

Park County History Timeline

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Year	Month	Day	Vicinity of	
1860	September	15	Alma	Laurette (Buckskin Joe) town council organized
1861	November	14	Alma	Laurette (Buckskin Joe) Post Office established
1870	October	25	Alma	Frederick C. Morse of Buckskin was issued US Patent Number 108617 for an ore mill
1873	March	7	Alma	Alma Post Office established
1873	December	2	Alma	Alma becomes incorporated
1874	October	5	Alma	Vigilantes run hoodlum Jack Reynolds out of Alma
1874	December	7	Alma	Telegraph line from Denver to Alma is completed
1875	August	10	Alma	Henry Clay Cass and George Read Rankin of Alma was issued US Patent Number 166499 for an improvement in boot trees
1875	November	6	Alma	25,000 lbs. weekly freight from Colorado Springs to Fairplay & Alma is reported
1878	April	16	Alma	Hans Mortensen of Alma was issued US Patent Number 202453 for an improvement in torpedo boats
1879	July	23	Alma	Mosquito Pass toll road opens
1879	October	29	Alma	Drunken Keogh shoots bystander at Alma bar
1880	January	25	Alma	Cicero Simms (later hanged) kills John Johnson in Alma
1880	March	22	Alma	Murder in Alma
1881	March	21	Alma	Alma Town Hall destroyed in fire
1882	August	31	Alma	High country miners driven out by 15-24 inches of snow
1882	October	10	Alma	Gunplay in attempted Mosquito Gulch holdup
1883	June	12	Alma	2 feet snow in high peaks near Fairplay and Alma
1884	September	9	Alma	Simeon Truby of Alma was issued US Patent Number 304765 for an amalgamator
1895	February	12	Alma	Andrew J. Carter of Alma was issued US Patent Number 534137 for a combined candle holder and cutter
1898	September	13	Alma	Addison Lysle Holmes and James Horace Campbell of Alma was issued US Patent Number 610679 for a nut lock
1899	December	17	Alma	Snow closes RR between Fairplay & Alma for 3 mos.
1900	March	17	Alma	End of 3-month RR snow closure between Fairplay & Alma
1905	September	23	Alma	2 killed at London Mine
1905	October	18	Alma	Fire in Alma
1906	November	27	Alma	William Bemrose of Alma was issued one third US Patent Number 837082 for an ore concentrator
1912	June	17	Alma	1.5 feet of snow in Fairplay & Alma
1915	February	4	Alma	Hotel, Catholic Church and mine office destroyed in Alma fire
1917	January	7	Alma	18 buildings burn in Alma fire
1917	October	10	Alma	4 businesses & Post Office burn in Alma
1928	May	15	Alma	Alma School burns
1934	July	8	Alma	Bank of Alma is robbed
1937	March	24	Alma	Fire in Alma
1862	January	10	Bailey	Abraham Bergh land filing
1863	April	1	Bailey	Hepburn Ditch, oldest water right in Platte Canyon
1871	September	18	Bailey	Elizabeth Entriiken land claim near Bailey
1872	April	2	Bailey	William Bailey land claim
1876	January	16	Bailey	Ned Corbin, Bailey rancher, is born
1878	November	20	Bailey	Bailey Post Office established
1881	August	9	Bailey	Bailey plat filed
1882	June	1	Bailey	Peter Horn land filing
1889	November	6	Bailey	John Horn land filing
1900	May	30	Bailey	William Bailey, Bailey pioneer, dies in California
1902	April	5	Bailey	Alice Eos, Bailey saw mill owner, is born
1905	April	4	Bailey	Isabella Horn, Bailey rancher, dies
1909	August	19	Bailey	Bailey flood
1913	October	14	Bailey	Lulu A. Myers of Bailey was issued US Patent Number 1075931 for a safety hat pin
1920	December	31	Bailey	Ann Bailey, Bailey pioneer, dies

1924	September	23	Bailey	Lulu A. Myers of Bailey was issued US Patent Number 1509604 for a doll
1928	May	29	Bailey	Charles Fitzsimmons, Bailey pioneer, dies
1933	May	30	Bailey	George W Biller and Harriet S. Biller of Bailey was issued US Patent Number 1911423 for a hose coupler
1936	December	24	Bailey	Criminal killed in Bailey
1940	October	11	Bailey	Kiowa Lodge in Bailey burns
1943	November	15	Bailey	Ned Corbin, Bailey rancher, dies
1946	July	18	Bailey	Gus Peterson, Bailey rancher, dies
1951	November	16	Bailey	Raymond Knisely, Bailey pioneer dies
1962	January	6	Bailey	Roberts Tunnel from Dillon Reservoir completed
1974	July		Bailey	Last cattle drive up Colorado 285
1993	December	31	Bailey	Eric Eos, Bailey area sawmill owner, dies
1894	February	6	Balfour	Balfour Post Office established
1899	June	20	Black Mountain	Black Mountain Post Office established
1879	September	29	Bordenville	Bordenville Post Office established
1871	May	28	Buffalo Springs	Buffalo Springs Post Office established
1899	June	19	Cassells	Cassells Post Office established
1905	November	11	Cassells	Cassells Hotel burns
1926	May	20	Cassells	Harriet Cassells, rancher (later Camp Santa Maria), dies
1943	September	30	Cassells	B-24 Bomber crashes on Mt. Logan above Santa Maria, eleven men perished, one survives by parachuting
1892	July	15	Chase	Chase Post Office established
1861	February	28	Colorado	Colorado Territory established
1861	August	19	Colorado	800+ residents vote in 1st Territorial election. Hamilton's Daniel Witter elected to Legislature
1862	May	20	Colorado	Homestead Act enacted
1872	May	10	Colorado	Mining Law enacted
1876	August	1	Colorado	Colorado becomes a state
1906	June	11	Colorado	Forest Homestead Act enacted
1817	November	4	Como	James Link, Como rancher, is born
1827	October	27	Como	Elizabeth Link, Como rancher, is born
1859	June	26	Como	Prospector killed near Jefferson Lake
1879	June	21	Como	Railroad construction reaches Como
1879	July	23	Como	Como Post Office established
1879	November	11	Como	E. L. Thayer, contractor for Chinese labor, badly beaten by Como Italians
1884	April	6	Como	2 month snow blockade on Boreas Pass RR ends
1892	July	6	Como	Louisa Holthusen, Como rancher, dies
1892	November	8	Como	Milo Case, Como rancher, dies
1894	June	2	Como	Streeter sentenced to hang for killing Como Marshall Cook
1895	September	10	Como	Willie Hosea Davis and Hugh Cicero Christy of Como was issued US Patent Number 546228 for a signal transmitter
1896	November	9	Como	Pacific Hotel in Como burns
1899	September	7	Como	Fireman Clayton dies in runaway train on Boreas Pass
1900	February	2	Como	Last train over Boreas Pass before 5 week snow closure
1900	March	9	Como	5-week snow closure on Boreas Pass RR ends
1905	March	28	Como	Elsworth E. Quaintance of Como was issued US Patent Number 785834 for a combination lock
1909	June	8	Como	William.W. Ramsey of Como was issued US Patent Number 924533 for an acetylene gas generator
1910	October	31	Como	RR closes Boreas line and reopens in 1913
1928	March	6	Como	Engineer J.P. Nichols dies in RR wreck near Como
1935	March	25	Como	Wood part of Como roundhouse burns
1936	January	21	Como	Boreas Pass train wreck
1937	April	10	Como	Last passenger train leaves Como
1937	April	11	Como	Last freight train leaves Como
1938	September	2	Como	Last scrap train leaves Como
1897	July	7	Conrad	Conrad Post Office established
1889	November	22	Cortrite	Cortrite Post Office established
1883	May	23	Dake	Dake Post Office established

1871	August	25	Deer Valley	Deer Valley Post Office established
1901	November	1	Doran	Doran Post Office established
1872	October	31	Dudley	Dudley Post Office established
1880	August	9	Estabrook	Estabrook Post Office established
1860	December	31	Fairplay	Fairplay gets oldest county water right
1861	August	2	Fairplay	Fairplay Post Office established
1862	December	6	Fairplay	James Castello land filing
1863	June	3	Fairplay	James Castello land filing
1863	August	14	Fairplay	Pro-Union party picks candidates at convention in Fairplay
1868	August	27	Fairplay	Schuyler Colfax (future vice president) party makes pilgrimage up Mt. Lincoln
1869	February	26	Fairplay	South Park City (Fairplay) incorporated
1870	July	30	Fairplay	James Castello land filing
1873	September	26	Fairplay	Most of Fairplay burns
1873	September	23	Fairplay	William E. Musgrove of FairPlay was issued US Patent Number 143176 for machines for clearing streets of snow
1874	September	20	Fairplay	Fairplay Masons reported to have had meeting on top of Mt. Lincoln
1874	November	7	Fairplay	Dedication of Fairplay Presbyterian Church is reported
1874	November	21	Fairplay	Courthouse is reported completed
1874	November	28	Fairplay	Telegraph line from Denver to Fairplay near completion
1875	October	13	Fairplay	Attempted break in at Fairplay bank
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1879	February	20	Fairplay	First issue of Fairplay Flume
1879	April	1	Fairplay	Johnny Hoover (later lynched) kills Tom Bennett in Fairplay
1880	April	28	Fairplay	John Hoover lynched & hanged from Courthouse window
1880	July	19	Fairplay	Fairplay incorporated
1880	July	23	Fairplay	Hundreds see murderer Cicero Simms hang in Fairplay
1880	July	19	Fairplay	Robbers take stage strongbox at Red Hill Station
1880	November	24	Fairplay	Miner John Dunn dies in Mt. Bross avalanche
1880	November	25	Fairplay	Courthouse saved from serious fire
1881	March	29	Fairplay	Hugh Louis Rice of FairPlay was issued US Patent Number 239547 for a miner's scraper
1881	March	29	Fairplay	Hugh Louis Rice of FairPlay was issued US Patent Number 239548 for a miner's candle holder
1881	June	11	Fairplay	Mack Harris, 12, drowns in flume near Fairplay
1881	September	6	Fairplay	Samuel E. Darne of FairPlay was issued US Patent Number 246729 for a combined cradle and nursery
1882	January	17	Fairplay	Open house at Fairplay's new stone school
1883	February	17	Fairplay	Fairplay gets quarantine law for smallpox
1883	November	22	Fairplay	Old Mose (grizzly) kills Jake Radliff
1884	March	19	Fairplay	Fairplay jailbreak by accused murderer Byard
1887	December	20	Fairplay	Thomas H. Sheldon of FairPlay was issued US Patent Number 375205 for a bell rope coupling
1888	November	13	Fairplay	Charles W. Fishel of FairPlay was issued US Patent Number 392793 for a flour or meal bin
1893	September	26	Fairplay	Charles O. Sumner of FairPlay was issued US Patent Number 505684 for a placer mining machine
1904	April	30	Fairplay	Old Mose (grizzly) is killed
1914	January	30	Fairplay	Ah Yut, last Chinese miner, dies near Fairplay
1916	January	28	Fairplay	Charles Wilkin (Fairplay lawyer, judge) dies
1922	July	18	Fairplay	Charles D. Mcnamara of FairPlay was issued US Patent Number 1423131 for an aeroplane
1938	March	5	Fairplay	William McConnell, Fairplay miner, dies
1951	February	26	Fairplay	Shorty, Fairplay burro, killed by car
1957	May	15	Fairplay	South Park City Museum first opened
1966	August	7	Fairplay	New Park County Hospital dedicated
1878	September	13	Fairville	Fairville Post Office established
1871	May	10	Fourmile	Tremayne #1 ditch, oldest water right on W. Fourmile
1862	March	12	Garo	Adolph Guiraud land filing
1871	January	2	Garo	Louis Guiraud land filing
1871	October	2	Garo	Henry Guiraud, South Park rancher, is born
1879	September	11	Garo	Garo plat filed

1880	June	29	Garro	Garro Post Office established
1884	September	25	Garro	Garro depot burns
1909	June	5	Garro	Marie Guiraud, Garro rancher, dies
1917	June	19	Garro	Charles A. De Yarman of Garro was issued US Patent Number 1230134 for a coupling device
1921	April	13	Glentivar	Glentivar Post Office established
1871	May	16	Grant	Grant Post Office established
1880	November	25	Grant	Grant roundhouse burns
1905	March	12	Grant	Agnes Hepburn, Grant rancher, dies
1884	June	14	Guffy	Peter Allstrum kills neighbor Horace Voss on 31 Mile Creek
1896	May	23	Guffy	Guffy Post Office established
1906	March	10	Guffy	Richard Tremayne, Guffy rancher, dies
1909	August	21	Guffy	Flood on 31 Mile Creek destroys crops and house
1862	January	29	Hall Valley	Charles Hall land filing
1873	May	28	Hall Valley	Charles Hall land filing
1874	March	13	Hall Valley	Charles Hall land filing
1874	July	15	Hall Valley	Hall Valley smelter reported ready for operation
1874	August	10	Hall Valley	Hall Valley Post Office established
1874	December	26	Hall Valley	Telegraph line is reported completed from Denver to Hall Valley smelter
1882	November	28	Hall Valley	Boiler blast kills Julius Gomer at Hall Valley sawmill
1860	July	26	Hamilton	Hamilton Post Office established
1880	June	1	Hamilton	"Long Jack" shoots Jack Taylor in hip at Hamilton
1896	April	10	Hammond	Hammond Post Office established
1863	October	6	Hartsel	Samuel Hartsel land filing
1867	October	1	Hartsel	Margaret Kleinknecht, Hartsel merchant, is born
1875	March	16	Hartsel	Hartsel Post Office established
1898	January	11	Hartsel	Maggie Harrington of Hartsel was issued one fourth US Patent Number 597346 for a wheel
1903	August	24	Hartsel	Joseph Hartsel's body found after missing for 2 yrs.
1904	October	18	Hartsel	William P. Mcdowell of Hartsel was issued US Patent Number 772574 for a compound tool
1907	October	22	Hartsel	Sam Hartsel sells his ranch
1918	November	21	Hartsel	Sam Hartsel, South Park rancher, dies in Denver
1972	December	8	Hartsel	Hartsel Hotel burns
1904	August	13	Hayman	Hayman Post Office established
1904	October	29	Hayman	Hayman plat filed
1915	August	31	Hayman	Elenore Constance Evans of Hayman was issued US Patent Number 1152308 for a cooking steamer
2002	June	8	Hayman	Hayman fire begins
1887	December	22	Hobart	Howbert Post Office established
1888	June	25	Hobart	Howbert plat filed
1874	February	24	Holland	Holland Post Office established
1880	August	23	Horse Shoe	Horse Shoe Post Office established
1902	June	5	Insmont	Insmont Post Office established
1879	October	3	Jefferson	Jefferson Post Office established
1888	December	13	Jefferson	Phone line from Denver gets close to Jefferson
1903	July	27	Jefferson	Town hall & blacksmith shop burn in Jefferson
1912	August	13	Jefferson	David Edward Collard of Jefferson was issued US Patent Number 1035318 for an ignition apparatus for explosive engines
1912	December	16	Jefferson	Silas Wright homestead land filing
1916	May	14	Jefferson	William Craig, Jefferson rancher, dies
1971	December	11	Jefferson	Walter Schattinger, Jefferson rancher, dies
1874	July	24	Kenosha	Zach Taylor shoots Indian at Kenosha House
1879	May	19	Kenosha	Railroad construction reaches Kenosha Pass
1891	May	16	Kenosha	Kenosha Post Office established
1936	July	25	Kenosha	Engineer McGowan dies in runaway train on Kenosha Pass
1874	August	10	Kester	Kester Post Office established
1884	April	14	King	King Post Office established

1893	January	10	King	Explosion at King Coal Mine kills 24
1894	September	3	King	Saloon in King robbed
1891	May	15	Lake George	Lake George Post Office established
1898	March	1	Lake George	Albert Logan Gooden of Lake George was issued US Patent Number 600070 for a WHIM
1914	June	17	Lake George	Lake George dam breaks
1915	February	25	Lake George	3 Lake George ice houses filled with 7,000 tons of ice
1915	November	26	Lake George	Henry Rockett kills Tom Mullican in Lake George
1916	May	17	Lake George	Henry Rockett acquitted of murdering Tom Mullican in Lake George
1922	December	4	Lake George	Lake George Hotel (former George Frost home) burns
1896	December	29	Leavick	Leavick Post Office established
1883	June	25	London	London Post Office established
1862	July	21	Montgomery	Montgomery Post Office established
1883	December	23	Montgomery	1 killed, 2 injured in Montgomery Gulch avalanche
1913	February	5	Montgomery	Oswald Henriks killed in Montgomery Gulch
1880	January	5	Mountaindale	Mountaindale Post Office established
1880	June	28	Mullenville	Mullenville Post Office established
1879	November	26	Park City	Park City Post Office established
1882	October	12	Park City	3 die in train wreck near Park City
1861	November	1	Park County	Park County established
1864	June	26	Park County	Reynolds gang robs stage
1864	July	26	Park County	Reynolds gang robs stage near McLaughlin Ranch
1882	August	13	Park County	15-24" snow in mountains
1892	December	9	Park County	S. Platte Forest Reserve created (now Pike NF)
1905	February	1	Park County	Forest Reserves transferred to USFS
1905	May	12	Park County	Pikes Peak Forest Reserve created (now Pike NF)
1907	March	4	Park County	Pike National Forest evolved from Forest Reserves
1916	December	29	Park County	Stockraising Homestead Act enacted
1918	August	5	Park County	Last Midland RR passenger train leaves Park County
1928	March	11	Park County	6 county residents arrested for bootlegging
1969	June	6	Park County	Park County Historical Society organized
1977			Park County	USFS acquires Albert Gould Ranch
1998			Park County	Recall of Park County Commissioners
2000	June	12	Park County	Hi Meadow fire begins
2002	April	23	Park County	Snaking fire begins
2001	June	4	Pine Junction	Reggie's Restaurant near Pine Junction burns
1874	December	23	Rocky	Rocky Post Office established
1862	August	16	Salt Works	South Park salt for sale ad in Rocky Mountain News
1866	October	20	Salt Works	New buildings at Salt Works nearing completion
1867	June	9	Salt Works	Salt Works reports 4,000 lbs. salt per day
1965	February	22	Salt Works	Tom McQuaid, Salt Works Ranch owner, died
1848	February	7	Shawnee	James Tyler, Shawnee rancher, is born
1851	August	31	Shawnee	Benjamin Tyler, Shawnee rancher, is born
1863	August	20	Shawnee	O. W. Turner land filing
1867	September	20	Shawnee	Sarah Tyler, Shawnee rancher, is born
1872	December	12	Shawnee	Slaght reports season's crop of 40,000 lbs. potatoes
1873	July	10	Shawnee	Mary Ella Tyler, Shawnee rancher, is born
1900	April	19	Shawnee	Shawnee Post Office established
1909	January	19	Shawnee	Milton Gibbs, Shawnee rancher, dies
1929	October	29	Shawnee	Shawnee Water Consumers Association founded
1930	February	12	Shawnee	William Tyler, Shawnee rancher, dies
1962	September	5	Shawnee	Sarah Tyler, Shawnee rancher, dies
1965	October	3	Shawnee	Mary Ella Tyler, Shawnee rancher, died
1971			Shawnee	Denver Water board rechannels the North Fork of the South Platte
2008	August	15	Shawnee	Shawnee National Historic District designation

1861	June	15	South Park	Beery Ditch oldest irrigation right in South Park
1870	May	16	South Park	Huge forest fire in northeast part South Park
1871	February	18	South Park	John Buyer, South Park rancher, is born
1874	February	1	South Park	No snow reported in South Park
1880	November	19	South Park	Harry Epperson, South Park rancher, is born
1882	January	1	South Park	Marie Reichenecker, South Park pioneer, dies
1885	September	22	South Park	John Parmalee, Deer Creek/South Park, pioneer dies
1901	June	3	South Park	Ward Maxcy, early South Park sheepman, dies
1931	April	13	South Park	Charles Eddy, South Park rancher, dies
1953	December	15	South Park	Lucinda Alden Rogers, 100, South Park rancher dies
1874	June	18	South Park City	South Park City Post Office established
1889	February	14	Spinney	Spinney Post Office established
1862	December	23	Sterling	Sterling Post Office established
1866	July	17	Sterling	George Williams of Sterling was issued US Patent Number 56480 for a dumping car
1866	July	17	Sterling	George Williams of Sterling was issued US Patent Number 56481 for an improvement in elevators
1860	January	4	Tarryall	Tarryall Post Office established
1862	January	7	Tarryall	Co. seat moved from Tarryall City to Buckskin Joe
1866	May	1	Tarryall	Borden, Crosier, Farnum (1868) Ditches, oldest water rights on upper Tarryall
1868	May	1	Tarryall	Farnum Ditch oldest water right on lower Tarryall
1875	March	20	Tarryall	Olney Borden land filing
1876	March	1	Tarryall	Tim Borden land filing
1896	September	19	Tarryall	Tarryall II (Puma City) Post Office established
1905	September	19	Tarryall	Daniel W. Denny of Tarryall was issued US Patent Number 799637 for a ditching plow
1907	July	29	Tarryall	Timothy Borden, Tarryall rancher, dies
1928	May	1	Trump	Trump Post Office established
1887	August	11	Truro	Truro Post Office established
1877	May	7	Webster	Webster Post Office established
1885	July	3	Webster	J.J. Smith kills ex partner J.W. Grow at Webster
1878	September	27	Weston	Platte Station (Weston Pass tollgate) Post Office established
1879	October	23	Weston	Gambler Red Hanley kills William Cochran at Weston
1863	November	15		Henry Farnum land filing
1867	August	14		Henry Farnum land filing
1867	November	2		Daniel McLaughlin land filing
1867	November	13		Thomas Dunbar land filing
1867	December	18		William Beery land filing
1868	June	6		Jacob Radliff land filing
1869	March	17		George Parmelee land filing
1870	September	24		Edward Smith land filing
1871	June	23		John Link land filing
1877	April	25		Hardy Epperson land filing
1877	October	22		John Tremayne land filing
1880	November	5		John Herman killed in Handcart Gulch avalanche
1881	April	1		Horseshoe smelter burns
1882	October	25		Billy Redman blinded by dynamite at Champaign Mine
1885	June	23		Boiler blast kills 2 at sawmill near Herring Park
1894	November	16		William Derby homestead land filing
1913	February	11		James Link killed in train wreck in Guatemala
1913	August	21		Maria Decker robbed and murdered at Hay Ranch
1951	August	19		Lightning hits Ling Mine