



Fun Facts About Longmont, Colorado

Did you know?

- Longmont was named “One of the Best Places to Live 2006, 2008” by Money Magazine. The rankings are based on small cities with the best possible blend of good jobs, low crime, quality schools, plenty of open space, rational home prices, and lots to do.
- Longmont was also awarded “All-America City” in 2006. The Boulder/Longmont areas has the highest concentration of software-related jobs in the nation, according to the Software and Information Industry Association.
- Compared to other cities in Boulder County, Longmont has the highest number of people who both live and work in the city.
- Astronaut Vance Brand was born in Longmont and graduated from Longmont High School.
- The first store to carry the JC Penny name was located in Longmont.
- An expedition, headed by Major Stephen H. Long, explored the area’s St. Vrain River Valley in 1820. The word “Longmont” is a combination of his name and “mont” from the French word for mountain.
- The City of Longmont was founded in 1871 by members of the Chicago Colony who settled in the valley.