

SNOWMASS

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All Things Free in Snowmass: Summer 2025

Options Include Guided Hikes, Events, Activities, and the Snowmass Ice Age Discovery



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Snowmass Village, Colo., (Summer 2025) – Snowmass Village, CO is renowned as a world-class destination, home to luxury hotels, upscale dining, boutique shopping, and one-of-a-kind experiences. Yet beyond the high-end appeal, Snowmass also boasts a robust lineup of free summer activities, events, and adventures for both visitors and the local community to enjoy.

Free Activities in Snowmass

ACES Guided Hikes – Daily, June 14 – September 1; Weekends only in September: Aspen Center for Environmental Studies (ACES) returns to Snowmass this summer to lead twice daily hikes. The Snowmass Wildflower Walk begins at 10:00am, on the Nature Trail, while the Ice Age Discovery Walk starts at 1:00pm on the Discovery Trail. Hikes are led by a knowledgeable ACES Naturalist guide and feature natural history, facts about local flora and fauna, possible wildlife sightings, and species identification. Hikes depart from the Snowmass Mall Ticket Pavilion. Saturdays and Sundays only in September: September 6-7, September 13-14, September 20-21, September 27-28. 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 only 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. Explore a dedicated Ice Age Discovery website, complete with video and augmented reality experiences; artful exhibits on designated trails and around Snowmass; an Ice Age passport experience through the Village; and more. www.snowmassiceage.com

Ice Age Explorer Tours – Fridays, June 13 – September 26: Did you know Snowmass is the site of the finest ice age fossil discovery in the world? Learn the full story of this remarkable discovery from an Aspen Science Center educator. Every Friday at 3:30pm, meet in the Limelight Snowmass lobby to learn about the mammoths and mastodons who used to live in Snowmass, and see replicas of Ice Age animal bones, teeth, tusks, and more. Then, follow along on a guided Ice Age Passport Walk through Base Village and the Snowmass Mall to see art inspired by the discovery and earn an Ice Age prize! Appropriate for adults and children of all ages (adult supervision required for kids under 12). www.gosnowmass.com/activity/snowmass-ice-age-discovery/

The Collective Snowmass – Daily, June-September: The Collective Snowmass, the hub for culture and community activity in Snowmass Base Village, has a jam-packed calendar for Summer 2025! Returning favorites include Community Bingo, Chess Club, Fitness on the Rink, Movies Under the Stars, and the Snowmass Live Comedy Series. Check the calendar for unique events like salsa dancing lessons, relaxing wellness workshops, ecstatic dance sessions, and many other pop-up activities. The Collective also features yard games, splash pads, fountains, and playground throughout Snowmass Base Village. The Game Lounge and Selfie Den are open Tuesday-Sunday, 2:00pm-8:00pm; free for children 5 and under, \$10 for everyone 6 and over. Always ask about the locals rate at the Game Lounge! 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/

WE-cycle: The Roaring Fork Valley's not for profit free bikeshare program, WE-cycle, offers a quick and fast bike connection between the 11 stations around the village, all served by WE-cycle e-bikes. Snowmass joins Aspen, Basalt, Willits, El Jebel, and Carbondale 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 www.we-cycle.org.

Free Snowmass Events

Snowmass Free Concert Series – June 12-August 21: Celebrating 33 years of free live music this summer, the Snowmass Free Concert Series, a locals' favorite summer tradition, returns to Fanny Hill every Thursday evening at 6:30pm. The weekly outdoor series features a spectrum of sounds including country, reggae, rock, funk, bluegrass, and more. Doors open at 5:30pm; concert at 6:30pm. This summer's lineup features acts like Charlotte Sands, Certainly So, Spazmatics, and Neal Francis. Full lineup [found here](http://www.gosnowmass.com/event/snowmass-free-concerts/2025-06-12/). www.gosnowmass.com/event/snowmass-free-concerts/2025-06-12/

Snowmass Community Kickoff – June 21: Gear up for summer during the Snowmass Community Kickoff, Saturday, June 21 from 1:00pm-4:00pm. Enjoy the opening weekend of the Elk Camp Gondola, which gives access to the Lost Forest, Elk Camp Restaurant, and Snowmass Bike Park. In Snowmass Base Village, a community gathering brings together Town of Snowmass Village departments for an afternoon of engagement, education, and fun. The afternoon features essential services, outdoor recreation, and community resources. Register pets and bikes with the Snowmass Police Department, take a fire truck tour with the Snowmass Fire Department, get trail information with Snowmass Parks, Trails & Recreation, explore the Snowmass Ice Age Discovery with Snowmass Guest Services, collect stickers, and win free swag! www.gosnowmass.com/event/snowmass-community-kickoff/

Music on the Mall – June 25 – August 29: Enjoy live performances from local Roaring Fork Valley musicians on the Tower Stage on the Snowmass Mall, every Wednesday-Friday from 4:00pm-6:00pm. www.gosnowmass.com/event/music-on-the-mall-5/2025-06-25/

Summer Block Party – June 28: Come out to the Snowmass Mall from 2:00pm-6:00pm for the Summer Block Party. Showcasing new summer styles and specials, this sidewalk sale is not to be missed. The afternoon also features live music and entertainment, kids' activities, and food and drink specials. www.gosnowmass.com/event/summer-block-party/

Snowmass Dog Wash – June 29, July 27: From 12:00pm-2:00pm, bring Fido out to Snowmass Base Village for an afternoon dedicated to the dogs. A local groomer and pet store will be on hand to provide free nail clippings and treats, while dog costumes and photo opportunities are available, in addition to a do-it-yourself dog washing station. www.gosnowmass.com/event/dog-days-of-summer/2025-06-29/

4th of July Celebration – July 4: Celebrate Independence Day on Friday, July 4 in Snowmass! Enjoy a festive evening with a free concert on Fanny Hill featuring the Spazmatics, returning for a second year of festive fun. Free sweet treats and glow in the dark goodies round out the 4th of July celebration. Patriotic or 80's throwback attire is encouraged. www.gosnowmass.com/event/july-4th-celebration/

Snowmass Americana Music Series – July 5, 12, 19, 26: Kicking off over Independence Day weekend, the Snowmass Americana Music Series features local Colorado bands playing a spectrum of Americana genres, from bluegrass, to folk, to country. All shows are free and take place at 7:00pm at the Rock Garden Stage on the Snowmass Mall every Saturday in July. www.gosnowmass.com/event/americana-music-series-2/2025-07-05/

Festival de Rancho – September 6: Mark the calendar for this annual celebration of art, culture, and community at the Festival del Rancho! Come together to celebrate Latine and Hispanic culture through art, dance, music, food, and more! From 1:00pm - 5:00pm, this free gathering welcomes community members to attend and enjoy activities for all ages. www.andersonranch.org

The Mane Event – September 7: Celebrating Snowmass' local heritage, this equestrian themed event returns for its second year to celebrate the long-standing tradition of horsemanship in the Roaring Fork Valley. From 11:00am - 2:00pm, experience a curated marketplace, complete with equestrian demos such as Spanish Dressage, a Mexican Horse Extravaganza, therapeutic horseback riding techniques from Smiling Goat Ranch, as well as reining, equine massage and farrier (horse shoeing) demos. Get up close and personal with the animals of Smiling Goat Ranch and enjoy a marketplace filled with a few favorite farmer's market vendors and activities for the kids. Taking place at the Snowmass Rodeo Grounds, this free afternoon event also features live music. Food and drink are available for purchase with proceeds benefiting Smiling Goat Ranch.

www.gosnowmass.com/event/the-mane-event/

Axes & Arms Walk – September 11: From 6:00pm – 8:00pm, 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 12-14: Snowmass celebrates 50 years of the iconic Snowmass Balloon Festival in September 2025. A beloved Snowmass tradition, the 50th Anniversary event features three days of hot air balloon beauty at Snowmass Town Park. Friday features a Night Glow under the stars, where guests can walk among tethered balloons, while enjoying music and concessions. The iconic morning launches begin at sunrise on Saturday and Sunday and this 50th anniversary event features more balloons than ever before – 40 in total, making the Snowmass event the biggest mountain balloon festival in the state. The festival atmosphere includes Bloody Mary and Mimosa bars and breakfast vendors rounding out the fun.

www.gosnowmass.com/event/snowmass-balloon-festival-2/2025-09-12/

Mad Hatter Community Tea Party – September 20: You are cordially invited to the Mad Hatter Community Tea Party hosted by The Collective Snowmass on Saturday, September 20. This enchanting event, free and open to the public, promises a day of wacky fun and community spirit for all ages in Snowmass Base Village. Everyone is encouraged to embrace the Mad Hatter theme by donning the most creative and maddest costumes! Expect lively entertainment like live music, art installations, displays of magic, dancing, and that special enchanting feeling only found at the end of summer. Whether a Cheshire Cat grinning ear to ear or a White Rabbit always in a hurry, this is a party where nonsense makes perfect sense and everyone belongs!

www.thecollectivesnowmass.com

Snowmass Community Picnic – October 4: Join Snowmass neighbors and friends from 12:00pm-2:00pm on October 4 for the annual Snowmass Community Picnic. Enjoy complimentary burgers, hot dogs, or vegetarian lunch as well as free, all-day access to the Snowmass Recreation Center.

www.gosnowmass.com/event/snowmass-community-picnic/

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 only IMBA (International Mountain Biking Association) Gold Level Ride Center™ in Colorado, one of only 7 in the world. Surrounded by breathtaking peaks and adjacent to 2.8 million acres of wilderness, the Village offers 95% slopeside lodging, is home to 30+ restaurants, and offers a variety of shops, unique special events, an abundance of live music, family activities, and much more. For more information and a complete calendar of events and activities, please visit www.gosnowmass.com.

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