

# ACTIVITIES

**FISHING:** The San Miguel and Dolores Rivers and many clear mountain streams provide a challenge for trout fishermen. Miramonte Reservoir, located just 17 miles south of Norwood, offers some of the best year round lake fishing on the Western Slope.

**HORSEBACK RIDING:** Rodeo and horse racing have remained an integral part of the community since its founding. With a new indoor arena and event center, Norwood's equestrian functions are coming into the lime light. There are several local riding establishments that offer Western and English lessons and day long trail rides.

**HUNTING:** The mesa and surrounding national forests host a wide variety of wildlife. Deer, elk, bear, mountain lion, grouse and duck make Wright's Mesa one of the most popular hunting areas in Colorado. Local outfitters and guides are available to assist in safe and successful hunts.

**WINTER FUN:** Winter greets visitors with an infinite choice of trails and landscapes for snowmobiling, cross-country skiing, snow shoeing or ice fishing. World class downhill skiing is only 37 miles away at the Telluride Ski and Golf Resort.

**CYCLING AND HIKING:** There are scenic road rides for bicyclists looking for three season riding. Mountain biking in the nearby national forest and easy access to the vast and beautiful Uncompaghre Plateau offer trails for all levels. The surrounding national forest provides great local hikes and camping. Plan a fun day trip with a climb up Lone Cone Peak.

**WATERSPORTS:** Afternoon thermals on Miramonte Reservoir create great rides for windsurfers. The reservoir also offers swimming and water-skiing. Spring run-off on the San Miguel River and the Dolores River inspires high adventure for rafting, kayaking and canoeing through nearby desert canyon country.



# DAY TRIPS



*Located close to so many treasures of the Southwest, Norwood offers the traveler small town flavor within an easy drive of these unique places.*

**TELLURIDE** With the resort town of Telluride only 37 miles to the east, Norwood offers a wide range of accommodations and services suited to the summer festival crowd, golfers, and to those who want to experience world-class snow sports.

**CANYONLANDS** 100 miles of spectacular scenery await as you travel west toward the awesome beauty of Canyonlands and Arches National Parks. A haven for mountain bikers and hikers of all abilities, the area around Moab, Utah inspires artisans and athletes alike.

**MESA VERDE** A trip to Mesa Verde National Park in nearby Cortez will always be a high light in any visitor's travels through the Southwest. The park is open year-round with tours of the Cliff Palace, - Spruce Tree House, Balcony House and many cliff dwellings and mesa-top sites.

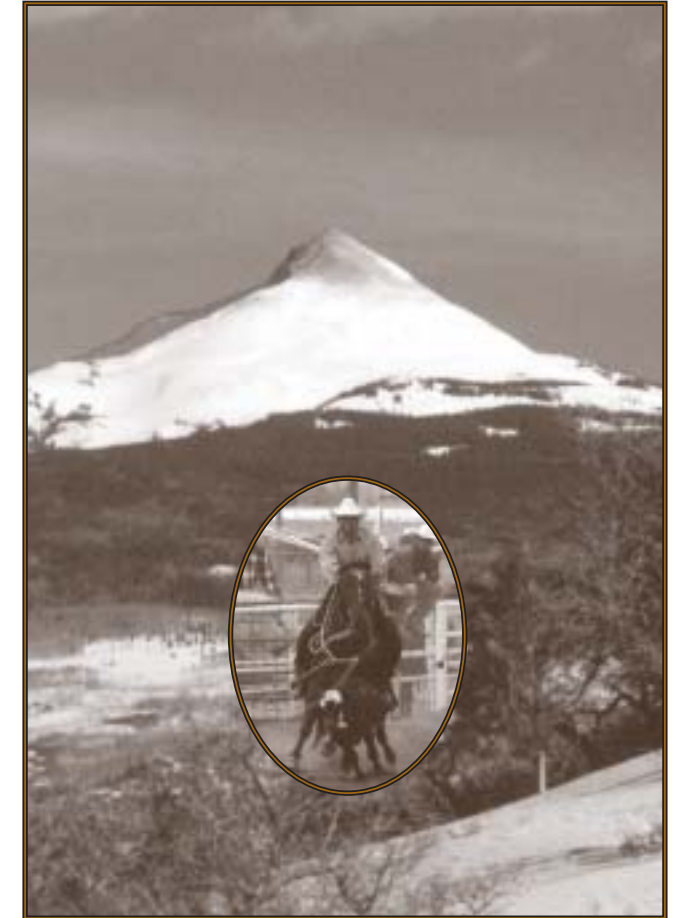
**DURANGO** Take the historic Silverton-Durango train for scenic viewing or enjoy a day hike on the Elk Creek trail.

**OURAY AND RIDGWAY** Hike or cross-country ski in the national forest surrounding Mt. Sneffels, or continue to the scenic town of Ouray 45 miles from Norwood, where you can spend an afternoon soaking in hot springs. A summer drive over the San Juan Skyway takes you on a loop through the majestic passes of the San Juan Mountains, and offers stops in several historic mining towns.

**GATEWAY** Follow highway 141 and 145 along the Dolores River and the Unaweep/Tabeguache Scenic and Historic Byway canyon. This area, with 1,200 foot granite walls rising from green fields, unique places. was once the home of the Ute Indians and a hideout for Butch Cassidy.

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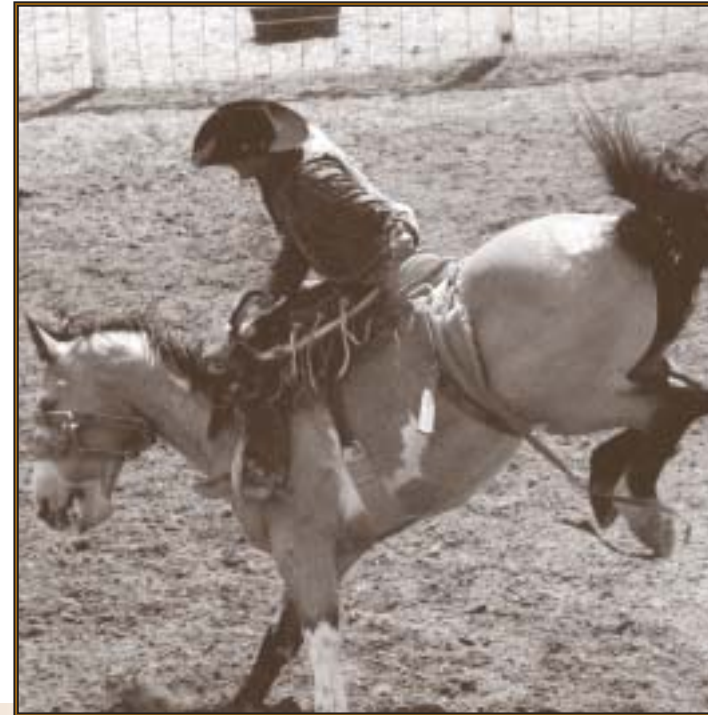
*Surrounded by the San Juan Mountains, Wilson Peak, Lone Cone Peak and the La Sal Mountains*

**N**estled atop Wright's Mesa at 7,000 feet, Norwood has spectacular vistas of high alpine and wild desert country. Far horizons are ringed by the La Sal Mountains in the west, the Uncompaghre Plateau to the north, sky reaching peaks of the San Juan and San Miguel Mountains in the east and to the south, Norwood's own snow capped jewel... the Lone Cone. Rugged desert canyons etch the landscape between.

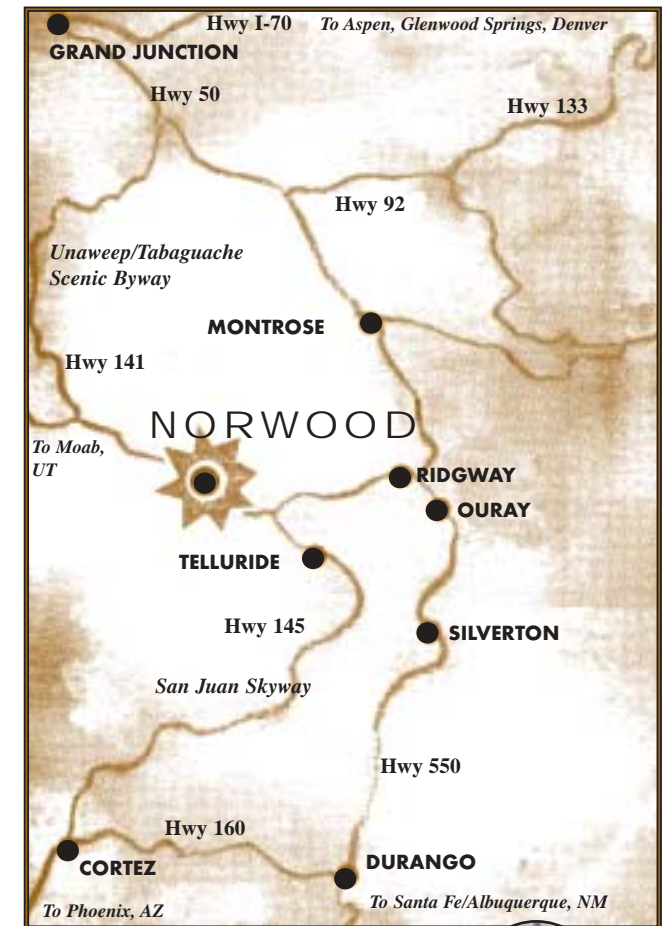
Wright's Mesa has a long history of many peoples, Ute hunters, Spanish explorers and questing mountain men. No one settled here until 1879 when Edwin Joseph homesteaded Norwood. In the late 1800's ranchers in the Paradox Valley would move their herds through Norwood and "stock up" before moving to the Lone Cone pastures. Later, as mining in the nearby mountains grew prosperous, Norwood became the timber and ranching support community for many of the neighboring towns. Wright's Mesa now has a population of about 1,200 inhabitants.

**T**hroughout years of change and growth Norwood has retained its "old west small town charm". Travelers along the Unaweep/Tabaguache Scenic Historic Byway, or visitors to Telluride, can pause for a look through our shops where local artisans sell their wares, dine on fine food, lodge for the night and enjoy our small town western hospitality.

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## ANNUAL EVENTS

- West End Sledder's Annual Poker Run  
*President's Day Weekend*
  - Horse Race Meet  
*Second weekend in June*
- San Miguel Basin Rodeo and County Fair  
*Last week of July*
  - Annual Chili Cookoff  
*Fall*
  - Parade of Lights  
*First Fiday in December*



### Nearby Airports

- ✚ Telluride - 33 miles
- ✚ Montrose - 67 miles
- ✚ Grand Junction - 127 miles



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