

# SNOWMASS

## COLORADO

### All Things Free in Snowmass: Summer 2026

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



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**Snowmass Village, Colo.,** (Summer 2026) – 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 13 – September 7; Saturday & Sundays through October 2:**

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 leave from the Snowmass Mall Ticket Pavilion.

[www.gosnowmass.com/activity/aces/](http://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](http://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. Plan your ride at [www.bikesnowmass.com](http://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](http://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](http://www.snowmassiceage.com)

**Ice Age Explorer Tours – Fridays, June 12 – October 2:** 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/](http://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 2026. Returning favorites include Community Bingo, Chess Club, Fitness on the Rink, Movies Under the Stars, Snowmass Live Comedy Series, and Comedy WKND!. Check the calendar for new events like, Two-Step Tuesday, musical open mics, art & wellness workshops, ecstatic dance sessions, and 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 daily, 2:00pm-8:00pm; free for children 5 and under, \$10 for everyone 6 and over. For a full calendar, please visit [www.thecollectivesnowmass.com](http://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/](http://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 12 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](http://www.we-cycle.org).

## **Free Snowmass Events**

**\*New - Mountainside Music Festival – June 11-13:** Mountainside Music Festival is a new, free, three-day festival in Snowmass Village. Taking place on the Fanny Hill Stage, host of the Snowmass Free Concert Series, this new festival features three evenings of openers, headliners, vendors, and stunning sunsets, June 11-13. Thursday and Friday evening, doors open at 5:30pm, with an opener at 6:00pm and headliner at 7:30pm. On Saturday, doors open at 4:00pm and features two openers and a headliner. Bands to be announced but expect mixed genres, including folk/pop, country, and alternative. [www.gosnowmass.com/event/mountainside-music-festival/](http://www.gosnowmass.com/event/mountainside-music-festival/)

**Snowmass Free Concert Series – Thursdays, starting June 18:** Now in its 34th year, the Snowmass Free Concert Series returns to Fanny Hill every Thursday evening throughout the summer. A longtime local favorite, the outdoor series showcases a diverse range of live music—from rock and alternative, Latin to bluegrass, and beyond. Doors open at 5:30pm, with music beginning at 6:30pm. [www.gosnowmass.com/event/snowmass-free-concerts/2026-06-18/](http://www.gosnowmass.com/event/snowmass-free-concerts/2026-06-18/)

**Summer Block Party – June 20:** Come out to the Snowmass Mall from 12:00pm to 6:00pm for the Summer Block Party. Showcasing new summer styles and specials, live music, entertainment, and kid's activities, this sidewalk sale is not to be missed. [www.gosnowmass.com/event/summer-block-party/](http://www.gosnowmass.com/event/summer-block-party/)

**Ice Cream Social – July 2:** From 3:30pm to 5:00pm, head down to Snowmass Town Park for an ice-cold community gathering, featuring free ice cream from The Dreamery, lawn games, and community fun. [www.gosnowmass.com/event/ice-cream-social/](http://www.gosnowmass.com/event/ice-cream-social/)

**4<sup>th</sup> of July Celebration – July 4:** Celebrate Independence Day on Saturday, July 4 in Snowmass! Enjoy a festive evening with a free concert on Fanny Hill featuring the Spazmatics, returning for a third year of festive fun. Doors open at 5:30pm. Free patriotic swag and glow in the dark goodies round out the 4<sup>th</sup> of July celebration. Patriotic or 80's throwback attire is encouraged. [www.gosnowmass.com/event/july-4th-celebration/](http://www.gosnowmass.com/event/july-4th-celebration/)

**Snowmass Dog Wash – July 19:** From 12:00pm to 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/](http://www.gosnowmass.com/event/dog-days-of-summer/)

**Plein Air Art Festival – August 8-9:** The Plein Air Art Festival returns to Snowmass Village for its sixth consecutive year, August 8-9. Twenty remarkable artists descend on Snowmass to spend four days painting the natural beauty and splendor in and around the village. On Saturday, August 8 and Sunday, August 9 from 10:00am to 4:00pm, the artwork will be judged, displayed, and available for purchase to the public in Snowmass Base Village. [www.gosnowmass.com/event/plein-air-art-festival/2026-08-08/](http://www.gosnowmass.com/event/plein-air-art-festival/2026-08-08/)

**The Mane Event – August 23:** Celebrating Snowmass' local heritage, this equestrian themed event returns to the Snowmass Rodeo Grounds for its third year to celebrate the long-standing tradition of horsemanship in the Roaring Fork Valley. From 11:00am to 2:00pm, get up close and personal with the animals of Smiling Goat Ranch, watch equestrian demos, and enjoy a marketplace filled with favorite farmer's market vendors and activities for kids. Food and drink are available for purchase with proceeds benefiting Smiling Goat Ranch. [www.gosnowmass.com/event/the-mane-event/](http://www.gosnowmass.com/event/the-mane-event/)

**Axes & Arms Walk – September 11:** From 6:00pm to 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/](http://www.gosnowmass.com/event/axes-and-arms/)

**Mad Hatter Community Affair – September 19:** All are cordially invited to the Mad Hatter Community Affair hosted by The Collective Snowmass on Saturday, September 19. 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](http://www.thecollectivesnowmass.com)

**Snowmass Balloon Festival – September 25-27:** Snowmass celebrates 51 years of the iconic Snowmass Balloon Festival in September 2026. A beloved Snowmass tradition, the event features three days of hot air balloon beauty at Snowmass Town Park. Friday features a Night Glow under the stars from 7:00pm to 9:00pm, where guests can walk among tethered balloons, while enjoying music and concessions. The iconic morning launches begin at 7:00am on Saturday and Sunday. [www.gosnowmass.com/event/snowmass-balloon-festival/2026-09-25/](http://www.gosnowmass.com/event/snowmass-balloon-festival/2026-09-25/)

**Snowmass Oktoberfest – September 26-27:** To cap off Snowmass' summer season, come out for Snowmass Oktoberfest! Join in the fun on Saturday from 12:00pm to 8:00pm and Sunday from 12:00pm to 5:00pm with festivities taking place on the Snowmass Mall and in Snowmass Base Village. This lively German-inspired festival features all the traditional Oktoberfest classics and the return of Manuela, the Oktoberfest Queen. Enjoy steins of beer, contests, food specials, live music, joyous jigs on tabletops, lederhosen, and much more. Must be 21+ to drink, but the festival is open to all ages. [www.gosnowmass.com/event/snowmass-oktoberfest/2026-09-26/](http://www.gosnowmass.com/event/snowmass-oktoberfest/2026-09-26/)

**Snowmass Community Picnic – October 3:** Join Snowmass neighbors and friends from 12:00pm to 2:00pm on October 3 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/](http://www.gosnowmass.com/event/snowmass-community-picnic/)

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***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. 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](http://www.gosnowmass.com).

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