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— MILITARY —

# FORT CARSON

## RELOCATION GUIDE

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# WELCOME TO FORT CARSON

Fort Carson, also known as “The Mountain Post,” is the perfect place for army members and their families to work, play and thrive. It’s at the center of mountain recreation in Colorado, with large cities and popular natural attractions along with convenient sources for domestic and international travel.

Newcomers will be pleased to know Fort Carson has a reputation for being one of the most desirable postings in the United States. If you enjoy fresh mountain air, exploring the great outdoors and endless urban amenities, you’re in for an adventure.

Consistently ranked as one of the top three military locations, Fort Carson is home to the 4th Infantry Division, the 10th Special Forces Group, the 627th Hospital Center, the World Class Athlete Program headquarters, the 1st Space Brigade and additional supporting units.

## Fort Carson Quick Facts:

- Fort Carson encompasses 373,000 acres (including Pinon Canyon Maneuver Site) and supports approximately 64,750 military personnel and family members.
- Fort Carson is referred to as “The Best Hometown in the Army” and is located in El Paso County in the Pikes Peak region which encompasses the El Paso, Park and Teller counties.
- The military town was founded as Camp Carson in 1942 after the Japanese bombed Pearl Harbor during WWII and was officially designated “Fort Carson” in 1954.
- Fort Carson is surrounded by the beautiful Rocky Mountains and offers mostly sunny and mild temps year-round as well as all four seasons with considerable snowfall.

## About Fort Carson

Fort Carson is one of the U.S. Army’s youngest military installations and is recognized as one of the world’s premier locations for training and preparing soldiers to win on the battlefield.

The 4th Infantry Division’s home base at Fort Carson is composed of three brigade combat teams (two Stryker and one armor), a headquarters battalion, a combat aviation brigade, a division sustainment brigade and a division artillery. The fort is also home to the 10th Special Forces Group and the 4th Security Force Assistance Brigade.

## PCS SUPPORT

### Newcomers Support

(719) 526-0457

1517 Ellis St, Bldg. 1201

### Child & Youth Services (CYS)

(719) 526-1101

1590 Prussman Blvd, Bldg. 1518

### Exceptional Family Member Program (EFMP)

(719) 526-0400

1481 Titus Ave, Bldg. 7492

# COMMUTING

## Surrounding Cities and Major Destinations

Fort Carson is centrally located to many major cities and towns including Colorado Springs, Fountain, Manitou Springs and is approximately 60 miles south of Denver.

Average commute times to nearby cities and destinations range between 18 minutes - 1.5 hours. Fort Carson offers numerous nearby convenient travel options - both on and off base - that can take you wherever you need to go.



## AVERAGE COMMUTE TIMES

1. Colorado Springs, CO - 18 Minutes
2. Fountain, CO - 18 Minutes
3. Manitou Springs, CO - 23 Minutes
4. Pueblo, CO - 40 Minutes
5. Denver, CO - 1 Hour 26 Minutes

## LOCAL TRAVEL OPTIONS

1. Colorado Springs Airport - 19 Minutes
2. Denver International Airport - 1 Hour 32 Minutes
3. Fort Carson Post Shuttle - On Base
4. Mountain Metro - 17 Minutes
5. Greyhound Bus Station - 13 Minutes

NOTE: Commute times are approximate



# COMMUTING

## Fort Carson Attractions & Amenities

While at Fort Carson, you'll have the opportunity to experience amazing outdoor recreation, renowned breweries and restaurants, vast shopping opportunities, sporting events, the performing arts and much more. Families with children will have no end of educational opportunities through museums, zoos, art destinations and national parks all within easy driving distances.

## What's on Base?

There's no shortage of options when you're looking for things to do on post. Fort Carson offers fitness centers, golfing, bowling, camping, dining options and more exciting activities.

Other exciting amenities on base include:

- Fort Carson Aquatics Program
- Fort Carson Outdoor Recreation Complex
- Thunder Alley Bowling Center
- Cheyenne Shadows Gold Club
- U.S. Olympic and Paralympic Training Center
- Cheyenne Mountain Shooting Complex
- Strike Zone Snack Bar & Grill

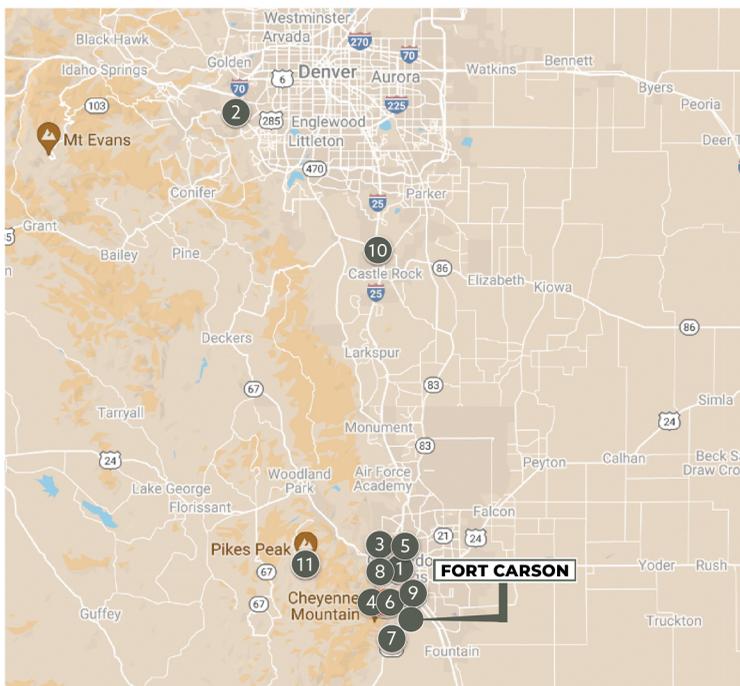
## What's Nearby?

Pikes Peak, Garden of the Gods, Red Rocks Park and Cheyenne Mountain State Park are just a few of the well-known destinations close to Fort Carson. Add in the metropolitan offerings of Colorado Springs golf courses, shopping centers, event venues and fascinating museums, and you'll fall in love with the area around this vibrant post.

## AVERAGE COMMUTE TIMES TO POPULAR ATTRACTIONS

1. Colorado Springs Memorial Park - 18 Minutes
2. Red Rocks Park and Amphitheater - 1 hour and 37 minutes
3. Garden of the Gods - 25 Minutes
4. Will Rogers Shrine of the Sun - 28 Minutes
5. Opera Theatre of the Rockies - 25 Minutes
6. Cheyenne Mountain Zoo - 19 Minutes
7. May Natural History Museum - 10 minutes
8. Kimball's Peak Three Theater - 20 Minutes
9. Colorado Springs World Arena - 11 Minutes
10. Outlets at Castle Rock - 56 Minutes
11. Pikes Peak - 1 Hour 23 Minutes

NOTE: Commute times are approximate



# NEIGHBORHOOD SNAPSHOT

## Lorson Ranch

Located east of Fort Carson in the 80925 zip code lies the master-planned community of Lorson Ranch. As one of the largest and most popular places to live in the area, Lorson Ranch is a favorite among military commuters for several reasons. It is centrally located to the airport and military base, offers affordable luxury homes, beautiful views of the Pikes Peak Mountain range and is an established community in a safe, well-maintained area.

### Average Price Range:

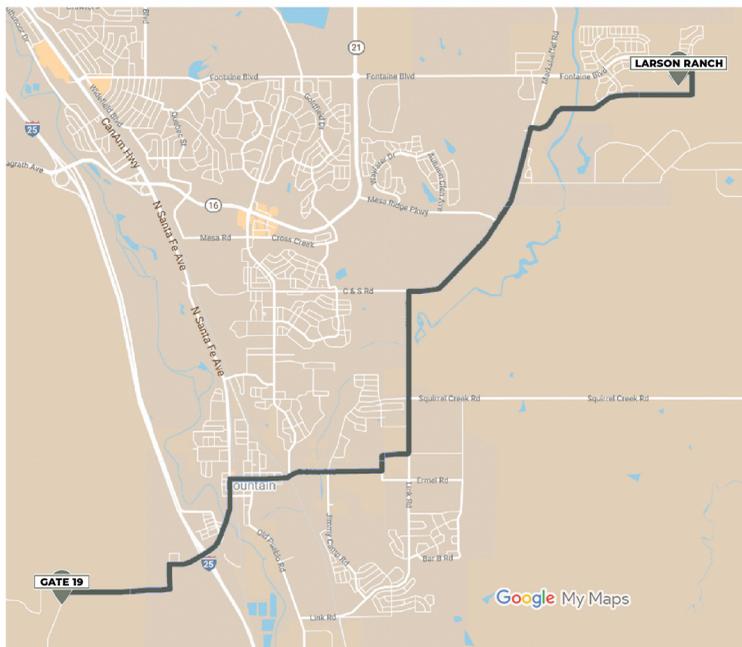
\$350,000 - \$450,000

### Distance to Base:

10 miles to Fort Carson Gate 19

### Neighborhood Highlights

- Family friendly
- Proximity to base and amenities
- Affordable luxury homes
- Quiet and safe environment



## Nearby Schools

- Martin Luther King Jr. Elementary School
- Widefield Elementary School
- Watson Junior High School
- James Madison Charter Academy
- Widefield High School

## Things to Consider

Lorson Ranch is on the rise. With multiple plans for future development, this bustling community offers excellent new build options in a family-focused, military-friendly environment. As far as location goes, Lorson Ranch is central to base as well as downtown Colorado Springs. Enjoy shopping, restaurants, parks, grocery stores and everything you need to feel at home.



# VENTANA

Located in Fountain, Ventana is one of the newest communities in the 80817 zip code and a beautiful place to call home. This exciting new development offers its residents a comfortable lifestyle with all the bells and whistles including a community pool, local parks, neighborhood trails and more.

With quick, easy access to base as well as downtown Fountain, Ventana's newly constructed community has something for everyone.

## Average Price Range:

\$400,000 - \$500,000

## Distance to Base:

8 miles to Fort Carson Gate 3

## Neighborhood Highlights

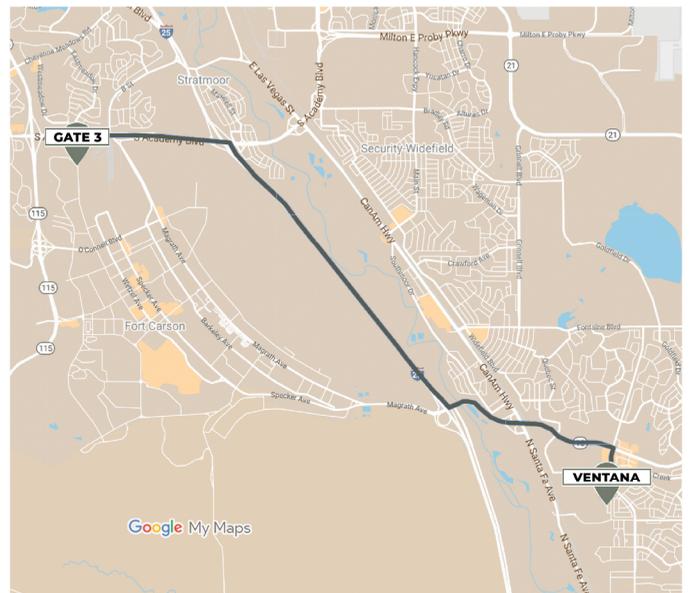
- Newly constructed homes
- Proximity to base and downtown Fountain
- Family friendly community
- Good schools

## Nearby Schools

- Jordahl Elementary School
- Fountain Middle School
- Fort Carson High School

## Things to Consider

Whether you're a military couple, family or single professional, the Ventana community is an ideal choice when it comes to finding the right home and friendly neighborhood community for you. If you're looking for something new with an abundance of amenities close to base, look no further than Ventana.



# BRIARGATE

If you don't mind living about 30 minutes away from base and you're seeking a strong sense of community, Briargate in Northeast Colorado Springs is where you belong.

As one of the top ranked places to live near Fort Carson, Briargate in the 80920 zip code has a lot to offer. From beautiful homes with stunning mountain views to top-rated school districts, this family-friendly community is a great option to choose from.

## Average Price Range:

\$400,000 - \$700,000

## Distance to Base:

20 miles to Fort Carson Gate 3

## Neighborhood Highlights

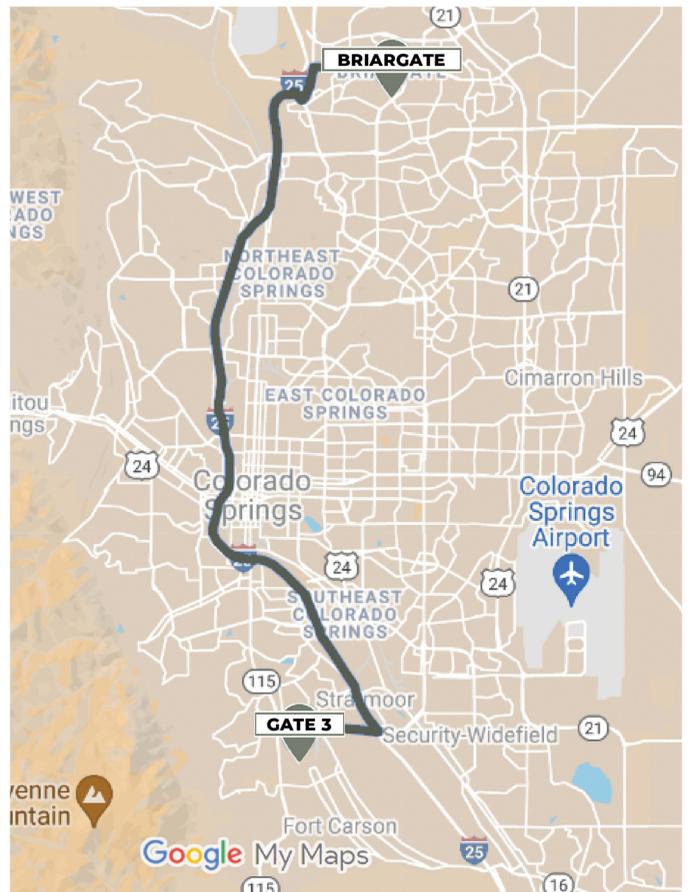
- Family friendly
- Centrally located to base, Colorado Springs and Denver
- Numerous housing options including townhomes and condominiums
- Top rated school district

## Nearby Schools

- Academy International Elementary School
- Challenger Middle School
- Classical Academy High School
- Pine Creek High School

## Things to Consider

Though you may be a tad further from base, the Briargate community has it all - an abundance of community parks and trails, local events, breathtaking views, shopping and restaurants, and the top-rated school district of Academy District 20. It also isn't far from Denver where you can easily spend the day in the city.



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