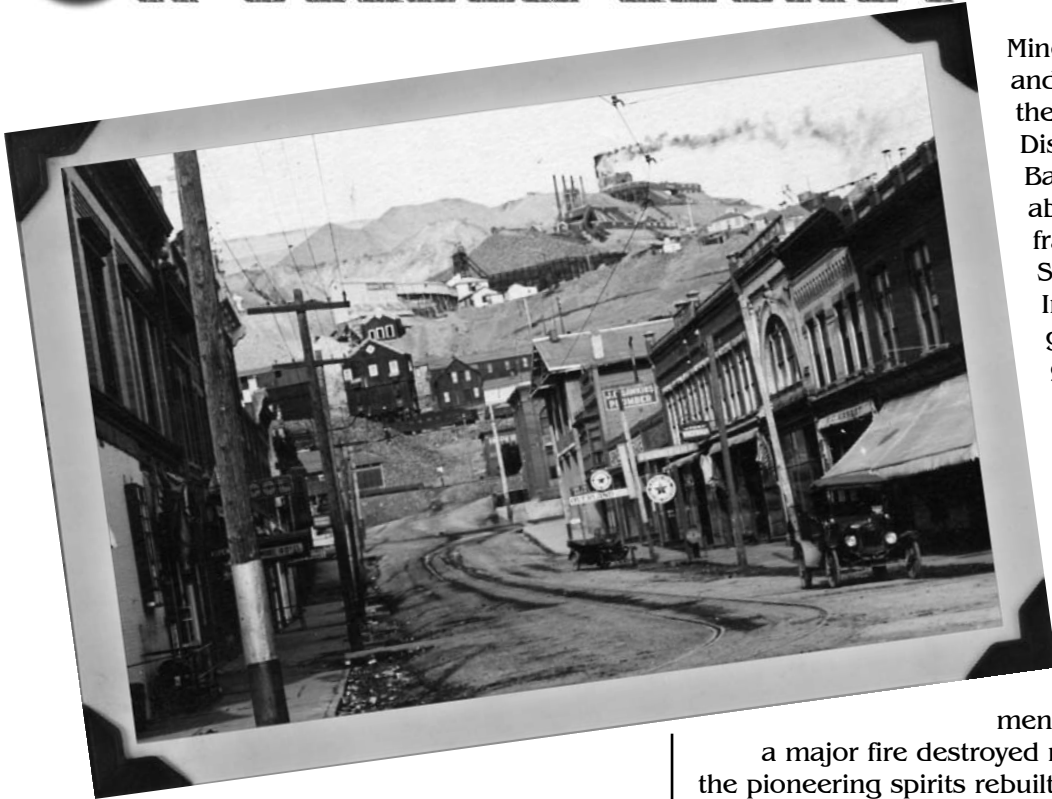


CITY OF MINES

A GOLDEN LEGACY



Mines because the largest and richest gold mines of the Cripple Creek Mining District were located on Battle Mountain just above Victor. Today headframes of the Ajax, Strong, Portland and Independence mines give Victor its historic gold mining character. Tours of the nearby modern mining operations are offered.

The streets of Victor were built with gold ore during the heyday of the 1890's gold rush and were filled with the sounds and excitement of gold fever. In 1899

a major fire destroyed most of the town, but the pioneering spirits rebuilt the city with brick in less than 6 months. Several of those 1899 brick buildings still line the historic streets.

Downtown walking tours offer a close-up look at the turn-of-the-century buildings. Be sure to stop in The Victor Trading & Manufacturing Works to see some old-fashioned broom- and tin-making.

Today the streets are lined with a wealth of history as 110-year-old buildings stand as legacy to the hustle and bustle of previous times. Today's Victor is quiet, a great mountain get-away along the Gold Belt National Scenic Byway, with over 300 days of sunshine each year.

For more information, visit victorcolorado.com.

VICTOR EVENTS CELEBRATE PAST

Every summer the celebration of Gold Rush Days in July honors the gold mining that made Victor famous. Gold Rush Days started in 1895 as the World Celebration and honored Victor C. Adams, for whom Victor is named.

July 17-19 the town will be alive with gold panning (for real gold), old-time mining competitions and a 9-mile mountain footrace.

During the event, vendors and visitors have the opportunity to experience Victor in much the same way it was during the gold rush.

One of the most popular events is the mining games hosted by the Cripple Creek & Victor Gold Mining Co. on Saturday in the Gold Bowl. Also on Saturday is the annual Home & Building Tour. For a full schedule, visit victorcolorado.com.

2009 Victor Events

✦ **May 23** - Opening of the Victor Lowell Thomas Museum; new exhibits. victorcolorado.com/museum.htm

✦ **May 30-31** - Gold Camp Hill Climb Auto Race. chcaracing.com

✦ **July 17, 18, 19** - Gold Rush Days victorcolorado.com

✦ **Sept. 5-7** - Victor Celebrates the Arts; ictorcelebratesthearts.com.

✦ **Sept. 12** - Victor Lowell Thomas Museum and Elks Miner's Dinner and Live Auction. victorcolorado.com

✦ **Oct. 22-23** - Gold Camp I Hill Climb chcaracing.com

✦ **Thanksgiving to New Years** - weekends, mines lighted for the holidays - driving tour. victorcolorado.com

VISIT VICTOR, COLORADO

At nearly 10,000 feet on the southwestern side of Pikes Peak, Victor, Colorado, is a quiet, historic mining town full of character and adventure. The 1890's gold mining town architecture, the clean air and friendly, small-town atmosphere offer a great escape. Tour the Victor Lowell Thomas Museum, visit antique and gift shops, hike through mining history, pan for gems and gold, and fish at nearby Skaguay Reservoir.

Victor's modern-day treasures are the results of its rich gold rush history. It was known as the City of

