

All Things Free in Snowmass: Summer 2022

Options Include Guided Hikes, Art Walks, Movie Screenings, and Events & Activities for All Ages



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Snowmass Village, Colo., (Summer 2022) – Snowmass Village, CO is well known as a world class resort with high end hotels, restaurants, shops, and other unique experiences. However, Snowmass also offers a wide variety of free summer activities, events, and experiences for guests and community members to enjoy.

"The Snowmass community has worked together over the years to provide incredible added value for our guests," says Rose Abello, Tourism Director, Snowmass Tourism. "Here in Snowmass, there are all kinds of affordable and free activities for guests and locals to enjoy that provide opportunities for new experiences and add much fun and excitement to a trip."

Free Activities in Snowmass

ACES Guided Hikes – June 18-September 5: This summer, join a Naturalist from Aspen Center for Environmental Studies (ACES) for a free, guided hike amongst the flowers and fields of Snowmass. Guests can choose to join the Wildflower Walk, which takes place daily at 10:00am on the Nature Trail, or the Ice Age Discovery Hike at 1:00pm daily on the Discovery Trail. Both hikes feature facts, tips, and trivia from a knowledgeable ACES Naturalist, as well as the chance to explore and get to know the flora and fauna of Snowmass. Hikes leave daily from the Ticket Pavilion on the Snowmass Mall, June 18-September 5. www.gosnowmass.com/activity/aces/

Anderson Ranch Arts Center: Founded in 1966, Anderson Ranch Arts Center is a premier destination for art making and critical dialog in the contemporary art world, bringing together aspiring and internationally renowned artists to discuss and further their work in a stimulating environment. With a campus that is free and open to the public and an extensive array of in-person and online offerings, Anderson Ranch is a hub of creative energy and activity for adults and children alike, with a host of virtual and interactive art workshops, lectures by today's most influential artists and curators, weekend classes, children's art workshops and more. www.andersonranch.org

Aspen Snowmass / Roaring Fork IMBA Gold-Level Ride Center: Snowmass, along with the rest of the Roaring Fork Valley is the first IMBA Gold-Level Ride Center™ in Colorado, as designated by the International Mountain Biking Association. The IMBA Gold-Level designation, the top award for mountain biking destinations, offers mountain bike enthusiasts more than 300 miles of high quality singletrack from Aspen and Snowmass to Basalt, Carbondale, and Glenwood Springs. Guests riding in Snowmass and the Roaring Fork Valley can take their pick of adventure, from lift-served gravity trails in the Snowmass Bike Park and expert-only long rides, to family-friendly trails and backcountry adventures. 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. Rides vary for all age and skill levels. www.bikesnowmass.com

Hiking: Snowmass has 90+ miles of hiking trails, and 2.8 million acres of adjacent wilderness to be explored, providing accessible and scenic hiking for all abilities. Visit www.hikesnowmass.com to plan a curated hike for any ability.

Snowmass Art Walk: The Snowmass Art Walk showcases the work of local Roaring Fork Valley artists with Village-wide outdoor art installations including murals and sculptures that complement the beauty of Snowmass. Installations are spread out around the Snowmass Mall, Snowmass Base Village, the Brush Creek Trail, and Anderson Ranch Arts Center, featuring all 2021 art pieces, as well as expanding to include all major art in the Village. The full map can be found on gosnowmass.com, or for a map on the go, download the mobile app, Eventzee. Simply download the app from the App Store, enter an email, username, and password, and the event code: Snowmass. Be sure to tag any photos on social media @snowmass.

www.gosnowmass.com/activity/snowmass-art-walk/

Snowmass Ice Age Discovery: In 2010, a construction crew unearthed a single tusk of a young female mammoth while digging at Ziegler Reservoir. The Denver Museum of Nature and Science took over the site and went on to find 6,000 bones of 10 mammals and over 30,000 small bones from small vertebrate animals— 42 species in all. Mammoths, mastodons, camels, horses, sloths, and other species, as well as insects, and plant life were found. The Snowmass paleontological site is the richest Ice Age ecosystem found at high altitude. Guests hiking on Snowmass Ski Area can learn more about the discovery at the interpretive Ice Age Discovery signs, located off ski runs Scooper and Dawdler, or by visiting the information center at Town Park Station.

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Snowmass Mountain Mission: The Snowmass Mountain Mission is an app based, village-wide scavenger hunt designed to challenge creativity, test Snowmass knowledge, and enhance selfie skills. Download the free Eventzee app from the App Store, enter an email, username and password, and the event code: Snowmass. Hit different point thresholds to win fun Snowmass prizes. www.gosnowmass.com/snowmass-mountain-mission/

The Collective Snowmass: The Collective Snowmass, the hub for community events in Snowmass, debuts several new offerings for summer 2022. In addition to the return of summer favorites such as Movies Under the Stars, the Snowmass Live Comedy and Music Series, Community Bingo, and Yoga with Aaron King, the new lineup features Aspen Science Center Camps, June 20-24; Live Storytelling with Alya Howe on July 17 & September 25; Paint & Sip art classes with local artist Kelly Peters on July 24 & August 21; a Full Moon Silent Disco on August 12; Open Mic Night on September 7 & September 14; art shows in July & August highlighting array of mediums including photography, sculpture and painting; and Salsa Dancing occurs on select Friday nights. Offerings are free and ticketed, depending on the event. For more information, please visit the collective snowmass.com.

The Rink: The Rink, located in the core of Snowmass Base Village, transforms into a summer activity lawn, complete with free family fun games and pop-up kids' fountain flowing into small pools.

www.thecollectivesnowmass.com

Transportation: The Roaring Fork Transit Authority (RFTA) provides extensive free bus service from Snowmass to Aspen and various points throughout the valley (for a nominal fee). Snowmass also has a free local shuttle service (Snowmass Village Shuttles) to all major activity areas in Snowmass Village. Shuttles depart every 10 minutes from the shuttle terminal located just below the Snowmass Mall on Daly Lane. Most lodging properties in Snowmass offer free shuttle service to and from the airport and around Snowmass Village. www.gosnowmass.com/about-us/maps-travel/transportation/

Free Snowmass Events

Music on the Mall – June 10-September 30: Every Thursday evening from 4:30pm-6:30pm, June 10-September 30, local musicians grace the Tower Stage on the Snowmass Mall. Bands include local favorites such as True Story Band, Echo Monday, and Dead Horse Flats. www.gosnowmass.com/events

Snowmass Free Concert Series: 30 Years of Music – June 16-August 25: Celebrating 30 years of free live music this summer, the Snowmass Free Concert Series, a local's favorite, long standing summer tradition, returns to Fanny Hill every Thursday evening at 6:30pm, June 16-August 25. The weekly outdoor series features a spectrum of sounds including soul, pop, funk, rock & roll, country, bluegrass, and folk, with special nods to Fanny Hill concert's past. The 2022 lineup includes beloved acts such as the Freddy Jones Band and Hazel Miller, while exciting new performers include MarchFourth, Spazmatics, and The Altons. Also new this summer is a fun Latin night, featuring Los Mocochetes, aimed to welcome the local Latino community and all Latin music lovers. Additionally, Snowmass is home to free live music throughout the season on Fanny Hill and at restaurants and venues around Snowmass Village, including two bonus concerts on Fanny Hill on July 3 for the Independence Day Weekend Celebration & Concert and on August 27, part of Snowmass Rendezvous. www.gosnowmass.com/events/snowmass-free-concerts/

Sunset Tuesdays at Elk Camp – June 28-August 9: Sunset Tuesdays are back at Elk Camp this summer with Elk Camp Restaurant, Snowmass Bike Park and Lost Forest hosting extended hours on Tuesday evenings from June 28 through August 9. The experience includes a complimentary ride up the Elk Camp Gondola starting at 5:00pm to the restaurant where guests can enjoy locally-sourced ingredients in a farm-to-table inspired à la carte dinner with full cash bar, outdoor family activities and live music on the deck. www.aspensnowmass.com/visit/activities/summer/sunset-tuesdays-at-elk-camp

Movies Under the Stars – July 2 – August 20: Returning for the fourth summer, Movies Under the Stars, presented by The Collective Snowmass in partnership with Aspen Film and Adventure Entertainment, continues the dusk movie tradition in Snowmass Base Village on most Saturday evenings in July and August. Gather family and friends, pack a picnic, and enjoy free movie screenings at dusk, hosted by The Collective Snowmass. Viewers are encouraged to bring blankets or low-profile chairs, a picnic and non-alcoholic beverages. www.TheCollectiveSnowmass.com.

Snowmass Art Festival – July 2-4: The Snowmass Art Festival is a juried art show featuring original handcrafted artwork. This free three-day event showcases local Colorado and national artists, representing a wide array of mediums including painting, sculpture, photography, ceramics, glass, wood, and more. Taking place in Snowmass Base Village, this outdoor festival is surrounded by a world-class resort, beautiful mountains, countless recreational activities, and outstanding shops, restaurants, and hotels. Entry to the festival is free, while artwork is individually priced. 11:00am – 7:00pm on Saturday, 11:00am-8:00pm on Sunday, and 10:00am-3:00pm on Monday. www.gosnowmass.com/event/snowmass-art-festival/

Independence Day Weekend Celebration & Concert – July 3: Celebrate Independence Day on Sunday, July 3 in Snowmass! Enjoy a free festive evening of live music on the Fanny Hill Stage,

sweet treats, and free glow in the dark goodies. Patriotic attire is encouraged. www.GoSnowmass.com/event/independence-day-celebration/

Axes & Arms Walk – September 11: Join local first responders for a walk from Town Park Station to the Top of the Village, 956ft, the highest number of feet that the brave New York first responders walked inside the first tower of The World Trade Center. Following the climb, return to Town Park to enjoy food, drinks, yard games, and more, provided by Roaring Fork Fire Authority. The climb is free and open to the public; donations to the Axes and Arms Foundation are accepted and appreciated. www.GoSnowmass.com/event/axes-and-arms/

Snowmass Balloon Festival – September 16-18: The Snowmass Balloon Festival celebrates its 47th anniversary in 2022. The long-standing Rocky Mountain tradition features three days of 30+ festive balloons launching into the air from 7:30am-9:00am and a night glow on Friday evening. All events are free and open to the public. www.gosnowmass.com/event/balloon-festival-night-glow/

For more information on free activities in Snowmass, please visit www.gosnowmass.com.

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. 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 5th in United States, and the 7th 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% slopeside lodging, shopping, unique special events and music, and much more. For more information and a complete calendar of events and activities, please visit www.gosnowmass.com.

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