

# SCENIC OVERLOOK

## FIND TOP-OF-THE-WORLD VIEWS

One of the most impressive views of the mining district, backdropped by the Continental Divide, is from atop the American Eagles Scenic Overlook. From the overlook, look down on the massive Cripple Creek & Victor Gold Mining Company (CC&V) surface operations. - watch equipment extract gold ore from the caldera of the extinct volcano that made this area rich with gold.

Explore the displays of 1890's mining equipment, a blacksmith shop and the American Eagles headframe, an authentic glimpse into gold mining history.

Catch a sunset over the Continental Divide or watch a rain storm pass along the western mountains.

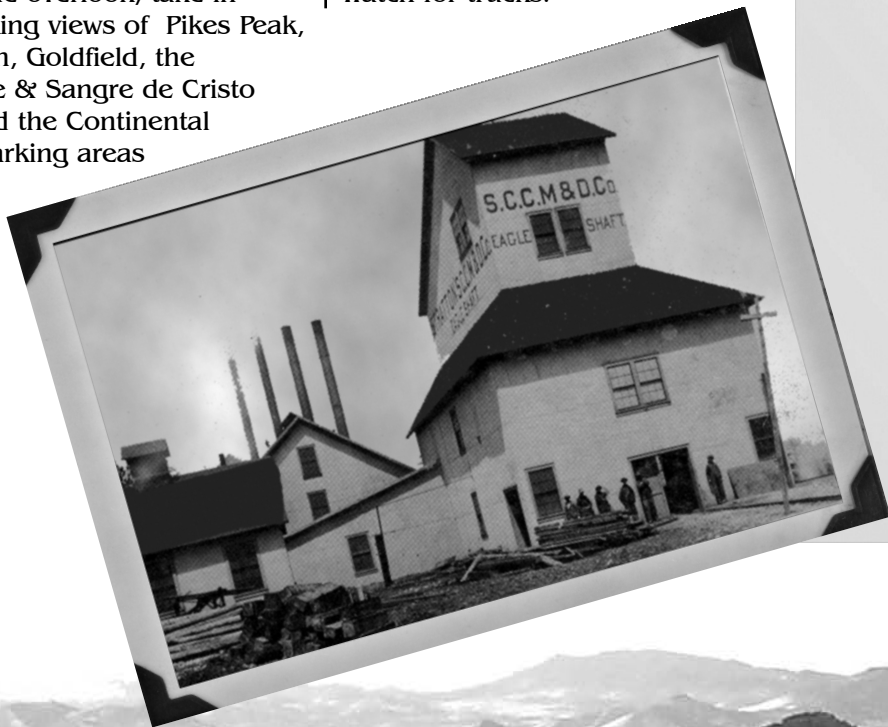
Winfield Scott Stratton bought the Eagles in 1895. The mine's shaft was the deepest in the district at over 1,540 feet and it is the highest mine in the district at 10,570 feet above sea level. A perfect overlook.

From the overlook, take in breathtaking views of Pikes Peak, Mt. Pisgah, Goldfield, the Collegiate & Sangre de Cristo range and the Continental Divide. Parking areas

exist below the main overlook area and handicap parking is available at the top.

Beginning in 2009 a new access road provides a different approach to the overlook. North of Victor at the intersection of County Rd. 81 and 831 on Bull Pass is where the new road starts. Redirected for expansion of the CC&V Gold Mining operations, the new road passes the Vindicator Mine and Trailhead enroute to the top (see map at right). Follow directions and signage diligently and marvel at the close-up view of giant haul trucks and equipment on the way up the mountain.

Bring warm clothing for your visit to the overlook, as a cool breeze often blows, even on warm summer days. During the winter holidays, the headframe has a lighted ornament of a snowman on its south-facing side. The road is open year-round as long as the snow is not too deep to accommodate vehicles. Watch for trucks!



### NEW ACCESS ROUTE TO AMERICAN EAGLES SCENIC OVERLOOK

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