



# SNOWMASS

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## COLORADO

### **Snowmass Village is the Biking Heart of Gold in Colorado**

*Snowmass is Home to the Aspen Snowmass / Roaring Fork IMBA Gold-Level Ride Center, Featuring World-Class Downhill and Cross-Country Mountain Biking, First-Rate Road Biking, and Iconic Two Wheeled Events*



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**Snowmass Village, Colo.,** (Summer 2021) – Snowmass Village, Colorado serves as a world class hub for summer biking, whether it be downhill, cross country, or road.

Aspen Snowmass / the Roaring Fork Valley is the first and only [IMBA Gold-Level Ride Center™](#) in Colorado. The IMBA Gold-Level Ride Center spans from Aspen and Snowmass to Basalt, Carbondale, and Glenwood Springs. **The Aspen Snowmass / Roaring Fork IMBA Gold-Level Ride Center** is the first Gold-Level Ride Center in Colorado, only the fifth in United States, and among seven in the world. With more than 300+ miles of high quality singletrack to explore, Snowmass and the Roaring Fork Valley provides an incredible breadth of experiences for both local and visiting riders seeking beauty and exhilaration.

Snowmass Village itself features **90+ miles** of meticulously maintained road and dirt trails and over 4,400 vertical feet of lift served downhill trails. In addition, Snowmass offers bike clinics, bike sharing, rentals and bike services, events and races, and free transportation and parking. This summer, Snowmass hosts six dedicated biking events for enthusiasts of all kinds.

### **Downhill & Cross-Country Mountain Biking**

Snowmass is home to some of the IMBA Gold-Level Ride Center's best mountain biking trails, including a world-class downhill park and miles of renowned single track.

Snowmass features biking trails for all abilities, from the **Snowmass Loop**, which consists of 28 miles and 4,408 total feet of vertical singletrack combining over 10 different trails; to the 3.7 mile **Tom Blake trail**, a local's favorite singletrack ride/hiking trail. Guests looking to connect Snowmass to nearby Aspen need look no further than the **Government Trail**, which winds 6.6 miles from Snowmass to Aspen through evergreen stands, aspen groves, gilded meadows, technical rock sections and multiple streams on its way to Buttermilk Ski Area, and eventually, Maroon Creek bridge. The "**Reverse Government**", from Aspen to Snowmass is also a popular summer ride.

**The Snowmass Bike Park**, located on Snowmass Ski Area, is open daily for guests to explore, complete with beginner, intermediate, and expert trails. From the top of the Elk Camp Chairlift, across Snowmass Ski Area, and down to Snowmass Village, the [Snowmass Bike Park](#) offers something for every level of downhill mountain bike rider. The Snowmass Bike Park continues to expand terrain and trail offerings to bikers of all levels. In fall 2020, the Snowmass Bike Park completed three new trails, Easy PZ, Lemon, and Dust Bunny. Dust Bunny is an intermediate technical trail that includes a combination of machine and hand-built turns, rolling elevation changes and carefully constructed stone pathways across the 500-foot descent. Easy PZ is a beginner skills trail offering approachable entry-level riding. Lemon is the next step up from Easy PZ and offers slightly more difficult features. New for summer 2021 is Trail 17, a two-mile, difficult single-track trail that takes riders on an 800-foot descent ending at the intersection with Dusty Bunny. Squeezy is a more difficult skills trail, a third of a mile long, with new features for riders. With these new trail additions, the Snowmass Bike Park offers 2,893 feet of vertical descent as well as 26.3 miles of downhill bike trails. Open daily from 10:00am – 5:00pm, the Snowmass Bike Park is also open until dusk on Tuesdays in late June, July, and August for extended play. On these Tuesdays, a Late Arrival Ticket begins at 2:00pm. For more information, [please click here](#).

### **Road Biking**

Road cyclists basing out of Snowmass can ride to the summit of several iconic road rides, including the 28 mile climb from Snowmass Village to the top of **Independence Pass** (Colorado's fourth highest paved road), at 12,095 feet above sea level; the 17 mile climb from Snowmass Village up Maroon Creek Road to the iconic **Maroon Bells**; the 18 mile ride from Snowmass Village into **Ashcroft Ghost Town**; and the route from divide road through **Old Snowmass** for a mix of gravel and road riding – frequented by pro cyclists as a late summer training ride. There are also gentler rides to choose from, including the **Brush Creek Trail** which links cyclists to the **Rio Grande Trail** (40+ miles of paved trail) that runs along the beautiful Roaring Fork River up and down the valley. Many guests rent one-way bikes and ride between Aspen, Snowmass, and Basalt, with a stop along the way at local's favorite, Woody Creek Tavern, an old haunt of Hunter S. Thompson.

### **Rentals, E Bikes & Bike Shares**

Snowmass is home to a variety of bike shops, recognized for quality service and products. Shops around the Village offer bike rentals, information, and guides. **Rental bikes** include cruisers, road bikes, kid's bikes and trailers, and mountain bikes for trail, enduro, and downhill riding. **E-bikes** are also available to rent. Please note that Class 1 electric bikes are only permitted on bike and pedestrian paths and trails in Snowmass Village. Class 2 and Class 3 e-bikes are not. Class 1 e-bikes are not allowed on any non-paved paths or trails.

**WE-cycle**, the Roaring Fork Valley's not for profit free bikeshare program, offers a quick and fast bike connection between the two stations at Snowmass Town Park and Club Commons on the Snowmass Golf Course. Snowmass joins Aspen, Basalt, Willits, and El Jebel in offering this fare-free service to provide a convenient and healthy form of transportation. Once signed up, guests and locals can take unlimited 30-minute rides. Get rolling at [we-cycle.org](http://we-cycle.org).

### **Bike Washing & Transportation**

Snowmass offers five locations for bike washing after a dusty day on the trails. There are two wash locations on the Snowmass Mall, two in Snowmass Base Village, and one at Snowmass Town Park.

Snowmass offers free bus transportation which carry bikes after a one-way ride. In addition, RFTA, the regional transportation authority, offers subsidized fares and bike hauls from further afield. Visit [www.rfta.com](http://www.rfta.com) and [www.snowmasstransit.com](http://www.snowmasstransit.com) for more information.

### **2021 Snowmass Bike Events**

Snowmass hosts six dedicated biking events for enthusiasts of all kinds in summer 2021.

- [VIDA MTB Series Flagship Clinic](#) – June 26-27 & September 18-19, 2021
- [2021 Snowmass Bike Park Race Series](#) – Tuesday Nights, July & August
- [Snowmass 50 MTB Race](#) – July 24, 2021
- [Revolution Enduro Series](#) – August 28-29, 2021
- [Collegiate CU MTB Races](#) – September 11-12, 2021
- [CO High School Cycling League](#) – September 25-26, 2021

Guests can visit [www.bikesnowmass.com](http://www.bikesnowmass.com), a resource for all information related to biking in Snowmass, to plan their routes and rides. For more information on bike events, please visit [www.gosnowmass.com/events](http://www.gosnowmass.com/events).

***About Snowmass Village, Colorado*** – A renowned winter playground and vibrant summer community just 9 miles from Aspen, Snowmass consistently ranks as one of the best winter ski areas and summer mountain biking destinations in the world. Ski Magazine named Aspen Snowmass the #1 “resort of the year” in the West in 2020, and Snowmass, along with the rest of the Roaring Fork Valley, is the first IMBA (International Mountain Biking Association) Gold-Level Ride Center™ in Colorado, only the 5<sup>th</sup> in United States, and the 7<sup>th</sup> in the world. Snowmass offers guests incredible views of mountain vistas, in addition to 2.8 million adjacent acres of wilderness, open for activities and exploration. Snowmass is home to 30+ restaurants, 95 percent slopeside lodging, shopping, unique special events and music – all year round. For more information and a complete calendar of events and activities, please visit [www.gosnowmass.com](http://www.gosnowmass.com).

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