



## Country Boy Mine & *Breckenridge Sleigh Rides*

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## Gold mine transaction in Breckenridge, Colorado

**Breckenridge, Colorado:** Local couple purchases the famed Country Boy Mine in Breckenridge, CO.

The original settlers of Breckenridge, Colorado could hardly have imagined their little town would eventually become one of the most popular ski resorts in the world. The early settlers came to live in the Colorado Rockies with only one goal in mind, and that goal was **GOLD**. In 1859 gold was found in the Blue River and it started a Colorado gold rush that lasted for decades. Today you can experience this vital part of Breckenridge's past with a family operated gold mine tour in Breckenridge Colorado.

Country Boy Mine was established in 1887, one of the most successful of the Breckenridge gold mines. In the early days it was known for its impressive gold and silver production, but in the beginning of the 20th century it became known for the production of high-grade lead and zinc. These metals were vital to the war efforts of World War I and World War II.

Unfortunately for the preservation of Colorado's rich mining history the Country Boy Mine ceased operations immediately after World War II. In 1993 the Tomlinson brothers, Doug and David along with their wives, Betsy and Andrea, came back to the Country Boy Mine with a radical dream: to restore the mine to its former glory and make this vital part of Colorado's past come alive again.

The mine site was in disarray. Most buildings were uninhabitable, and most importantly, the mineshaft was collapsed in several places. After two years of hard work, the mineshaft was opened again and restored with new timber and lumber. Lights and ventilation were added, and the mine passed a safety inspection to open for tourists. The mine buildings were also restored or completely rebuilt. A gift shop and exhibit area were created in the reconstructed Compressor House, and the Blacksmith shop was rebuilt from the ground up.

In 1995, they opened for business and began prospecting for new riches – tourists! The mine has become a popular tourist destination over the past 12 years, and in December 2007, Paul and Cindy Hintgen of Breckenridge purchased the Country Boy

Located 2 miles from downtown Breckenridge  
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Mine and Breckenridge Sleigh Rides from Tomlinson Brothers, Inc. The new owners will continue to run the businesses in the same manner with plans to expand both entities. How the business was purchased is an interesting story in itself, as there are very few gold mines for sale today!

The gold mine tours at Country Boy Mine provide the only authentic gold mine tours in all of Summit County. Wear a hard hat, venture over 1,000 feet underground into the mine, and hear the drills as miners continue their work today. No other gold mine tours in all of Colorado can compare to the authenticity of the tours at Country Boy Mine. Tours last about 45 minutes and leave every hour on the hour.

After you've toured the mine you can explore the rest that the Country Boy Mine has to offer such as panning for gold in Eureka Creek. Real gold still exists in these waters and most visitors are able to find themselves a speck of real gold as they pan through the creek. Don't be surprised if you hear plenty of cries of "Gold!" while making your way through the water searching for your own speck of real Colorado gold to take home with you as the perfect souvenir. After all you're a prospector now and Finder's Keepers is the law of the land, but no claim jumping is allowed! If caught, Hanging Judge Silverthorne will hand down swift justice!

Children will love the burros at the Country Boy Mine. These gentle creatures have a long history with mining, and enrich the authentic feel of this Breckenridge, Colorado gold mine. The burros love attention and are more than happy to pose for pictures with you and your family. Every summer a new baby burro "magically" appears at the mine.

Gold mine tours in Breckenridge, Colorado live up to every expectation you could imagine. Authentic gold mine tours are available throughout the year. Country Boy Mine also makes the perfect place to hold group activities such as office parties, family reunions, corporate functions, wedding rehearsal dinners, or any other reason for a fun gathering. The Country boy Mine site can accommodate private activities up to 100 people. A large tent with seating for 100 is available, as well as seating for up to 60 inside the renovated and heated Blacksmith Shop. Plenty of free parking is available. See the web sites for information on hours and rates.

For more information:

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