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Pioneers Medical Center

# PMC's Patient Experience: Voted 5-Stars by *Becker's*

# Our Clinic Providers

### **Our Executive Team**



Liz Sellers, CEO



Amy Peck, CNO



Lionel Montoya, CFO

Pioneers Medical Center (PMC) was recently listed as one of the best hospitals for patient experience in the Western US. The list, compiled by the prestigious Becker's Hospital Review, includes 27 facilities in Arizona, California, Colorado, Idaho, Montana, New Mexico, Oregon, Utah, Washington, and Wyoming. "We're honored to be included in this list," said Liz Sellers, CEO at PMC. "We're driven by our purpose, which is to provide high quality, individualized care. Part of that care is providing an exceptional patient experience during every stage of treatment. Our entire staff goes above and beyond to ensure each patient receives the best possible experience. It's extremely rewarding to see these efforts recognized by a prestigious publication such as Becker's."

Becker's list of top 27 hospitals was compiled using the Hospital Consumer Assessment of Healthcare Providers and Systems (HCAHPS) scores provided by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS). The HCAHPS creates a summary containing the average star ratings of IO separate metrics related to patient experience.

Every facility included in Beckers list received a five-star patient experience summary rating. Pioneers Medical Center was one of only six facilities in the entire state of Colorado and the only Critical Access Hospital (CAH) in the state to be included on this list. CAO and PMC patient, Steve H. echoes the CMS HCAHPS scores. "I will always be indebted to Dr. Kevin Borchard, his staff, and the incredible operating room team at Colorado Advanced Orthopedics at Pioneers Medical Center. Not only am I extremely grateful for the quality care I received, but I feel like I have made life-long friends. Thank you to everyone for making me feel better and who made coming to the doctor's office, dare I say ... fun!"

Recently, PMC's Meeker Family Health Center began a 4,200 sq. ft. expansion project which will include more patient rooms, office space, and storage with an anticipated completion date of November 2022. "We are excited to begin this expansion project and are encouraged by the growth of our Meeker Family Health Center and Colorado Advanced Orthopedics clinics," said Liz Sellers. According to internal patient data, Meeker Family Health Center saw patient volumes increase 5% from 2020 to 2021.

What can make things even better? You.





Kellie Turner, MD Family Practice



Albert Krueger, MD **Family Practice** 

**Rosaly Coombs, RN-CFNP** Nurse Practitioner



Starla Secrest, PA-C Physician Assistant

Together, our Meeker Family Health Center, Colorado Advanced Orthopedics, and visiting specialist providers deliver exceptional, compassionate care to our patients. From an annual check up to diabetic management, our team of providers is equipped to provide quaility and holstic care.

**Travis Anderson, MD Family Practice** 





**Caroline Dorman, MD Family Practice** 



**Andrea Hazelton, FNP-C Nurse Practitioner** 



Heather Babcock, PA.-C **Family Practice** 

# Our Orthopedic Providers

# **Our Anesthesiology Team** and Visiting Providers



Kevin Borchard, MD Orthopedic Surgeon



Mark Purnell, MD Orthopedic Surgeon



Terri Jourgensen, RN Orthopedic Clinic Director



Justin Grant, DO Sports Medicine Physician



J. Alex Sielatycki, MD Spine Surgeon



Brad Nace, PA-C **Physician Assistant** 



Gregg G. Martyak, MD Orthopedic Surgeon



Dan Ward, MD Orthopedic Surgeon



Joshua Peters, PA-C Physician Assistant





Ryan C. Nau, CRNA Nurse Anesthetist

**Russell Stagg, CRNA** Nurse Anesthetist



**Jim Hanosh, MD, FACS** Visiting General Surgeon





Caleb Van Essen, MD Visiting General Surgeon



Frank Laws, MD Visiting Cardiologist



William Trouskie, CRNA Nurse Anesthetist



**Darren Nisly, DO** Visiting General Surgeon



Chris Wibbelsman, MD, FACS Visiting General Surgeon

# **About Pioneers Medical** Center

As an organization, we've developed four, fundamental principles that we operate on every day.

We care about our patients, we **strive** to continuously improve our quality of care, we **lead** and raise the bar for care in Western Colorado, and we win together, so that no patient is left behind.

Located in the beautiful intersection between the sandy deserts of Dinosaur, CO and the dense forests of the White River National Forest, Pioneers Medical Center is a community-based healthcare facility dedicated to offering a wide range of competitive and strategic benefits that support all aspects of life and wellbeing in Western Colorado. We focus on building lifelong partnerships with our patients to empower them to achieve optimal health. We've been serving patients nearby and from afar since 1950, and we plan to continue to do so.

Today, Pioneers Medical Center is licensed through the Colorado State Department of Health and is both Medicare and Medicaid certified. Healthcare has become central to our community, and PMC serves as the anchor providing those important and necessary services.

Pioneers Medical Center began its journey in 1947 when Freeman Fairfield approached the Rio Blanco County Commissioners about establishing a hospital for the Meeker community.

Mr. Fairfield contributed \$175,000 of his own money to the project. His commitment and financial support have enabled Meeker and area

residents to benefit from exceptional quality healthcare services to this day. The hospital opened in 1950 and has served our Community ever since. While we may have moved from the original building Freeman Fairfield sponsored, the mission and purpose of PMC lives on as we continue to expand the services we provide to the community.





# Overview of Our Benefits

Do you have questions or concerns regarding our benefits? Contact our HR team. and we'll do our best to get back to you with an answer.

**Pioneers Medical Center HR Team** human.resources@pioneershospital.org +1 (970) 878-9770

Logan Young, HUB Insurance Broker logan.young@hubinternational.com +1 (615) 687-2879

We pride ourselves at Pioneers by our broad, comprehensive, and unique array of benefits that our employees are able to continually enjoy and capitalize on. We believe that excellent patient care comes from employees that are best taken care of.

Our standard benefits package is available for all benefit-eligible employees, including one of two medical plans, dental and vision coverage, life and AD&D insurance, exceptional retirement matching, unparalleled time off, and access to a warm, growing, and fostering community of leaders and healthcare professionals that support one another.

At Pioneers, we're committed to a diverse and inclusive workforce. We invite you to join our team and support our mission of providing excellent care.

In addition to our medical and health benefits, Pioneers also recognizes the importance of mental and physical health, especially now. That's why we offer three counseling sessions at no cost through our Employee Assistance Program (EAP) for you and your dependents. Our EAP also provides you with access to financial counseling, legal help, and crisis communications so that you always have a shoulder to lean on.

Our employees also benefit from access to our gym and gym equipment as well as regular yoga and wellness programs to promote wellbeing year-round.

# **Medical Plans** and Coverage

never alone in the process.

Both our medical plans are offered through United Medical Resources (UMR), a United Healthcare company utilizing the UHC Choice Plus network of providers.



### HDHP (High Deductible, High Premium) Plan

> Lower monthly premiums but greater out-of-pocket expenses when medical care is needed.

> Access to an HSA account and card to allocate money pre-tax for health spending purposes.

> Coinsurance on physican and regular visits rather than a copay.\*

> Preventative care covered 100%.

Are you an employee seeking more detailed information about our medical plans for the 2022 plan year? Reference your "2022 Benefit Enrollment Overview" copy of the packet and enrollment materials.

### We offer two medical plans, both affordable and flexible to your individual needs. We're here to help you decide which plan is best for you and your family, so you're



# Which health plan should | choose?

# Understanding coverage tiers in our health plans

### Deductibles

Both the PPO and HDHP plans have the same affordable deductibles of \$3,000 for individuals and \$6,000 for families (when in the UHC Network).

### Out of Pocket Maximums

Both the PPO and HDHP plans have the same out of pocket maximums of \$6,000 for individuals and \$11,000 for families (when in the UHC Network), including what you've paid into your deductible already.

### Physician Office Visit

The HDHP plan does not have copays, so you will have to incur the cost of the visit until your deductible is met.

### **Outpatient Mental Health Services**

The HDHP plan does not provide copays for outpatient mental health services.

### Health Savings Accounts (HSA)

HDHP plans are eligible for an HSA plan rather than a FSA plan.

### Premiums (per pay period)

Emplovee: \$49,15 Family: \$136.30

Employee + Spouse: \$107.08 Employee + Children: \$98.97

### Physician Office Visits

There is a \$50 copay for all office visits when seeing a provider in the UHC Network.

### **Outpatient Mental Health Services**

There is a \$50 copay for all outpatient mental health visits in the UHC Network.

### Flexible Spending Accounts (FSA)

PPO plans are eligible for an FSA plan rather than a HSA plan.

### Premiums (per pay period)

Emplovee: \$78.35 Family: \$217.26

Employee + Spouse: \$170.69 Employee + Children: \$157.76



We typically reccommend the HDHP plan to individuals seeking coverage for just themselves, those that don't anticipate seeking care much during the year, or those that would like access to an HSA to cover other medical and healthcare costs, such as dental.

The PPO is our best "catch-all" plan and may be the plan you're most used to hearing about. The PPO provides copays to help defray costs at visits. We also reccommend the PPO plan for those with chronic conditions, medications, or those anticipating surgery and major care.

### Care in the **Pioneers Medical Center Network**

\$1,500 Individual Deductible \$3,000 Family Deductible

When opting to receive care at Pioneers

\$1,500 individual deductible and a 90%

Medical Center, you enjoy a small

coinsurane, regardless of your plan

choice.

Tier 1

### Care in the nationwide UHC Network

hospitals.

Tier 2

When seeking care within the network, whether at a different facility or specialty care, your care falls under a \$3,000 individual deductible category with a 80% coinsurance rater after you meet vour deductible.

\$3.000 Individual Deductible \$6,000 Family Deductible

### Care outside of the **UHC Network**

\$10,000 Individual Deductible \$20,000 Family Deductible

You'll still have coverage through our plans if you decide to go out of the network for care. However, you can save money if you receive care from a provider or professional within the UHC Choice Plus network, as out-of-networ providers will likely charge you more for services than our own providers do.

Additionally, when opting to receive care out of the network, you're subject to a \$10,000 individual deductible and a \$11,000 out of pocket maximum. If you meet this deductible out of network, you'll then be subject to a 60% coinsurance rate. Note that copays in the PPO plan do not apply to providers that are not in the network, as well as prescriptions from outside providers.

The UHC Choice Plus network provides vou with in-network access to over 895,000 physicians and health care professionals at over 5,600 facilities and

Tier 3

# **Dental and Vision Benefits**

# Supplemental Health **Protection Plans**

Both our dental and vision plans are managed through Guardian Insurance and are available for next-to-nothing with top-notch coverage. Our dental plan is operated under the Guardian Dental PPO plan, providing you with access to excellent in-network, nationwide coverage. Additionally, our vision plan utilizes the VSP Choice Plus network, also providing nationwide access to optometrists.



Our vision plan boasts a small \$20 copay for exams and materials as well as annual for lenses to match any prescription changes you may encounter. A \$130 biannual credit is available to use toward frames, and save up to 80% on any additional extras. With a nationwide network of optometrists and retail locations, such as Visionworks, you won't have to fret about finding an in-network provider again.



As a Pioneers employee, you'll have access to additional health protection plans to supplement your existing coverage. Although both our medical plans offer broad and comprehensive coverage, some employees may still incur out-of-pocket expenses for certain types of care. There may also be additional expenses that could be non-medical, such as lodging or travel costs related to critical illness care. Our employees are eligible for our Accident Insurance and Critical Illness Insurance. Both plans are operated by Guardian. With our supplemental health plans, payments are made directly to you, not your physician, so you can choose best what to allocate funds to in times of need.



### **Critical Illness Insurance**

> Choose a lump sum amount of \$5,000, \$10,000, \$15,000, or \$20,000.

> Plan cost varies on employee's age and elective coverage for family members, such as spouse and children.

>100% of lump sum is paid out after the first occurance of most illnesses.

### Dental



With the Guardian PPO plan, you can visit any dentist, but you save money when you utilize a provider that is within the network.

Premiums for the dental plan are affordable, with the employee plan starting at \$3.38 per pay period.

> \$8.42 | Employee + Spouse \$11.25 | Employee + Children \$16.62 | Employee + Family



# Financial Security and Wellness

## Temporary Disability Insurance

\* After the age of 65, Guardian's life insurance policies reduce the guarantee benefit to \$50,000 at age 65 and \$10,000 at age 70+. Employer benefits shouldn't just stop at health benefits, and we made sure that ours didn't. In addition to employee health and wellbeing, we offer affordable and flexible financial benefits to provide an extra hand if ever needed. Our Employee Assistance Program (EAP) provides free financial coaching and assistance to employees that would like to use it. Our available financial security benefits include life and accidental death & dismemberment (AD&D) insurance, temporary disability insurance, access to sponsored HSA's and FSA's, competitive retirement savings and matching, and exceptional time off policies.

As a hospital, we always prepare for the unexpected, so we provide all of our employees a \$25,000 life insurance benefit at no cost to them. However, we do provide the opportunity to purchase additional, voluntary coverage at an additional, low cost.



### Short-term Disability

> Short-term Disability insurance is designed to replace only a portion of your income for a short period of time.

> After a 15-day elimination period, Short-term Disability pays you up to 11 weeks of you temporary disability.

> In the event, for example, that you were unable to work due to a broken leg for ten weeks, Short-term Disability would pay you a percentage of your income for nine of those weeks.

### Voluntary Life and AD&D Insurance

Everybody's life insurance needs are different, but that's why we hope our life insurance plan offers you and your loved ones peace of mind in case you were to pass away. Life insurance is more than just covering expenses; it's a safety net. If you don't want to elect additional coverage, no need to worry. Our \$25,000 is still there for you if you need it.

### Coverage that works for you.



Accidents happen. It's difficult, if not impossible, to predict when and if you could become termporarily disabled or are unable to work. Temporary disability insurance plans are designed to supplement your income while you're away from PMC.

### Bridge the gap & invest in your wellbeing.

### Long-term Disability

> Long-term Disability insurance is designed to replace a portion of your income while you're disabled for a period longer than what Short-term disability covers.

> After a 91-day elimination period, Long-term Disability pays you, at most, until your Normal Retirement Age (usually 65) if you're unable to work.

> In the case that you were to pass away while disabled, three months of benefits are paid to your family after your death.

# HSA's and FSA's: What's the difference?

### Portability and Ownership

You can take your HSA with you if you decide to leave PMC. Plus, you have full ownership over your account.

### **Contribution Limits**

Individual: \$3,450 annual contribution limit Family: \$6,900 annual contribution limit

### Structure: a "bank" account

Your HSA is set up much like a typical checking account. You can only spend what you have in your account.

### Funding your HSA

PMC gives all employees \$200 at the beginning of the year in their HSA's. After that, you can choose how much you would like to contribute to your HSA on a pay-by-pay basis.

### Changes and Rollovers

HSA's are not bound to open enrollment rules for making changes. You can change and adjust your contribution amounts at any time in the year. There are also no limitations on rolling over funds into the next year, and your fund don't expire.

### Portability and Ownership

FSA's are owned by the employer, so if you decide you leave PMC, you lose your FSA account.

### **Contribution Limits**

Individual: \$2,650 annual contribution limit Family: \$5,300 annual contribution limit

### Structure: a "pool" of funds

FSA's are different in that you have the ability to access the full amount you select at any time in the year, provided that you continue to make payments to match that amount by the end of the year. For example, if you have selected an annual amount of \$1,000, and suddenly have a \$1,250 medical bill mid-year, you can use all \$1,000 to apply toward your bill.

### Paying into your FSA

Since your total funds are available at the beginning of the year, your monthly contribution amount is fixed.

### Changes and Rollovers

FSA's are bound to open enrollment rules, meaning you can only make changes in open enrollment or in a qualifying event. FSA's also have rollover rules and funds expire at the end of the year.



Remember that you can only have either an HSA or an FSA account, and that you're only eligible to enroll in an HSA account if you are also enrolled in an HDHP health plan. Other qualifications apply, such as required ineligibility for medicare and an independent filing status.

# FSA

Although an FSA may be less flexible in terms of functionality and usage, it can be especially great to have in the case of an expensive medical bill that occurs halfway throughout the year. In these cases, your FSA can help minimize the financial impact on you and your family by "breaking it up" into manageble payments.

# Navigating an HSA Account

### Where does the money come from?

If you enroll in an HDHP plan and subsequently enroll in an HSA, you'll receive a debit card from Discovery Bank, our HSA account manager. You'll have \$200 right off the bat, and after that, any money you contribute from your paychecks will be available to use on your card throughout the year. If you expect more cash flow one month, you can always contribute more to your account for just that month, or if you decide you want to skip contributions for a month, you can do that too. HSA's are flexible and easy to navigate.

### When can I use the funds?

Funds in your HSA are available on the same basis as your checking account funds would be. You can only spend what you in your account.

### Where or for what can I use the money?

You can use your HSA funds on any qualifying medical, dental, or vision expense for you and your dependents. From glasses to ibuprofen to insulin, your HSA can reimburse you for more than you may think it can. However, it's always a good practice to keep your receipts and to double check your shopping list's eligibility before you make a run to the drug store for supplies. As of 2020, menstrual care products are reimbursable and over-the-counter drugs no longer require a prescription to be reimbursable.



# **Retirement and Life Beyond Pioneers**

# Time Off and Away from Pioneers

Our retirement plans are administered by the Colorado Retirement Association (CRA). CRA is managed by Empower Retirement, a trustworthy and national retirement firm. Empower is the second-largest retirement provider in the United States, with over 12 million participants.

While we value the hard work and effort of our employees when they're at Pioneers, we also recognize the value of time away from work to relax, adventure, and explore all that Western Colorado has to offer. Pioneers offers paid time off at a competitive accural rate.



Year Twenty-One and Beyond

...and our time together continues.

After a career with us, you'll accrue at a 16% rate.

# Education and Outreach: Beyond Pioneers



# PMC

Many of our departments have developed individualized and targeted training methods and plans to better improve workflows and efficiency in their own spaces. Many of these education opportunities include asynchronous work, synchronous lectures and hands-on training, and comprehensive training and learning conferences and events.

# Training and Continuing Education

Pioneers acknowledges the power and potential in providing excellent care through a holistic, comprehensive, and collaborative care model. We achieve our goals by providing our employees with multidisciplinary training opportunities and promoting continuous, evidence-based education.

Because Pioneers believes that formal education has a positive impact on an employee's contributions to our community, we support self-development and educational efforts by providing reimbursement for many of the expenses associated with continuing education and CE courses. This is in conjunction with our own internal annual and continuing education programming to ensure that our staff are always up-to-date and prepared for what could happen next.

Certifications and licensure are a critical part of care-giving, so we strive to facilitate recertification and relicensure as best we can



healthcare.

**Health Programs** 

# The Pioneers Healthcare Foundation

A building's foundation is constructed over time, piece by piece. The same is true with a charitable organization. Community members have helped lay the groundwork for the Pioneers Healthcare Foundation to achieve our goals. Over time, individual donations from the members of our community have helped us amass the money necessary to fund important healthcare services that Pioneers Medical Center provides to the White River Valley community.

### **Scholarships for Employees**

At PMC, we strongly believe in the strength and power of education and continuing education. That's why we make scholarships and tuition reimbursement available for all of our employees.

Annually, the Pioneers Healthcare Foundation operates a round of scholarship applications and giving that our employees are eligible for if they choose to seek a medical or non-clinical health degree. From undergraduate degrees in nursing or respiratory therapy to post-graduate work in nursing, pharmacology, and even medicine, we value the time and effort our employees put into bettering themselves to better serve our community.

# Educating those of the future: CNA's

### About the CNA Program at PMC

At the front line of our hospital and long-term care facilities are our patient care technicians and certified nursing aides, both of which are critical to operating an efficient and effective standard of care. Our CNA program is designed to recruit employees, local students, and area residents and educate them so that they can sit for a qualifying board exam to become a certified nursing aid in the State of Colorado.

We believe that education should be accessible, which is why we provide the program at no cost to those interested in working with us after their obtain their certification and for a low, affordable cost for other students that are interested in joining the medical field.





**Students** per Session



Provides assistance to low income residents for important cancer screenings.

**Cancer Screening** 

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### **Meals on Wheels**

Provides low income residents with five meals a week. Taught by our nursing educator and experienced nursing staff, the program is fast-paced and rigorous but achievable and rewarding. The 104-hour course is taught in a span of only a few weeks and includes clinical hours on the floor, exam time, and hands-on practice of nursing aide skills and abilities.

# Careers and Your Future at PMC

Pioneers Medical Center is dedicated to supporting and helping our employees succeed in their respective fields. From those new to the medical profession to those that are looking to try new things.

### **Explore and grow at PMC**

### **Certified Nursing Asssistants (CNA)**

CNA's are a critical component to the care of patients in the Emergency Department, Medical/Surgical Department, and our Walbridge Wing Long-term Care Facility. PMC has partnered with Colorado Northwestern Community College and Colorado Mountain College to produce a robust program that will gear CNA's up for success once they begin patient care. PMC offers assistance in paying for your CNA license for those committed to providing high quality care at PMC.

### **Medical Assistants (MA)**

MA's are an integral part of the patient care experience in clinical settings. MA's work by side-by-side with our providers providing assitance with procedures, vital signs, immunizations, and so on in our clinic. PMC is committed to the success of MA's by offering assistance to those interested in pursing certification for those that also commit to our standards of care here at PMC.

### **New Grad Nurses**

PMC is committed to ensuring that new nurses are successful. We've partnered with the Colorado Center for Nursing Excellence to provide new grads with support from other new grads from across the nation. Our preceptorship program provides new nurses with the support and guidance to ease the transition from student to nurse.

### **Preceptors**

We believe in the power of knowledge and experience, and that's no exception when it comes to our preceptor program. Nurses that have been working for over two years are eligible to receive formal preceptor training through the Colorado Center for Nursing Excellence to help teach the next generation of incredible nursing staff.

### **Nurses in the Emergency Department**

Our Emergency Department Nurses are critical to our facility's mission. We've partnered with the Emergency Nurse Association to assist both novice and advanced ED nurses to grow and develop their knowledge and skills.





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### About Meeker and Western Colorado



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### **Finding Us**

Meeker is located approximately 3 hours and 45 minutes west of Denver, Colorado and about 4 hours and 45 minutes east of Salt Lake City, Utah. Grand Junction, Colorado, the nearest metropolitan area, is about an hour and 40 minutes southwest of Meeker.

The closest airports to Meeker are the Yampa Valley Regional Airport (HDN), the Grand Junction Regional Airport (GJT), and the Denver International Airport (DEN).

A short drive away, towns including Grand Junction, Glenwood, and Steamboat Springs, offer big city amenities as well as world-class skiing. Grand Junction showcases Colorado Mesa University and everything that comes with a college community; Glenwood includes the Glenwood

## About Meeker

Meeker is a small mountain town located on the famous White River just below the Flat Tops Wilderness Area. Positioned in the Northwestern Corner of Colorado, Meeker offers access to an extensive amount of land managed by the Bureau of Land Management, State of Colorado, and Federal Forest Service. Meeker's public land gives rise to unparalleled hiking, biking, snowmobiling, and motorized vehicle trails. Endless fishing, hunting, and camping along with fun in sun at Meeker's streams, lakes, reservoirs and the White River, are what distinguish this small town as such a desirable destination. Events like Meeker Range Call, the Sheep Dog Trials Championship, Skijoring, Summer Rodeo Series, and the Rineheart Archery Tour ensure year round entertainment for all ages.

> **Caverns Amusement Park and** several hot springs; Steamboat offers a variety of charming shops and food, and so much more. Meeker, located 225 miles west of Denver is the perfect place to experience the wilderness and be part of a caring community.

# Places to See and Visit Near Meeker

Fun in the northwestern corner of the state doesn't have to end at Meeker's town limits. With the White River flowing along the south of the town, cities and towns in all directions, and public lands and parks in and outside of the town, the Meeker area is guaranteed not to limit the activities and experiences you can have here.



View of Meeker from the southwest corner of town.

### Scenic Byways

Colorado's 26 scenic byways offer roadtrippers an opportunity to gasp in awe at Colorado's rich and colorful landscapes. Easy access to one of those scenic byways is just East of Meeker. The Flat Tops Trail connects connects Meeker directly to the town of Yampa and is about 80 miles long, but allow yourself three to five hours to take it slow, stop and look, and perhaps even take a quick walk or hike on the many trails off the road. Just West of Meeker is easy access onto Dinosaur Diamond, a 134 mile byway stretching from Dinosaur southward to Fruita.



### Meadow Lake

Meadow Lake is located about 40 miles southeast of Meeker, Colorado in the valley between Burro Mountain and Blair Mountain. The area around the lake houses the Meadow Lake Campground and the Meadow Ridge Campground, both providing an excellent view of the water. The picnic area at the lake features picnic tables, fire rings, a dock, and boat launch. The campgrounds and the lake are accessible via car from late spring to late fall, and they make for a great basecamp for OHV riding, hiking, hunting, and fishing activities.



### White River Museum

A small, yet packed and feature filled, museum, the White River Museum is housed in two officer's quarters left behind by the U.S. Army in the late 19th century, following the Meeker Incident. The museum itself showcases local artifacts dating back to the mid-19th century up until mid-20th century. From weaponry used in the infamous Meeker bank robbery of 1896 to a two-headed calf from 1934, the White River Museum is a must-see for a dose of the what the Wild West has had to offer.



### **Dinosaur National Monument**

Former home to dinosaurs, Dinosaur National National Monument now showcases their phenomenal fossils against a gorgeous, rocky landscape. Take a hike, camp, see petroglyphs, or try river rafting; Dinosaur's vast size and history offers a niche for every explorer. Pay a visit to the Quarry Exhibit Hall to see the thousands of dinosaur bones resting in a massive, rock wall. Dinosaur National Monument earned the International Dark Sky Park designation in 2019, promising exceptional views of the stars and the Milky Way at night.



**Rifle Falls & Rifle Gap** An incredibly popular state park, Rifle Falls is rich in green and flourishing vegetation amidst a series of spectaular water falls. The waterfalls serve as curtains to mysterious caves and rock formations beneath for those brave enough to crawl in. The area is great for both a brief lunch picnic or an entire day walking and exploring.



### **Colorado National Monument**

Meadow Lake is located about 40 miles southeast of Meeker, Colorado in the valley between Burro Mountain and Blair Mountain. The area around the lake houses the Meadow Lake Campground and the Meadow Ridge Campground, both providing an excellent view of the water. The picnic area at the lake features picnic tables, fire rings, a dock, and boat launch. The campgrounds and the lake are accessible via car from late spring to late fall, and they make for a great basecamp for OHV riding, hiking, hunting, and fishing activities.



### **Trappers Lake**

One of the most iconic lakes in the area, Trappers Lake sits in a valley guarded by 10,000 foot peaks, the famous Ampitheatre Peak, and astonishing greenery. Known as the "Cradle of the Wilderness," Trappers Lake was protected in the early 20th century from vast development, leaving it largely untouched from the forces of man since. Visit for a day trip out in the backcountry or a holiday weekend camping with your family and hike, fish, and picnic.



### The TANK

Featured in news publciations across the country, the Tank Center for Sonic Arts is any audiophiles dream. The center is housed in a refurbished, seven-story water tank that was moved to Rangely, CO in the mid-20th century. It's acoustic profile can hold a sound for as long as 40 seconds, creating a dreamy, lucid experience that's sure to send chills down your spine. The TANK holds an annual series of concerts and music, as well as providing residency opporunties to artists that want to transform their music. Learn more about the TANK at tanksounds.org.



### Black Canyon & Gunnison National Park

Formed over two million years, the Black Canyon of Gunnion National Park is a sculptural phenomenon highlighting Colorado's geological history. Hike in and around the canyon, go on a scenic drive, fish, or even scale the walls of the canyon. Gunnion National Park is also an International Dark Sky Park, so camping and over-night expeditions will truly be a thrilling experience. In the winter, visit the area for cross country skiing.



### **Meeker's Historic Downtown**

Founded in 1885, Meeker became the first permanent town in the northwestern corner of the state. Being over 130 years old, the town is packed with buildings and landmarks almost as old as it is. The Meeker Historic District encompasses the downtown area from 4th street to 8th street with 32 historic buildings, many of which are still in use today. The earliest contructed buildings in the district are from 1880 and are prime examples of the U.S. Army's "piece-sur-piece" log construction in the 19th century. Two of those buildings are the White River Museum.



### White River National Forest

The White River National Forest is the most visited national forest in the United States, with over 2,500 miles of trails, eight wildernes areas, and over 2.3 million acres of land coverage. The forest houses many of the most recognizable landmarks in the area, including Trapper's Lake and Meadow Lake.



# **Exploring Meeker and** Western Colorado

Shower in sunshine in Colorado's 300 days of sunshine or gaze in awe at the stars at one of the state's International Dark Sky Places designated parks, monuments, or cities. Night or day, Colorado has an experience for anybody, whether you're an avid Geocacher or a spa-junkie.

Western Colorado's terrific blend of landscapes and communities dazzle the eyes of visitors, tourists, and locals alike. Vibrant cultures and celebrations sprinkle our calendars with continuous, annual festivities to step-back and disconnect.

From remarkable, shapeshifting desertscapes to crisp, marine blue, highcountry lakes, Meeker and the surrounding nature is a cradle for indulgent, unique experiences.

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### Steamboat Springs, Colorado









# Casual Weekends & Day Trips

### Soak and Dine

Being an active center for volcanic activity, the Rocky Mountains spur surface level hot springs that offer a one-of-a-kind therapeautic experience. Iron Mountain Hot Springs in Glenwood Springs makes an excellent apres-ski or post-dinner location to relax and soak in the mineral water from deep below the surface. The Glenwood Downtown offers a broad selection of quality cuisine within walking distance of the hot springs. Another popular option is to head north to Steamboat Springs for their Strawberry Park Hot Springs, featuring a broad array of private mineral pools. Famous for top-notch entertainment for skiiers, the Steamboat Downtown makes for a must-visit at any time of the year for its dining, river wading, and festivities.

### **Stay and Explore**

With some of the tallest mountains in the country, the Rocky Mountains are absolutely at the center of our Meeker pride. Spend a weekend gazing out over Trapper's Lake at the Trapper's Lake lodge in a one-of-a-kind, off-the-grid cabin experience with access to exceptional mountain restaurant.

Feel like staying closer to town? Book a night or two in a tiny house at the Trail & Hitch Tiny Home Hotel. Lounge outside with a beer from Meeker's own Smoking River Brewing Co. and watch a spectacular Colorado sunset.

Other day trip destinations are the Glenwood Caverns Adventure park in Glenwood Springs or ride a carriage through Palisade's wine country.

Peach Orchards in Palisade, CO





### Downtown Glenwood Springs, Colorado





# A Taste of Rugged Colorado

### **Top Notch Switchbacks**

Hiking is a staple sport in Colorado, with over 300,000 people alone hiking a 14er every year. The Meeker area doesn't lack in its selection of quality hiking either. Our proximity to the mountains guarantees easy access to trails at the Big and Little Marvine Peaks, Buford Peak, and Fowler Peak. In fact, you dont even have to leave town for a hike. The adjacent trail system in Meeker provides park-side access to 11-miles of bike and pedestrian rails for a quick evening of tricks or trail running.

Colorado's most iconic hikes aren't too far either. Maroon Bells is only a 2 and a half hour drive south and can make for a stunning weekend trip in Aspen and a strenuous, but thrilling, hike between Crested Butte and Aspen.

### Devil's Causeway near Trappers Lake







### **Getting Wet**

While we may be far from the beaches of California, Colorado offers a vast array of waterside activities that can pump your adrenalline. Whitewater rafting and tubing are popular summertime activites in both the Yampa River and in the Colorado River. Guided tours are available in Glenwood Springs for an immersive tour of the Glenwood Canyon, via river!

For a more casual afternoon, the Meeker area offers over 111 miles of fishable waterways and more than 780 acres of fishable lakes containing a colorful variety of trout and brookies. Plus, Lake Avery is a local ice fishing spot when the fishing bug strikes in the winter.

# Colorado Loves Snow

It's no secret that Colorado offers some of the best skiing mountains in the world, with over 29,000 skiiable acres in the state. Meeker rests in a central, apres ski location, with quick access to three different ski resorts. Sunlight Ski Resort offers 72 trails within a hassle-free and easy-going environment, just south of Glenwood Springs. Steamboat Ski Resort provides a larger, more comprehensive ski experience, with access to over 169 trails.

For a tougher day in the snow, the Meeker area houses 178 miles of trail and open parks and meadows for snowmobiling, cross country skiing, and snowshoeing.





# Where **Nature Fights Back**

If you're looking for a more technical and demanding challenge, Colorado and the Western Slope aren't shy about pushing you to the limits. Try a multi-day, backpacking trip, for example. See the most remote and trepid landscapes of the Flat Tops Wilderness when you take the 30 mile Trappers Lake and Devil's Causeway loop or really challenge yourself on the 50 mile Oyster Lake Trail. Really take on a challenge in the San Juan National Forest via the 79 mile

Winter Trails loop. Pack your chaulk and chaulk bags for an outing to Rifle Mountain Park, just south of Meeker, for a day spent climbing the steep verticals of the park. Another local option is at the Black Canyon of Gunnison National Park, with more than 140 documented routes to choose from.

Colorado is home to over 600 caves, each of which holds a rich and hidden history. Our own White River National Forest is home to Spring Cave, a largely unexplored cave system with a rowdy underground river. Spring Cave surely is a must-explore for those that crave an adenture. Another spelunking option is Fulford

Cave near Eagle, Colorado. It's one of the largest caves in the state and also one of the most dangerous. Be prepared, as the cave is 100% light-free! Groaning Cave takes the prize for being the longest known cave in Colorado with a length of 15 miles. Access to this cave is managed by the Colorado Cave Survey, an organizedbody of cavers that serve as a liason between cavers and land management agencies. For more information on caving in Colorado, visit the Colorado Cave Survey website (coloradocavesurvey.com).



# Lodging Options in Meeker

Meeker is not short of lodging options. Lodging is available year round for all types of travelers. From hunters during Colorado's hunting seasons to landmarkers scavenging the West for historic sites, Meeker's lodging options make for an affordable and comfortable base camp.

### **Bear Mountain Inn**

(970) 878-5482

A cozy bed and breakfast in the center of town, Bear Mountain Inn offers single suites for solo explorers or full suites for groups.

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### **Blue Spruce Inn**

(970) 878-0777 | bluespruceinn.com

A family-friendly hotel with a fitness center, a hot-tub, and other cozy amenities. Business and weekly rates are available for longer stays.

### **Elk Mountain Inn**

(970) 878-3656 | elkmountaininn.com

An excellent choice right on Highway 13, this more rooms with expanded food storage options for the spend their stays hunting or fishing. Weekly rate

### Meeker Hotel & Cafe

(970) 878-5255 | meekerhotel.com

The historic Meeker Hotel is the perfect place to immersive Meeker experience. Located right or coffee, shops, and dining and just a few steps ar

### **Trail and Hitch**

(970) 235-1101 | coloradotrailandhitch.com

An eclectic stay, Trail and Hitch is home to a var homes, a yurt, airstreams, RV's, and RV spots. La fire ring or hop into the sauna for a relaxing wind

### Trailhead Cabins & Lodging

(970) 414-0110 | meekertrailhead.com

A newly renovated site, Trailhead gives you the o stay in an A-frame cabin without the hassle of b driving. Weekly and monthly rates offered.

### White River Inn

(970) 878-5031

The inn, though alongside Highway 13, is quiet, a comfortable. Stay for an affordable nightly rate, kitchenette suite for a weekly or monthly rate.

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# Cities and Neighboring Towns

# Recreation, Parks, and Public Land

◀ SALT LAKE CITY



Approximately 40% of the land in Colorado is public land.

That's over 26 million acres of land to recreate on and explore.

Those 26 million acres are home to 11 distinct National **Forests and 8 National** Monuments.

Meeker is a small town. It only covers an area of about 3.5 squared miles with only 2,500 permanent inhabitants. However, for being small, our park system is mighty, With eight distinct parks, we have one park for every 300 residents. That's not including other green spaces and community areas often used for community gathering, events, and festivities. We're also proud to feature a 25,000 square foot recreation center with an enclosed pool.

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Sample a little bit of everything you can find out in the West in Colorado's public lands. Enjoy the endless snow capped peaks or fishing along the crystal clear rivers. Colorado's public lands are a treasured and prized part of our history and heritage.





With various parks, trails, and green space accessible from tow Meeker is a great space for anyone that wants to wow everytime they step outside

# Our Recreation & Parks District

Founded in 1981, the Eastern Rio Blanco Recreation and Parks District was established to provide the residents of the Eastern side of the county with recreational programs and opportunities. At the heart of the district is the Recreation Center, located just down the road from the local elementary school and connected to a variety of outdoor amenities. The 25,000 square foot facility features a full-feature indoor pool, a fully equipped fitness center, lounge, an activity room, and a dance studio.

### Living Outside

Beyond the state-of-the-art facility, the district also manages and oversees the care of the local parks, play equipment at the parks, multipurpose sport fields, hiking and biking trails, and local fishing locations. There is ongoing collaboration with the local community to ensure parks and open spaces are well kept and accessible as often as possible.

All of these spaces are utilized for the district's many recreational programs, which are tailored to offer something for every age group. Find swim lessons for your little ones as young as six months old or join a running club to meet new people and meet your fitness goals. New to operating gym equipment? Sign up for a fitness center orientation! Programs are offered year round to meet the demands and needs of the community.

Learn more online at the district website: www.erbmrec.com



# Becoming Involved at PMC and Beyond

### **Committees at Pioneers**

Pioneers has established a series of committees that consist of healthcare professionals at the facility that are dedicated to improving the quality of care for our patients, as well as the quality of work and life for their teammates at Pioneers. We're always looking for new, passionate members to join our committees to inform care and help shape an even higher standard of care for rural health.

Our committees include anything from the Patient Safety and Quality of Care Committee, dedicated to continuously improving patient safety and augmenting the quality of care they receive, to the Employee Committee, designed at receiving feedback from teammates and designing programming to promote a better work environment.



### Local Involvement

Despite being a relatively small community, there are numerous opportunities to get involved and volunteer.

The **White River Alliance** is a river conservation group working toward raising awareness of pressing issues involving our very own White River. They meet once a month and hold numerous volunteer activities throughout the year. Learn more at *whiteriveralliance.net*.

The **Meeker Arts and Cultural Council (MACC)** is local arts group that works with other local partners to hold an annual community theatre production, as well as an annual kids performance. Learn more at *meekerartsandculture.org.* 

Powered by the Colorado State University Extension Office, **4-H** offers youth a safe place to learn and explore new fields and subjects. However, the program relies on volunteers to help support teaching and facilitating activities. Learn more at *rbc.us/207/4-H*.

The **Meeker Lions Club** is part of a network of philanthropic organizations that aim to support the needs of their communities. Learn more on their Facebook page, *"Meeker Lions Club."* 

# Your Human **Resources Team**

### We are here to support you because we value you.

As a medical facility, Pioneers Medical Center's goal is provide excellent patient care, but that doesn't mean we can forget about the health and needs of our employees. It's just as important. As your Human Resources team, we work tirelessly to ensure that everything on the backend works as smoothly as possible, so that you can provide the best care for our patients and their families. Whether it be a question about your insurance or concerns about your payroll, the role of our team is to answer your questions and resolve your issues as promptly as possible. We're here to support you throughout the hurdles that life throws at you in the workplace, and we're here to help you grow into an even better medical professional.

From the moment you send in that application to the day you decide to retire, we want you to know, you're valued, and you have our support.

Sincerely,

### **Your Pioneers HR Team**







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