

Route 10 – Leadville. This is a nice route with little fuss. Leadville is a cool place and your return from Leadville includes the wonderful ski town of Breckenridge. You can stop for lunch in either Leadville or Breckenridge. One of our favorite lunch spots in Leadville is the Golden Burro:



Leadville is the highest incorporated town in the US (10,578 ft) with permanent residents. Population 2,602 in 2010.

If you have the time, stop and tour the famous Tabor Opera House. Tours are \$8.00 for adults, \$6.00 for seniors. The history of the famous building is pretty amazing.



The stage in the Tabor Opera House

From the Tabor web site:

The [Tabor Opera House](#) was built in 1879 by Horace Austin Warner Tabor, one of Colorado's most well known mining magnates. It was one of the most costly and most substantially-built structures in Colorado history. The construction materials used to build the Tabor Opera House were not available in Leadville, so HAW Tabor ordered that they be brought up by wagons... a tedious task. Nevertheless, the Tabor was completed in only 100 days from the date of ground-breaking which was a record time.

The massive 3-story opera house was constructed of stone, brick and iron, and trimmed with Portland cement. It's solid brick walls stand 16 inches thick! The color scheme used was red, gold, white and sky-blue, with the blending beauty of everything fully revealed by 72 jets of brightly burning gas lights. This substantial construction has weathered the test of time, and stands today as a proud monument to Colorado history.

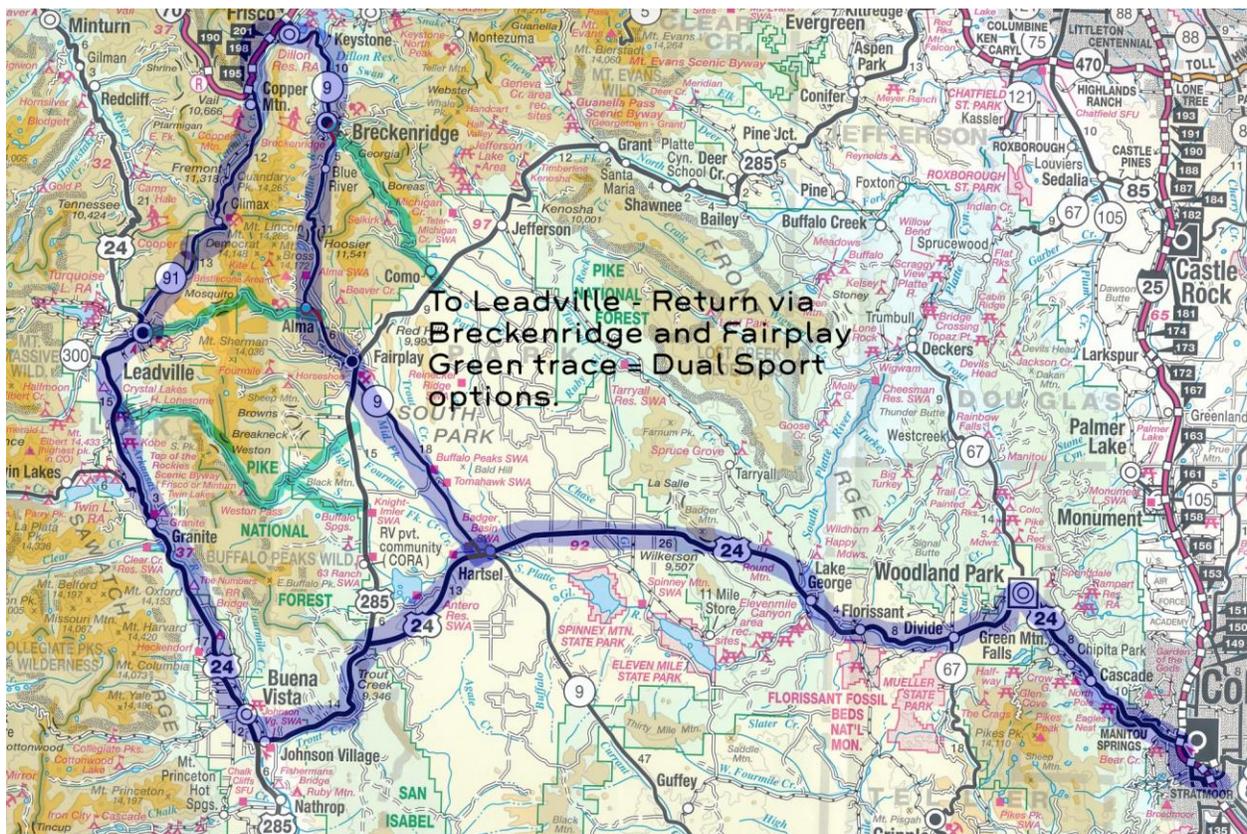
Dual Sport Options:

This route has some terrific dual sport options. If you want a couple of easy ones, try Weston Pass and Boreas Pass. If you want to severely challenged head over Mosquito Pass from Leadville (13,185 ft). It is the highest navigable pass (by a vehicle) in the US. You will want to be sure the pass is free of snow before you tackle it.

Weston pass is easy-peasy – check for the sign on the east side of US-24 pointing you to the pass. You can lunch in Leadville, then come back to Weston Pass road. You will end up on US-285. Turn left to head for Fairplay and Breckenridge, and pick up in CO-9 for the ride home.

You can slide past Fairplay and turn up at Como to follow Boreas Pass into Breckenridge. Boreas Pass is also pretty easy and could probably be negotiated on a street bike with a confident rider.

If you follow the route down CO-91, I-70 and CO-9, you can pick up Boreas Pass road in Breckenridge and head over to US-285. Once on US-285, turn right to pick up CO-9, turn left to come back on CR-77 from Jefferson.





Mosquito Pass and Weston Pass

