
Castle Rock, CO



City of Castle Rock Web Site

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Geography

Castle Rock is located at an elevation of 6,224 feet along the western edge of the Great Plains. The Front Range of the Rocky Mountains is a few miles to the west; East Plum Creek runs north, then northwest, through Castle Rock.

Common landforms in Castle Rock consist of outcroppings of rock, steep hillsides, cliffs, canyons, mesas, and plateaus. Long ago, a volcanic eruption took place that covered the area with 20 feet of extremely resistant rock called rhyolite.

Climate

The climate in the vicinity of Castle Rock is semi-arid with cold, dry, snowy winters and hot, wetter summers. On average, the town receives 17.3 inches of annual precipitation. Snowfall averages 60 inches per year. On average, January is the coldest month, July is the hottest month, and May is the wettest month. The hottest recorded temperature in Castle Rock was 99 °F in July 1973; the coldest temperature recorded was -35 °F in January 1963.

About Castle Rock

Castle Rock is the county seat of Douglas County, Colorado, and is named for the prominent castle tower-shaped butte near the center of town. It is part of Colorado's Front Range Urban Corridor and is located roughly 28 miles south of Denver and 37 miles north of Colorado Springs.

Settlers were drawn to the area by rumors of gold and by land opened through the Homestead Act of 1862. However, it was the discovery of rhyolite, not gold, that ultimately led to the settlement of Castle Rock.

The United States Census Bureau estimated that the population of Castle Rock was 48,000 in 2010.

