

# Iron Rails, From Bust to Rust: Como & Boreas Pass



In 1860, crews of men from both sides of the Great Divide hacked out a wagon trail over Breckenridge Pass. The D,SP&P Railroad was later extended from Como to Breckenridge along the same route. Now called Boreas Pass, this 21-mile journey begins in the historic railroad town of Como.



Narrow gauge rail along the Boreas Pass High Line Route above Como.

**Duration: 2 Days / One Night**

### ***Destinations include:***

- *Eleven historic sites in the town of Como*
- *Boreas Pass Highline Route between Como and Breckenridge*

### **Day One: Town of Como**



Start at the Como Mountain Man Gallery at 6<sup>th</sup> & Broadway to obtain a free copy of the Como historic walking tour brochure. The gallery exhibits an eclectic collection of original paintings, prints, photos, sculptures and carvings by local and regional artists. Historic sites interpreted in the walking tour brochure include:

- Como Hotel and Railroad Depot (National Register)
- Como Roundhouse (National Register)
- Elementary School and High School (National Register)
- Historic Fire Bell
- Oddfellows Hall
- Como Mercantile
- Montag Saloon
- Como Market
- Catholic Church

Lodging and dining are available in town at the Como Hotel Bed & Breakfast. Visitors may also choose to stay at the American Safari Ranch near town, where half day horseback rides are an option.

### **Day Two: Boreas Pass Highline Route**

Copies of the Boreas Pass historic auto tour brochure may be obtained at the Como Mountain Man Gallery or Hotel. This 21-mile driving tour starts in town and follows the old railroad grade up to the Continental Divide before descending into Breckenridge. Along the way are 12 interpretive pullouts, including the Boreas Pass Section House. This restored 1882 building housed railroad workers and now serves as a summer museum and winter ski hut.



A multitude of lodging and dining options are available at the end of the day in Breckenridge, or return to Como to experience another suggested heritage trip in Park County. Plan on spending several hours at the summit (Section House) to read and photograph various railroad artifacts and interpretive signs. A short hike uphill (south) provides commanding views of several mountain ranges and the Section House complex.