

SNOWMASS

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All Things Free in Snowmass: Summer 2023

Options Include Guided Hikes, Art Installations & Tours, Events, Activities, and the Snowmass Ice Age Discovery



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Snowmass Village, Colo., (Summer 2023) – 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: Aspen Center for Environmental Studies (ACES) returns to Snowmass this summer to lead twice daily hikes. The Nature Trail Hike begins at 10:00 a.m., while the Discovery Trail Hike starts at 1:00 p.m. Hikes are led by a knowledgeable ACES environmentalist and feature history, facts, trivia, flora and fauna, and possible wildlife sightings! Hikes leave from the Snowmass Mall Ticket Pavilion. Daily starting June 17-September 4, then weekends only, September 9-10, 16-17, 23-24, 30- October 1. 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 Ice Age Discovery: In 2010, a construction crew unearthed a single tusk of a mammoth while digging at Ziegler Reservoir in Snowmass Village. The Denver Museum of Nature and Science took over the site and went on to unearth 35,000 bones of large mammals and small vertebrate species. The Snowmass paleontological site is the richest Ice Age ecosystem ever found at high altitude. This summer, Snowmass is bringing the Snowmass Ice Age Discovery story to residents and visitors in new ways. Working in conjunction with a team of designers, web developers, science educators, and community members, Summer 2023 sees the debut of a newly dedicated Ice Age Discovery website, complete with video and augmented reality experiences; new trail installations and artful exhibits on designated trails and around Snowmass; an Ice Age passport experience through the Village; a children's storybook walk; and more. The Aspen Science Center has been tapped to craft the educational content for the website and signage around the Village, bringing the story and the experience of the Ice Age back to life in the community. www.snowmassiceage.com

The Collective Snowmass: The Collective Snowmass, the hub for community activity in Snowmass Base Village, features a robust summer lineup of weekly programming. Returning favorites include Community Bingo, Salsa, and Chess nights; yoga on The Rink with instructor Aaron King; the Snowmass Live Comedy and Music Series; and Movies Under the Stars. In addition, the summer schedule includes new offerings such as Drag Queen Bingo and cooking classes at Mawita with James Beard Nominee Mawa McQueen. The Collective also features yard games, splash pads, fountains, and pop-up events on The Rink. Be sure to head downstairs to check out the Selfie Den and the Game Lounge, open Tuesday-Sunday, free from 2:00 p.m.- 4:00 p.m., \$10/person for anyone 6 years or older from 4:00 p.m.- 8:00 p.m. For a full calendar, please visit 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/

Yarn Bombing Instillation: Snowmass Tourism debuts a new community-based art project this summer, focused on the art of yarn bombing. Yarn Bombing is the act of wrapping colorful knitted pieces to objects in public spaces for the pure purpose of art and smiles. Trees and other stationary objects around Snowmass Town Park have been selected for coverage in custom knitted and

crocheted pieces, culminating in a colorful spectacle of yarn wrapped objects and arbors. Each piece features the artist's name and a brief bio. The free exhibition takes place outdoors at Snowmass Town Park and remains in place through summer 2023.

www.gosnowmass.com/activity/yarn-bombing/

Free Snowmass Events

Music on the Mall – Fridays, June 9-September 29: Every Friday, starting June 9 through September 29, Music on Mall returns to Snowmass, featuring live music on the Tower Stage from 4:30 – 6:30 p.m. Performances feature local Roaring Fork Valley musicians.

www.gosnowmass.com/events

Snowmass Free Concert Series – June 15-August 24: Celebrating 31 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 6:30 p.m., June 15-August 24. The weekly outdoor series features a spectrum of sounds including country reggae, rock, funk, bluegrass, and more. Additionally, Snowmass is home to free live music throughout the season at restaurants and venues around Snowmass Village, including one bonus concert on Fanny Hill on Saturday, June 10, part of Snowmass Rendezvous. www.gosnowmass.com/events/snowmass-free-concerts/

Sunset Tuesdays at Elk Camp – June 27-August 8: 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 27 through August 8, excluding July 4. The experience includes a complimentary ride up the Elk Camp Gondola from 5:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. 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. Guests can also enjoy Lost Forest Base activities, available with a ticket, and Bonus Bike Night in the Snowmass Bike Park until dusk (late arrival tickets available starting at 2:00 p.m.).

www.aspensnowmass.com/visit/activities/summer/sunset-tuesdays-at-elk-camp

Movies Under the Stars – July 1 – August 19: Returning this 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 – June 24-25: The Snowmass Art Festival is a juried art show featuring original handcrafted artwork. This free two-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 on the Snowmass Mall, this outdoor festival is surrounded by a world-class resort, beautiful mountains, countless recreational activities shops, restaurants, and hotels. Entry to the festival is free, while artwork is individually priced. 11:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m. on Saturday, 11:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m. on Sunday. www.gosnowmass.com/event/snowmass-art-festival/

4th of July Celebration – July 4: Celebrate Independence Day on Tuesday, July 4 in Snowmass! Enjoy a festive evening of live music, free sweet treats, performances from Art of Air, and free glow in the dark goodies. Patriotic attire is encouraged. www.GoSnowmass.com/event/independence-day-celebration/

Plein Air Art Festival – August 5-6: Summer 2023 sees the return of the Plein Air Art Festival to Snowmass Village. Throughout the week, over 20 Colorado artists descend on Snowmass to spend four days painting the natural beauty and splendor of the surrounding landscape. On Saturday, August 5 and Sunday, August 6, guests and locals are invited to Snowmass Base Village to view the artwork and purchase their favorite pieces to take home.

<https://www.gosnowmass.com/event/plein-air-art-festival/2023-08-05/>

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 22-24: The Snowmass Balloon Festival celebrates its 48th anniversary in 2023. The long-standing Rocky Mountain tradition features three days of 30+ festive balloons launching into the air from 7:30 a.m.-9:00 a.m. amidst the sunrise and the stunning background of Snowmass in the fall. www.GoSnowmass.com/event/snowmass-balloon-festival/

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 one of only 7 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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