

## Lyons Factoids

**Location:** at the confluence of the North and South St. Vrain Rivers and at the intersection to the two canyons bearing the same names; twenty miles east of Rocky Mountain National Park (uphill!); 13 miles northwest of Boulder; 9 miles east of Longmont.

**Population:** about 2,000 really attractive and accomplished people live within the town. Several thousand additional neighbors live close by in canyons and on hills of unincorporated Boulder County.

**Climate:** unbelievably mild. As the locals say, it's about 5 degrees cooler than surrounding areas in the summer and about 5 degrees warmer in the winter. Summer breezes coming down the canyons, and winter warmth emanating from heat-absorbing sandstone cliffs, give Lyons a uniquely temperate micro-climate. Lyons receives more hours per year of sunshine than San Diego or Miami. Because of elevation, the sun is much more intense than at sea level and there is virtually no humidity.

**Topography:** located in the foothills of the Rocky Mountains and surrounded sandstone ridges that reach to 6,500 feet. The actual confluence of the two mountain streams mentioned above is within town in Bohn Park.

**Elevation:** 5,374 feet

**Traffic:** in the 30-mile north/south span between Boulder and Loveland only four canyons have roads that permit access to the High Country. Two of them funnel traffic right through Lyons, which is located dead center between Loveland and Boulder. Traffic on Main Street and Broadway, heading to and from the High Country, averages on an annual basis to 15,000 cars a day – with much heavier loads on summer weekends. In addition to tourists, this traffic flow includes a daily migratory stream of drivers who live in the mountains above Lyons and travel to and from employment and other activities in Denver and other nearby population centers.

**Hallmarks:** All towns have theirs. Here are our hallmarks: Lyons residents are quick to spotlight our music and art communities, our great schools, parks and restaurants and our enviable lifestyle. We share abundant outdoor recreational opportunities with cool neighbors, all of whom rejoice at life in this little valley surrounded by serious mountain wilderness. One person summarized the hallmarks by stating that he enjoys "...living where other people would pay a lot of money to vacation."