

BOULDER COUNTY PLACE NAMES

- Allenspark Name taken from pioneer Alonzo N. Allen who built a cabin near the present community. Post Office August 18, 1896-present. *1001 Colorado Place Names*, Maxine Benson, 1994, University Press of Kansas, p. 4.
- Altona At edge of foothills, halfway between Boulder and Lyons near present day U.S. 36. *State of Colorado 1892*, U.S. Department of Interior, General Land Office, compiled from the official records of the General Land Office and other sources. Map.
- Boulder (City) Gold discoveries in the nearby mountains in 1859 prompted founding of this town. Named after large boulders in the vicinity. Post Office April 22, 1859-present. *1001 Colorado Place Names*, Maxine Benson, 1994, University Press of Kansas, p. 23.
- Boulder Junction On BNSF tracks where Valmont Power Plant is. At NW corner of 63rd and Arapahoe Rd. CO 7.
- Brainerd Stop on Switzerland Trail RR line (Sunset to Ward)
- Broomfield Broomcorn growing in the vicinity inspired the naming of this community. Grew up around the railroad station known as Zang's Spur – for Adolph Zang, a Denver brewing company executive. Post Office September 26, 1884. *1001 Colorado Place Names*, Maxine Benson, 1994, University Press of Kansas, p. 25.
- Burlington On Colorado Central RR (today's Longmont Diagonal CO 119), (about 1 mile) south of Longmont. *State of Colorado 1892*, U.S. Department of Interior, General Land Office, compiled from the official records of the General Land Office and other sources. Map.

- Camp Eldorado One of original names for town of Eldora. *1001 Colorado Place Names*, Maxine Benson, 1994, University Press of Kansas, p. 4.
- Camp Talcott Permanent mining camp dates from late 1890s. In Left Hand Canyon, below Ward at Hanging Rock. (*Colorado Ghost Towns*, Robert L. Brown, 1972, no. 14, p. 71-74)
- Canfield On RR line between Boulder and Erie (that goes through Valmont), 1 mile due west of Erie and 4 miles due east of Clifton. *State of Colorado 1892*, U.S. Department of Interior, General Land Office, compiled from the official records of the General Land Office and other sources. Map.
- Caribou On Caribou Rd. CR 128 (follows Coon Track Creek. Northwest of Nederland (*Colorado Ghost Towns*, Robert L. Brown, 1972, no. 31, p. 155-159) Once prosperous mining camp founded in 1869. Named after the Cariboo region of British Columbia by George Lytle where he had mined. Originally spelled Cariboo but quickly changed to Caribou in common usage. Post Office dates January 31, 1871 – March 31, 1917. *Colorado Place Names*, Maxine Benson, 1994, University Press of Kansas, p. 32.
- Cardinal (City) Dates from 1870, 2 miles below and east of Caribou, platted by J.D. Peregrine in the valley of Coon or North Beaver Creek. Folded in the 1890s. New Cardinal built about 1904 downhill from old Cardinal, also below Boulder County Mine. (*Colorado Ghost Towns*, Robert L. Brown, 1972, no. 15, p. 75-78)
- Chapman On Colorado Central RR line between Lyons and Hygiene. *State of Colorado 1892*, U.S. Department of Interior, General Land Office, compiled from the official records of the General Land Office and other sources. Map.
- Cherryvale
- Cliff Name used for railroad station at Pinecliffe. See Pinecliffe.

- Clifton On RR line between Boulder and Erie (that goes through Valmont), 2-3 miles east of Valmont and 4-5 miles west of Erie. *State of Colorado 1892*, U.S. Department of Interior, General Land Office, compiled from the official records of the General Land Office and other sources. Map.
- Coal Park On Utah and Pacific RR line, 1-2 miles east of Lafayette on Baseline Rd. *State of Colorado 1892*, U.S. Department of Interior, General Land Office, compiled from the official records of the General Land Office and other sources. Map.
- Copperdale South of Gross Dam on Boulder/Jefferson County boundary. Above Denver, Rio Grande and Western RR line.
- Copper Rock Four Mile Canyon On Greeley, Salt Lake and Pacific RR line between Boulder and Pennsylvania Gulch (now known as Sunset) Sunday May 1, 2011 *Boulder Camera*, Sylvia Pettem “Narrow-gauge Railroad Connected Boulder to the Mountains” p. 2D
- Crescent South of Gross Dam
- Crisman In Four Mile Canyon on Four Mile Canyon Dr. CR 118 north side of road, about 1.5 miles southeast of Salina. On Switzerland Trail. Named after Obed Crisman who built an ore concentration mill in the mid-1870’s. Post Office July 1876- June 1894 and January 1898-May 1918. *1001 Colorado Place Names*, Maxine Benson, 1994, University Press of Kansas, p. 49.
- Eagle Peak
- Eldora Known originally as Happy Valley, then Eldorado and Camp Eldorado. Boomed in 1890’s. Name changed to Eldora when post office established to avoid confusion with other Eldorados. Post Office February 1897-September 1977. *1001 Colorado Place Names*, Maxine Benson, 1994, University Press of Kansas, p. 64.

Eldorado	One of original names for town of Eldora. <i>1001 Colorado Place Names</i> , Maxine Benson, 1994, University Press of Kansas, p. 64.
Eldorado Springs	Founded around warm springs on South Boulder Creek. Originally a farming settlement first called Moffat Lakes, then Hawthorne. Post Office (Hawthorne) September 12, 1906 – May 1930. <i>1001 Colorado Place Names</i> , Maxine Benson, 1994, University Press of Kansas, p. 64.
Erie	Straddles Boulder/Weld County boundary. Named by minister for his hometown of Erie, PA. Post Office January 24, 1871- present. <i>1001 Colorado Place Names</i> , Maxine Benson, 1994, University Press of Kansas, p. 67. In 1892, spelled Erye.
Ferberite	In Boulder Canyon. Ferberite mines were actively worked in 1917 for tungsten.
Ferncliff	
Fisher	On RR line between Longmont and Lafayette, about 5 miles south of Longmont and 4 miles due east of Niwot. <i>State of Colorado 1892</i> , U.S. Department of Interior, General Land Office, compiled from the official records of the General Land Office and other sources. Map.
Frances	Town near Ward and Switzerland Trail RR line (Sunset to Ward)
Gato	Name used for railroad station at Pinecliffe. See Pinecliffe.
Glendale	In Lefthand Canyon 1 mile west of Lee Hill Rd on CO 106
Gold Hill	Began as gold camp in 1859 (in Nebraska territory). Post Office January 1863- present (some gaps). <i>1001 Colorado Place Names</i> , Maxine Benson, 1994, University Press of Kansas, p. 86.
Grand Island	Up Fourth of July Road CR 111, about 1 mile north of Hessie
Gunbarrel	Dates from 1860 – as Alonzo N. Allen was hauling logs for a cabin NE of Boulder, a straight road was blazed by him and followed by teamsters. Road gone but name perpetuated in Gunbarrel Hill and residential area

name. *1001 Colorado Place Names*, Maxine Benson, 1994, University Press of Kansas, p. 92.

- Happy Valley One of original names for town of Eldora. *1001 Colorado Place Names*, Maxine Benson, 1994, University Press of Kansas, p. 64.
- Hessie First cabin built by Capt. J. H. Davis winter 1891-92 at foot of Chittenden Mountain, 2 miles west of Eldora (*Colorado Ghost Towns*, Robert L. Brown, 1972, no. 26, p. 128-131)
- Hygiene Established in 1861. After an early sanitarium, Hygiene Home, established by a Dunkard preacher, Jacob S. Flory. A group from Pella, Iowa settled near the present town and called the place Pella, a post office later was moved northeast and the settlement called North Pella. The Reverend Flory built between the two Pellas, and was the first postmaster of the town, which absorbed the two Pellas and became Hygiene. During 1870's members of Church of the Brethren (known as Dunkards) settled in the area. Post Office June 25, 1883. *1001 Colorado Place Names*, Maxine Benson, 1994, University Press of Kansas, p. 104.
- Jamestown 1864 Elysian Park – collapsed after 3 years. Rushes in 1875, 1882. Permanent town platted as Jamestown in 1873. Also nicknames Jimtown. Post Office January 8, 1967-present (one gap). *1001 Colorado Place Names*, Maxine Benson, 1994, University Press of Kansas, p. 108.
- Lafayette Town named by widow of DeLafayette Miller 10 years after his death. The town was platted on her farmland. Their son Thomas became the first mayor of Lafayette in 1890. Post Office February 4, 1889. *1001 Colorado Place Names*, Maxine Benson, 1994, University Press of Kansas, p. 116.

- Lakeside Just to north of Baseline, on north side of RR between Louisville and Boulder – on 1900 map. 2-3 miles south of Valmont. *Cram Atlas*, 1900. Map.
- Lakewood The Quaker Mine was 4 miles northeast of Lakewood. *U.S. Geological Survey Photographic Library*, http://libraryphoto.cr.usgs.gov/cgi-bin/search.cgi?search_mode=noPunct;selection=Hess%20F.L.%7CHess%2C%20F.L.;start=25
- Langford Post Office name for Marshall. See Marshall.
- Liggett On abandoned RR at 95th St. about 0.5 miles north of Valmont Rd.
- Longmont Name chosen by executive council of Chicago-Colorado Colony after Long's Peak. Founded by idealistic Chicago-Colorado Colony communal members in 1871. Post Office April 14, 1873-present. *1001 Colorado Place Names*, Maxine Benson, 1994, University Press of Kansas, p. 126.
- Louisville Named after Polish-born Louis Nawatny – hired by a Golden businessman to find coal in 1877. Nawatny also platted the town. Post Office May 21, 1878-present. *1001 Colorado Place Names*, Maxine Benson, 1994, University Press of Kansas, p. 126.
- Lyons Edward S. Lyon settled the area about 1880. He founded the town and was the first postmaster. Lyons sandstone quarry was a big local business. Post Office May 18, 1882-present. *1001 Colorado Place Names*, Maxine Benson, 1994, University Press of Kansas, p. 128.
- Magnolia On Magnolia Rd. CR 132 about 2 miles south of CO 119 Boulder Canyon Rd. In 1875 Hiram Fullen discovered and named the Magnolia mine which gave its name to the camp. Post Office May 16, 1876-December 31, 1920. *1001 Colorado Place Names*, Maxine Benson, 1994, University Press of Kansas, p. 129.

- Marshall In the early 1860's Joseph Marshall built a blast furnace on South Boulder Creek. The blast furnace was name Belle Monte and was soon shown on maps as Bellemonte or Belmont. Before long Marshall was concentrating on coal production. Post Office named Langford (the mine manager) and Gorham (for Gorham mine), but locals only called the settlement Marshall. Post Office August 2, 1878-January 15, 1942 (many gaps). *1001 Colorado Place Names*, Maxine Benson, 1994, University Press of Kansas, p. 132. On today's CO 93, approximately where two railroad lines meet. *State of Colorado 1892*, U.S. Department of Interior, General Land Office, compiled from the official records of the General Land Office and other sources. Map.
- Meeker Park Named after nearby Mt. Meeker, which itself was named after Natham W. Meeker. No Post Office. *1001 Colorado Place Names*, Maxine Benson, 1994, University Press of Kansas, p. 136.
- Miramonte Just south of Gross Reservoir just southwest of present-day Walker Ranch. North of Coal Creek Rd. CO 72.
- Mitchell On Colorado Central or Utah and Pacific(?) RR line between Longmont and Coal Park (1-2 miles east of Lafayette). *State of Colorado 1892*, U.S. Department of Interior, General Land Office, compiled from the official records of the General Land Office and other sources. Map.
- Mont Alto Park RR stop on Switzerland trail line between Sunset and Ward. Was a railroad-owned picnic pavilion between Sunset and Ward that became a tourist destination. Four Mile Canyon On Greeley, Salt Lake and Pacific RR line between Boulder and Pennsylvania Gulch (now known as Sunset) Sunday May 1, 2011 Boulder Camera, Sylvia Pettem "Narrow-gauge Railroad Connected Boulder to the Mountains" p. 2D
- Nederland First called Dayton or Brownsville (for early settler Nathan Brown), later called Middle Boulder (1871-1874) after Middle Boulder Creek. Dutch investors organized the mining company Nederland in 1873 and also bought the Caribous mine in nearby Caribou. Post Office September 13,

1871-present. *1001 Colorado Place Names*, Maxine Benson, 1994, University Press of Kansas, p. 153.

- Niwot Named after Southern Arapahoe chief Niwot (Left Hand). Post Office April 2, 1874-present. *1001 Colorado Place Names*, Maxine Benson, 1994, University Press of Kansas, p. 154.
- Noland Directly north of Lyons. *State of Colorado 1892*, U.S. Department of Interior, General Land Office, compiled from the official records of the General Land Office and other sources. Map.
- Orodell In Four Mile Canyon on Greeley, Salt Lake and Pacific RR line between Boulder and Pennsylvania Gulch (now known as Sunset) Sunday May 1, 2011 *Boulder Camera*, Sylvia Pettem “Narrow-gauge Railroad Connected Boulder to the Mountains” p. 2D. At the intersection of Four Mile Canyon Dr. and Boulder Canyon Rd.
- Pella Settlement near Hygiene, settled by Dunkards who came from Pella, Iowa. See Hygiene. Post Office April 5, 1871-November 12, 1885. *1001 Colorado Place Names*, Maxine Benson, 1994, University Press of Kansas, p. 166.
- Pinecliffe Named for the local pines and cliffs of South Boulder Creek. Situated on the famed Moffat Road RR. Railroad station also went by the names Gato and Cliff. Post Office March 8, 1909-present. *1001 Colorado Place Names*, Maxine Benson, 1994, University Press of Kansas, p. 168.
- Pullen May be in Larimer County.
- Raymond Situated on land originally owned by Charles H. Raymond, who built a hotel there in 1904. No Post Office. *1001 Colorado Place Names*, Maxine Benson, 1994, University Press of Kansas, p. 177.
- Riverside On St. Vrain Canyon Rd. (Middle St. Vrain Ck.) Co 7 North of Raymond

Rock Creek

Rowena

Left Hand Canyon about 1 mile west of Glendale, 2 miles east of Licksillet Rd.

Ryssby

Lutheran Church founded by Swedish immigrants from Ryssby, Smaland, Sweden. Lutheran church building located on 63rd St. near Longmont built in 1881-2. In disuse, 1914-1924. Now on National Register of Historic Places. *1001 Colorado Place Names*, Maxine Benson, 1994, University Press of Kansas, p. 186. Wikipedia, http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ryssby_Church

Salina (Junction)

Four Mile Canyon between Boulder and Gold Hill. On Gold Run Rd. west of the intersection of Four Mile Canyon Rd and Gold Run Rd. On Greeley, Salt Lake and Pacific RR line between Boulder and Pennsylvania Gulch (later known as Sunset) Sunday May 1, 2011 *Boulder Camera*, Sylvia Pettem “Narrow-gauge Railroad Connected Boulder to the Mountains” p. 2D. Mining camp named by prospectors from Salina, Kansas. Post Office November 19, 1874-January 1, 1925. *1001 Colorado Place Names*, Maxine Benson, 1994, University Press of Kansas, p. 187.

Silver Spruce

Springdale

On the banks of James (Jim) Creek, a tributary of Left Hand Creek. Famous for mineral springs – the water was bottled and sold nationally. Not-so successful telluride mining camp from 1874. Seven miles north and four miles west of Boulder. Springdale was listed in the Colorado Business Directory for the first time in 1877. It became a health resort after 1880. Only 40 permanent residents were there in 1890. Destroyed in 1894 flood. (*Colorado Ghost Towns*, Robert L. Brown, 1972, no. 53, p. 253-258)

Sugar Loaf

On Sugarloaf Rd. CR 122 southeast side and downhill from Sugarloaf Mountain.

Sunset

In Four Mile Canyon. At end of Four Mile Canyon Dr. where Four Mile Creek branches into north and south branches. On Switzerland Trail.

Four Mile Canyon On Greeley, Salt Lake and Pacific RR line between Boulder and Pennsylvania Gulch (now known as Sunset) Sunday May 1, 2011 Boulder Camera, Sylvia Pettem “Narrow-gauge Railroad Connected Boulder to the Mountains” p. 2D. First called Pennsylvania Gulch. At a junction of the Switzerland Trail RR where tracks diverged into northern (Ward) and southern (Eldora) lines. Post Office September 25, 1883-November 15, 1921 (many gaps). *1001 Colorado Place Names*, Maxine Benson, 1994, University Press of Kansas, p. 203.

- Sunshine In 1874, D.C. Patterson struck paydirt. Post Office February 26, 1875-August 31, 1913. *1001 Colorado Place Names*, Maxine Benson, 1994, University Press of Kansas, p. 204.
- Superior Settlers from Superior, Wisconsin named this coal town. Post Office December 14, 1896-January 31, 1955. Has grown dramatically since annexing land for development of Rock Creek subdivision 1987. *1001 Colorado Place Names*, Maxine Benson, 1994, University Press of Kansas, p. 204.
- Tungsten Mining and milling fueled the growth of this settlement in the early 20th Century. Demand for tungsten declined after World War I and so did the fortunes of the community. Post Office July 10, 1916-November 30, 1949. *1001 Colorado Place Names*, Maxine Benson, 1994, University Press of Kansas, p. 213.
- Valmont The name comes from early settlers combining the words valley and mountain. Post Office September 15, 1865-June 29, 1901. NW corner 63rd and Valmont Rd. and south of Valmont Butte at site of Stazio Fields. *1001 Colorado Place Names*, Maxine Benson, 1994, University Press of Kansas, p. 187.
- Wall Street In Four Mile Canyon on Four Mile Canyon Dr. - 1.5-2 miles west of Salina on CR 118. Four Mile Canyon On Greeley, Salt Lake and Pacific

RR line between Boulder and Pennsylvania Gulch (now known as Sunset) Sunday May 1, 2011 Boulder Camera, Sylvia Pettem “Narrow-gauge Railroad Connected Boulder to the Mountains” p. 2D. first known ad Sugar Loaf and Delphi. Received a large amount of capital investment from New York, hence the renaming. Post Office October 31, 1895-April 18, 1898 (as Delphi) and to September 15, 1921 as Wall Street. *1001 Colorado Place Names*, Maxine Benson, 1994, University Press of Kansas, p. 220.

- Ward “District” Gold camp established in 1860 as Columbia 18 miles northwest of Boulder and 6 miles from Gold Hill and 8 miles north of the later site of Caribou. Incorporated in 1896. (*Colorado Ghost Towns*, Robert L. Brown, 1972, no. 60, p. 285-289). Miner Calvin Ward found gold there in 1860. Forty years later, HAW Tabor came to the Ward area with Baby Doe and his two daughters. He worked several mines there in 1897-98 before being appointed the Denver Postmaster. The town has also been known as Tabor City. Post Office January 13, 1863-present. *1001 Colorado Place Names*, Maxine Benson, 1994, University Press of Kansas, p. 221.
- Ward On RR line (runs between Longmont and Lafayette) 2-3 miles of Longmont. *State of Colorado 1892*, U.S. Department of Interior, General Land Office, compiled from the official records of the General Land Office and other sources. Map.
- Wondervu Named for its spectacular view of the Continental Divide.

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List of Populated Places in Boulder County <http://www.placenames.com/us/08013/ppl/>

Allenspark

Altona

Ara

Arrowwood

Aspen Meadows

Balarat

Bark Ranch

Big Elk Meadows

Boulder

Boulder Junction

Canfield

Caribou City

Coal Creek

Copperdale

Crescent

Crescent Village

Crisman

Dominion

El Vado

Eldora

Eldorado Springs

Eldora

Erie

Ferncliff

Glendale

Gold Hill

Gold Run

Gooding

Gunbarrel

Hidden Lake

Highland

Hygiene

Jamestown

Lafayette

Lake Shore Park

Lazy Acres

Leyner

Liggett

Longmont

Louisville

Lyons

Magnolia

Marnett

Marshall

Miramount

Morey

Mountain Meadows

Nederland

Ninemile Corner

Niwot

Noland

Oradell

Orodell

Paragon Estates

Peaceful Valley

Pine Brook Hill

Pine Valley

Pleasant View Ridge

Raymond

Ridgewood

Riverside

Rowena

Saint Anne Highlands

Salina

Seven Hills

Silver Springs

Silver Spruce

Springdale

Sugarloaf

Summerville

Sunnyside

Sunset

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Switzerland Park

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Tall Timber

Valmont

Wallstreet

Ward

Wheelman

Whispering Pine

Wondervu