

# Southwest Suburbs

As the largest master-planned family community built on 22,000 acres, **Highlands Ranch** flourishes at the southern edge of the metro area. Easily accessible from C-470, US 85 (South Santa Fe Drive) and I-25, the area offers excellent business and educational opportunities. Located at the intersection of C-470 and I-25, nearby Park Meadows Mall, anchored by Nordstrom and Dillard's stores, offers state-of-the-art shopping. With over 25,000 professionally designed homes of all price ranges in 50-plus different neighborhoods, Highlands Ranch offers homes to suit nearly every taste, and attracts people from many walks of life. Softball and baseball diamonds, basketball courts, picnic areas, swimming pools, two community golf courses and more than 18 miles of hiking and biking trails make the community a particularly popular location for young families. More than 2,200 acres are designated as open space, with an additional 8,200-acre wildlife habitat established in the southern portion. An extensive array of community activities brings neighbors together throughout the year. Highlands Ranch is currently home to over 1,000 businesses with more than 13,000 employees, many of whom live in the community.

Appropriately named because of their lofty locations, two gated communities within Highlands Ranch are worth noting: At the northeast section of Highlands Ranch off University Boulevard, **Falcon Hills** is an established neighborhood atop a hillcrest, comprising 113 large custom homes with trees, mature landscaping and lovely mountain and countryside views. In the south-central section, **Highwoods**, a newer neighborhood of large custom homes and sites off Broadway, is perched atop High Ridge and offers views of the mountains, city and Wildcat Reserve. Both neighborhoods provide easy access to major thoroughfares.

Nestled behind the Dakota Hogback between the southwest portion of Denver and the rugged Rocky Mountain foothills west of Littleton sits **Ken Caryl**. Early in this century, newspaper magnate-turned-rancher John C. Shaffer moved to the area and named his ranch after his two sons, Ken and Carroll. With more than 4,000 acres of green hillsides, red soil and yellow sandstone outcroppings, the area supports an array of

lovely contemporary homes.

Considered by residents to be a small country town near a big city, Ken Caryl fosters healthy lifestyles with an equestrian center and over 3,500 acres of open space for hiking and horseback riding, and convenient access to nearby Chatfield Reservoir. Three community recreation centers provide swimming, tennis and other activities.

Just west of C-470 and north of 285 is **Willow Springs**, a community in Morrison, with a wide array of homes.

In addition to a great community school, beautiful homes and a secluded location, **Roxborough Park and Village** also features 200-foot red sandstone spires, natural wildlife and prairie meadows. Named by early resident Henry Persse for his English birthplace, the community today is family-oriented and active, with access to Roxborough State Park, Pike National Forest, Waterton Canyon, fishing on the Platte River and a host of activities at Chatfield Lake State Park. Arrowhead Golf Course, an 18-hole public course, is found just north of Roxborough State Park. Its 13th hole, framed by red rock walls, is particularly memorable. Roxborough Park offers luxurious custom and semi-custom homes in an environment that offers mountain magic, metro-close.



*Each of these attractive and distinctive communities features its own unique style and personality, and all foster healthy lifestyles with open space for hiking, biking and other outdoor activities, and offer convenient access to the metro area.*

