgStart supports it all.

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Our wellness sector has brought together a wide variety of health focused organizations. From fitness professionals and behavioral health programs, to traditional medicine, this sector is focused on developing career pathways, recruitment, and retention in the wellness industry.

HealthStart works to educate our community about the opportunities available in health care, and supports credentialing efforts to help our workforce develop the qualifications needed to get started in the healthcare industry, and advance their long term careers.

From the restorative outdoor lifestyle, to the broad network of healthcare professionals, Fremont County holds health as a core value.